

Tuscon, Ariz  
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Friend Tripp:--

Well Tripp it looks like the country has gone Democratic. Apparently the next Congress is going to be on about a 50 – 50 basis. I just saw in the paper that Fred Steiwer was leading for the Senate in Oregon but I found no other information bearing on Oregon politics. It is certainly gratifying to me to note that the Oregon Electorate has shown its intelligence by repudiating Stanfield. How about the Governor race and local politics?

Tripp the Nation is passing through a critical period. We cannot afford to pass the reins of Government over to the Democrats and this election should certainly be a handwriting on the wall for the Coolidge adherents. I voted for Coolidge because of loyalty to the Republican party and not because I felt that he was the man for the position. Mr. Coolidge in my estimation would make a good bank president. If the Republican party hopes to carry away the honors in 1928 it will have to nominate a man possessing a dynamic personality of the Rooseveltian type. A man of strong character and a natural born leader of men. A man that does not conceal his ignorance and inability by silence, but a man who comes out to the front and molds public opinion.

I consider you the man chosen and equipped for this important position of leadership and owing to the fact that the 1928 Presidential election is now only two years away, it is time for you to get into the field and arouse public sentiment if we hope to win. I propose that you start at once on an intensive campaign and barnstorming tour of the country and hire me as your campaign manager and advance agent to map out your itinerary. My first thought was that we take your Cadillac but after giving the matter further consideration I believe it would be best if we go in my Ford because then the people will know that we stand for the interests of the common people and they cannot bring forth the argument of wealth and aristocracy.

We will start our campaign right here in Arizona in the ranks of the enemy, meeting the foe on his ground after which we will go along the South and strike right at the heart of the Democratic party. We will arrange a rally in Kentucky, Lincoln's birthplace, and then proceed to Valley Forge where the Continental troops displayed their heroism under George Washington's leadership.

Think the matter over Tripp and in the meantime I will have my Ford painted with the National Colors of Red, White and Blue. Send me down a large cut of your picture and I will have printed in flaming red letters, "R. W. Tripp for president. Our Only Hope for the Perpetuation of the American Republic."

Awaiting your decision, I am, as ever

Sincerely yours,

*Ben. C. Geriq.*