

Fountain, Fountain Co. Ind.

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Mr. Albion W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:- I have been reading with much pleasure and I believe with profit your "Notes" in the Chicago Inter Ocean, and am especially pleased with those in the last number under the heading, The National Car-buncle. I beg to intrude on your attention long enough to express my approval and to say that ~~it~~ it seems to me the soundest and timeliest political doctrine I have seen in many a day, though it is true perhaps that when we consider a thing sound and true, it simply means that it harmonizes with our own judgment.

I am a farmer and ex-schoolteacher. I had the privilege of hearing your lecture "Give us a rest" at Covington Ind. several years ago.

My first vote at a national election was given in '88 in favor of the republicans. In 1890 I wrote a communication to our local republican newspaper the Attica Ledger wherein I criticised the attitude of the party toward industrial organizations and especially toward farmers' organizations which were at that time rapidly developing in the west. In this article I ventured the prediction that if the republican party maintained its attitude of indifference or scorn towards ~~needed~~ reforms it would in 1892 meet the worst defeat in its history. In '92 I voted for Gen. Weaver.

No doubt the remedies proposed by populists for existing evils are often crude, impracticable or unnecessary.

violent and revolutionary; but if the more experienced republican party absolutely refuses to espouse the cause of justice and the common people there is no choice but to turn matters over to the populists.

From the tone of your articles there are more populist-republicans in the same attitude as I am than I had supposed.

It may be of no particular value to you but from my heart I want to thank you for that article. Yet, judging from the majority of republican editorials which I can come at, the truths which you have told ^{and} which if heeded might save the party, will be utterly in vain so far as reform in the party is concerned.

Lord Byron divided humanity into two classes, the bores and the bored. Now best I manifest myself to

you as one of the former I will
close. But I could not refrain from
letting you know that your articles
have reached one concordant heart
in the wilds of western Indiana.

Very Truly Yours
Emory G. LaBar.

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