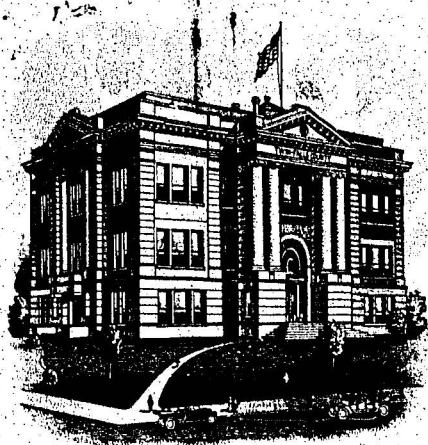




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TWIN FALLS, IDAHO. March 7, 1917.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell of America,

Provo, Utah.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

It did not seem either right or proper that I should address you simply to Provo, Utah, as though you were a resident of that place. Of course, had that place been Twin Falls, Idaho, it would be all right, for "Miss Ida M. Tarbell, Twin Falls, Idaho" sounds much more dignified and proper.

Believing that no one ever gets either so hardened or, I might say, so softened, that a few words of appreciation of work well and conscientiously done are not encouraging, I am writing to tell you of a few expressions I heard concerning you and your lecture.

After getting my breakfast, upon my return from the depot, I started up Main street and was stopped some dozen times in the course of a block by people who wished to tell me how much they all enjoyed the lecture and your informal talk at the luncheon. The men especially were enthusiastic in their praise of your lecture. One man, whom I had not noticed at the lecture said to me: "I went over as a matter of courtesy and expected to stay about five minutes and then go back to the store, because I do not care for lectures, but Miss Tarbell had not spoken five minutes before I was so interested I forgot all about leaving, and what's more, I was sorry she stopped so soon. I enjoyed it far more than I can tell you and I think Miss Tarbell is certainly a most remarkable woman." That is only an example of many conversations. And I thought my telephone would not be so busy today, with the lecture past, but it has been ringing frequently with people calling up to tell me how much they appreciated your lecture and your talk at the dinner.

And perhaps it might be a source of satisfaction to you to know that you undoubtedly have set people to thinking, and that is a far greater achievement than merely amusing them. I should rather make 100 people think than to amuse 1000. Rev. Anderson, a young minister who recently came out here, called across the street to me this morning, as I was going to the office heavily laden with flags and bunting: "Miss Warrington, I want to thank you and the Business Women's association for giving the people of this community such a treat. That lecture last night was the best thing I have heard since I left the Chicago University four or five years ago. We enjoyed it immensely." And Mr. Sweeley, who is one of the most prominent business men here, and a most excellent man, told me this morning that the next time we wish to attempt another such venture to let him know and he will enlist the support of the business men, not

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only to assist and encourage us, but for the good of the community and he said Mrs. Sweeley was intensely interested and was responsible for his waking up to his obligations to the Business Women's association. So you may see that your visit to this little place may really have "killed two birds". If we are successful in changing this one diet of comedies and vaudeville and making a mixed diet with a number of excellent lectures like your own for a more solid and sustaining food, we shall feel most encouraged, and much indebted to you.

As for myself, you have been an inspiration to me, far more so than I can tell you. I greatly appreciate your kindness and courtesy to me and the time you gave me, when you have so little time to give. Surely you must know that it is both a privilege and an inspiration for one like myself to spend a few hours, even a few minutes, with such a splendid, capable, accomplished, wonderful woman, as you are. I am most humbly thankful and grateful to you. And if I may be permitted to write you occasionally---and this request carries with it no obligation on your part to answer the letters I may send---I shall indeed be pleased and grateful.

And if at any time I may be of any service to you in gathering any data you might wish from this western state, it will be a privilege and a pleasure to do so.

Please believe me, most sincerely and in all respect, admiration and affection, and with the best of all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Jessie Warrington.

