To be a citizen of a country which like our own is trying to be a strongly-going democracy is a serious matter. It requires ~~a degree of~~ information - clear thinking & independent action which not - many of us are ~~have~~ can give. Consider what we are facing now - our quadrennial presidential campaign in which we are expected to review intelligently the last 4 yrs of management & to decide whether we will do better for ourselves by keeping the present manager & his association or by a new one who will operate - we hope on different lines. It requires no little political intelligence to do that wisely - & we know if we know anything of what will be the motive power of great majority - & when that it will not be political discernment knowledge that will decide but partisan bias & that as a Mass however sound

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HOTEL TULSA

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H. R. KETCHUM, PRESIDENT

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr Turl

Sober minded citizen must feel
certain misgivings about

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our instincts are we are not
sufficiently educated in science of
politics - in the theory & practice of
obtaining the ends we seek as a country
to ~~give~~ ~~feel~~ ~~give~~ feel certain this play
~~our~~ ~~best~~ an altogether wise &
fair answer in our role -
We may ~~[illegible]~~ hurle our doubts by
~~a~~ the enthusiasm a campaign
stirs & by the joy we get in choosing
a side & seeing it win. but
sober minded must learn misgivings
about what they can contribute -
must feel that one of the needs
of our education ~~as~~ a larger
conception of what political de-
velopment is & how to get it -
what it means for the citizen
& for the leader ~~[illegible]~~ revelation
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ of the ~~[illegible]~~ terrible ~~[illegible]~~
of the last ten terrible years
has been the political [illegible]

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maturity - selfishness -
of people & their leaders - they
have been unable to handle
their problems - they see a
war coming for years & can't
stop it - they fight to a finish
& can't repair their damages -
thoughtful people the world over
feel today the need of
Sounder education for all
people in all countries in
the art of governing themselves -
the art of working together to
get what govt aims to join -
Which is increasing mile-bring
justice - prosperity & by peace-
ful means.
Interesting in all this dis-
cussion about how we are to
get this development to
find people them back the

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maps of Lissabon - to see what they could learn about how certain 2 men in the past have secured what they have - meaning of ownership - sense of Well's Outline of Hist. Desire to know why proper 2 leaders succeeded - why failed - 2 general desire to know who has most to offer -

2 later it - if we could put to vote in this county who has shown the highest understanding of Democracy 2 who ~~has~~ developed the sounded ~~method~~ 2 tactique - for carrying out what he conceived to be the democratic principles there would be an overwhelming vote for A. L. Amazing how that man wears 2 how he has grown in public mind - not as a hero but as a man of sense - wonderful character - the kind fitted to be a examiner so 2

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5 Sep 2 etc

My own Experience.
Moved 2 find - intellect as
clear - purposes as noble 2
as tenaciously held - Charac-
ter as sound - spirit as pure
as free from selfishness grey
2 matter.

Conclusion - best of us -
Our problem to make of him.
How can it be done?
How did L. develop as he did
politically? how develop that
faith in Dem - that under-
standing of its principles - that
clarity of expression - that
humor - that tolerance 2
sympathy mile-humanity.

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To understand lives go back to his start - no accident - 7th of his lives in this country - Inheritance of a great family achievement.

Puritans at start - puritans who persecuted Quakers 2 Baptists - 2

Pioneers who land sail 2 opened lands -

Lives of Independence - freedom.

Helped free land 2 to make its laws.

L. fortunate in being born. Close to bulk of Constitution. Heard it discussed - understood it to be a strong to be worked out

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Early grasped something
we do not always see -
If Democracy wins 2 years
it is ~~by~~ the effects of
citizen - demand it do
everything for us - make
no mistakes - L 2 are
it - nobed 2 escaped mis-
rates in proportion to in-
telligence of citizen -
Must be education -
Suppt to educate himself
for a citizen - Nah - Nah - Nah -

Requires character - must have
it for realization of scheme -
Ideal of what a man
should be. ~~Be~~ Got it from

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Place of Bible in pioneer household
L. knew bit - Biblical phases -
use in repartee - Cornwallis -
Silver & gold etc

8 & 4 -
L. found in
~~Different~~ Bible ~~for~~ ~~L. different~~ a very
teaching from those about him.
Literal & crude ceremonies -
feet - washing -
1st Idea that - Bible swept
the Bosketurel of man - 2 he
saw that - acted poetically
only by Democracy

2 Required a certain kind
of man - the Biblical man -
tolerant - direct - dealing -
cannot - see God & Mammon
- co operate - Mercifull -

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This young man - bent on education
& character - ambitious for
politics - natural politician -
What was to become of his
ideas of intellectual integrity &
Biblical character in politics
Coming of Him - 1823 -
Political course - developed at
once - might expect fly over health
Practical - Dem simplicity to
sen people whose suffrage he
sought - great proof of common
sense - Get snags out of
Cayanna
Begin at home -

Build-up code of principles &
Practices

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Continued practical —
Grew — Self correcting

Propriety — Contempt

Frankness — Could not 2 Nonsolid
keep still — must be some proper
industrial Mine be stood —
Imperilled his political life
at start by insisting on
stating his position when
he might very well have kept
still —

Plunged him finally into
fight — against extension of
slavery.

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