

Osceola Public Schools.

O. A. SHOTTS, Superintendent.

Osceola, Iowa, Oct. 17, 1887

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Your favor recd. and I have to reply. My telegram was ^{as} follows: "Will give Tourgee fifty dollars. Canvassed twenty. Telegraph. Seed advertising."

If this needs explanation, will say that our high school students canvassed our town, and in the time sold only twenty dollars worth of tickets.

From which I thought we could not raise the \$75, but was willing to guarantee \$50.

I was expecting you would be here on the 21st. Oct., as stated by your letter, if you could come for the \$50; and, further, if you would come, as the time was short, I wanted you to send

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the advertising matter at once.

We understood from your letter that Oct. 21st. was the only date you could give us; as you stated that the next date would be filled at Ames, and that then you expected to go on farther west.

I think our students could have sold many more tickets with more time, but you see we were hurried, trying to get things sound by the date, Oct. 21st.

Please write me at once stating the least amt. you can come for, how much adv. matter you furnish, and your most convenient yet later date than Oct. 21st. Please give the proper pronunciation of your name
(over)

I have heard it pronounced so many different ways by people who set themselves up as scholars, that I am at a loss to know what is correct.

We wanted you to open our course of lectures, and if you can come for an hour that we can at all pay, we still desire you.

Write at once,

Very truly,

O. A. Fletts, Supt.

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