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Mr. Harry W. Bouck
Chamber of Commerce
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Harry:

It was a very great pleasure for me to receive your letter of December 11th. I cannot recall all of the men and boys who have been employed on the paper during the past 50 years, but I do remember you, a bright, snappy, attractive youth, and I believe the qualities that I found in you are those which enable you to aid your Chamber of Commerce.

Barnhill was a very capable man and it is a pity that he did not have more will to control his actions. He had a lot of ability.

It would be hard for me to give any description of myself excepting that I was a chap of untiring energy and had trained myself to be almost devoid of fear. I have never dodged anyone in my life and yet I have had very few physical altercations. I think the only reason I wasn't defeated by competition and untoward circumstances was that I never acknowledged defeat. A man is never whipped until he thinks he is, and when he thinks he is, no matter how much latent resources he may have, he is entirely whipped.

I appreciate very much your good letter and hope you will drop in and see me. Doubtless you have changed a good deal in the years that have passed, so when you come in, tell me who you are if I don't happen to spot you right at the start.

Cordially yours,

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