

Washington, D. C., Nov 8 1890

Dear Father:

As impecunious as I am, I would give a ten dollar bill had I not made the political prediction contained in my last, but the truth is, I was blue over Reed's big majority in Maine, I lacked confidence in Rice & his management of the canvass, I underestimated the power of the Alliance, & guided by the conservative Journal of Commerce, the ability of the masses to realize the disastrous effects that would follow the passage of the McKinley bill. I overestimated the money power & the tendency to centralization which is every where now a characteristic of rank Republicanism or Federalism. The Lane won a great victory: in my opinion more important & far reaching in its effects than any in the history of the country. It proves

that the majority of our people both north & south have repudiated the word "nation" & are opposed to the growth of a power in Washington which if existing at all, must exist at the expense of states' rights & therefore individual liberty. This victory gives a longer lease of life to the primary, restores the authority of the town hall meeting, the traditions touching the growth & utility of which are almost hallowed by the Anglo Saxons, and promises a perpetuation of the principles that actuated the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Every one who has given the science of government even a cursory examination & who has not lived in an atmosphere of monopoly & oppression should thank the Power that brought him to see this day, a day that which there is none brighter in American history. I had begun to think that in politics as in nature habit was omnipotent and its effects

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Hereditary but thank heaven that gnore
has been greatly modified by the recent
course of Penna. & Massachusetts,
But more after awhile and when I see
you which I trust will be very soon,
Cotton was sullen last year, & I im-
agine that he considered me importu-
nate when I insisted upon his pay-
ing the interest; his silence now, in
the face of my recent letter to him
has quite confirmed me in my
suspicions, what think you of the
probability of a settlement at maturity
with G. C. B.?

Truly & Affly

Hus

October 20

Dear Mother
I have been thinking of you
very much lately and wondering
how you are getting on. I hope
you are well and happy. I
am well at present and hope
these few lines will find you
the same. I have not much news
to write at present. I am
still in the same place and
doing the same work. I hope
you are all well and happy.
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Yours affectionately
John