

For Congress. Albion W. Tourgee

To the Editor of Janestown

Of all the names that will be presented to the various Congressional district conventions for ^{the} nomination to Congress this summer and fall there is none that stands more thoroughly as the representative of Republican principles than does he who is a candidate for the nomination in the 34th Congressional district of New York - Hon. Albion W. Tourgee. There is not a Congressional district that would be more honored by his nomination, for he stands the equal of any man in public life in contending for the prime principles of the party, Protection to the American citizen and Protection to American labor. And because he is so widely known, for by reason of his public acts, ^{and} utterances I deem it a duty to aid such a worthy

aspirant for Congressional honors.

He has reached a stage in the development of the country, when such men as the Hon. Albion W. Tourgee - much celebrated for their integrity and ability - are needed in the Hall of Congress. The time was, nay, now is, when the Afro-American alone is made the subject of mob violence, his citizenship made a mockery of, and the larger part of the country men and out are disinterested spectators, with not an executive officer in the National or State rosters to uplift a hand to protect or condemn, and in some way, always alone among the white people has constantly denounced these attacks upon the American citizenship and home, and unceasingly clamored for justice, and pointed out the dangers that menace our Republic because of such attacks.

Was it not Lincoln who said that the Nation could not exist half slave and half free. So was a truism that he uttered which the American people fully realized later, when American life blood was poured out on Southern fields to preserve the Union. As the Republic could not exist half slave and half free, so neither can it exist if in nearly one half the country citizenship is made a mockery of and trampled underfoot. The Republic is already feeling this truth. Its present status, with its industrial depression and lawlessness, Cronism and socialism, are but phases of a more serious thing to come unless the Republic realizes its dangers to citizenship and applies the proper remedies.

The evil rider which our country groans can not be righted

alone on a scale to the tariff ~~into~~
 both. The main issue is deeper
 er than that of Protection in some
 industries. It lies in a protected
 citizenship, and if the Republic fails
 to hear this cry it may expect the
 pernicious ~~isms~~ of our day to grow in
 power, and if the Republican Party
 fails to act upon it, and come a-
 gain in touch with the people it
 may expect the disasters of 1880 and
 1892 to be repeated. find its strength
 gone and have to give way as did
 the Whig party to a new party, not
 afraid to attack the ~~the~~ evils that
 sap the life blood of the Republic.
 Citizenship lies at the foundation of
 the Republic. Tamper with it and we
 undermine our strength. This the
 Hon. Albion W. Tourgee has always
 contended for, fearlessly, no matter
 whether the citizen wronged was

with a back, hence by the Afro-
 Americans all over the country he is
 looked upon as a champion. His
 defence of citizenship, because ~~thus~~ ^{there} for
 he has been the most seriously affected
 by violence done to it, is greatly appreci-
 ated by them, and ^{almost} more than any other
 who will come up for nominations, they
 would like to see him honored. To them
 the nomination and election means a
 true and tried champion in a place
 where he is most needed, and whom
 southern outdoctors and their northern
 allies can not make think when he
 is in the path of duty. So many
 reforms are needed, laws to be enact-
 ed, public sentiment to be created,
 that men of undaunted courage are
 required in public places, and the ca-
 reer of the Hon. Albion W. Tour-
 see, shows him to be a man of
 the hour, and the ~~the~~ Abolitionist

Republican Party of the 3rd Con-
gressional district of New York will
honor itself, the state, and the country
by selecting him for their leader.

Wm. H. Anderson
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