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Chicago Sept 1/94

Judge Albion W. Purgee —
Mayville N.Y. —

Dear Sir: —

Your article of the 31st ultimo is so nicely adjusted to the policy of the Inter Ocean that there can no longer be any difficulty in comprehending your answer to the wage earner who compared his condition with that of a bondsman. You compared yours with his, pointed out the similarity in that you were, like him, obliged to serve others for pay, and challenged him who dared, to offer you the comparison to your face, within reach of your cane.

The Inter Ocean, which, early in this democratic season of lockouts strikes and trouble, picked up somebody's funny (?) sug-

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gestion to the hungry strikers to
eat the rotten they had worn
in their hats, ~~and~~ used it to tatter,
and beyond the possibility of
further use, is now urging the ex-
pediency, as an object lesson to
doubtful voters, of a further
reduction of democratic wages.
It feasts on misery and gorges
itself with the undisputed facts
of democratic corruption and
bribery by the democratic rings
and trusts.

Your letter comes like the
announcement of the death of a
very dear friend — not unexpected,
but waited for with the hope
that it might not come.

The emancipation of the negroes
will be accomplished with that of
the whites. Its cause can wait
till after this election, and the
next, if need be.

We have heard a story
of a man who was married
suitably, maybe, maybe not, to

a brassy woman. On one occasion when she had as usual, unsuccessfully rebelled against her authority he retreated under the bed. He soon cautiously advanced his head to reconnoitre the situation but was confronted by the threating aspect and uplifted broom of his better half, whereupon he declared, at the same time quickly and prudently withdrawing his head; "There is no use tacking 'Mandy' so long as I have the Spirit of a Man in me. I will look out."

Subscribe myself very respectfully, and very gratefully, as one who has been keeped by your kindness and philanthropy.

J. O. Strader