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United States Post Office.

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Postmaster.

Raleigh, N. C., October 30, 1893.

Dear Mrs. Tongue,

I have your letter of 28th inst. I do not know what to say to your inquiry. The News & Observer is the sole survivor of all the political newspapers to date, and a very poor thing it is - too. I do not think it a very good investment; - there notices in Democratic papers, - though I have no actual experience or data to judge by.

If you could get a notice in some of the non-political weeklies. Like the "Biblical Recorder" - Rev. C. J. Bailey - as I think you might. would it not be better? Undoubtedly the best are the Republican papers - as I'm Union Republican, of Winston, and - well - I don't know any others. I think you can judge better than I - whether a notice in News & Observer would be of value - or whether it would amount to anything if not prepared for them.

We are all well as usual. Still hold the ground stone fort - and may or may not continue to do so

until the term expires, March 7th, 1894. It is  
said that P M G Bissell told the North Carolina delegation  
who visited him, that the Raleigh post-office was the best  
conducted office in the Southern States - and if they wanted  
to file charges for his removal, they must come prepared to  
prove them. Almost enough to turn a fellow's head - isn't it?

I inclose \$1<sup>75</sup> Kindly send copy of  
"Out of the Sunset Sea."

I am very sincerely yours.

Althoff