

# The Inter Ocean.

EDITORIAL ROOMS.

Chicago, August 13, 1894.

Mrs. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Tourgee:--

I have felt for some time that I ought to write to you personally as to the "Bystander's Notes." When I wrote the Judge as to the publication of a new series, I intended to emphasize the point that the notes should be in accord with the Republican policy of THE INTER OCEAN. If I remember rightly, I did make this point strong. Mr. Nixon said at the time that he would not publish any articles that were apparently written to find some fault with Republican leaders or with the Republican party as it now stands. The plain truth is that the party, as now organized, has no sympathy with "kickers" or "grumblers." Constant criticism in a paper like THE INTER OCEAN is charged up to some soreness or disappointment on the part of the management. I <sup>have</sup> felt for a long time that Mr. Nixon could not afford to put himself in this light before the Republican party of the West and I think you will understand that it has been very hard for either him or myself to say anything in protest, but hard as it is, I take it upon myself to write this letter, because in one sense I am responsible for the resumption of the "Bystander's Notes."

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This is the way THE INTER OCEAN management looks at the matter. We are paying the Judge a higher rate per column than is received by any other political writer in this country. The stock-holders of the paper have always objected to this, but Mr. Nixon appreciated the value of the Judge's contributions and always made a fight for him, sometimes as you know, a losing one. He has carried this point in the Judge's favor up to this time, but a more serious consideration comes up and that is the emphatic protest of the very best sentiment in the Republican party against going into a fight with the most radical newspaper of the party publishing every week inuendos and criticisms of the party management. These people say they will not stand it and instead of making friends for THE INTER OCEAN the Judge is making enemies. This ought not to be. There are hundreds of things to write about, in regard to which there will be no question. The purpose of THE INTER OCEAN is to help the party in every way. The time has come when it must be said that it will not pay for articles from the Judge, which coming as contributions from any one else, it would not publish for any amount of money. Mr. Nixon decided that he could not publish the article for last Saturday and only a part of it appeared. The proof of the part omitted is inclosed

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I hope you can find a way to make it clear to the Judge that the tone of the "Bystander's Notes" must be strongly and earnestly Republican. This stipulation is not made in any captious spirit, but as a necessity of the situation. Mr. Nixon, when he purchased Mr. Kohlsaat's interest in THE INTER OCEAN, took a heavy burden on himself. I am sure the Judge does not want to add to that burden in any way. There was never a better opportunity for criticism of the Democratic party than just now and any one wielding such a pen as the Judge has a fine opportunity for analytical, satirical and critical work. It seems to me that if he "turns his guns" on the right party, he can do us a great deal of good, but he must remember that the success of THE INTER OCEAN depends on its fight FOR the Republican party and its fight AGAINST the Democratic party.

Very Sincerely,

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