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Can give accounts of my life for the past  
~~eight~~ years has been to keep a copy book of  
 the good things printed about me by the Demo-  
 crats. ~~It is~~ ~~an interesting~~ to see in  
 how many places this slander appears in this book.  
 Cross records. I am charged with having said  
 something of the kind at Philadelphia, New York  
 and Raleigh - when Judge Kerr went to Wash-  
 ington and from that I wrote it to you, Ed-  
 ward Ross. The journal comes out says I said  
 it in Pittsburgh - It is incredible, the attacks  
 to which they are loath to keep their slander alive.  
 They have reported me as having been seen all along  
 the shore from Maine to Minnesota, as having accepted  
 from half a dozen penitentiaries and more they try to  
 make refutation by changing the name every  
 time they recamp on old lies -

I did say at Philadelphia in 1886 that I  
 was told by a ~~well known~~ ~~author~~ of the ~~county~~  
 that he had been ~~living~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~county~~  
 of ~~York~~ ~~County~~ that 15 ~~murders~~ ~~across~~  
 had been taken from a river in South Caro-  
lina.

It was so stated at the time in the report  
 of my paper but one which was reprinted there  
 than these reports before me as I write. The man  
 who told me is still living in this county and is  
 willing to state upon oath at any time that he  
 made the statement to me and in the presence  
 of two others - Whether it was true or not I do not  
 know or care. I told it "as 'twas told to me".

The journal reprints the very "true" charge  
 that the ~~charges~~ ~~promised~~ in this District because  
 of my remission in the judicial office - when  
 it is established by the sworn testimony of the  
 judicial leaders that the same were organized  
 in the District before I had even held a  
 court there. I do not, in July 1888. I held my first

spent in September 1888 and the 14th of  
 that month is the latest date given of it or -  
 organization in any County of the District,  
 they no doubt had a prophetic knowledge  
 of my short comings and organized for  
 better and number because they forewarned  
 fully it would do! - It is not a singular instance  
 of the forwardness of the Democracy to say my words  
 and think my thoughts for me, <sup>now</sup> ~~was~~ the only time they  
 have failed to do it correctly -

The Journal states that I told a correspondent of  
 a Cincinnati paper the mass of trouble which  
 it recites - I am not aware that I have seen a  
 correspondent of such a paper in ~~ten~~ years  
 but the Journal can easily find my views upon  
 this subject published under my own name  
 and they are welcome to all that can be made  
 out of them -

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 vor of nearly every feature of our present  
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 political thought - Their ideal of a Consti-  
 tution is one designed to promote and  
 perpetuate slavery; mine one which  
 is designed to promote Liberty and  
 equal rights for all men, It is highly  
 probable that before the summer session I may  
 find an opportunity to tell the citizens of Wash-  
 ington why I favor these provisions and why  
 I regard the Democrats as their -

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But the future is in great uncertainty. I  
would enter the Democratic party &  
cannot say that I need a contemporary enemy  
occur, when a party has loosed the reins  
of political thought as often as the mem-  
ber of Journal has our party, <sup>how dare</sup> one  
never knows ~~where~~ from what quarter of  
the heavens it may blow next. While I  
remember Horace Gray and Carl Schurz  
and Charles Sumner I can never be  
quite sure that a like evil fate

may not be in store for me - I  
can only trust that a kind Providence will  
\*if it be possible  
let this copy pass from me.

Greenboro

A. S. Torgu

May 22/1875-

Copy of letter  
to Wilmington Hist  
in answer  
to the journal

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