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Mrs. Helen Alexander Burr,
Franklin, Pa.,

Dear Mrs. Burr:-

Your letter of August 18th reached me on my return from vacation this week, and I am very glad to hear from you on the subject of Wilkes Booth.

Last March I received a letter from Miss Ida Tarbell requesting any information I could give her on the career of Booth in the oil country. At that time I explained to Miss Tarbell I was reluctant to part with my Booth data for the reason I planned to use it in a series of articles on oil Country subjects, and that to part with the Booth data would destroy the cornerstone of this series.

However, the series has not yet been written principally because ^{of} much other work in my position with the telegraph company. But it is something I want to do as soon as conditions will give me the necessary time.

I might say that Jo Simond roomed at my Grandmother Webber's and while there he purchased the effects of Laura Keane, who had stranded at Tidouste, and placed them in the attic of Grandmother's house. From there most of the articles, except some prompt books, prayer books, etc., which I have, were carried off by souvenir hunters before I was born.

I would be very glad to see Miss Tarbell when she visits this section and will appreciate it if you will keep me advised. If inconvenient to write a telegram given to the Postal Telegraph office in Franklin will be sent to me free of charge by Manager Widel. Mrs. Mackey and I visit Franklin quite often to see her sister, Mrs. Sibley at River Ridge. Last Sunday we met your Mother at Chautauqua for a short but enjoyable chat.

Permit me to say also your Father was one of my best friends and I esteem his memory very highly.

Sincerely,

I. J. Mackey

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Pittsburgh, Pa.,