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Dear Mrs. Tongee:

The N. A. Algae I do not find in Putnam's Catalogue, but will write them for the price of the book.

The Manual of Mineralogy I will have sent you at once.

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The "Striking Parallel" you send me is excellent & most interesting. My only difficulty in responding to the arguments (outside of Lincoln's personality which entirely suits me) is due to the fact that I really don't think the future welfare of the country depends on the Republican party.

— Nor on the Democratic party, save the mark! I really believe we are to reorganize on new lines,

just as was done when the original
Republicans — the immediate an-
cestors of the Mugwumps, altho
the Mugwumpian line is an ancient
one & includes the Kickers, right
and wrong, of all time — set
up Fremont & prepared the way
for Lincoln, Grant, Blaine! The
come-down to Blaine was purely the
result of running too long on one
charge of fuel. It was the
Common Singer's error of singing
too long on one breath. If either
of the present parties had the
backbone of some members of 'em
I have in my mind's eye, & would
adapt itself to the issues of today,
it would catch a lot of voters
who were not born until the issues
they ^{parties} have been fighting on were
settled. [I admit the extravagance

of that statement; but the kernel of the truth is in it & apparent to your discerning eye. }

If the old parties would only align themselves on the practical issues of the day - I was almost going to say on which ~~the~~ ^{the} ever side they blame please - there would be fewer Misgrumps and fewer side parties to under result doubtful. As they don't, there is nothing to enthuse over except a glorious past - and while we may turn our heads now & then to contemplate that, we don't incline to put eyes in the back of our heads or to walk backward, in order to contemplate it forever.

I think my own party - the Republican - has the only ma-

terial out of which the party of the future can be made. This material and its progenitors have run the country ever since it was discovered and always will - though it is possible that the present inaction, procured for selfish reasons by selfish men, may give us an interregnum during which the Socialistic snakes will have their day & be stamped out.

But I was not sorry two years ago to see the domination of party interrupted, even by the success of a party, no better - worse, if you like; and if the Republicans go into the field this next time with "Yah! You can't get along without us" - I shall

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feel very much the same way. I should like to see even the best men in the

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land kept out of power large enough for them to learn to cease calling on the country to be loyal to party rather than more humbly showing what party means to do for the country. This is the thought that always occurs to me when the advantage - the necessity - of party organizations (which I admit) is argued. At the pace we have been taking since the war an oligarchy of party managers was not far off; and, to the extent of my vote, I want none that from a "Senatorial Group" or the Solid South, or Cleveland and Hill, or Tammany Hall, or the Grand Army of the Republic.

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I want to congratulate the judge on the general acceptance of this candidate, as I think Lincoln

may fairly be considered to be. It
was rather late when The Continent
tackled him to materialize the
boom; but that it has now been
given from the last week's papers
all over the country, abundantly
testify.

Faithfully Yours,

J. W. Deady