

Spearfish, S. D. March 14th / 91

Mr A W Bourgee

Sir
I trust you will pardon the liberty I take in
addressing you though the desire for me in
reading your notes has induced me to write
you hoping you will receive it with the same
feeling I have wrote this one of great admiration
for one that dare to say to the masses the
honest convictions of his mind which I
I think is food for the soul of every Black
Republican I highly appreciate your sentiments & I
want more of my Colored friends to read it this is
about the 6th copy of your paper that I have had but
I feel that I am lower by not having it before
I wish that more of my southern friends of Color
could have this paper and just read the By standers
notes & they would not think that all the good old
Republicans was dead yet I thought when I first
commenced reading your notes I saw how the milk
& water republicans prejudiced you that you would quit
pretty soon but I see you are getting better according
to your last notes of March 3rd I some times wonder
if you was a colored man your sentiments or as
you had felt the sting they are as heart felt the major
ity of our republicans now days when the
Negro question is sprung close their mouths

tight and that subject is ~~spoiled~~ spoiled I have
no kick coming where I live for I am fairly treated
here but it is of the south I speak

Well I will close hoping you will
live long and prosper hoping your days will
be three score and ten yet with a good clear
mind to the end

I remain Yours Truly

W E Henry

I have read the Chicago News for 6 years
straight and through a friend I thought I would
try this paper this year & I am glad I made the
change