

Normal, Ill., Jan. 26, '90.
Judge U. W. Bourque

Dear Sir:

It is with much
hesitancy that I venture to encroach
upon your time by addressing this
letter to you but I wish to ask for
a bit of information which is very im-
portant to me and which I see no
other manner of obtaining. — I wish
to prepare an oration for a contest in
our University and have chosen for my
subject "A Political Problem" in which
I mean to treat of the negro outrages in
the South. Will you be kind enough to
inform ^{me of} the date of your beginning "A by-stander's
Notes" in the "Inter Ocean" of Chicago?
Also can you cite some good works or
other newspaper articles treating of the
subject mentioned? — If you will
take the trouble, which I know it will be,
to make a reply to this soon as you

first time I shall feel deeply indebted
for the favor.

Very truly
John L. Wright,
Normal
(Normal Univ.) Ill.

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