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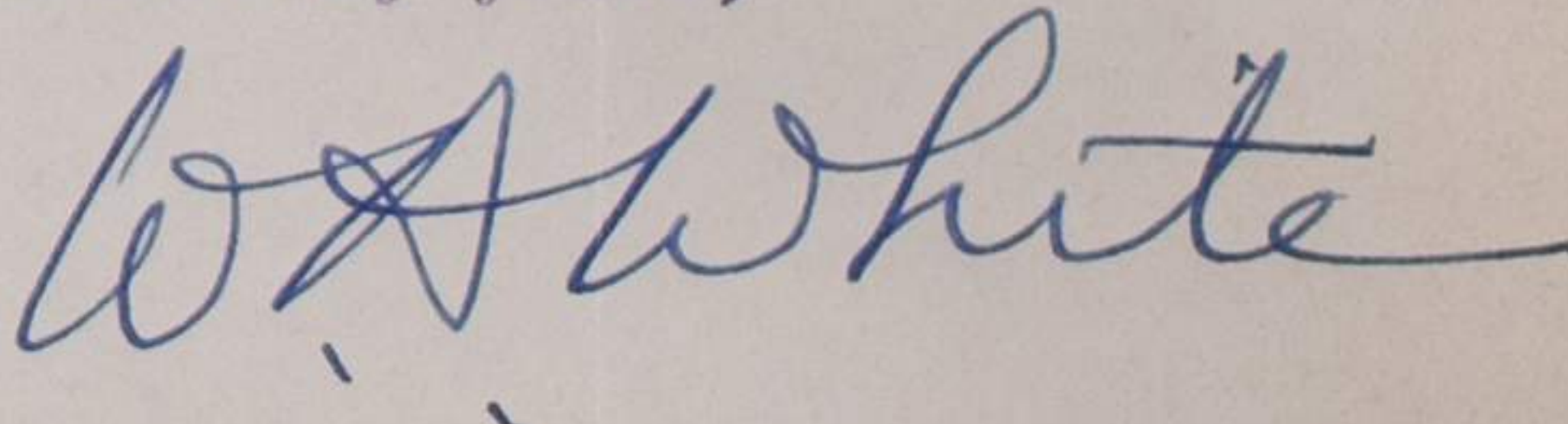
My dear W.C.Simons:

I judge from the paper that you are at home. But I am not sure about Dolph. I am, however, sending him a letter for the most part like this on the theory that I want you two men to come down to Emporia together. I have invited Jack and Ralph Harris, Ed and Gene Howe, Charley and Angelo Scott.

Now to get at the real purpose of the letter: Last week I learned that Secretary Jardine would be coming to Kansas early in September and would like to meet a group of the leading Republican editors of the state and discuss the administration's plan for agricultural relief. I immediately invited the Secretary to be my guest for dinner and promised him to invite a group of fifty or more to meet him and naturally we both felt that you should be with us. So this is a most formal invitation to dine with me at 6:30 on the evening of September 3rd--probably at my home to meet the Secretary of Agriculture, Wm. M. Jardine and to discuss with him plans for an administration farm bill. The guests will be editors--excepting that I have felt that as Editor and Statesman, Homer Hoch of the Marion Record should come. And also I have invited Senator Curtis and Senator Capper. Senator Curtis is the leader of our party in the Senate and one of the leaders in the nation. And I feel that any formal dinner given to the first member of the cabinet from Kansas should of course be graced by our Senior United States Senator. I have invited Senator Capper as a newspaper man.

Let me add to the formal invitation my earnest hope that you can come. Please let me know as soon as you can give me a definite answer, and remember that the formality of this dinner will not detract from the real pleasure I shall feel in having you see the Gazette Office and entertaining you for a few hours in my home. I wish I had a house big enough to put up all of the guests for the night. But fifty is a large order. I shall have to be satisfied to feed you if I can't "sleep" you.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. W.C.Simons,
Lawrence Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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