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# The Inter Ocean

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My dear Mrs. Tourgee:

When your letter of June 13 came to hand, we were in sore distress of mind. Mrs. Busbey's brother, Mr. John S. Harvey, who had been under treatment for cancer, was prostrated with acute Bright's disease. Mrs. Busbey went to him at his home near Odin, Ill., scarcely hoping to find him alive. He lived, however, for a month but in such condition as to keep us in a state of great anxiety all the time. He died last Thursday evening, after three days of comparative comfort, following three weeks of intense suffering.

This explains why your good letter was not answered at once. I thank you for the letter and also for the privilege of reading the letters sent to Mrs. Hall which were sent to me from Ravenswood. No report of the Memorial meeting was published in the Chicago newspapers. The Inter Ocean published a notice of it, simply giving the names of the speakers. I will inclose the notice if I can find it. The editorial, "Tourgee, the Lawgiver," I send with this. I send also an editorial on Judge Tourgee

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from a Southern paper, which you will probably read with grim satisfaction.

If the proceedings of the Memorial meeting were published in the paper published in the interest of the colored people here, I will write Mr. Barnett to send you a copy. It was certainly a remarkable meeting.

I have had little or nothing to do with the management of The Inter Ocean since 1898 when I became leading editorial writer. I keep up the Curbstone Crayons, and write two or three editorials each day. I enjoy the work very much and fortunately my health has been good.

Mrs. Busbey is not very strong but she stood the strain of nursing her brother much better than we expected. Mrs. Mayhew (Grace) is very pleasantly located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her husband is a prominent physician there and she makes a good doctor's wife. Her little girl, Winifred, is growing nicely and we think she is the sweetest baby girl on the continent. Mabel, the younger daughter, is in kindergarten work in the public schools and is in her element.

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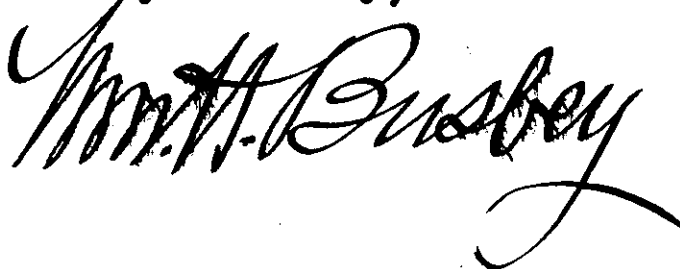
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William Penn Nixon is still Collector of the Port and is in pretty fair health. He is not in any way associated with The Inter Ocean. His brother, Dr. O.W.Nixon, died in Florida some weeks ago. I am the only one of the old editorial staff left on the paper.

All the leading newspapers, as you know, perhaps, noticed Judge Tourgee's death, but none, I think, more sympathetically than The Inter Ocean.

Mrs. Busbey, who returned with me after her brother's funeral asks to be specially remembered to yourself and daughter. We were both greatly pleased to know that the daughter was in better health..The daughters join Mrs. Busbey and myself in the very kindest remembrances to yourself and daughter and in the hope that we may see you when you return to America.

Very sincerely,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "W. H. Busbey". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes, particularly in the first and last letters.