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Jan. J. Beach —

Dr Sir:

I returned from the Pacific Slope ten days ago. Found many thousand letters waiting. Had to memorialize Methodist Conference and go to Washington from which you I have just returned.

I think you are ^{probably} right in your conclusions but should we not wait until our hands are forced by the action of the convention at Minneapolis?

What you say about the Senate would be a good suggestion were it not that the pledge of a Rep. Senatorial caucus is no longer of any value. On the Republican side, the Senate is simply moribund. It has the dry rot and is beyond considering anything more delicate than a club. That club we must get ready but there is no hope that ~~it~~ they can be aroused until we hold the demonstrable ability to use it. If they put in a plank at Minneapolis of a satisfactory character and the treatment of it in the campaign is prominent of course we cannot object. If not, ~~we~~ we must all as you say —

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