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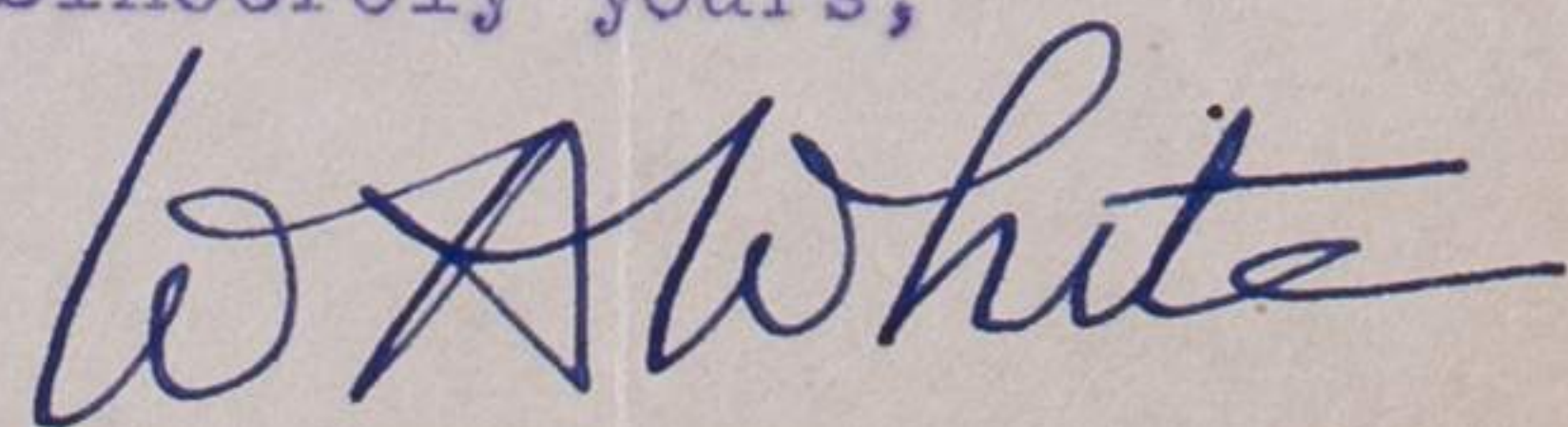
My dear Simons:

I was sorry not to see you when I was in Lawrence the other day, but I couldn't work it out. I had a good visit with Charley Tucker, and a fine hour with Judge John Q.A. Norton. What a mellow old patriot he is! I want to draft you again, as I did in August.

And now to come to the real business of this letter. For sometime I have been thinking about Harold Chase. He has been sick for a year or such a matter and of course being sick naturally would feel low in his mind. He has been in Kansas nearly forty years and has been a working force for decent things in all those years. Practically every day he has been writing editorials for the Capital, and they have been good editorials, sound and sane and fine. He has seen smaller men rise into political prominence around him, bud, bloom, and come into fruition, fade, shrivel, and fall, and has gone right on, even tempered, kind, wise and cheerful. So to show how we appreciate this fine spirit, I thought that his old friends ought to gather around him at a dinner.

I am going to take care of the dinner and I want you to come. It will be November 4, at 7:00 o'clock, at the Hotel Jayhawk. I have invited forty or fifty of his old friends, and yours and mine. We are not going to have any speeches. We are just going to meet and shake hands with Chase, and let him know by our presence how much we honor and esteem the man who came from New England in the eighties and has given his life to Kansas, his best thought, his best aspiration, and his best love. I know he thinks a lot of you; I have heard him say so. And I know he will be disappointed if you can't come. Don't send a letter, don't send a telegram, but please come. I suppose none of us will ever have an opportunity again to show him how much we appreciate his life and work in this state.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. W.C. Simons,
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