

November 22, 1943

Mr. L. F. Arnold
Route 1
Skedee, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Arnold:

It so happens that I am the Mr. Simons who employed Mrs. Mary Cherry, and I also am president of The World Company, publishers of The Journal-World.

I am very sorry to inform you that during the three and one-half months or thereabouts that Mrs. Cherry worked for us, many articles disappeared. Finally after finding our jewelry in her possession at our home, we reported the matter to the County Attorney and to the sheriff. We recovered between \$350.00 and \$400.00 worth of goods and there was an additional amount taken from the property of Mabel Schendel who had formerly been in our employ and who had left some of her things at our house. She has missed jewelry, four pairs of nylon hose that she had never worn, a half-dozen pairs of other hose, two pairs of shoes, etc. As a sweater and skirt that had belonged to her were recovered from Mrs. Cherry, it is natural to presume that she had this other property which we could not identify.

I advanced the suggestion to the county officers that it might be a mental case due to her age, and we called in the county health officer who discussed the matter with her.

We have not seen or heard from Mrs. Cherry since early in August. So far as I know her address is now unknown in Lawrence. She is an excellent worker, was kindly and considerate of Mrs. Simons, willing to work and is a good cook. She claimed to have had children in the service, but we do not know whether this is true or not because she told so many stories that were not true.

Our sheriff called the sheriff at Parsons where she had formerly lived, who reported that she had not been in trouble there. We should have prosecuted her, but have not done so. In writing you in this manner, we are giving you the information that we believe you should have.

We are returning herewith your two 3¢ stamps.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons