

JOSEPH BENJAMIN OAKLEAF
MOLINE, ILLINOIS
June 29th, 1925.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
#120 - East Nineteenth St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have, for acknowledgment, yours
of the 26th, and I hasten to reply.

I have had two conferences with Mrs.
Weber as to how and what arrangement shall be made
for the storing and properly exhibiting the collection.
It is now in a deplorable state, for there are thous-
ands of items that are stored away and the public has
never seen. The only things the public is interested
in is the stove, the cradle, the chair, the bed and
then the play-bill.

I ordered thirty copies of the Monitor,
containing your Review of the Barton Life and have been
sending them around to my friends, whom I knew would
like to read them, and they are all very appreciative of
it. Mr. J. C. Thompson, whom I think you know and
who is in the office of the State Superintendent of
Public Instruction at Springfield, Illinois, and a very
reliable man and I go to him very often for confirmation
of my ideas concerning Lincoln before I will allow them
to go to the public, wrote me, "Joe, this is a very
honest review of the Barton Life and it coincides with
my view and your view, excepting we hit him a wee bit
harder, but when we have said would not look as well in
pring as what Tarbell says."

Yesterday, I was at Cedar Rapids and
left the rest of the proof for the Bibliography with
the publisher and, really and truly, I think you are
going to be very much pleased with it.

Most cordially,

JOSEPH BENJAMIN OAKLEAF.

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