Wyandot, Dec 14th 1894

Albert W. Tourgee Esq

Dear Sir

I still read your articles as they appear in the Weekly Inter Ocean with much interest, & profit. You frequently give us something entirely original i.e. away off the the adi nary line of thought, to think of; as in the Ocean of the 4 Dec. where you tell us that one of the greatest matters for which we should give thanks is that we are born white. As the heathen often say to our Missionaries when they hear for the first time "the old old story" "why didn't you come & tell us that long ago" It is an entirely new thought to me & I doubt not to perhaps all your readers, but the more I reflect upon it the more force I see in it. But this aside from my object in writing. I write chiefly to inquire

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whether you can give me or tell me where I can get a statement of the number of negroes killed by whites since the war or since the Southern whites got contrite there.
Your statement a short time since that 156 had been killed by whites since the middle of May would I think be a surprise to the public not far from one a day at the time of your statement. I suppose it is about impossible to get at this date a definite & reliable figure on the point I am after but a reliable approximation I suppose could be had. Definite figures with brief statements of conditions attending the killing in the past would now be of great help to the cause of humanity & the Negro but if that cannot be had such statements for the future seems to me would help to arouse the public conscience in behalf of the Negro. But who is to ~~dont~~ see to this matter? Your Lodge have done & are doing more than all other to keep the public informed as to the killing & the wrongs perpetrated on the Negro & there is a large class of our best people who appreciate your work.
I occasionally write for publication & my

articles almost always appear & I purpose sending to a Columbus paper "The Ohio State Journal something about the 'Negro still in politics' as you have frequently shown it can easily be made appear that the Negro is still a living factor in our politics. On the ~~basis~~ basis of the Negro this government is now being run by the Southern rebbles & hence the times we have are upon us. To our sorrow & our sad experience we know what a hand they make of it. Had we carried out our pledges to the Negro so far as human sight can go the republican party would have continued in power, & this labor rebellion & the distress & suffering among that class of our people have been avoided.

I know you are overwhelmed with letters but still I hope to hear from you & please pardon the length of this epistle

Very Truly Yours

J. G. Junkin

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P.S. I had closed but being a retired Physician I have leisure time in which to trouble my friends with my writing & venture to inflict another thought or two on you. You are a christian brother & believe in God as the Ruler of Nations & it seems plain to me that any man who believes thus & observes & thinks can see that He has a contention with us on account of our sins & chief among them is our treatment of the Negro, the desecration of the Sabbath & liquor traffic. At a National Convention of the Y.M.C.A. held in Columbus the statement was made by any Member of the R.R. division who took part, that "Sunday is our busiest day" I have just sent an article to a church paper the Herald & Presbyter (Cincinnati) using that statement as the key note in which I propose that these men move for their (rest day) by appealing in a respectful but decided words to the R.R. authorities for their rights in this Matter; failing in this I suggest that they <u>dem</u> <u>and</u> their legal rights in the case, & assume that the sentiment expressed by the American people regarding that day in the Matter of the World's Fair gives notice that they would have the

sympathy & moral support of the friends of the Sabbath & of law in such a manner; giving due notice however to the other parties that work on that day must cease.

Our R. R. men admit that could there be concert of action in this matter all trains resting that they would gain financially & any other way; because of rest their men would do more & better & safer work avoiding many of the mishaps & collisions strewing the track with wrecked property the dead & the dying.

Now Judge would it be out of your sphere to give us some thought on this matter? We cant afford to go ~~on~~ trampling down our Sabbath & this R R business is one of the most persistent widespread & defiant desecrations of that day. & in doing so rob ~~these~~ ~~[illegible]~~ these men of their rights. It would be a great boon to these men & to our people giving us a quiet rest day from this soisy business. For winting you it occur to me to call your attention to the matter &

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Make the suggestion I have made:
If your pen can be inlisted in the matter it will be a great gain & may result in stopping this trope on the Sabbath.
You have my thought about it & if no good no harm can come of it would be my intension on your precious time.

J. G. J.

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