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Dea M. Tarbell

Dear Friend

The copy of "Over O. Young" which you so kindly sent me, was brought out to the farm by Miss Christie two days ago. I am at home in peace & quiet for a few weeks - but "for as I can see" I am all right now. Just trying to insulate my neurons with fat coatings. I started reading the book yesterday and have just finished the appendix this beautiful, cool morning. I love to be frank, and what is sometimes terrifying even to me (a fairly old man) is to see the extreme possibilities of complex events. This interesting book is a complex event. To illustrate my thought (I think 2% expressive) will be more than I can expect) suppose publishers had looked at such a book entirely as a discreet speculative event: A well known man [O.D. Young]; A presidential possibility; A life by Dea M. Tarbell; issuing at the right moment & so on and my mind wanders as I think how the young assistant in the publishing business could get his reward for foresight & good planning. Is this reprehensible? Certainly not. but my idea calls for the complete book on the other side

