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Dear Sir: I have read some of the "Bystander's Notes" and as a Republican, I am much interested in them. I learn from the "Notes" of June 29. that some of the so called Republican Journals are trying to "call you down" ^{because} you are talking too plainly about "Machine rule". True friends gently remind us of our faults, and seek have us sin no more. Our enemies call our faults virtues and extol them as such, thus seeking our ruin.

You as a friend to the Republican party seek to save, the enemy to destroy.

The Leaders of the Republican party should heed your words of wisdom.

The "Machine" men know that their "craft" is in danger by reason of your plain talk, hence they publish to the world that you have gone over to the Democrats, thereby trying to restrict and injure your teachings. Both the Leaders and Machine men in the Republican ranks should beware. The people just now are like a vast army awaiting an attack of the enemy.

The creak of the Machine will cause a stampede in the Republican party, which will be disastrous to Good government, at least for a time.

Death begins as soon as growth

ceases. The Republican party must still progress or die. Today the Republican party is sick not of a fever, but of "Machine or Ring" rule. Continue then I pray you to help us get rid of this hateful malady lest we die. Continue your good work regardless of the bitter stinging words of seeming friends. I write to encourage you, assuring you that the Republicans of this (South Western Michigan) appreciate your efforts for Purity in Politics as well as Purity of the ballot.

I expect that no part of this will be published or any reply be given. I write simply as one of the People

Respectfully

LeGrant Fisher