

The Assault

Cor. Pine & 2nd St

Seattle W.T.

January 28. 1889

Dear Mrs Tourgee

I was surprised to learn
from your letter of the 10th Inst:
that my applications to the Judge
had failed to reach him.

I gather moreover from
what you say, that you have
forgotten, or perhaps were never
aware of the true circumstances of
the case.

At the Judge's solicitation I
took \$5000⁰⁰ Stock in "Our
Continent Publishing Comp^y" at
par value, upon his representation

as President that the affairs of the Company were all solvent and prosperous, & further upon his personal guarantee that I should, so long as I held the stock, be saved harmless against any loss or depreciation in value.

You know how far the Judge was justified in making such solicitations, in his assurances respecting the "prosperous" state of the Company, & in ^{his} incapacity to make good his guarantee -

But it is not the payment of this \$5000⁰⁰ that I am seeking.

Moreover I do not wish to say anything unnecessarily to wound your feelings, or to go more fully into the history of this painful matter.

I am not making application for payment as a "creditor of the Continent", & am not alluding to any "investments" in that undertaking, however "unwillingly" the Judge may have induced me to take stock in his utterly bankrupt Company a few weeks before its collapse.

My application has reference to a personal loan to him of \$2000⁰⁰ together with legal interest thereon to date. The Judge repeatedly assured me that I should receive payment of this Bill & that I should be treated, qua this personal debt at least, as a favored creditor - in honor as well as in Law. The Special incidents attending this transaction also, it is unnecessary for me to enlarge upon.

I have waited pretty patiently all this time; the Judge may or may

would be in a position to pay me
either at once or by instalments
but whether or no I am quite
determined that the amount
shall not be "outlawed", & unless
the judge will "confess judgment"
& save me the trouble of litigation, I
shall be compelled to proceed by the
usual process of law.

I do not feel justified in delaying
these proceedings beyond a month from
this day, & therefore if I do not hear
from the judge personally by that day
the matter must take its course.

It seems to me that much trouble &
annoyance might be saved if the judge
received & replied to my letters.

If I do not hear from him or know
his address, I must of course advertise
in the Eastern & Western papers & set
out shortly my reasons for so doing, as
I am quite determined to place
matters on a legal basis.

Yours sincerely

A. E. Gray.