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Chicago, Jan. 22nd, 1888

Dear Mrs Tourgee,—

The following is a copy of letter sent yesterday to Judge Tourgee at Belvidere, Ill.

"We have had Beaver Falls, Pa. cancelled on us. Suppose however it will make no material difference to you. We do not like at all, but can not avoid it. Please consider the engagement there off. We telegraphed you on receipt of your letter that we could not ~~accept~~ afford to accept your terms on the California engagement. If figuring the matter up we find that we would have to average \$100 a night to make anything at all, and as we have not as yet looked the ground over, we are not in the position to take such a great risk. However it may turn out better for you than we anticipate or you propose.

We would like, and could take charge of your business commencing early in the fall as you propose, coming east from Oregon in connection with your business for the season of 1889-'90. Would this be satisfactory?"

Yours truly,

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