

Andalusia

Rock Island La. Ill.

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Dear Sir

I wrote to you once before. I write to you again. My only apology is that we are enlisted in the same cause. Perhaps we see from different stand points. as we both profess to steer by the "Pole of the Universe" Eternal Justice, we cannot diverge much & both be correct.

I have looked for your first utterance from the Minnesota Convention. I am disappointed you have failed to "come up to the measure of your Country's Glory" and show your close alliance to human frailty. This is no crime. But it seems to me to be in very close alliance to the stand of the Irish, newly naturalized citizen that I knew of in Kentucky nearly 50 years since. The voting was viva voce. The election for 3 days when Patric marched up to the polls, full of the idea of the dignity of American manhood suffrage & was courteously inquired of which party he voted for, he replied "I don't care a damn about yer dam parties, but you may jert write me doon in the opposition at any rates. I grieve to see you descend toward that stand point."

The utterance of the Rep convention was as good & full & explicit as we could have reasonably expected. as you justly say, "It shows the heart of the Rep party to be sound." Why did you not wait until you were rested & your vision cleared? The Dem, & The Mangled People & The Police party have not yet spoken. They will speak or be "dumb dogs," that

"cannot bark," or will not. In either case will  
be time for the "Trumpet Call," to give no uncertain  
Call. As it is to descend to a slang expression,  
"you have been too precious."

The Democrats were soundly "thrashed," when the present  
Congress was returned with its loathsome democratic  
majority. Now if you have any wisdom, (& I do  
believe you have) you can see, that the only present  
hope, for ~~striking~~<sup>righting</sup> existing flagrant & fearful  
wrongs, is to send to Congress a set of men in  
whom the sentiment of justice predominates.  
The politicians & bores who have grown up, and  
wormed themselves into where they have no fitness  
are running our Grand Ship of State, onto the  
rocks of corruption, where we are in danger of  
shipwreck & destruction.

Now if you are not a wise leader we have  
none. Practice self abnegation, & let your  
vindictive justice, under reason, have full swing.

very Respectfully

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