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Dear Ole:

I find that I have failed to acknowledge your good letter of May 4th by letter, although I did wire you my abject apology for the delay. I have been out of the office so much of late that I have thought of having the University business office just mail me my check rather than staying here to get it.

Tomorrow I am leaving for northern Kansas for a high school commencement address, and then I will go on to Lincoln, Nebraska, for our annual Big Six Conference track and field meet and our schedule-making. I will not get back until Sunday, and then on Monday will find myself trying to get caught up with the things I should have stayed home to attend to.

I have been just about one step behind in my work since I attended the state physical education meeting at Pittsburg, Kansas, then I went to Minneapolis for our sectional meeting, and then on to Chicago for the coaches and rules meeting. No sooner had I returned from that than I went to Atlanta for our National Health and Physical Education Association meeting. Prior to Easter Mrs. Allen, our youngest daughter, and I drove to St. Petersburg, Florida, and struck Atlanta on the way back.

So you see I am trying to present to you a decent alibi so that you will understand that I have not ignored your letter, but simply was not in the office long enough to dictate a reply. Now, Ole, you know I was in the office long enough to dictate a reply, but I expected to do it each time I came in and the press of this or that kept me from doing it.