

Jan. 15 - 1878

Superior Court - Seventh Judicial District, N. C.

ALBION W. TOURGEE, Judge.

Wife: I have just seen the Messenger of the  
2<sup>d</sup> day's issue which has a very long  
puff of "you &c". I will send you a  
copy - It shows most decidedly the giv-  
ing way there is in the old barriers of pre-  
judice and folly - It is very gratifying  
and not a little amusing to see it -  
These fools die hard but they are dying  
nevertheless - This man Bonvitz has been  
a most bitter traducer of me and has  
been trying to resist the public pressure  
for the past two weeks, reasoning that he can-  
not do it he makes a virtue of necessity  
and comes square out with it. I  
must allow that he does it very grace-  
fully - I have been in court about 8  
to 9 today and then tried to do  
a little at Foinette but a lawyer and  
a clerk came in and but little was  
done - I am going to bed now

I will write you soon in the  
morning - I am very glad  
that you enjoy your music so much  
and have no doubt you will sur-  
pass your own expectations - Several  
people have felt ashamed enough  
of her foolishness last winter - I have  
been showing your picture to my friends -

and it is now lying on the table - did you  
ever know that it is beautiful? I am so  
sorry that we have none of that other  
exquisite picture of you which we had  
taken in Erie - Can you not get one of  
them? Do if you can - Bowie omit -

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9-11-11

I have no time to write this morning - have just  
come in and must go off to court -  
I will get a chance at noon you must take  
what has been written for your letter -

12-30-

I am a wonder. I have got through with three  
cases today - we now take up the considera-  
tion of the longest fraud case known in  
the county - It took four days to try it  
when tried before - It is not done by  
them as yet in Qub. I shall then ad-  
journ and make tracks homeward  
court or no court - Is it not rather fun-  
ny that the first endorsement of any case  
as a judge by any public journal  
should be by a Democratic one? So  
far as I can recollect no Republican  
paper has ever dared to say a word  
in any praise or condemnation as  
a judge - Not one word of approv-  
al has ever been uttered by one of them.  
Well, there are queer things in the  
world - just read your letter of yester-  
day - Yours ever

Albin