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Washington, D. C., 22 Feb, 1892.

My dear Judge: I have read
Your letter with care and
receiving your allusions to
myself with agreement and
sympathy.

I must add further for you
sa that Harrison can never
be elected except by some
miracle of politics, he is the
best hated man here. The
other day when a Democrat
— Hunter — said that the
Democrats by passing a
Silver Bill would surely
elect B B President again
there was dead silence
on the Republican as

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well as the Democratic side
 One thing I am afraid you
 dont understand about P. 36,
 and that is his timidity.
 He is obstinate because
 he is afraid. As one of
 My Constituents said with
 as much truth as wit:
 "He has plenty of "woot" and
 no "will" —

I write you thus freely for
 I am persuaded that to his
 inefficiency was due the
 loss of the Battle of Liberty
 in the Senate. He could
 * influence no one. He talked
 all right but either did
 not try or was powerless

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to do. The men he had most favored were on the side of Gorman. Mr. Heule of Me for instance made the most dam-aging attack on Mr. Brown all the worse because correct.

If the Republican Party is a mere machine to order the state away of office holders it is poor indeed and such men can lead it to defeat but if it means some-thing of progress and liberty in the world then Brown will do -

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Yet he seems likely to have
 the South because he
 has office holders therein
 and because men think
 words are substitutes for
 deeds.

Nevertheless I hope for
 better things.

The fact that no one
 cares to be a candidate
 ought not to force ~~themselves~~
 to confess defeat before we
 begin.

Yours truly
 T B Reed

Wm W Touger
 Maryville, Mo.