

Fair Haven
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Mr Tourgee

Dear Sir,

From 1860 down to this
day I have devoted my whole
Energy Influence and Vote
to the full benefit of the
Republican Principals and
their advocates in office -
I have traveled and read
extensively -
and one year ago I wrote
our Senator Hawley and to
Ingalls and Foresters - the future
of certain things were not done
and that immediately -
Those predictions have now
nearly all come to pass -

and the balance are abso-
lutely sure to come =

But - full many people of my
opinion stayed as - some
let the Democrats have their
way = I did not - I still
loved = But - now I throw
up the sponge so far as I
and the Republican Party
are concerned I am done =
and I shall not stop at staying
at home but I shall go
and shall vote and work
for the Democrat Party to the
extent of my power for I
can not only cut the Rep-
ublican short - one side - but
I can give our majority and
shall = For I know that the
greatest of Criminals have
been employed with wonder-
ful success in bringing crim-
inals to justice = and the

most Profoundly Law breakers
have been used with unparal-
led success to imbure
law and order under critical
circumstances =

I have read and followed
you and you have been with
me in Book and Paper
for about a dozen years
and my experience while
travelling over 26 States
both North and South and
a familiar acquaintance
with the Whites - common
people both North and South
and the experience I have
had with Colored People
and the confidence and com-
munication with and for them
I think renders me a fit
Judge to say that you fully
understand the situation
as I see it at least - and I

have sustained a forlorn
hope long enough and know
thousands of others are in full
sympathy with me - I tell you
plainly I am done =
I know that all side shows
are but indirect supporters
of the Democrat-Circus and
I have no faith or sympathy
with them =
And finally I know that of late
good results are brought
by contrary movements =
and I propose that move-
ment - for I believe it will
bring things to be thorough-
ly understood by the masses
sooner - to once cool a
complete and overwhelm-
ing majority - Democratic
and let them show their real
heart's desire and I shall
gain all the friends I can

In this way of thinking
It's out of any love or pride
for the Democrats not the
least - for my heart would
put my hand in my pocket
and give a hundred dollars
this moment - and another
hundred the moment it was
over for the greatest mas-
sacre the world ever saw
No I have no love for them =
But the Republican Party
leaders are dead = and it's
their friends duty and busi-
ness to see them buried =
and before God it's our duty
our sacred duty for the love
we bare the noble acts
that Party performed in
its part-full manhood

to see it decently buried
away - that it may not keep
rob and vile indignities
to dim the glories of its former
career =

I'm on my way for Cleveland & the
I want - a full fledged Southern
Administration with all its
implications - with the full cor-
rupt of these conditions
I want - them to throw the volume
wide open give her full head
that the people may not
understandingly = I shall
continue to read your notes
in the Inter Ocean = and shall
enjoy them and I hope you
may be able to see your way
clear to assist at the burial
ceremony of the Republican
Entombment = and if I
was a colored man I should
if I could vote the Dem -

ocratic ticket and work for
them in full belief that it
would bring the melanicism
from the South that they
had looked for in vain
from the North - but I
must close - don't do for a
moment - think I am the only
one holding this sentiment
and that I will feel better
about it later I know of
your sincere good & true Ref-
lections why the Alliance
and the other movements are
permeated by people that are
completely disinterested and
ready to catch at any strand
But I want - my acts to count
at once and shall work for the
only dead word certainly that
they will give truth
E. M. Provenance