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Ed. Inter Ocean:

I regret very much to observe that the I.O. has suspended the publication of A.W. Tourgee's "A Bystander's Notes." These articles voiced the sentiment of a very large Northern constituency, out side the Democratic party, which has never had any use for a "nigger" or a Union veteran. For many years the Inter Ocean has been my family paper, and I was proud of its independence in daring to publish the "Notes." Must I and tens of thousands of others lose faith in an old standby? Has the Inter Ocean abandoned the cause of justice and amended Constitution in this race problem? Mr Tourgee has not been "thrashing over old straw" in this discussion. The issues are vital and ever imminent. He was instructing the people--and they need instruction.

Yours truly,

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