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Chicago, Aug. 20, 1894.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

My Dear Judge:--

I have had it "on my mind" for several days to write you in explanation of the omission of part of the Bystander published a week ago last Saturday. The explanation is like this. A combination of circumstances made the publication of that letter as written embarrassing to Mr. Nixon and THE INTER OCEAN. Some time when I have an opportunity to talk with you I can make a full explanation, but I do not care to enter on the subject at length in a letter. Mr. Nixon, as you know, has taken a great burden on himself in the purchase of Mr. Kohlsaats interest in the paper, and he is expected to make a straight, square fight for the Republican party. If those who are against ^{him} were afforded the slightest excuse for saying that he was luke warm in the cause, or that he was falling away from the protection wing of the party, or that he was indulging in, or encouraging criticism of the party policy, or party leaders, they would make the most of it to his injury. This is saying enough to give you a hint as to the situation and, understanding this, you will know without me suggesting it that the Bystander will help Mr. Nixon by criticizing the Democratic party rather than the Republican, and there certainly is a good opportunity

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for work in that direction.

When the change in the management took place last May it so happened that the first letter of the Bystander appeared very soon after the announcement of the transfer was made, and the politicians regarded the reappearance of the Bystander in THE INTER OCEAN as one of the incidents of Mr. Nixon re-gaining control. Since that time they have associated the publisher and editor and Bystander together, and my own opinion is that the Bystander will fight Mr. Nixon's battles best when he fights for the Republican party.

I have not heard from you personally for a long time and I hope that your health is as good as my own, and that you are enjoying your work as much as I am mine. We have talked a good deal of you lately at home because some of the folks have been re-reading "A Son of Old Harry" and "Black Ice." The girls are at home and Mrs. Busbey is down in Egypt. The daughters join me in the very kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Tourgee.

Very Sincerely,

M. H. Busbey
Managing Editor.