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Mr. Hugh J. Powell
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My dear Hugh:

I appreciate very much the tribute received from you and think perhaps that it was written with the idea that we were going to include such letters in some sort of a special edition. While I may not be a modest violet, I do feel that when a man celebrates a 50th anniversary, it is pretty nearly like writing finis to the story, and I didn't want to acknowledge that I was through.

I am very fortunate in our organization, both in and out of our family, and I have always felt that if a business could not move along without its founder, it was evidence that he had not been quite as big as he ought to have been. We have tried to make the Journal-World a part of the community--in a way the heart of the community--a heart that beats with everyone who is in sorrow and a heart which thrills to the success and prosperity of others. The Journal-World is an entity in itself that I hope will continue for many, many years.

Now I am going to be honest with you. I know a great many of the newspaper men in Kansas, and I can tell you frankly that you would be included in the first half dozen leaders in journalism that would be selected by anyone having any real information on the subject. You not only are a good businessman, but you are a loyal friend of your community, a wide awake, forward looking chap and one whose friendship I enjoy. I wish I could see a lot more of you.

Again expressing appreciation for what appeared in your publication and for your letter, I remain

Sincerely and Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF