

West Grove Iowa

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Dear Sir,
I have received your letter of the 21st and am glad to hear that you are well.

I have long read & admired your paper and am of your way of thinking & receive the question, fearing results, & sorry that the deprivation of the - shares of his rights not only works his harm but also my franchise, church & my

mark and in spite of my vote, of a presb. white man, am excluded of my influence in electing national officers.

I need not remark on how this is being done, it is done every 2 to 4 years, I have not your zeal & hopes of improvement on the present methods.

There may be bloodshed probably will be, ^{war} if fail to see ad
war.

2) probability of that helping
in any amelioration of pre-
sident wrongs. I have in my
mind some measures that look
pleasible to myself for some
advantages to the Republican party
& to myself as one of that party
& through the party to the
nation. My mind inclines
strongly to the opinion however
that all political expedients
for the advancement of the
chief's sake will be stumbling
and illusive. The inferior is
doomed to be a victim, to suffer
under the pretence of the superior.
State Destiny, survival of
the fittest, are the terrible
words that are more powerful
than state enactments.
History since time began
written history of nations
unwritten history of the world
the facts of all time show the

3) greater destroying the law,
the precedent, all nature
points to these inexorable
principles of destruction of the
weaker in all phases of society
in all forms of governments &
in all conditions of life.
Suppose you had lived & had
the same facilities & knowledge
you now have in 1892 & had
lived & written clearly as
you do now - even living to
the present, would you
reasoning clear as a person
have failed to hinder in the
least the present status of the
Indians. The same illustrations
may be used for all part-
time, numberless nations like
heavens have had their time to
fall & will. There is no place
in referring to Providence
to the fall of a sparrow
to a God who rules in the heavens
to petition to the throne of grace

4) Do to wish push away across the
mind from practical measures
of all kinds for ^{our} good.

Carried to its logical results
its only effect is to say to
mantras - you keep still all will
be done that is for your good,
of course is the test, human

nature does not differ from
beast nature & higher

circulation only comes in spots
& the highest finer case only
come by extermination of the
lower & progress, that what

can be done, otherwise make the
hitchwork try to ameliorate
to a ^{the} clear deep conviction.

of making the fight for right to go
The end not in our time but in the
far future when self & personal
is not the ^{it} law of nature
when the world ^{is} not governed
by human wisdom when the Lion &
Lamb lie down together & the
Lamb not inside the Lion, then

5) then will your hopes be
fulfilled & not till then.

Your very truly

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