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Topeka, Kansas. Feb. 27th, 1893.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee.

My dear Judge:--

I have received and read with pleasure your letter of the 22nd inst. Your guess is right. I was your pupil at the old Erie Academy, and I believe I have never had the pleasure of meeting you but once since that time, when I think we met in Washington. The constitutional and legal question which is presented in your letter is one to which I have given some thought, but I had never considered the exact phase of the question which your letter presents. It looked ten days ago as though we might be face to face with a civil war in this state but it is now averted, and the right has so far triumphed. It has been a great source of satisfaction and strength to the men who were fighting for the constitution and the laws and the principles of self-government in this state, to know that they were sustained by the opinion and sympathy of the best people in this as well as all other states. I have received a great many telegrams and letters offering sympathy and support and advice, but your letter is especially pleasing to me in as much as it calls up old recollections and friendships, and I trust that the correspondence thus begun will not end with this letter. I have mailed you one or two papers containing some matter which may be of some interest to you in connection with our troubles out here. The opinion of

the Supreme Court, as printed in yesterdays Capital, is yet to be revised by the Chief Justice, and I believe when it is finally revised and officially published it will stand as one of the most important decisions ever made by the Supreme Court of any State in the Union. I have been satisfied from what has transpired in the last two months in this state, that the dominating influences in the People's party are a menace to the stability of our institutions, and while there are a great many honest men in the rank and file of that party, yet that it is the duty of all good citizens and believers in our theory of government to combat the party as a whole, with all the earnestness that the Republican party has in times past combatted the evils which confronted it in former days.

Very truly yours,

*Geo. L. Douglas*