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Jackson, Miss, March 22nd. 1868.

Hon. Geo. W. Hyatt,

Cotinth, Miss.

My dear George:-

In the midst of a deluge of letters lying before me upon every imaginable subject, I take a moment to thank you for your very kind letter of the 19th. instant, and to assure you that it is most highly appreciated. If my friends really want to support me for the Senate I do not think the financial issue need be considered for the simple reason that the money question now pending before the country will be settled long before the term of Senator George expires. I do not believe the populists and extreme free silver men wish the people to know my position on the silver question, but at no very distant day I shall give them to the public. At this time I am saying nothing for publication, but my friends must not be misled by the cry of such papers as the Clarion-Ledger, which although claiming to be a Democratic journal fought against Cleveland's nomination and has been fighting him ever since. It will do no good to write to him; it will only encourage in his opposition to true Democracy. I do not believe that the intelligent, thinking men, of the country, who know anything about finance are misical to my views on the silver question. I want all the silver we can get provided it is good silver, and of equal value of any other money, but I am opposed to a debased currency of any sort, and the coinage of silver without limit must inevitably debase or diminish its

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value as money, and benefit no one but the silver miners who are already rolling in wealth gathered from legislation in their interest. I am not a monometalist, and the Clarion-Ledger and all its sort know it, but in politics they have about as much regard for truth as the devil has X for holy water.

Now, I wish you would see Underwood and talk to him, and if he is determined to oppose me cannot we get up some one to defeat him, or do you think the free silver issue is strong enough to carry him through and defeat me in the county. Of course I would seriously feel the loss of Alcorn County, and must not lose it ~~unless~~ if it can~~not~~ possibly be avoided. There are some men there who I know will oppose me, no matter who runs against me, but I hope they are not numerous. I know I have always served them faithfully, and perhaps as well as any others, and I ought not to lose the vote of that county in this my most important contest. I do not know to whom to refer you, for I have not been there, but I presume you know. Mr. Gandler, is my friend, and I hope I have many others. Please look carefully into the matter and write me again at your earliest convenience.

Again thanking you most heartily, I am sincerely

your friend,

