

My dear Raymond: You have of course, noted
the meeting of Hooker and Waeland and his
friends at Albany.

What do you think of "party-
law" now? It was Allegany's by ^{that} right when
Hooker bought his first nomination? Some-
body sold Allegany out ~~where~~ when he was nomi-
nated for the ^{second} ~~third~~ term and now
he conspires with Waeland, for a
third term for himself and at least
one for Callwanger before Allegany
comes again. What is the price? Aside
from the Cash ~~for~~ that may be paid
it is the old traffic in the Sena-
torial seat. In other words, "party."

law" is simply a farce by which
the Outworn senatorial ring and the
Shantungua Congressional gang, throttle
and rob Albany! Creak over it
it? Were 30,000 voters ever sold so
cheap? Does it not make one proud of
the G.O.P.?

It is nothing more or less than I
expected. The same infatuation which possessed the
old Whig party, has seized on the Republican. It
thinks the people may be despised and the
rights of man ignored. 1894 is, in effect, a
repetition of 1854: the Whigs out of power
and anxious to get in by concessions to the
South: the bosses ignoring the views of the people.
The result — 1856 — 1896.

One of two things ^{is} sure to occur. Either,

the Democrats will make their ~~present~~ tariff bill ^{but it will be a mere question of advocatum} ~~the~~ ^{no longer} the equivalent of the present law, ^{and specific} or they will leave the present law unrepelled. The former is the most probable hypothesis.

Should this be done, protection as a practical issue will be dead. As was the case in 1854, the difference between the two parties on the tariff, ~~was~~ ^{will be} hardly sufficient to bear our issue upon. Then what is left? The Whig voters went to the Republican party, which was not a protection party in 1856. In 1876, they will drift off to the Populists and Equal Right Republicans. The result will be a Democratic victory in 1876. Stick a pin there. The Republicans, who believe in equal rights believe them of paramount importance. They will fight and fight as

did the old Free Soilers, quietly but
desperately, with them on one flank and
the Populists on the other there is no
hope of holding up the ~~middle~~^{stands between}
party ~~which~~ which falls behind the
~~one~~ and goes ahead of the other. A
party that will not go ahead must
fall behind, unless it is merely
obstructive like the Democracy,

I think the Congressional matter is
coming out just right — the nomination
will be ~~it~~ as clearly purchased that no
one can deny the fact and it will do
more to open the eyes of the people
than any thing else could. Have you seen
Key's Report? There is a good deal of truth
in that eva-ent. The "gangs" are vicious
and.