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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City.

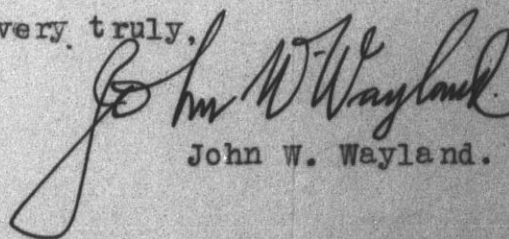
Dear Miss Tarbell:

Mrs. Wayland and I appreciate your Christmas remembrance. We were sorry not to find you at home when we called at your office last winter.

About 1912 a wild cherry tree that stood for years in the old Lincoln graveyard on Linville Creek (you will doubtless remember the place) was cut down and used for firewood. I managed to get a few sticks of it before it was all disposed of. A year or two ago I made from these sticks four gavels - hand-made and finished on the natural grain. I am offering them at \$10 each. One is in the museum of the Kansas State Historical Society. I still have the other three. If you think of any institution or society that might be desirous of purchasing one or more of these three gavels that remain I shall be obliged if you will let me know.

Mrs. Wayland joins me in kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours very truly,


John W. Wayland.