

Gentlemen

I enclose herewith check for \$100.00
on account. If you can credit for
the balance with No. 7, it will
oblige me considerably. It is only fair
that you should wait for part anyway,
as you spoiled my chance for a sale
by failure to get any samples ready.
I wish you would make me up a small
package of say -

- 4 - covers = points
- 4 - lens = cylinders
- 10 - No 7

and four each of the rest of the patterns
and send to me immediately by express.

It takes a long time for people to get
there that I would not be an expert
to think of writing for it with the
letter among us

Yours

~~A. W. Long~~

as a remedy. The whole theory of Republican government is based on the idea that the distribution of the sovereign power enables every man to do something towards securing his own rights and remedying his own wrongs. It is always the poor, the weak and the ignorant who are the victims of oppression. To such the ballot is at once a sword and shield. *The returned soldier* ~~he~~ may injure his friends as well as his foes, or ~~even injure himself thereby~~ *and electing his friends with this weapon of celestial temper* but he will at least be able to defend himself from attack. *more than they will* "he hath given ~~all that she hath~~", was said of the widow's mite and the ballot is the only weapon with which poverty and ignorance may even blindly defend themselves. *This their only hope* Unfortunately intelligence does not always imply righteousness or justice and even against the best the lowest and meanest of every land need always to stand *upon their* guard.

In avoidance of ~~the~~ self-evident absurdity of this claim that ignorance and poverty are responsible for misgovernment it is usually alleged that political ills are chiefly confined to the great centers of population, where ignorance, vice and an unassimilated

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for personal advantage,
of subservient citizens, and the "Ring" which is only a body of subordinate leaders who co-operate with him in the exercise of ^{this} power, flourish equally well in rural or suburban regions. It requires neither poverty nor vice for their support, since intelligence and morality are ~~their equally~~ ^{not infrequently their most} subservient instruments.

An incident which has come under my observation since my last letter was written, most forcibly illustrates this fact. The following paragraph in a newspaper the other day attracted no attention and provoked no comment, being a mere record of an event ~~not~~ at all extraordinary or unusual.

"At the Republican caucus in the town of ~~J--~~, it was voted ~~that~~ ^{that} Mr. J-- should be allowed to name all the delegates to all the conventions in which the town is entitled to representation."

I was interested in ~~it~~ ^{this item} because the town ^{referred to} is situated in a county noted for its prosperity and the high average of intelligence and morality of its people. Its population is almost solidly American there being no city of ten thousand inhabitants within its limits.