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Ida M. Tarbell.

Dear Miss;-

I have read your article in the Colliers (week Sept. 15th.)
"Why Smith gets my vote".

I sincerely believe that in a few plain words you have made
one of the best distinctions between the two parties that has ever been
made.

Man surely was created free and his destiny is in his own
hands as long as he inhabits this earth. Man does not need the fanat-
icism of prohibition to preach to him moral truths that are inherent
in every human being and which were planted in his heart long before
any shape of organized government appeared on the horizon.

It is called the "Noble Experiment"! Pray can any one bind
the conscience of man on an experiment? Are not the eternal and immu-
table laws of God beyond the pale of human experimentation?

History proves your statement that good things come from
below and this is the reason. The powers that be at the top by their
very standards their power, their conception of things are far beyond
the pale of the ordinary man below. What the powers above might think
be good for the man below are the very things that lead him to ruin.
The history of the world attests it. The greatest of failures of the
powers that be was in the destruction of the Roman Empire.

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I sincerely believe that we as a nation have achieved great things in this country but the inevitable is still far away in the distant future. We are the youngest of nations and therefore prone to "Folly".

No one dreamt when the constitution was adopted that one of the bloodiest of wars would be the fruit of its conceptions. If the framers of that Constitution could of visioned that war, the horror of it would of been so terrible so appalling that I think they would of framed it this way "all men are created equal except the negro".

Out here in the mines we are trying to live a big life in a small way. Here is a little example of what is in the air it might make you feel good.

Sometime ago my older boys brought me some buttons with the name of AL Smith and Robinson on them.

There were four small boys in the ages from six to fourteen. They went out to pick berries for me so that we could make som jam for the winter. When they brought the berries I offered them a dollar The buttons were lying on the table. They spied them and all the boys in unison cried out-Father we do not want the money if you will give us each a button with Al Smith on it we will go out and pick berries for you one more day.

When any young red-blooded American boy will forego money for a button, especially when one considers how poor he is in the

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mining towns and simply by intuition sets up on a pinnacle a man that he wants to champion then there surely must be something in the air.

The feeling that went through me is indescribable.

Thinking seriously I came to this conclusion that we as a nation are safe. Safe in the ideals that the young boys and girls are building up in their childhood to refer to and put in practice when manhood and womanhood is reached.

I for one will always champion anybody that will go out between the poor people learn to know them, become one of them and then labor and slave for the things that their hearts crave for.

Wishing you the Best returns of this reaping season

I remain

Sincerely Yours-

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