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Wouster, Ohio: April 14, 1897

My Dear Friend;

Advices from Washington indicate that the Alaska appointment will be made very soon. My "Manager", Dr. J. B. Campbell, of Ala, O, was here yesterday, and we consulted what should be done as the final stroke of the campaign. Dr. Campbell, who stands as close to the Pres. as any living man, is very confident of my afft. - He says that the Pres. has twice positively promised him that I should have the office, and has told other candidates that he has made up his mind to give me the place. Dr. C. says the Pres. dare not break a promise like that.

But still he thinks we ought not to cease working until the

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appt is made. Mr. Johnson of Alaska, who was District Attorney under the Harrison Administration, has lately been to Washington, and I saw ~~at~~ a newspaper item, dated Port Townsend, Wash, to the effect that "Private advices from Washington indicate that he will be the next governor of Alaska".

But that is not very alarming - as there have been half a dozen candidates just as confident.

But still it is best to be as firmly on the safe side as possible. Dr. L. thinks that a number of my best endorers, among whom you stand first, would better write private letters at once to the Pres. setting me forth again. You could tell him of your long acquaintance with me, <sup>in Alaska</sup> your views of my special fitness for the office. I have heard that Mr. Johnson is not acceptable to the missions in Alaska, and that he has been principally prominent in defending

the whiskey cases. If you know this to be the case do not hesitate to say so.

And perhaps another letter to Sen. Perkins asking him to call at once on the Pres. in my behalf, would be wise.

I do not feel nervous, but shall be much relieved when the appt is made.

The appt means a great deal to me - to see you again & take a trip with you - that is much. Then it means the higher education of my girls, freedom from debt, the relief of my dear wife from harassing cares & something laid by for the future. But it also means a great opportunity for usefulness. I am earnestly studying the peculiar questions of Alaska, & hope to be able to meet them wisely.

Please answer soon. I am looking daily for an answer to my last.

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Better state to the Pres. what  
the papers say of the confidence of  
other rival applicants for the  
governorship - as a reason for  
writing again.

I have rec'd many words from  
Alaska, praying for my success.

You might state to the Pres. something  
of my popularity.

But you will know what  
to say.

I hope to write of my success  
next time.

Yours cordially,  
S. Hall Young.