

Montrose Colorado

Feb 20th 1893

Hon A. W. Touge

Dear Sir

I am reading with great interest your serial in the Inter Ocean out of the Sunset Sea, but I take vast more interest in the By Steuders notes. In the issue of Feb 14th you make the astounding statement that 13 negroes have been burned, and 200 lynched. Will you kindly furnish me the data for these statements. I know this is a very great favor to ask of a man so busy as you are but if you will kindly allow me to explain why I wish it you may think it worth your while to comply

I am from Chautauque County. Am
a crippled veteran and intensely
interested in our Country's welfare. We
have a large Southern Contingent
Ex rebels and their sons. They are
leaders of the professed and Control
us politically at present. I took charge
of the Republican Campaign here last
fall and reduced their majority in the
County from 400 to 160. We had to hire
one half of a Democratic paper
to do it. I am now conducting a
newspaper fight from the Standpoint
of Protection to American industry
and Equal and exact justice
to every man regardless of color
or nationality as against the
pernicious idea that the present
struggle is a union of the South
and the West against the East
represented by a Kentucky rebel
who boasts of belonging to the
Southern Chivalry and openly says
he would like to see more of
the old niggers burned. If you
will kindly furnish me the
data. I believe I can raise
such a storm of indignation

against him as to silence
him completely. What possible
reason can Harrison give
for his utter silence when such
an appalling outrage strikes
all "Customs and then right
on the heels of it to appoint Judge Jackson
to the Supreme bench. It almost makes
one doubt his sanity. What do you think
of Gresham's appointment?

If the Presidential bug has not got in his
ear he ought to make an admirable
Sec. of state but if it has he will make
a worse failure than Bayard. What can
we do to arouse the Republican party to
its full duty toward the colored race

It needs a thorough reorganization in every
County in the United States and the old
War Cry of Free speech Free press and Free men
should be the motto together with Equal and
Exact Justice to all. Excuse the length of
this letter I intended only to write a note
but I am keenly alive to our dangerous
situation

Yours very sincerely
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