

Dyersburg Tenn  
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Dear Sir:

I have read many of your writings and admire them very much but still do not agree with you on all of your propositions. I am a native Southerner and a Republican. I think that you are doing a great work, and if you do not come into your reward in this world, you will in the next.

A few days ago I chanced to pick up a copy of the Century Magazine and found Mrs. Stovier's "battle hymn of the Republic". I had read it often before, but this time I at once thought of you and the work you were engaged in. You are right when you warn our party leaders to not drop the issue of a free ballot and fair count. The spirit that gave birth to

our party is the same that  
 breathes through every line of  
 Mrs Howe's great poem, and to  
 day is the ruling idea that  
 permeates and keeps alive the  
 Republican party - There are  
 countless thousands of men  
 who do not care a "paw"  
 about the tariff or silos, but  
 are anxious that every citizen  
 shall have his rights before  
 the law, and who believe that  
 "all men were created free and  
 equal" - Take this idea away,  
 relegate it out of sight, say  
 nothing about it, but talk  
 tariff tariff, tariff, and nothing  
 of the outrages against Amer-  
 ican citizens, and the result  
 will be that the Republican  
 party will go as the Whigs  
 went, too cowardly to live,  
~~and~~ died an ignominious  
 death. This principle of liberty  
 to all, is the corner stone

the rock on which the party  
is built, I am sorry to see  
such a disposition to put out  
of sight, and not discuss this  
idea among many of our  
leading men, I notice that  
Col H K McClure and Hon W<sup>m</sup>  
McKinley are arranging a  
great tariff debate between  
them, Of course Mr McKinley  
will devote all of his speech  
to the tariff alone, while this  
fearful thing of shaking whole  
States and making our section  
of the country solid without  
even the force of a contest,  
is going on all the time,  
No party can live and be  
handicapped as the Republican  
Party is, having to battle in  
every State, while the Dem-  
ocracy go into every contest  
with the solid South with  
153 electoral votes secured  
and only needing a few votes

in the month to succeed.  
 I see, especially in New England,  
 that the young men of the  
 Colleges and Towns are forming  
 political clubs and having de-  
 bates on the tariff. Why do  
 not our people insist, that  
 the whole thing be debated,  
 the whole political field covered,  
 and in every speech, this  
 thing of fraudulent and re-  
 volutionary scheme by which five  
 or six states are counted for  
 one party, regardless of any  
 thing, be ~~denounced~~ denounced,  
 and a way found to stop  
 it? It makes me sick at  
 the stomach to read of  
 the great tariff speeches, made  
 on both sides, by these clubs,  
 and that each side did well  
 and made a good argument,  
 Merd! is the only way  
 to express the disgust  
 one should feel. If our

Party do not come up and  
 meet the issue fairly and  
 openly then, it may as well  
 get ready to shut up the  
 shop, Twice I have noticed  
 that President Morrison in  
 speaking of these things ~~has~~ <sup>said</sup>,  
 "what can I do?" Andrew  
 Jackson would not have made  
 such remark, he would have  
 found a way and that at  
 once, The frauds perpetrated  
 in four or five counties in  
 West Tennessee, have made  
 this state go Democratic two  
 or three times, In 1888, Morrison  
 would have either carried the  
 state or would have made  
 it so doubtful that only  
 a thousand or so votes would  
 have turned the scale, The  
 counties I refer to, are Shelby,  
 Fayette, Gibson and Haywood,  
 The last named is the home  
 of D. A. Nunn, Collector of in-

terous revenue, and J. W. Brown,  
 United States Marshal, for  
 West Tennessee, the fraud in  
 that county is open, but  
 neither of these gentlemen have  
 ever tried to stop it, Previous  
 to '88, Haywood county al-  
 ways gave a Republican maj-  
 ority from 1500 to 2500,  
 Now it is just the opposite,  
 Many bad appointments have  
 as our Chairman of State  
 Committee, J. W. Baker of Nashville,  
 says, <sup>have</sup> utterly taken the spirit  
 out of us, and elections  
~~are~~ almost go by default.  
 The President, does not seem  
 to have any use for a native  
 Southern Republican, and places  
 no confidence in them, It  
 is easy, or so easy, to be  
 a Republican across the  
 Ohio, but it is quite different  
 down here, This fact does  
 not seem to be appreciated

by our Northern friends,  
 I think you are doing  
 a great work and if you  
 do not succeed, then, the  
 party of Lincoln, has lost  
 its patriotism and 'tis time  
 to quit, The idea in the  
 "Battle hymn of the Republic"  
 is the very life of the Rep-  
 ublican party, take that away  
 and we are lost,

I beg your pardon for such  
 a lengthy epistle and hope you  
 will forgive me,

Respectfully,  
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