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Sherman co, N.Y.

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

Dear Sir:

For years I have been
one of your ardent readers
and admirers of your ability
and undoubted patriotism.

For the first time I wish you
to read a few of my thoughts,
and as I never expect to
trouble you again it will
not be hard to bear with
me, so I hope.

First I am an old time Abolitionist, very familiar with
the Tourgee affair referred to
by you in Inter-Ocean March
31st voted for Van Buren 1848,
John P. Hale 1852, Fremont
in 1856 - Lincoln 1860 and so

an down to Benj. Harrison
1898. Led a company of
brave men for nearly
three years during the war.
Am a Methodist preacher
of over 40 years standing.
In some respects it is very
certain that I am the
kind of man that suits
you well enough.
My present object in
writing is to hint to you
a thought that I do not
remember to have ever
seen hinted at by you
or any other Republican
of prominence.
It is this -
Your historical founda-
tion is weak, and al-
ways has been
It is too late now to rem-
edy the mistake - the
evil. Abraham Lin-

coln erred badly in 1861
when he ordered perpetual
confiscation of land be-
longing to rebels,
Grant erred in a similar way
in just the same way.
Reconstruction and the
three amendments show
the weakness & fail to
reach the case -
Thence Greeley and his mag-
nanimity did the country
more lasting harm than
Jeff Davis ever did.
Here you may grow irri-
tated and throw this
in the fire, but don't
forget the points. Future
experience may convince
you that these state-
ments are vastly more
true than pleasant. There

is nothing new to me
in these thoughts. For
25 years I have felt every
word of it to be painfully
true - If true - then
what? Simply the
Republican party can
never redeem the Nation,
and never will.
The South (Whites) are and
will be a unit against
it for a hundred years to
come. The South despises
it, and always has despised
it for its weakness -
want of manly vigor.
Gen. John Pope in a recent
issue of the National Tribu-
une calls attention to it
and without using this kind
of language admits the
fact. Something besides
the Republican Party

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never do the work if
it is ever done -
You may wear out your
life writing up the abuses
of the South.
What avails it? The con-
ditions neither change nor
improve. Then can it be
done at all? Possibly
it can. Two ways indi-
cate some hope.
Large investments in
manufactories might
modify things much.
But division is the main
hope. Can the alliance
divide it? If they can
the colored vote will be
used on both sides.
Republicans can never do it.
Perhaps the alliance can.
I take the National Econ-
omist and am awatching

To see which way this
swivel is going to jump.

Republicans cannot espouse
alliance doctrine, nor will
they. They get, or must get
their bulk of money from
Wall Street. So of the Dem-
ocrats. The alliance then
looks like the Providential
road to deliverance.

I shall not trouble you
to expect any answer, pri-
vate or printed. You are
too busy for such small
correspondence. All I
hope for is, to drop a valua-
ble truth in good soil that
may bring forth fruit to
the glory of God and good
of country.

Very Respectfully
J. M. Snyder