

Alamo, Mendocino Aug 13/88.

My dear Miss Conzies

The reason I have been neglecting you for some time is twofold, First I believe you from some, and in the next place I suppose you would say, what I am willing to admit, that I have been bringing a state (if not a foul) of myself for the party on this Presidential question. I wish you would write me as soon as you return home and tell me if you can catch me at Corry on morning train, and give me a few hours there.

Our straggling friends up in the north & they are doing good work in Illinois, Mo. Iowa and Kansas, the last two are speaking out through the Press eloquently.

It is nearly time to make the strike as talked of in some shape or other. The South is plenty but the laborers are few. I don't know whether this is the

actly scriptures, but it is good sense. At
all events,

I am going to strike old Hannibal Ham-
lin on the situation in a few days. I was
engaged in peppering him with healthy
political literature about two weeks ago
from the blind side and now I am
determined to make him out. I will
give Cassius M. Clay a touch also
as soon as I can get one more
publication to send him.

Have you anything new from Sam Cook,
of importance? I see "Mutter" got the
talk by the Court in his case and
I am glad of it. He had some such
and all will not be without prospects
for a political millennium.

With kindest regards to the family I
am, as ever

Yours faithfully
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