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Dolph, Jr. is now out of school and had an advertisement in the paper last night for yard cutting. His parents are giving him a six weeks' vacation in Colorado, but he is trying to earn his own spending money and hopes to amass \$30.00 before he goes. Both of the boys have been thrifty and have invested in bonds.

On account of the desire to limit travel by rail, I wish that you and Grayce would go thru Etoile's effects. I shall appreciate having some of the letters from papa to mamma and other things of sentimental value. I think I shall send on to you the several grips that Etoile brought to Lawrence with her. One thing that was left with me and which I deeply prize is papa's dress shirt, the one in which I think he was married. It has always been a regret to me that I did not have a greater opportunity to know and to profit by the companionship of my father.

As I have told you, I have asked Mac to see what can be done with the property in Macedonia. I think that I should be able to recover the amount paid for funeral expenses for Dr. Cowdy, but I doubt if anything more than that can be secured from it on account of the several bequests that Dr. Cowdy made in his will. Mac believes he will have to make a trip to Council Bluffs in order to look after the matter.

I had a long letter from Lillian. She does not expect to get away from home this summer. Her health has not been good, but she continues to have a kindly and philosophical viewpoint of things and is keeping her little home in repair.

I don't know of anything in the way of news to tell you, especially as both you and Grayce receive the Journal-World and know about the general happenings in the community.

Blanche's friends here certainly have been wonderful in giving parties of various kinds for her. I think that Marilyn intends completing her education at K.U., but I am not definite in my information. Pat has been doing a very successful business, and I am sure it will be fine for him to have his family with him once more. Owen seems to be doing well in Chicago, but has three months or more work still before him before entering into active service.

I certainly hope that your health will continue to improve and that you will soon be able to come and go with Charles. Gertie is of the opinion that perhaps Grayce can aid you in securing help while she is in Chicago. We have not had a great deal of success from this end.

Lots of love,

Your brother