

CHAMBERS OF THE CIRCUIT JUDGE
OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHICAGO, March 17, 1891. 188

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

My dear Sir:-

I have just received your letter of the 11th, and thank you for the kind terms in which you speak of me in connection with the nomination by the Citizens organization for Mayor of Chicago. You were evidently misled by what some newspaper said. While it is true, that a committee representing the Citizens Organization called upon me to know whether I would make the race, if nominated, the nomination was not tendered. I believe, with you, that municipal government should be divorced from politics, and if I were not occupying a position, which I could not consistently surrender, I might be willing to make the sacrifice of running for Mayor, without desiring the office. Municipal government in this country, especially in the large cities, may be said to be a failure.

Very truly yours



P. S. My apology for dictating this reply is that I find it somewhat painful to handle the pen.