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Washburn Sept 29 1894

Hon Albion G Tourgee

Dear Sir

Your kind letter of the 24 inst was gladly received. That such partisanship as now prevails was not known until 1828 is true, yet the element of partisanship existed and was as sharply antagonistic as at the present time; George Washington was accused of being a monarchist and planning to make himself a king; and the untruthful statements against John Adams that were circulated through the nation defeated John Adams second election as president

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The Strife between Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson was as bitter as it is of politicians at the present time
The borough system of Virginia and the town meeting system of Massachusetts, were very unlike Virginia had an element in it of aristocracy,
Though Massachusetts was the strong hold of federalism; Massachusetts in legislation in administration and in political action has had more of the principle of a pure democracy than any other State
Perhaps the Ego shows itself in the letters, I am eighty six years old and I began to read political newspaper with interest before I was ten years old; I have read bystanders notes for years with much interest and profit, Sincerely yours O. L. Bangs

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