

# The Inter Ocean.

Chicago, Aug. 25, 1893.

Judge A. W. Tourgee,  
Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Judge:

I see by the date on your last letter, as well as the one from Mrs. Tourgee, that I am a poor correspondent. People that are continually driven are apt to be behind, and it seems to me that the work on The Inter Ocean grows more exacting as the years go by. The time I received your letter Mr. Kohlsaat was absent and I did not care to reply until he returned. I can make no more definite reply now than I did when I wrote you before. The Inter Ocean is not at all in a bad way, but we have been spending a great deal of money, and the suddenness of the panic which was disturbing all business warned us that we must at once reduce expenses. In doing that of course I could not, as I used to, follow entirely my own inclinations. It has been a fact too that, owing to the growth of small advertisements, and the great demand upon our columns by the World's Fair and things kindred thereto, our Saturday's paper has become crowded perhaps as much as any

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other edition, and we have felt compelled to suspend the time-honored department, Our Curiosity Shop. If our patrons demand the restoration of the Curiosity Shop it will probably be restored, and if a similar demand comes for the restoration of "Bystander's Notes" we should doubtless want to restore it too. Some of our people think that the novelty of the Curiosity Shop and "Bystander's Notes" has worn away. In both cases their suspension is a sort of journalistic experiment, but we really need the space that was devoted to both for news and a little light literature, as the departments in Saturday's paper have been crowding out even telegraphic news. I write you frankly and, I trust, confidentially, in this matter.

I understand that you were in Chicago a short time ago. That being the case we should like to know why you did not call on The Inter Ocean. We should have been glad to see you.

Very Truly Yours,

*Wm. Allen Neff*