See if this was answered

Bloomington Dec. 1st 1896.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
New York City.

The nomination of Mr. Lincoln for the presidency in 1860 was much more dramatic than your account of it in the November McClure. I sat in a front seat of the gallery facing Pres. Ashmun, saw it all and remember it quite distinctly. As the third ballot progressed it was Evident that Mr. Lincoln's nomination was extremely probable. The great audience became quiet, the moment Judge Carter, the Chairman of the Ohio delegation, mounted his Chair for all felt that

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his announcement would be decisive of the Contest. He stuttered and his announcement was something like this. "Mr. Pr. Pr. President, I rise to ~~Change~~ ch. ch. change f-f-, four votes of Ohio fr. fr. from Mr. Ch. Ch. Chase to Mr. Mr." and it seemed to the impatient audience as though the last word never would come but finally with a great explosion came "Mr. Lincoln". and then ensued the pandemonium so well described by you But during it all the great delegation from New York. great in the Character of its member, as well as its Numbers sat perfectly quiet. in the midst of the Excited multitude until

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the turmoil outside when Mr. Evarts moved to make the nomination unanimous.

Permit me to make a criticism on your illustrations. It is proper that every picture of Mr. Lincoln, good, bad and indifferent of all periods of his life should be reproduced but of his contemporaries the pictures shown be contemporary with Mr. Lincoln and of the scenes or acts which they illustrate. Your pictures on the Nov. Number illustrate my point. Those of Jesse W. Fell and John M. Palmer represent them in their prime and are excellent

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but those of Genl. Oglesby and N. B. Judd are pictures of their old age & do not do them justice: the picture of Leonard Swett is Evidently of a late period of his life & is not worthy of him.

With this criticism permit me to Congratulate you on the Character of your work and the delineation not only of Mr. Lincoln but Illinois politicians of his day.

Yours respectfully

E. M. Prince

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