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Dear Bystander

I am a reader of the Inter Ocean - and will say no column in that ably edited paper is read by me with more satisfaction than "A Bystander's Notes." The writer of this letter wishes to say he endorses your sentiment in the weekly issue of May 19<sup>th</sup> 91. The Republican Party of Michigan has been for years a strictly-policy party - Moral in politics in that State is a "virescent dream." Mr Turner enjoyed an unenviable reputation years ago, and if

the Charges brought against him during the Campaign were ~~not~~ improved there was nothing in the man's early life that would render them improbable.

I want to join issue with the ~~Assistant~~ Veteran Party Manager you mention in your states.

The Charges the people with being "Mercenary"; if he would consider the means used by aspirants for office to secure nominations, and the manner of running Campaigns he would find that a cotrix of wire pullers, devoid of political honor, and, in many cases openly defiant of every thing moral, gathered in secluded corners, planning to defeat upright <sup>men</sup> in convention ~~if~~ and if unsuccessful there to

Combine with men of the  
opposite party <sup>use of</sup> in ~~means~~ to  
defeat the candidate in the  
election. He would see ~~something~~  
something in his own garden  
that the people have years ago  
condemned, as a noxious weed.  
It is not that the people are  
mercenary, but, rather that the  
intelligent voter has learned by  
bitter experience that as a  
rule his choice of candidates  
is really a choice of striking  
~~fish~~ fish, and if he considers  
the time devoted to suffrage as  
wasted unless paid for by the  
candidate he is not far from  
right - as to <sup>the</sup> average political  
campaigner. The only remedy  
the writer thinks of will be  
found in "party managers"  
improving their practice, and  
in bringing forward good men, then  
see that they are supported.

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