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Hon. A. W. Tourgee

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My dear Sir:

About the middle of Aug., You may remember You asked me to assist You to a photograph of the late Col. Parsons who died here in the fever scourge of '78. I think. From friends at Madison, Wis. I find that a brother of the Col., D. B. Parsons, Esq., now resides at Fairmont, Neb. I presume through him You will readily secure the desired picture. I send You by this mail a copy of the Commercial Appeal with marked editorial. The papers talk very squarely and many of the better class of people are very apprehensive of the future if this sort of thing goes on, but there is a much larger class that seems blind to any possible future consequences beyond what may fall upon the poor negro, who, very generally, despairs of anything like justice in these or similar cases. The Bystanders notes in last Saturdays Interocean were probably not far from the actual truth.

Very truly R. J. Steele

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