

Sherman, N.Y.,

July 30, 1894.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Dear Sir - I

have talked with several of our leading men upon the subject of a public meeting in the interest of prison reform, and all agree that it would be well to have such a meeting in September.

Rev. Mr. Currie, of the Methodist church, will mention the matter in

an introductory way at
the union service next
Sunday evening.

of building a new jail.
M. E. S.

When you can let
me know the time most
convenient for yourself
please do so and I will
have due notice given.

If possible let it be upon
some other than ~~Thursday~~ ~~Friday~~
evening.

Most respectfully yours

Mary E. Simpson.

I enclose a clipping
from our "reform" organ.

The Sherman News is
favorable to the project

Good Enough.

Grand juries reports to the contrary, we believe the jail building at Mayville good enough for the present at least. There is no reason why the sanitary conditions are not as good as they would be in a new jail. Soap and water never were more plentiful in Mayville than now, and there is no law against Sheriff Jenner using all he wishes to. In fact, judging from the reports of the large number of tramps that make it convenient to obtain lodging there, we believe it the best kept in the Western New York. And there are as few prisoners escape from Chautauqua county jail as any jail in our state.

New York state, of which Chautauqua county is a part, has a new (or old) capitol building in process of (we would like to say completion, but fear it would be telling an untruth) erection that has taken and no doubt will for years to come, all the funds Chautauqua county tax payers care to invest in public buildings. The fact that the people have never taken any particular notice of the grand jury reports concerning the jail, is conclusive evidence that they had no confidence that these reports were true, and future grand juries if they are wise will be governed accordingly.

"Give us a rest."

Advanee