

The Inter Ocean.

Chicago, Jan. 21st, 1892.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee, *agent of some club or society and was told*

Mayville, N. Y. *He said in this was true and*

My Dear Judge:-- *I think that you were a very valuable specimen*

My letter of last week to Mrs. Tourgee may have had a little more fire in it than I intended. The article you complain of was written by a man well posted in New York politics and who had much of his information at first hands, who as a matter of fact had just come from New York. I think Western Republicans have a pretty fair understanding of the New York case and I notice even the Democratic papers in New York are crying out against what they do not hesitate to call an out-rage. My main thought was to warn the Bystander off the subject because of the sensitiveness all over the country in regard to it. You know as well as I that The Inter Ocean has a better opportunity to measure the feeling of Republicans than any other paper in this country. We receive scores and hundreds of letters not only from the West but from New York and other Eastern States when any question of this kind comes up and from men who talk right out in meeting. We have had several letters from New York complaining that in this fight the Bystander was not with them. One of these was from a young man who went out among his

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neighbors in the interest of your club or society and was told that you were not a Republican. He asked if this was true and he was of course informed that you were a very stalwart specimen. He was advised to write to you and I hope he did. I don't now recall his name but he lived in Cattaraugus County. His letter showed that there was a good deal of feeling certainly in his neighborhood. As I said in my letter we have tried to be fair in this matter and I do not think that we have gone too far. At all events we propose to fight it out and I think we will make Mr. Hill's friends back down or force them in a position that will contribute to their undoing. There was no annoyance on my part over your letter. You did right in writing to Mr. Nixon but as you showed such strong feeling in the matter I feared that you might carry the subject into the Bystander very much to our disadvantage and so I wrote. I think you look at the matter from a local standpoint. I have yet to see one single Republican paper that is not in harmony with The Inter Ocean on this subject. I do not share your feeling against Mr. Platt at all. He was for a long time one of the best friends The Inter Ocean ever had. I was very pleasantly impressed with him while I was in Washington in 1881 and I know that he is a man who in-

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spires very warm, personal attachments. This is personal not political.

I am glad to know that you are in better health and hope that we will soon see you in the West.

Very Sincerely,

Wm. M. Rusby