407 Phil's Building
Chicago, Oct. 24/94.

My dear Judge,

Your long and exceedingly interesting letter at hand and I assure I appreciate it and particularly appreciate the sentiment that inspired it, as regarding my personal running position, in the N.Y. Election. I have feared all along that Hill would be elected, but only on the sentiment that it is so apt to take possession of us Americans to always have sympathy for the under dog. And then we are a sort of contrary people to. I don't do such supremely silly things, but there are a lot of people, who will stand by a man, that all the newspapers are "down on" simply from that fact. I think the election of that "mut a gut" Cleveland, in '92, was due to the fact that they talked so badly about him, more than anything else. You say the commons this year are unsatisfactory & miserable, yes, but on our side, I think they will be found the reliable beyond what any one dreams of. Pat's wife will say: 'Pat. the children aint goin to "school. shure theyve no shoes, and Pat. we dont "get as good wages as we did and faith I dont "get much work at all myself and youre not "working but half time and with low pay. Now shure "Pat. you promise me you'll vote the Republican "ticket hereafter all the time, for we had good times "under that party, all the time. Well. Biddy. youre

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"right. I'll do it, if you'll promise me you
"wont tell, Mike's wife, the next door." Mike's
"wife has the same bit of a tilt with him &
"he promises to vote the straight Republican
"ticket if she wont tell Pat, the next door."

And so it goes. these two fellows are met by their friends & when asked how they'll vote, they both say: "Sharely I'll vote the Dimicrat of "course, what else wod I do." They are afraid to get the ill will of the "Dimicratic" bosses, so they'll say one thing and do the other.

Now I think from this sort of thing going on, that the Republicans and anti-Tammany will carry N.Y. city & state to a moral certainty without any deal. Now if your ideas should prove correct & the result should be as you suggest, do you think Tom Platt, could be trusted, don't you think he'd take the Senatorship? You and I remember well, "Conklin and me too." for I lived in N.Y. then. They expected the N.Y. Legislature to send them back, but it didn't & I think it likely T.P. would like to show the people that he can go back, eh? I wont send your letter to our friend Mr Kellogg. I wish to keep it, but I'll send him a copy of it.

Your letter shows you to be a smart, shrewd politician and I wish to keep it. I am not a politician, never gave that matter much of any study, but I am an American. My great grandfather "fit in the Revolution", he and 3 of his brothers in the same company. My patriotic feeling has always been with the Republican party.

faithfully, R Boylston Hall

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