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Miss Ida Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

You may recall my writing you several years ago in regard to a story I had heard to the effect that the Cooper Union speech that Abraham Lincoln made was a paid Lyceum lecture. My recollection is that you replied that this is true and later I believe you indicated that you might write a little pamphlet telling the story, giving the facts, and my intention was to distribute this pamphlet very widely.

I am quite certain that a short magazine article could be made of this. In a talk the other day with Carl C. Dickey, Editor of The World's Work, he was asking me about the early days of the lecture history of America and I was giving him what I regarded as some of the outstanding facts and among them I mentioned this item. He was very much interested and asked if I had any objection to writing you and asking you to prepare an article on the subject for The World's Work. I told him that I would be delighted and that furthermore I would reprint the article in large numbers, if he would permit, and give it wide distribution in connection with the extensive circularizing that I do from my office. I hope that you may see your way clear to write such an article, provided you feel that the facts known will warrant it.

In any case, I would like to have from you, if you care to give them to me briefly, the facts in regard to this historic event. I have been asked to write a series of articles dealing with my experiences as a lecture impresario and I am now getting the material together. Into one of the articles I propose to tell, briefly, the history of the development of the lecture system in America, and show how it is an outgrowth of the old New England Town Meeting. I would like to mention this Lincoln incident if it is agreeable to you.

I am leaving for an extensive trip to the Pacific Coast, which will keep me away until August, and so if you would care to write me to the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska, where I expect to be at the end of this week, I will appreciate it. Later I can be reached at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Wash.

Yours sincerely,



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