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My Dear Miss Tarbell.

I am in receipt of yours of the fifth. How in the world did you discover my hiding place? As to the Douglas and Seward stories, I told them both here in a lecture on Seward night before last. I do not know therefore as you would care for them now. If you do, you are welcome to them. They are a little more drawn out as I tell them. Mr. Douglas said, "I know him, better than your people know him, for I have measured him, and I tell you that he is the strongest man in your party. There will not be a tar barrel left in Illinois after to-night." Mr. Seward said, "Gentlemen, your zeal outruns your discretion. There are many of you giving <sup>this</sup> advice now. <sup>three</sup> There are three hundred <sup>three</sup> weeks hence they would be a hundred and fifty, and the next week fifty. After that only <sup>thirteen</sup> will remain."

Mr. Seeword. No, gentlemen, the Republican Party  
 was not made for William H. Seeword. But Mr. Seeword  
 out, if he is worth any thing, for the Republican  
 Party, and I believe I have still work to do. I  
 must, therefore, decline to accept your advice  
 He then told the story about the governorship of  
 N. Y. much as you know it.

Now, as much of this as you please is at  
 your service, only not alter its meaning, and  
 it is due to Mr. Seeword that his own Why  
 should appear.

With greetings this fair morning

I am,

Truly Yours

H. L. Dawes