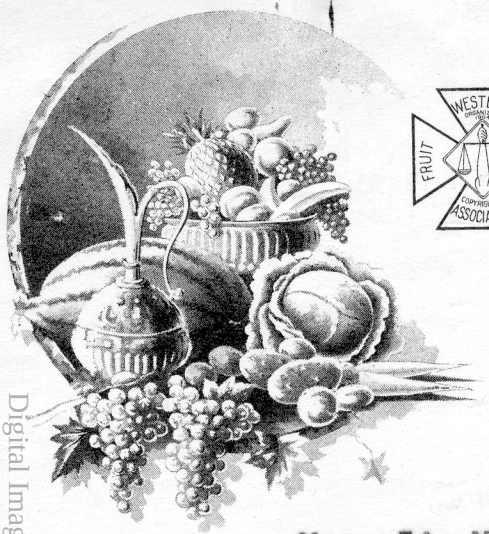
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Mrs. Ida M. Tarbell,
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Madam:

In the December number of the "American Magazine", you had an illustrated article on the work done here last winter by Henry Pauly, at what was known as the "Hotel De Gink". Not only have you written several interesting articles on the subject of the unemployed Itinerant worker, but it is widely discussed and many attempts are being made by writers to cover the subject.

Would you like a statement of the work performed this season, by an institution, which is the out-growth of the old "Hotel De Gink"? This season it is known as the "Hotel Liberty", and we have taken care of more men and served more meals and better ones in one month this season than we did in six months last season. We started out under adverse conditions but I take pleasure in advising you that we have succeeded in placing it on a self-sustaining basis.

Mayor H. C. Gill of this City, advised me personally(last Saturday)that as Chairman of the House Committee, backed up by the Commission, I had not only solved the problem of taking care of the Itinerant worker but have put it on a self-sustaining basis , and have solved the problem of removing these men from Charity and placing them where they are paying their way and the expenses of the Hotel, and they are being well fed, and in a well heated and well ventilated room.

If you should desire for your own personal information, to be used as you see fit, a statement of the work of this institution, I would be pleased to furnish you with it.

The Hotel was opened up under a commission of twenty-six citizens, a small proportion being ladies. The Commission was originally made up of nine members,

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from the Central Council of Social Agencies, of this City, and we added to this a Representative from the City Council, Board of County Commissioners, from five of the leading churches including the Roman Catholic and the Jewish, and from the different ladies organizations of the City and a few of our business men. The work has largely evolved itself upon myself as Chariman of the House Committee. Our present Manager is Henry Pauly, and he is doing excellent work.

I will await acknowledgement of this letter and be prepared to supply you with any information you may desire.

Respectfully,

J.B. Powles

Chairman House Committee
Hotel Liberty.

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