

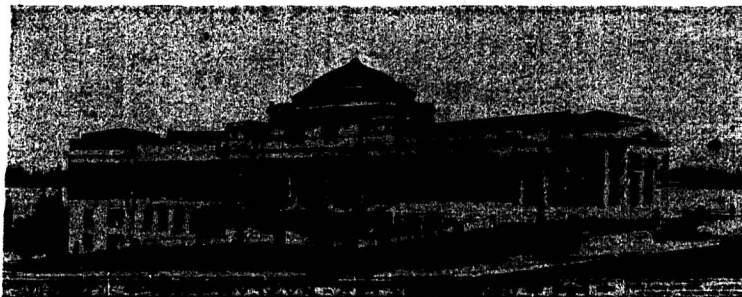
# The Ferry Museum of Tacoma

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TACOMA, WASH., June 29, 1923.

Miss Ida Tarbell,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:-

At the suggestion of

our Mr. Frank B. Cole, we are mailing to you herewith, some

prints of some of the relics we have, relating to Abraham

Lincoln. The question is often asked, "How does it happen that you have the Lincoln Valise way out here?"

X When Lincoln was first elected to the Presidency, of course Mrs Lincoln had to have some new dresses; a dress maker, neighbor was employed who had a little girl; when the work was about over, this little girl said:- " I wish that I might have some of those pieces to make clothes for my doll.

Mrs. Lincoln said "gather up what you want while I get some-thing to put them in."

She brought from a closet, this old valise, saying, "take this old thing, and never bring it back."

In course of time the valise reached Tacoma, and was deposited in the Museum by the owner.

The dress was one that was worn at Lincoln's first inauguration, by a lady who I knew as Mrs. Brewerton; that was nother name at time she wore the dress however.

The hands and face are those of Lincoln, made in Chicago when he started for Washington, for the first Presidential term.

Respectfully Yours,

*W. F. Bonney*  
W.F. Bonney, Secretary.