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RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

MEEKER, COLORADO February 19 1931

Miss Ida M Tarbell

New York City

My Dear Madam:-

A recent article of yours in Colliers prompts me to write you regarding Abraham Lincoln, for which kindly overlook my frankness.

As a former resident within the circuit where the great emancipator practiced law in Central Illinois (1856-1880) I have been more or less interested in your writings for several generations past. But, getting toward the close of my existence, I thought I might have some data, not altogether new, but the originals, which might furnish you material for another chapter or two, as I have not read all what you have so far written. I have in my possession:

1) An original poster, size 29x43 inches, printed on ordinary newspaper, announcing a "grand rally" at Pekin Illinois on Tuesday October 5 1858, whereon Lincoln was the main speaker, with Wm Kellogg and Lyman Trumbull to help out; and where "the opponents of those twin cherries on a split stem, Buchanan and Douglas," would get their due.

2) A book of 268 pages, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x9 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches, entitled "Debates of Lincoln and Douglas", gotten out by Follett, Foster & Co of Columbus Ohio, containing also the preceding speeches of each at Chicago &c, in 1858 and 1859.

Kindly let me know whether you could make use of either? I can elucidate further, if necessary.

Very respectfully,

*H A Wildhack*  
H A Wildhack.