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Hillsdale County Republican Committee,

ROOM 23 WALDRON BLOCK

Hillsdale, Mich., Oct. 22^d 1880

Hon. A. W. Bourgee,

Dear Sir: I buy and read at least every Saturday's *Enter-Ocean*. I used to buy the *Tribune* but do not like its stand on the tariff, nor does it contain any articles which I enjoy reading so much as I do the "*Bystander's Notes*". I meant to hear you when you lectured here but my little boy had the croup that night so I could not go. I send clipping from *Enter Ocean* of Oct. 17th, although I don't see why there was not a blank line left for the name. If I knew the custodian of the Jim Crow Car fund think I should send a contribution. My father (who died last year) kept a station on the Underground Railroad, and we boys watched while the dusky passengers ate and rested.

As I have read your notes from time to time I have wanted to ask if there is no remedy for the Mississippi constitutional plan of disfranchising the colored people. Why may not all the Southern States adopt similar expedients, and accomplish all they wish if there is no successful resistance which can be offered? The tariff and silver questions, important though they be, cannot wholly cover the ground of national issues. I do not think the South entitled to representation in Congress for votes they will not allow to be cast and counted.

(For 8 of last 6 years either Chgo. Secy. of Republican County Committee) Very truly, E. G. Reynolds.