

MONSIEY , N.Y.

Jan. 30, 1902 .

Miss Ida M. Tarbell ;

My Dear Miss Tarbell -

Here we are snowed in and a blizzard raging. It is only after the roads were opened that I could get this letter to you . You will therefore see that our default was in no wise one of inclination, nor is it any satisfaction to know that the loss has been all on our side. I should like to have met Hamlin Garland for whom I have a sincere admiration as a stalwart of the West. I sincerely trust that whatever disappointment you may have felt will not prevent you from keeping the same latch string out for us and be sure that at the first opportunity we shall hunt you up, if only to make our regrets more personal .

Yours Most Sincerely ,

J. P. Ellowbray