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Dear Sir

While Evening shadows now appear

With the first day of the year

Please pardon a presumptuous view

To venture near and trouble you

By way of introduction. A Bachelor, less than

3 years to 3 score + 10, Science / 76 lived alone on

five acres of land, growing Fruit, beside read

ing, do considerable thinking, at least Science last

election, never accept a nomination for any Office

habit in writing only ordinary business & social, poor at

it, use pencil although eye sight failing, use the

word Oligarch, Bourbon seems inapplicable and so

often used, it makes little if any impression, in the

rank & file voters, the votes who should be touched,

I think Oligarchs have ruled Grover Cleveland, and

with their help, he has ruled Northern Democracy

I think in '84 they won through Prohibition, feeling

so good about it, think they relied on playing the same

card in '88 and lost, from what can our Oligarchs do,

Republican strength is much greater than ours, with

rank & file farm voters, and we will quietly get

close to farmers in the unsectional combined

States, by organizing a D, or party among our

elves, and flood unsectional States, with the densest

sophistical fog possible, we can well afford to let

12 States go if they carry 13 or more Reps out with

them, anything to get away with Northern Repub-

licans, it is them and them only who hinder us

from getting all the reins of this government in

our hands, and uncoil our Confederate Flag over

the dome of our Capitol in Washington, Big game

we work for in these Sectional Combined States

United we stand true and solid to our purpose

split & divide them up and they must fall,

well they will not trust all, to their old card,

in our next campaign, I think I see them busy

now devising planning organizing new sophist-

ical schemes, it may be thought of reciprocity

or an unlooked for Iron, we in the North have

become so anxious to have some new thing some

new hobby to talk about, their watchfulness and

jeal is ever on, when they lay aside a sword-

an cannon it was no idle boast that should

win with the ballot what they lost with their

before the war they said one could ^{whip} 5 Yankees
I little thought they would do it with the
Ballot, Oh had some power, the power to
give one ability, to write their true Political
History, in our National Elections, from the day they
were restored, making it a pamphlet, size leaf
present ^{for} a State on two pages, style (much as pos-
sible) an object lesson, for our young men to look
at, with both eyes wide open, and learn how a
young Oligarch carries as much weight in all our
National affairs, as 5 to 8 of our Northern young men, with
equal advantages, and ability as his, Suppose you have
heard over this for something you did not know
I will it may be this, at our last Election, while talk-
ing about the unfairness of a man coming upon the
floor of our Representative Chamber, with certificate of mem-
bership, signed by Governor any of Georgia, who did not
receive 3,000 votes in all his district, and one must cost
25 to 35,000 on both sides, to get our man there, and
a prominent & successful business man, straight
Rep. from away back said to me he did not know they
were doing so. didnt see how they could do it and asked
me to explain it to him, from my knowledge of

of voters I am acquainted with are quite certain
a large per cent of Northern voters do not understand,
and, or see through this and verily believe if the
Oligarch Elections history was well wrote up from
the day they were restored and a fine 100,000 Copies
circulated through the unsectional States they would
get up a storm wiping out the storm Boes predicts
leave it where the Wood Bin is with.

I want to ask you as a companion if Mr. Rep. do not
occupy a similar condition with the Oligarch, two
men agreeing and beginning in the same occupation
to acquire \$1,500 each by the next New Year day, the
one has brain & muscle only with which to get
his, the other almost forgot in thought of his \$1,000
safe deposited, and only 500 to get, Oligarch's have
about one 3rd of our number of Congress, safe secured,
before Election day, Ah me, I am fond of good
reading, take the P. O. to get your notes, much as any
thing, cant think good reading worth a cent, will take
you only a second to drop this in your waste basket

Yours Respectfully
Uncle Jim