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The Highlands,

Washington, D.C.

Oct. 3, 1912.

B. J. Rosewater, Esq;

Eureka Springs, Ark;

Dear Ben:-

I received your letter of the 29th ultimo, and read, and re-read it with great interest.

I was very much disappointed in the slump at the state election in our vote in the N. W. but it seems that Roland has received, in spite of the Bull Moose movement, a considerably larger vote, than our candidate received four years ago. I regard his vote under the circumstances, as very good indeed.

I know you will be glad, when I tell you that there is no doubt that the President's prospects are improving every day. The money is coming in now in sufficient quantities to enable the management to make things hot from this on. The business interests especially is aroused, and Roosevelt's cause is surely declining. I believe, that he will draw away a large floating vote, which ~~were there~~ ^{but} two candidates, would go to Wilson, and when election day comes, the most of the republicans who are inclined to stray away, will return to the fold.

Now in regard to Eureka Springs, I am in close touch with Judge Trieber, and Mr. Holt. You can rely upon it, that the policy of the railroad as previously conducted, will be replaced by a new policy for the betterment of Eureka. The new depot building is assured. It will cost about \$15,000. and is to be commenced at once, to be built of stone. The comprehensive system of advertising will be inaugurated, and efforts made to get visitors to the Springs, from the southern country contiguous to our eastern terminal.


The great improvement in the management is marked over that of the previous management or mis-management, we might say.

By the way, what is the status of the library, and of the new post office building? If there is anything I can do at this end of the line, to help the latter along, advise me.

I hope you are well and prospering.

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As ever your friend,


Powell Clayton