

College View, Neb.,
Aug 29, 1927.

Miss, Ida M. Tarbell,

Not knowing your address, I am sending this letter to you through the American Magazine as I remember reading an article by you in this magazine. I have recently found a stone with this inscription:

A. LINCOLN

'48

As soon as I found this I procured your 'Life of Lincoln' at the local library and read up on his life. I learned that Mr. Lincoln was in Congress that year as a member of the House and from your work it would seem that he would not have had time to visit this state in the year 1848, unless Congress had a recess or he might have taken the time between the election and his second journey to Washington which does not seem likely.

Farther on in your work you state that in the course of Mr. Lincoln's speaking tour against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise he took occasion to visit the state of Kansas. Could it be possible that in either going or coming to Kansas he passed through Nebraska. Knowing that you have collected much material on Lincoln's life and that you have interviewed many persons who knew him I am referring the matter to you in the hope that you can give information as to whether this legend on the stone is or is not the work of A. Lincoln, Congressman and President.

Hoping to hear from you in regard to this matter,

I am

Yourstruly,

D. J. Weiss.

If he visited the state at this latter date, he might have placed the figure 48 on the stone to commemorate his term in Congress which was the high spot in his life up to that time.