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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East Nineteenth Street
New York City

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I enclose a copy of the Number Twelve
Bulletin.

You are correct in thinking that there is no record of a license for the marriage of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd on January 1, 1841. To my mind this has always been presumptive evidence that the plans for the marriage were broken before the last minute. Of course, it would have been possible for Lincoln to have delayed until very last to take out a license, so the absence of any record of the kind is not complete disproof of the Herndon story. I think, however, that if a license had been issued, there would have been a record of it, for the Sangamon County marriage license record is complete and well kept.

Sincerely yours,

Paul M. Angle.

*See Miss Tarbell's letter
Aug. 7, 1929*