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Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 15th at hand, and on further consideration of the matter to which we have referred, I do not think it would be wise for me to make an engagement, much as I would like to do so. Having recently assumed charge of this paper, I find a great deal to do in the way of re-organizing the staff, and do not care to make any engagements now that will conflict with the reorganization work which I have in hand, but hope that sometime we may get together.

Yours respectfully.

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