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"... The Democrats in Duchess County have certainly made good
their promise to clean up conditions here. They have
certainly purged the city government of the barnacles that
clung to it and impeded it. Now it is time that they were
given a chance to do the same thing for the state. Conditions
in the state are as bad under Republican rule as they
were in Poughkeepsie before the redemption. The surest way
to start this state house-cleaning is to send to Albany
a Democratic legislature.

... If you elect me to represent you I will be a real
representative. I will devote my energy and my time to
your service alone. I will represent every one of you;
I'll be your representative every day of the 365, every
hour of the 24. That is my promise. I ask you to give me
the chance to fill it...."

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