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**"LINCOLN MADE
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-IDA M. TARBELL**

"We need the educative force of hard labor if we are going to make Abraham Lincolns. The country is being ruined by steam heat and upholstered chairs. Don't pity Abraham Lincoln because he was born in poverty and had to work to get his education. Pity your own children because they have money and ease and soft things.

"Abraham Lincoln didn't have steam heat. But he had fresh air, and he had it all the time. And, oh, what fresh air does to a man. Makes him keen mentally and physically, makes him vigorous, and able to think and to work.

"Some people say that Lincoln was

not educated, because he didn't go to high school, never graduated from college. Wonder if they know what education means? It doesn't mean stuffing facts into people, forcing them to learn things. Education means leading out the powers within one. Abraham Lincoln was truly educated, because he learned to lead out the powers within himself, the powers which set him above other men, which made him the world figure he was when he was living, and which he is today."

Lincoln Trail 400 Years Old.

These unglorified truths were spoken by Miss Ida M. Tarbell, writer, lecturer, Lincoln historian, thinker, speaker of facts, critic of the world's affairs, in her talk before the meeting of the Mid-Day Luncheon club held at the Leland hotel yesterday noon in her honor. Miss Tarbell spoke to an audience of men and women which filled the banquet hall of the hotel to capacity, and held her audience throughout her talk by the force of her utterance, the value of the things she had to say, and by her real charm as a speaker.

Her subject was "The Lincoln Trail," which, she explained, dated back for

four hundred years and leads from Bingham, Mass.; where Sam Lincoln the first member of the Lincoln family in America, landed with a group of pilgrims to America when he was sixteen or seventeen years old, and leads west to Kentucky and Illinois, Springfield and Old Salem, and then to Washington and now around the world.

Miss Tarbell is in Springfield traversing this trail, which she made twenty-five years ago when she wrote her first book on the life of Lincoln. She is now gathering material for a new book, and is engaged in research in this city. She has spent much time in the Lincoln library, the state historical library, with Henry B. Rankin at the Lincoln tomb, and at the various Lincoln sites about the city, and also at Old Salem near Petersburg.

"I have been asked why I am making this pilgrimage again. People say to me, 'You have written one life of Lincoln, don't you know all about Lincoln that you can learn?' My friends, I have undertaken this fresh work, this new pilgrimage over the Lincoln trail, to his birthplace and home in Kentucky, to his home at Old Salem, and to Springfield, because I do not know enough about Lincoln.

Power Came From Within.

"There is something about this man's philosophy, some depths of his spirit, of his conception of democracy which I have not yet learned. Something so much bigger than a form of government, a social system. We have found this out in the last six years. To Lincoln, democracy was not merely a form of government, but a great human tide, coming from the beginning of things, going on and on, moving all men with some intellectual and moral force. Its basis was not economic, but moral, an educating sense which became an act-

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FIELD ILLINOIS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10

Visitors At Lincoln's Tomb

There were four pages of callers in the last two days at Lincoln's tomb.

The most distinguished guest Wednesday, was Congressman Richard Yates, former governor and son of the Civil war governor.

It was the forty-sixth anniversary on election day of the attempt to steal Lincoln's body.

Other callers were: Richard L. Smith, Chicago landscape gardener, who was out with Herbert Georg, the photographer.

Other enthusiasts were Fred L. Fish-Sene, who called with F. L. Everett.

William Patterson, the miniature painter, who has made a complete set of the presidents, was a caller Thursday.

Charles Keltner, formerly of DeKalb, and Mrs. Harry Olson, whose home is at DeKalb, were callers. The latter was accompanied by Mrs. C. F. Conlin of South Pekin.

The most distinguished caller of yesterday was Miss Ida M. Tarbell of New York, the most famous living biographer of Lincoln. She passed an hour of the tomb and extended the time after 5 o'clock and got locked in the cemetery. She was out with the Misses Brown in an automobile and Custodian H. W. Fay came to the rescue and let them out.

uating force with all peoples of the world.

"Lincoln was not 'raised up'. No power from without could have elevated him. That power came from within. Oh, my friends, if we could just find out what his philosophy was, how he taught himself these things, how he trained himself. It might have come from his mother, those nights about the fire, when she read the Bible to him. Or it might have come from the Bible. Or..... I'd like to find it."

Pays Rankin Tribute.

Miss Tarbell paid a beautiful tribute to Henry B. Rankin, now eighty-seven years old, who has lived on his couch for thirty-nine years, and who a few years ago wrote a book, "Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln," which had done more, Miss Tarbell stated, to help Lincoln students to a better understanding of Lincoln, than any other work.

"I came back to Springfield six years ago to see Mr. Rankin after I had read the manuscript of his book. He is one of the biggest souls I have ever known, with his indomitable courage under such suffering and handicap as he has endured, and he has contributed more to a real understanding of Mr. Lincoln than any other person I know."

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber presided as chairman of the meeting yesterday noon, introducing Miss Tarbell to the audience. Seated at the speaker's table

were representatives of all the leading women's organizations of the city. Rev. W. F. Rothenburger gave the invocation.

Mrs. Gary Westerberger, whose lovely voice is always enjoyed by a Springfield audience, and who is at her best in a big room such as the banquet hall of the Leland hotel, sang two songs, "Mighty Lak' a Rose," by Nevin, and "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," by Cadman, both Music Memory compositions. Mrs. Esther Skoog-Wolaver played the accompaniments.

TELLS AD CLUB OF AID TO SMALL FIRMS

How the small commercial institutions of the country are being aided in their advertising and marketing of goods free of charge, by the department of research of the Curtis Publishing company was graphically described yesterday noon by Miss Marian Goss, Philadelphia, in an address before members of the Abe Lincoln Ad club, in the Sangamo club.

Miss Goss was formerly connected with the institution, and told of the extent of the work.

Other speakers were Morris Myers of Myers brothers, and Mrs. Hal Kane Clements of the Illinois State Journal.

Mr. Myers read a report on the convention of the advertising clubs of the world, which is to be held in London, England, in 1924. He said that extensive preparations are being made by the public and the advertisers of the old world to entertain the American ad men.

Mrs. Clements gave an address on advertising that would appeal to the women buyers.

Efforts are being made by the dance committee of the club to secure the arsenal for their mask dance to be held soon, and as soon as arrangements are made the date will be definitely announced.

ONE KILLED, THREE HURT IN COLLISION

Peru, Ind., Nov. 9.—Engineer Parrish was killed and three trainmen injured today when two freight trains on the Lake Erie and Western collided head on between Peru and Denver.

The trainmen were only slightly hurt. Two of them live in Peru and one in Tipton.

Thirteen freight cars were derailed and traffic was delayed several hours.

Three Hens Stolen.

John Marx, 1039 North Eighth street, reported to police yesterday that his hen coop was entered Wednesday night and three Plymouth Rock hens stolen.

