Dear Miss Michaud -

Thank you for the opportunity to read your copy and to comment upon it. In general I think it will do very well. In a way I'm sorry that the matter of the school pamphlet is being brought up again - for the publishing of that pamphlet was simply atrocity. I skimmed over it again and once again I blushed at the incredible number of mistakes the vocational class inserted into the copy, and the illustrations as equally abominable. For these reasons, I would NOT be eager to offer copies of that pamphlet to ANYONE. It is best for everyone if that pamphlet were permitted to remain in oblivion, ignored by all. So, I do not recommend we give out copies.

p. 3 par. 3 I would be even stronger in indicating that the Commission was surprised - even startled - by the rough printing of the pamphlet before the members even had a chance to proof it. Even a cursory glance would indicate that such proofing was badly needed. Numerous typographical errors do indicate that it served an educational purpose for the printing class at the High School.

Throughout your account, you make frequent reference to me - for which I thank you - but I would recommend that the copy might read more smoothly if you merely referred to "the report" or the "Commission's report" since it was really a collective product; I merely assimilated it.

The one thing I think I would recommend that you add would be on p. 17 in reference to Farwell - the manner in which Lewiston benefitted from the civil war cotton shortage by clever management by Bates et al.

Finally, I find pp. 20-21 "Credits" rather confusing and probably of limited interest for a newspaper article, so I think I'd recommend omitting those.

Overall, it reads well and should be an interesting article. I hope the paper can provide pictures of ALL the schools, as well as some of the men - this was a definite lack in the pamphlet.

Good luck. It's good to see you are keeping us all on our toes.

Cordially,

Jim Leary