

Nowalk. Ohio

Oct 19th/93

Judge Tourgee  
Mayville. N. Y.

Dear Sir

As I have noted items about your starting a paper &c in connection with J. O.'s course & from interest in subject had thought of writing to ask you if there was any fair prospect of such a good thing, any more than when the 'Citizen' was proposed, so that I could help it along if there was: & another important matter also has arisen I do so & wish to say that I had about concluded to write an article for Crusader partially disagreeing with your criticism of Republican Congressmans course on repeal &c in connection with Review & Crusader on the ground that their course as led by ex-speaker Reed himself was the only patriotic course open to them, being taken, not because the 'dictator' desired it, but from conviction that it was necessary & right & besides, that the other matters were not to be pressed this session

the democrats having not, up to time of vote made any threats or efforts as to banks, tariff or election laws & therefore the criticism was undeserved in a measure, & especially, as it bore most heavily on Mr Reed as the leader of them.

This surprised & puzzled me very much and led me to closely follow up congressional record & found tariff only named in message threateningly 'in immediate future' & in Cong. only once was any threat made, so far as I can discover, during discussion in H. Rep. before vote viz Aug 14<sup>th</sup> by Warner of N. Y. who said the D. members were 'pledged to carry out, & they intended to carry out every pledge made to the people': & Mr Boatner of Va. said 'he was glad to hear this statement'.

But I see that this simple, plain statement covers all & left the Republicans thereafter as it were without excuse, being thus given fair warning; yet Mr Reed as well as others, nearly all R., in fact, in spite of their opposition to Clev.'s proposition that the Bill

'is the chief cause of disaster,' considered it <sup>to be</sup> required by patriotism, even at the expense of Parlin's loss & with knowledge of what an utterly unscrupulous foe was to be dealt with to labor & vote as they did, not contrary or in opposition & betrayal of their constituencies, ~~as charged~~, but, alas I fear & feel sure, rather, in full accord with the feelings, views & wishes of the vast majorities of their several Republican constituencies. Where is there a Cong. Dist that would endorse & sustain its Rep. in making the election laws even, much less National Defense of National Citizenship in its fulness an issue for which financial & merely material interests be made & treated in Congress as secondary & inferior as you & I believe ought to be the case. I do not believe there is one. Neither can I see any likelihood of it unless by the judgments of God they are brought to it through their pockets, by the stopping of the wheels of business and the

loss of their own rights & privileges, safety  
& property through adoption & spread of Southern  
methods & conditions all over the land, as is most  
fitting <sup>consequence & punishment</sup>. But, enough. It is plain that we can  
- not expect what we desire until a most  
wonderful revolution occurs in the minds,  
& conduct of the people; and now let me ask,  
do you think the time is come when we  
can do most to bring about that revolution  
by refusing longer to follow such leaders or  
support the Republican Party in its present  
course to the extent of refusing to vote for  
its candidates, at this election & hereafter.  
as long as the condition lasts or more positive  
action can be taken. What is the use of  
being the <sup>tail of a</sup> <sup>dog</sup> <sup>tail</sup> of a <sup>dog</sup> <sup>tail</sup>, if it be only a <sup>dog</sup> <sup>tail</sup> <sup>dog</sup> <sup>tail</sup>  
I believe in putting first things first and  
standing by them sink or swim, leaving the  
result with God. I have left the church  
because it consorts with the oppressor and  
thrusts aside God's precepts to bring in its own tra-  
ditions & no party is my master; when it bows the  
knee to Baal I will follow Elijah's example. what  
say you Yours Sincerely Thomas Green