

"Personal"

My dear Sir: I answer your letter <sup>merely because</sup> ~~merely because~~ <sup>of old friendship and not for publication.</sup> ~~of old friendship and not for publication.~~ <sup>strength you indicate the deliberation</sup> ~~strength you indicate the deliberation~~ <sup>to say about what my me</sup> ~~to say about what my me~~ <sup>of the Republican Party</sup> ~~of the Republican Party <sup>was an attempt</sup> ~~was an attempt <sup>in favor of creating intelligence</sup> ~~in favor of creating intelligence~~~~~~

test of suffrage - To do so <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>legal</sup> ~~legal to take from 1,000,000 voters whom American Christian civilization has kept from by law from learning to read or write, the sole privilege ~~finally allowed~~ <sup>professedly al-</sup> ~~loved them~~. In other words, it was an attempt to disenfranchise the colored man in order to enfranchise the white woman. This was fully understood throughout the South and any opinion in regard to it openly and freely expressed during ~~the~~ <sup>at the</sup> time and on numerous occasions since. This attempt to take away the rights a nation is too cowardly to protect seems to me, and I~~

That it is not an impossibility, but the  
man who does ~~it~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>unaided</sup> ~~exertion~~  
merely by ~~being~~ <sup>to be</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~service~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>country</sup>  
— perhaps never. The only way to the  
higher grades of the service are through the  
Military Academy or the opportunities of  
the volunteer service in time of war.

This is no new thing. It used to be said of  
our Army that it was made up of "Northern  
mudsills" offered by Southern gentlemen. That  
is why, when the war began so large a pre-  
ponderance of the recognized military leaders  
were found on the side of the South. Service  
in the ranks has never been creditable except  
in time of war. The first purpose of Owen-  
Wallace's plan is to make service in the ranks  
honorable — ~~in~~ <sup>in every way a</sup> way to make it very  
desirable ~~thing~~ <sup>thing</sup>. To this end he pro-  
poses — 1 — That all appointments to west

trust ever may seem "horrible",

The usurpation of ~~eight~~ <sup>un</sup>delegated powers by the National Convention of the W.C.T.U., was just as clear and indefensible as if a Grand Lodge of Masons had declared that the Republican or Democratic party should have the aid of Masonry.

Both were organized on a non-partisan basis and in neither case had the subordinate bodies authorized a change.

I do not care who belongs to the Prohibition Party nor what bills it adopts. That is each man's or woman's own concern. ~~Its assumption of better~~ <sup>and superior</sup> ~~than~~ <sup>than</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~objection~~ <sup>objection</sup> to its assumption of an absolutely perfect

Point he made from the ranks by  
competition selection

This is wise, simple, democratic  
and just a way that only means by which  
an army can be well-officer in  
a Republic. The triumph of the Napoleon  
that every French soldier carried in  
his pocket, but in his knapsack, and  
the exemplification of its truth by the number  
of his enemies the counts to the brilliant glory  
of his enemies, led not less to the  
his unparalleled genius for war, the place  
of all others from which to begin to  
learn the tricks of the trade. The  
"school of the soldier" should be thor-  
oughly mastered in all arms and  
all branches before the cadet moves  
to roll-call on the banks of the

motion, unless it ~~does~~ assumes to believe  
that no one can have an equally pure  
motion and not agree with it.

But I trust I shall never allow my  
admiration even for a woman's shrewdness  
to blind me to the fact that she may  
make a mistake; nor forget that the  
purest motion is no guarantee of wise  
methods. I have never spared my  
own party when it went astray  
and I ~~know~~ <sup>there is</sup> of nothing more  
"horrible" than <sup>an attempt to</sup> ~~attempt~~ to gain  
support at the South by offering to  
disfranchise the Negro whom we found  
robbed for two centuries and  
a half and kept in enforced ignorance  
of the ~~most~~ <sup>shred</sup> of right ~~and~~ <sup>and helping me, I will always</sup> ~~prejudiced~~  
ed to allow ~~him~~ <sup>denumer</sup> whether the people  
making it were breeches or  
pellicoles.

The general who enlisted in the regular  
army at least thirty years of  
his life. During that time he had acquired  
nothing that he did not know before  
could be of any value to him in life; the  
probability is that he had acquired habits  
that will at least be of use to him,  
he values them only for social prestige  
is looked upon in business circles with  
suspicion of a weak character and  
only as an inferior element of the  
army. Our army officers from West Point  
admission to which is usually made  
through the study of political preference  
or from social life, are political service  
in social and political circles. At  
the very least, the admitted fact  
may become a new compromise officer  
that is, he is not a compromise officer  
but the distance between him and a com-  
promise officer is as great as from earth  
to the nearest star. It may be passed, it  
is passed just often enough to show