

Altamonte Springs
Fla.

March 20th 1894

Judge Albion W. Tourgee

Dear Sir - Your letter of
Feb 9th at hand now a long time.
Three days after your address in Phila.
I was obliged to leave for Florida on
business and I have been busy &
hard at work ever since, so that
I have been unable to make any
move in aid of National Citizen
I regret being obliged to leave Phila so
soon after the iron was hot and before
a blow could be struck, I however
turned the matter over to Mr Durham
untill my return (Dr. April 1st) but
I am just in receipt of a letter
from him in which he says nothing has
been done. After the editorial in the
Standard Echo in which you so bravely defended

the management, he (Mr Durham) felt that it represented a class who were anxious to get at him personally, and who would refuse to cooperate with him, and thus the general cause be injured, this I do not believe - but it has prevented him from initiative action. If it is not too late we think there are many of that committee who will try and see what can be done. Unfortunately I am not a man of means and I am thus prevented from making a subscription for stock that would so show my own confidence in the matter that it might induce others to do likewise. You know that an artist is not generally a man of means. Will not the time for subscriptions for stock be extended?

The criticism of the Standard Echo was especially unfortunate when it said that Mr Weirs should have introduced Judge Torgie in place of Mr. Durham. Mr. Weirs is a man of very considerable means. He made a subscription towards the expenses of your address, and then refused at the last moment to pay it. He is so close fistad that we as a race can never hope to be

in the least helped by it. He lives for himself. But we are not alone in possessing such men.

I was very sorry to hear that ^{you have been} under the physician's care and hope that long ere this you may have been restored to accustomed vigor.

There is one sentence in your letter that gives us pain. You say - I want to see The National Citizen ~~before~~ before I go. While we know that it is appointed unto man once to die, yet the thought gives us pain, and we unite our prayers with thousands of others that the day may be long deferred.

We thank you for the kind words to us along our artistic line.

Yours respectfully,

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