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Elk Grove, Wis.
Aug. 29, 1890.

Albion W. Tourgee,
Maysville, N.Y.
Dear Sir;
Please accept my
thanks for your bold and truthful notes in
the Inter Ocean Aug. 21. in letter to the
U.S. Senate.   I am 40 yrs. old. I lived,
when a boy in a democratic village. I was a
democrat then. I spent much time with
a friend on a farm who was a Lincoln
boy, as we called each other. My boy
friend was a reader. I read the accounts
of Abraham Lincoln and heard about
the poor slave, My friend told me various
stories of history . I read more, saw the
Lincoln party had in it men who were
quite different men from those around me who
were democrats.   I changed my politics at once,
though all the boys of my age and the village
were Douglas boys.

I saw something good in the Lincoln party. Since I have grown to manhood I have expressed that goodness by saying that our party is a party of patriotism, intelligence, morality and in favor of freedom in everything that every individual citizen should enjoy consistent to the maintenance of popular government. I saw that the amendments to the constitution confirmed my early judgement. I never dreamed that I should live to see a congress that would refuse to furnish the necessary legislation to enforce those amendments. — especially a republican congress — but I am afraid I shall. I know young men in this town, whose parents are democrats, when they came to vote voted the republican ticket for the reason that wanted to be with the party of intelligence, progress and patriotism. a party of free speech, free vote, free schools.

Now I am almost not a republican if the elements of greatness of which we boast

have left us or as a party we
have not the stamani to stand up
and fight for what has cost so much.

I hope you will continue in
the same aggressive and consistent
manner in which you have discussed
things of such vital importance,

Please excuse my audacity to crowd
my comments and views into what
I intended a brief note of appreciation

I am, sincerely and truly, yours,

Jno. Kempshorne