

167 Marcy Ave.,

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My Dear Judge,

I have been looking for a letter from you for some time, & wife has been peolding like a good fellow because you don't write - she looks as anxiously for your letters as I do, - when you last wrote you spoke of the probability of being nominated for Congress on your present position again - I saw in the "North Star" which you sent me (with the memorial address del'd at Mt Vernon) that you announced yourself as a candidate for the Cotton & Wool Waddy Bill, had rec'd

Had nomination for Congress - Did
you get the nomination for your position?
I presumed you had & that you were
busy preparing for the Campaign which
was the cause of your silence.
Political affairs in N.Y. are in a continual
excitement. Such now I believe "Tammany"
is trying to have the Mayor removed,
and the different departments of the City
Government are continually quarreling.
Matters with us remain about the same.
We do not get ahead any & do not
fall behind - we manage to live very
comfortably & that is about all I can say.
I anticipate getting some good orders for
hardware this week - but shall not be
disappointed if I do not - Have been
to Long Branch twice this summer
both times on business. I took wife
down once & she enjoyed it exceedingly.
Our only diversion this summer has

been a visit to "Barnum's Hippodrome"
It is an immense affair. Among other
parts of the performance is the Congress
of Nations - a procession representing
England, France, Rome, Germany, Turkey,
Italy, Egypt, Russia, Ireland, Spain,
China, India, Holland & America.
The "Hippodrome" occupies the entire block
bounded by Madison & 4th Ave. - 26 &
27th Sts. - The prevailing excitement just
now is the Becher-Tilton scandal.
It is the talk every where - I guess Becher
will come out all right, at least such
is the opinion of the press. We have
considerable amusement here watching
the Base Ball games. We are just near
the "Union B.B. Grounds" the home of
the "Mutuals" & "Attentives" I have seen
nearly all the games this summer
played here for the Championship. Have
seen the Mutuals, Attentives, Boston

Hartford - Athletics - Philadelphia,
Baltimore, Chicago, (professionals) also
see Yale, Princeton - & fly away
(sometimes) - It's fun to see the mutants
& Atlantica - watch these outside fellows.
We can see the games from our track mudons.
Shelley is still in N.Y. but seems to avoid me
lately - although he still has his letters
directed to my office. He generally gets
there in the morning & gets what all this
is for him before I get over. - I forget if
I told you of meeting Rogers & Mattson on
B'way one day - Oh yes & I met a friend,
or if not a friend - an acquaintance of
yours from Rochester one day - his name
was Peck - used to be in N.C. seemed to
know everyone in, around & most of the
C.B. in N.C. - How is "Joimette" progressing?
Write soon Judge - or nibe will be after you.
Requies to all -

Yrs
W.H. Murray