

R. J. Basch,

Probate Judge, Payne Co.

Stillwater, Okla June 22nd 1896

E. S. McClure,

New York City

Sir - Will you kindly inform me whether what is commonly called "Lincoln's Prediction" which is alleged to have been made in reply to a private letter written in 1864 to a friend in Springfield Ill. in which it is reputed as to be found the following words: "As a result of the war corporations have been enthroned, an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people, until all wealth is aggregated in the hands of the few and the republic is destroyed." ^{is your his paper or not.} The authenticity and genuineness has so often been questioned, and feeling certain you would know I now write you for the facts in the matter.

I shall be so gratefully grateful to you for a reply.

Yours Respectfully

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