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Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I enclose the September Bulletin of the Lincoln Centennial Association, which I thought you would be interested in seeing. The letter or article by Judge Logan I had never seen before and is very interesting. I remember seeing the Judge very often. I was glad to read his statement about the total abstinence habit of Mr Lincoln, as the liquor men have tried in various campaigns to claim the opposite. I never saw my father's righteous indignation more aroused, than one morning he read in the paper that some reporter said he had seen Mr Lincoln take a four finger drink of straight whiskey. Father said that was a contemptable lie, as he knew Mr Lincoln never drank, when he would be with the grouse in his drug store, who were mostly all drinking men, as he was at that time.

Last month we again motored to Kentucky and on our way took in Nancy Hanks Lincoln's grave near Gentryville, and also again visited the Memorial near Hodgsonville, as we wanted the children to see them. We also visited Mammoth Cave, which they enjoyed greatly. My sister in law and I had been there many years ago, but enjoyed seeing it again with the children. My son took our party of eight in the large Locomobile with comfort.

I read aloud to my wife your article some time ago, I am not sure wether in McCall's or some other magazine we take, and she said, "surely Miss Tarbell does not think that way about prohibition." I must say I was considerably surprised to read yesterday that your name was included in a list of prominent people who had been lined up with the Smith crowd.

I suppose you read the cablegram from W. R. Hearst stating his reasons for supporting Hoover. I see the report from the U.S. District Attorney in the district covering New York, of what had been accomplished there, in spite of all the handicaps. The mayor of Philadelphia after the recent Grand Jury disclosures, ordered the police to close all resorts engaged in these law violations, and said, according to the papers, that he knew it could be done. If the state, county and city officers through the country would take that stand, this evil could be as well overcome, as any other. We know murder, theft and kindred wrongs are not abolished, but no one as I have ever heard, asks that the laws against them be removed from the statute books.

From 1834 until his death my father consistently voted the Prohibition ticket and never doubted the final success of the principle. I have voted the same way from 1888 to 1924 but this year will support Hoover and expect to see him elected, as he stands for the enforcement of the 18th Amendment, while Smith would tear it down, as he did the enforcement code in his own state.

In order to get your address, I referred to your letter of June 5th 1923, in reply to an error I noticed in your articles then being published in one of our papers. about Hardin. While on an entirely different subject and purpose, you said, " I cannot tell you how grateful I will be if you find errors at any time if you will immediately call my attention to them." Forgive me if I have made myself so free to speak about an action you may have carefully considered, and about which every one must decide for themselves.

I have always greatly appreciated your visit to see me when I was kept in and am now glad to say, I am fully recovered and able to resume all my former activities.

Yesterday I called on Mr George W. Brinkerhoff and found him very low. He was unconscious and the physician gave them little encouragement. He was one of the few remaining citizens, who had a personal recollection of Mr Lincoln.

All the family would join me in best wishes if they knew I was writing, and I want you to know, I will always entertain the highest regards for you, even if we may differ at any time.

Yours very truly

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