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Hon. A. W. Louger,

Dear Judge: -

The circulars duly received and I shall distribute them. Our poor little town is helplessly at the mercy of the politicians. The politics of Chautauque Co. is sick and sore. Tell you Judge. "Live upon live and precept upon precept" will teach them nothing. They wonder why the corporators, the populists &c. If they only knew the people were tired of being dragged about they would not ask the question.

This morning I was talking with a fairly good man, and he said Judge Louger has made our mistake "he has put himself up for a candidate when no one has asked for him". "You are mistaken" I replied "I asked for him, and I have as good a

right to be represented in Congress as
any other man. And I am not alone
I assure you. "Well" he says "we must
have organization you know." Now tell
me what on earth is the good of
talking to a fool like that. If he had
spoken his heart he would have said,
"I don't want the Judge because I want
nothing more of National Citizenship."

One man said to me, "We have a question
now that is of more importance than
National Citizenship, it's the Cocytus."

It's a fact of the rank and file of the
Republican party - a hever of stone. Judge
I am glad you have faith in the American
people. For myself I am sorry to say
I have nearly lost faith in preaching. What
is the good of preaching when such fellows
graduate from our churches. How can I
think I'll preach tomorrow on "Adam
where art thou?" and I will chase the
old fellow through the woods awhile.

Yours in haste

J. H. Bates