

FROM A LETTER FROM F. L. BATES MAY 26, 1921.

One of the copies I cannot give you the name of the writer, which I have obtained under the strictest confidence, as you will appreciate when you read the letter. This man made statements to Mr. Koehler, the manager of the exhibit, stating that he - as well as Booth, had the confidence of Maximillian, and they made their escape from Mexico when Maximillian was executed. Now you will note in his letter he claims to have not been born until 1872, while Maximillian was executed July 20, 1867 or 68. But Mr. Koehler says he is an old man, which I think is a mistake made by this man as to date of birth, and rather indicates his feeble condition. But I will let you judge of this desultory letter, which rather adds an international purpose and conspiracy against the life of Lincoln.

I am also sending you a copy of a letter written me by Mr. Geo. E. Smith, which is self-explanatory, as well as the original of one of the two letters which I have received, and which are self-explanatory. I am also sending copy of postscript to a letter which I have received with reference to Franklin Ruddy, written from authoritative sources.

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