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—AND—  
REAL ESTATE.

*Homestead Farm*

Near Mitchell, South Dakota Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee  
Mayville, N.Y.  
Dear Judge

I am now a subscriber  
and constant reader of the *Weekly Inter-Ocean*,  
and carefully read A. Lybrand's notes, and have  
read with deep interest your article published  
in the paper of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. on "Bop-Bopism".  
What you have said so entirely meets my views  
I drop you this note to thank you as an unbleeding  
Republican, for speaking so plainly in regard to  
"Bop" Tracy, and his methods.

The corrupt use of money in our elections is today  
the great evil of our land, and will certainly destroy  
not only the Republican party (which has done so much  
for our country), but our free institutions.  
How are we to get rid of such men as, Tracy,  
Cameron - Platt, and Dreddy, (who is a small timester  
and only competent to do the dirty work that is  
assigned him by a "Bop".) This matter has given  
much concern for the last two years, and I was

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delighted when I saw, and read your bold denunciation of the men and the methods used by them. And only wish that I had the ability as a writer and speaker that you have, that I might contribute in aiding you to put down such men, and the dishonest methods used by them. Let me beg of you to continue the good work, and all honest men will bless you.

You will see from the heading of my letter that I am now on a farm. I have done this to find employment, and hope for much pleasure in my work. I did desire a position as you are aware as Special Agent, in the Interior Department, but Mr Noble for some cause preferred others, and now has a man in this Dist who is a pupil of Dudley in political tricks. And in our last election, our Republican majority of <sup>in this County</sup> ~~ten~~ or four hundred was cut down to almost nothing, and the "Popism" of this Agent had much to do with it. I am at all times delighted to read your notes, and will be pleased to hear from you at your convenience.

Truly Yours  
E. Smith