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Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, New York.

My dear Sir:- Pardon me for not having acknowledged your appreciated favor of some days since ere this time. Through the stupidity of the Democratic postmaster the letter was placed in my neighbor's box, and consequently delayed. I am highly delighted with your indorsement. It is a departure from the conventional form, and characteristic of its accomplished author, which makes it invaluable.

Among your large number of readers I venture the assertion that there is not one who peruses your articles on the mythical "New South" with a keener relish than myself. I came to Mississippi as a bona fide citizen, bringing all my earthly possessions with me. I labored unceasingly for the advancement of this section. Through my efforts twelve northern families located here, but luckily did not engage in any business dependent upon the people here. After months of labor I succeeded in getting the people interested in trucking, and this year, while the industry is yet in its infancy, about \$6,000 worth of vegetables will be shipped from this village, and the day is not far distant when they will be conveyed from here by train loads.

I will say that the citizens give me much credit for doing well for the place. But the crime of being a Republican, and insisting upon the right to express my sentiments, was enough in their eyes to break down my business. The statement may seem a radical one, but I venture to say, were it possible for Our Lord to be the Republican candidate for president and His Satanic Majesty the standard bearer of Democracy the Solid South would cast her vote for the latter. This may arise from the fact of their low appreciation of the teachings of Our Master

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While being exceedingly 'religious' I cannot learn that profanity, intemperance or the paternalship of numerous half-blooded children has been considered a bar to membership in the church.

Their determination to vote the Democratic ticket is shown when discussing protection last fall with a prominent politician (by the way, one of Cleveland's deputy revenue collectors) he made the statement that he would vote the Democratic ticket 'if it sank every industry in the South.'

I am now only waiting the action of the State Department. Notwithstanding my indorsements are numerous and of high character I am not sanguine of success, as I have fears that the President will be slow in giving a consulate like Ningpo, China, to so hopeless a state as this. Having paid \$2,500 for my 'hospitable reception' by the 'chivalrous' in case I fail in receiving the appointment I shall be compelled to go to 'sticking type' until I can accumulate a sufficient amount to engage in the newspaper business again.

I pray that these Southern office holders may be removed at once regardless of civil service reform. They are now holding their positions by virtue of having rendered service to Democracy by stealing Republican votes, stuffing the ballot boxes and intimidating voters. Their reward for such work is an election to the legislature or appointment to office when their party is in power.

I have sent you several papers which may be of interest to you, and will continue to forward more as long as I remain in this section. Again thanking you for your kindness, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles Morse