

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., February 14, 1891.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,

My Dear Sir:-

Your very interesting letter came duly to hand. I am much impressed with your suggestions, I am however a little timid about an organization outside the Republican party--least it might create some jealousy among leaders whose aid will be needed. Dissension in our ranks is to be avoided if we hope for success in 1892.

Protection to the American ballot, American industry, and American money constitute the trinity of propositions upon which the battle of '92 must be fought and won, as I see the situation at this time. If we cannot unite upon these principles--the battle is lost already. I will give your letter further attention when I have more time. I thank you for so frank an expression of your views.

Very truly,