

THE CRUSADER

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Hon. A. W. Toussie,
Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Sir Kind Friend -

I rec'd you
last night to send us - the Citizens' Committee -
1000 copies of your work - "Go Liberty with
Preserving" Enclosed please to find money
order for ninety dollars for same.

I presented the matter to the Committee
& they cheerfully voted to take that amount
to assist you in your labor & advance the
cause of equal rights. We expect to distribute
them - if we shall sell among our friends
&c, & will make out the amount.

I am almost ashamed not to have written
for so long - but really I could not. I shall
be very busy for three or four weeks longer
& then after that time I will have more time
& will write often & do more for the
N.C.P.A. than I have been doing.

I thank you for your kind expressions towards

I will write no more to-night
A. C. Mendenhall
New York

myself & conjectulations on my nomination - Yes
it was a great honor - but the most gratifying
part about it - was that the ~~common~~ spirit - prevalent
in the Convention was that of The Crusader. To be
sure the ~~unwarranted~~ manipulators had hold of the
machinery of the Convention, but the sentiment
& the large majority of members were with us.
It was a great victory of truth, honesty & principle
over the force of evil & corruption - the Lobby's
gold even could not prevail. But we are
not safe yet. The old corruptionists have the
machinery & we are ~~now~~ now fighting to prevent
them from having full control of the campaign
& selling us all to the Lobby. Whether we
shall succeed or not will determine whether
I will remain on the ticket - or not. I will
write you details, but not now. Meanwhile I will
say that your article in ~~the~~ ~~Saturday's~~ ~~Issue~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Crusader~~
is correct. You understand the situation well & we,
myself & friends, thank you for the help of your
powerful influence through this great paper, which
will so materially aid in placing us right before
the people of this country. Our side has been
characterized by the Lobby wing of the Repub-
lican party. It is true that we have many
of the Lobby hoodlums with us - they are beginning

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on our side - have their hands on the party machinery
but it is also true of the other or ^{Democratic} ~~Democratic~~
wing - which is a very dissimulative concern in
its following. The truth is, all the old Republican
corruptments are for the Lottery - for its boudlers.
But we hope to hold them all in check by the
force of the Republican sentiment at large. It
is a big fight, but I believe we shall succeed,
whether I remain on the ticket or not.
Individuals may sell out & work for the Lottery,
but we hope to keep the party straight - not
fanatically anti-Lottery, but in the ~~strong~~
position to take advantage of every incident
that may advance the cause of Republicanism
in the State. We are anti-Lottery, ^{the principle} ~~but~~ ^{rights} ~~but~~
rights & privileges are above the Lottery - and
therefore our interests are on the anti-
Lottery side & I believe will be so to the end.
The Lottery ~~people~~ politicians are the worst un-
scrupulous set of men - who believe that money
can buy anything, even honor & integrity.

we will teach them a lesson.

Of course my nomination was not part of the Bosses' programme - & frankly I would already have given it up if a name had not been started to make ^{me} decline or swap place with some other ~~at~~ on the ticket, because that particular position was thought to be too much for a colored man. Of course that made me sick - & ~~the~~ more I mean remain on the ticket - unless these old corruptionists refuse to ~~go away~~ ^{yield something} to decency & honesty & insist on running the whole thing in the ground for the benefit of the Lottery. ^{you can see that we have not unloaded all the mechanics.} I shall try to write soon & about many things.

I judge by your letter to Judge Walker that you have received my letter addressed to you at Riverside, Cal., including copy of the speech on law. ^{I had dropped a postal to the P.M. to forward it to you as I know that you would know that I received your photo so kindly sent me by Mrs. Touge, & you also know how much I appreciate it. I wanted to write mek acknowledgement of its receipt to Mrs. Touge during the holidays, but I was ill - Doctor said ^{I had} ~~it was~~ a touch of la grippe & was set way back in my work. I will, however, in return, send her the photo of my only child - my little girl. We are ready to proceed against the railroad. In a few days the case will be in court. Mr. Walker has sent you a copy of the affidavits he wants to have made & is anxiously awaiting your ^{own} reply. The same allegations will go in the indictment or indictment.}

I have a letter from Mrs. Touge in which she says that she has received your letter and that she is very glad to hear from you.