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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

It was good to hear from you and I am happy to comply with your request.

Mr. Louis J. Mackey is a friend of forty years' standing and is chief clerk to the district superintendent of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Pittsburgh, where a letter will reach him. He has always had a flair for writing, but had to work so hard to make a living at telegraphing he couldn't find the time. He and I did considerable newspaper work together when I was a resident of Franklin.

Mr. Mackey wrote two or three articles for our special edition, as I recall it. I suggested the Booth article because he had written an article about it some years ago he was not able to sell. At least, that's my recollection. Booth roomed at his grandmother's house and I think Mr. Mackey has a window pane on which Booth had cut his name with a diamond.

I do not know whether the Mackey article turned up any other information about Booth, but Mr. Mackey would know. You will find him a most agreeable person and you can depend on him.

Thank you for your kind words about The Herald. Have you seen our paper lately, with the addition of 1867 and 1887 to our Retrospective? I dig out those two years myself, though I can scarcely spare the time, and enjoy it immensely. Joe Bloss and I were talking the other day about The Herald sixty and seventy years ago and agreed it was better then than it has ever been since. If you have not seen the paper lately and will let me know, I shall be glad to send you some clippings of the Retrospective. As soon as my older son returns from Florida I intend having him frame me a better heading for it, since I think the feature is one of our best.

With kindest regards and hoping you are enjoying your work as much as ever, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. T. Stevenson

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