

St. Joseph, Missouri. June 15th 1892.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville New-York,

Dear Judge,

Your last request that I early write you in detail upon my plan of 'forward movement', was accorded a promise so to do, but I must confess that I deem it supererogation to attempt to tell you what should be done, or for me to attempt the responsibility of being more than a humble follower in this movement, beyond the expression of opinion that I expressed in my letter handed you, and for which I have almost felt like blushing since, for I sincerely feel that you know best as to all this subject matter and how best to place in train the currents that will carry on to victory the objects we would promote, and with what is here said and some observations upon current matters as they appear to me, I propose to say I must leave to you further of any action taken; but I must say I do not feel that any promise or in fact any bettering of the situation of human affairs in our country is offered by the Minneapolis Convention, for that did not undertake nor did it succeed in presenting anything either new or novel upon any question of importance to the American people, or upon the development of human interests.

Your last suggestion upon the line of memorializing congressional candidates I am inclined to the opinion must be extended to embrace all CANDIDATES for representative offices and State senator-ships for these in turn elset this order of people we find it so difficult to reach known to society and grander as the United States Senator,

who occupies a seat in a body alone devoted to 'courtesy' which in truth means a body educated to do the bidding of the 'Old Slave Driver policy' of non-interference with what the 'old south' may desire.

It is my judgment that we must assume a position that will point in a local way as much as we possibly can directly to the ballot box for the answer to all the action we ask or request, for unless we show that we are moving upon a line where results are to be gathered by that ballot we shall not succeed.

I think a proper and uniform resolution should be prepared and sent to our friends to go before all conventions, and where it is not cheerfully accorded, and promptly adopted that independent, or other action should follow.

I am fully persuaded that you now see that Harrison and Reed cannot be elected, and if such be the conviction it seems to me that our duty is to let this be emphasized as strongly as possible by the action we take so that the 'revival' of 1896 may bring with it some strong and emphasized platform, and not only this but with the man upon it true and faithful upon our lines.

I send you the Inter-Ocean upon the platform, and suggest that such intolerable blindness to what is going on requires some strong elevated fall from a large building, and I fail to find in any of the press any commendation of our line of work. I send a few names in haste, please send me some of your memorials to the Convention.

I Am Very Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. P. Teach". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.