

Mayville, N. Y.
Apr. 6, 1889

H. L. Clayton:

Dear Sir:

I was well satisfied some time since that your efforts in coast^{the} would be a failure and also satisfied that you were not dealing quite candidly in the matter.

While it is true that 10 or 15 engagements might be so planned on the way out and back that it might be no great loss to go and do them, yet you know as well as I, that this number scattered up and down the coast from Los Angeles to Seattle would not yield any man a farthing when time was worth four cents a day any where else. Such a circuit that might be covered within four or five weeks out from Chicago and returning to that point would barely pay, but might possibly be safe. Of course, it would be for your advantage any how; that is the point you see where a Bureau's interests and a lecturer's part company. Now, you have never told me where these engagements are, though I have asked repeatedly. From this fact, I am bound to conclude that you know they are such as I would see at once I could not profitably make. This is the natural inference from your silence.

I am sorry you are out whatever the portion of your
expense due to my proposal may be: but that does
not make me want to make you whole by getting
out myself. I proposed the matter to you assum-
ing to be an expert. I supposed you knew
'the season' there, and think you gave me a reason
to so infer. I cannot afford to break up and consume
valuable time merely for the fun of travel.

I shall go to Minneapolis for the 24th. You have not yet
informed me whether Cedar Falls is fixed or not. If
you have nothing else, I will make engagements
for the week beginning Apr. 29th in this vicinity. If
you have anything feel it in.

Now, I am not finding fault. You thought ^{it best} not to
let me know where you had engagements, and I had to
make the natural inference against your route - That is
all there is of it. If you had been a little more candid it
might have been different but I have long since learned
the truth of the Irish proverb 'It's ill buying a pig in a poke'
and if you would not let me see the pig, I certainly
would not buy skin.

Yours
A W Tourge