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WILLIAM FORTUNE
INDIANAPOLIS

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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

Your letter arrived during my absence. Your acquiesence in my suggestions regarding the Kentucky trip is very gratifying; the time proposed by you is most satisfactory and I shall be delighted to have Mr. and Mrs. Rice join us. I know I shall be very much pleased with the personnel of my party. My senior daughter may accompany us. I have also invited an old friend of whom I am very fond, Mr. Young E. Allison, of Louisville, and his wife to join us. He can be very helpful, particularly at Bardstown, but, aside from that, he is a most desirable companion. James Whitcomb Riley and I, who mutually enjoyed his friendship from early days, have always regarded him as the most charming man of our acquaintance. I am sure you will like him, but I fear he may not be able to go with us on the automobile trip, as he is now under very rigid restrictions on account of impaired health.

Some days ago I asked the Indiana Automobile Club to procure for me such information as might be obtainable regarding the roads in Kentucky in which we would be interested. They seem to have "broad-casted" for the information and I have since received several communications through them on the historical question regarding routes, as well as road conditions. This department of information is under the charge of a very efficient woman, Mrs. Noblet, who has interested herself beyond all expectations. I am enclosing the latest letter from her, so that you may know of her efforts in your behalf. I perceive from your letter, however, that you have some, (if not all) of the information that she is getting trace of.

I infer that you prefer to have me meet you at Louisville on October 16th, and I shall proceed with my arrangements accordingly.

I shall be glad to have you send me your address, as you propose, so that I may be able to communicate with you after you leave New York, if there should be need to.

With most pleasureable anticipations, and with best wishes for your preliminary trip,

Cordially yours,

William Fortune

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Mr William Fortune,Prest
Indpls Telephone Co
Indianapolis,Indiana

Dear Mr Fortune:--

Herewith is the pamphlet,which is yours for two weeks use and then may be renewed if you wish.

I talked with Dr Oliver at the State Historical Society and he tells me that this embodies the ONLY "authentic" routing of the Lincoln way from by into Indiana

It is a difficult matter to "trace down" any data of this sort and involves so much loss of time and effort.....I know as for many years I did magazine and newspaper work and I am glad to be able to save you at least a little of the trouble attendant upon such efforts.

It is a real joy to serve however humbly some great work to be done....and doubtless Miss Tarbell will in this transcend her already great peaks of achievement. She is very fortunate to have your friendship and your interest in the matter.

Your appreciation of what little I can do makes the personal service for you a real pleasure Mr Fortune,so do not hesitate to command me for any needs of this kind..

Sincerely yours,
Margaret Noblet

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