

FRANK B. COLE

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TACOMA, WASHINGTON

My Dear "Miss Tarbell: Your  
dear, quaint story of "The  
Knew Lincoln" received  
read and enjoyed. I thank  
you very much indeed  
for the remembrance.

I am enclosing a  
clipping telling a story  
of Lincoln's valise. From  
Fred G. Remann a well  
known atty of Tacoma. He  
obtained it in this way: One  
of his wife's relatives assist-  
ed Mrs Lincoln in getting  
her trousseau ready to go  
to Washington. The daughter  
of this lady stopped in our  
day going home from school  
and Mrs Lincoln gave  
her a lot of scraps to make  
doll dresses of, put them  
in this valise and told her  
to keep it.

The trunk you saw in the Ferry  
Museum was one Lincoln  
gave to Herndon, his law partner.  
This we got from Mr W. O. Hardy  
a merchant of Tacoma.

I expected before this to have had  
a photo of a bust in clay made  
by a local artist. It is eleven  
feet high and to me a great  
piece of work. I have never seen  
anything pertaining to Lincoln  
that thrilled me as that. He really  
is expecting some Chicago people  
to finance him in having it put  
in bronze.

I will get the photo some day  
and forward it to you.

I have mailed you a little booklet  
entitled "What-Something", written by  
a Tacoma man. Over 100,000 copies  
have been sold and it will soon  
be on the files. I think it  
belongs in the classics and in  
the class with a message to Garcia.

Very sincerely yours  
Frank B. Cole

Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
New York