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EMPORIA, KANSAS

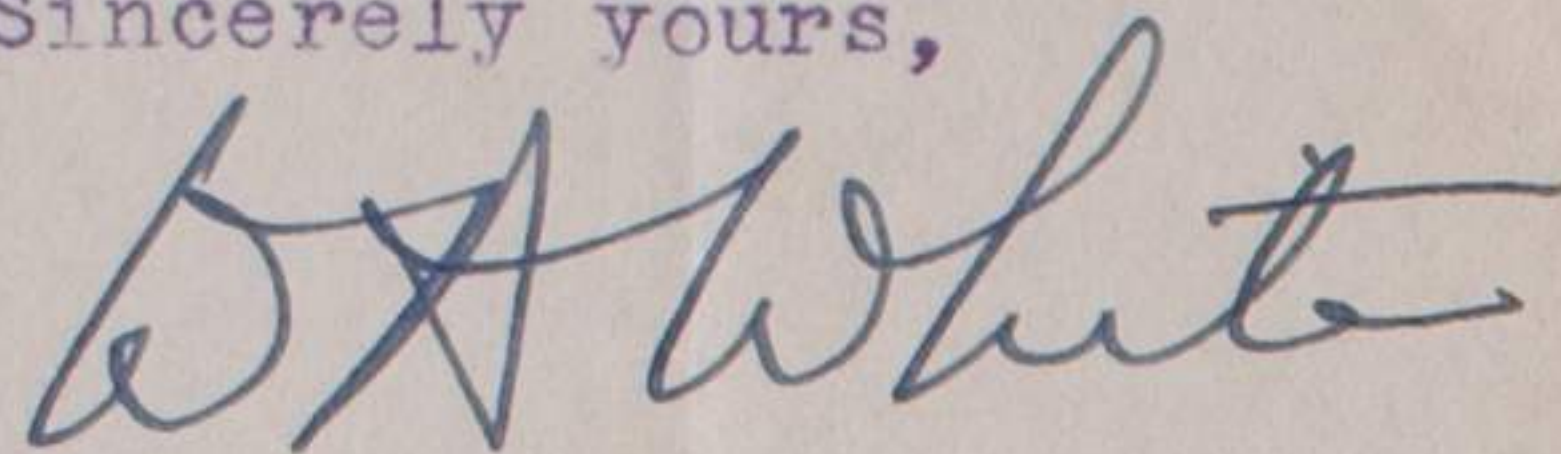
September 24, 1929.

Dear Mr. Simons:

I assume you will be in Kansas City. If not,
please wire me. I would rather have the meeting postponed
than have you not there.

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

Sincerely yours,

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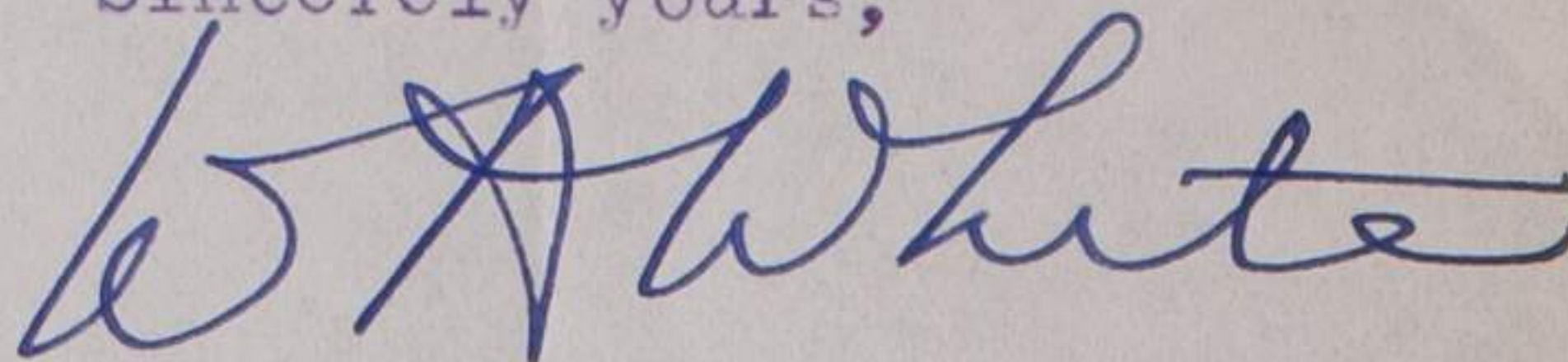
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September 26, 1929.

Dear Mr. Simons:

I wish you would write to Thompson suggesting an early meeting. I didn't get the notice that he speaks of either, and I have had three or four letters from others who claim they never received it. The Kansas City office needs some attention.

Sincerely yours,

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

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October 1, 1929

Honorable W. A. White,
Emporia,
Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

I am glad you are showing interest in the matter of the Associated Press in Kansas and think with you, that we should have an early meeting.

I saw Dan Anthony, Third, yesterday and find that The Times voted against the recent change. We therefore, have your vote, ours, George Marble and Anthony's against it that we know of, and yet Anthony stated yesterday that he had been told the same as we had--that there were but two negative votes.

I shall drop a line to Mr. Thompson.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. SIMONS

WCS:K

September 20, 1929.

Hon. W.A. White,
Emporia Gazette,
Emporia, Kansas.

My dear White:

I referred your letter of September 11th to Captain Murray who answered it on the 13th. There was one thing he omitted from his letter that I think should be called to your attention. The members of the Associated Press in Kansas have been virtually without an organization for some time, as Marble has not called a meeting in two years. We really ought to get together and talk this thing out.

It seems to us that it is much wiser to have one man in Kansas City, revising copy, than to have a man doing the same work in each of the member newspaper offices.

Marble is a fine fellow but if he is too busy to look after this, why not put your son, Bill, or some other younger man, at the head of the organization.

I shall be glad to have your opinion. Since dictating this letter we have received notice of an A.P. meeting for the near future.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:MW

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September 11, 1929

My dear Simons:-

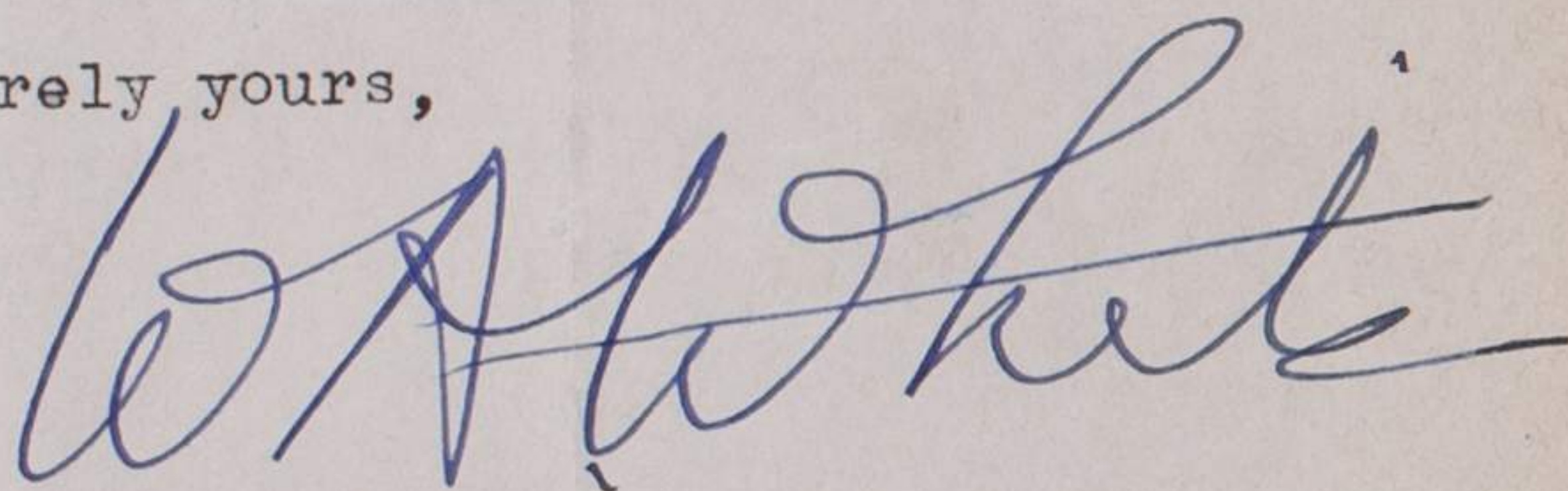
Here is a letter I have written to Milo Thompson. I think it represents your view and your experience. I wish you would write to me about it. They are making papers like ours pay for the added service to the big papers. What we should have is an editor there in Kansas City to condense some of these stories and get them out quick, and emphasize the Kansas stories. They are taking the mechanical way to do the thing, sending out a great potful of stuff instead of a small kettleful, well boiled.

I hope you are well and happy.

Sincerely yours,

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

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September 11, 1929

Dear Mr. Thompson:-

I don't much like the speeding up. It isn't for such papers as ours but more for papers like The Topeka Journal, the Oklahoma City and Tulsa evening papers and The Wichita Beacon. What we want is not longer stories but more of them, and I should like to pay extra for an editor who would prepare a service for us, featuring the Kansas news heavily, cutting out some of the heavy markets, condensing the sports and giving us more and shorter stories. You see we are limited in these country towns to an average of from 10 to 16 pages, depending on whether the town is under twelve or more than eighteen thousand population. Your stuff is intended for a paper that needs to fill from fourteen to twenty pages on an average, and we are paying for the other fellow's service, which isn't fair.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Milo M. Thompson
The Associated Press
1715 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, Mo.

waw:clh

September 23, 1929.

Dear Mr. White:

Mr. Simons has asked me to answer your letter to him on the high speed wire. I wrote George Marble, president of the Kansas AP association, a couple of times before the high speed service was installed, arguing that we did not need it. He answered that his paper and ours apparently were the only ones on the Kansas wire that did not think it would be a good thing.

Earlier in the summer I had a talk with Mr. Thompson. At that time he said the Topeka, Wichita and perhaps Hutchinson papers probably would be placed on the high speed trunk, leaving us smaller papers as we were. But he put over his sales talk on a majority of the Kansas wire later.

Mr. Thompson argued that the only way for a paper to have an "individuality" in these days was for each editor to make his own selection from all the AP could send him. It seems to us here that our individuality is largely expressed thru what we do with our local field.

With the high speed output of the wire now on our hands to be waded thru somehow, we now find that proper attention to the local field is more difficult. We have no separate telegraph editor. All stuff is handled over one desk. Even throwing away unwanted stuff takes time. And there is always the possibility that reporters will be worked on psychologically by the knowledge that on dull days there will always be enough on the wire to fill the paper.

It is pleasant to have a needed story come in fast, but that is more than outweighed in handling the ones that have to be cut down or thrown away.

Summing up the situation, a few observations that occur to the man who works with the wire and local news, which have had no weight in deciding things thus far, but which seem nevertheless to be pertinent, are passed on to you:

1. Early leads intended for publication at noon or earlier, that do not "stand up" but are replaced by later developments, are worse than useless to our one-edition paper. If we set them, we're sorry.

2. Under the slow wire we were getting two things: the cream of the news and all we could set. Anything added is bound to be of less importance in news value. If we can't set it it has no value. The only news that is worth anything to us is what the subscriber reads in the paper.

3. Thirty men in as many Kansas AP papers are now doing what one man could largely do in Kansas City--trim down the big service to our needs. Isn't that a waste of money and of time needed in the local offices for local affairs?

Our conclusion here is that the AP service is not now being handled in the best possible way to meet our needs, and it seems that we are entitled to ask that this be done.

Yours sincerely,

January 5, 1928.

Mr. Bill White, Jr.
The Gazette,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I opened your letter to Dolph thinking that it might need attention.

He is now freezing to death with the rest of the newspaper men in Miami. When he left he expected to return to Lawrence about the 17th. The cold weather may change his schedule somewhat.

I think the editorial meeting to which you refer is to be held in Wichita on the 12th and 13th or 13th and 14th, so in all probability Dolph will not be back in time to be present. I know that he is always glad to see you.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS-HM

March 17

Emporia, Kans.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

PUBLISHERS

PRINTERS, BINDERS, LOOSE LEAF SUPPLIES

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Statement of your account for the month of

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Dolph Simons

Case # 4

Duty

3:00 - Home

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March 19, 1928.

Mr. Dolph Simons,
Journal World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dolph:

Our car of newsprint reached Emporia Saturday afternoon and relieved the situation. This was before the four rolls from you arrived, and we instructed the Transfer Company to return them to you. We to pay the freight both ways.

We hope that in returning these rolls that it will be satisfactory with you. We found that you are running 34" rolls while we are using 34-1/2".

Send us the drayage charges in and out, and any other expense you may have had.

We thank you for your trouble and want you to call on us any time we can help you.

Very truly,

W. E. Hughes

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June 20, 1928.

Mr. W. C. Simons,
Lawrence World,
Lawrence, Kans.

My dear Simons:

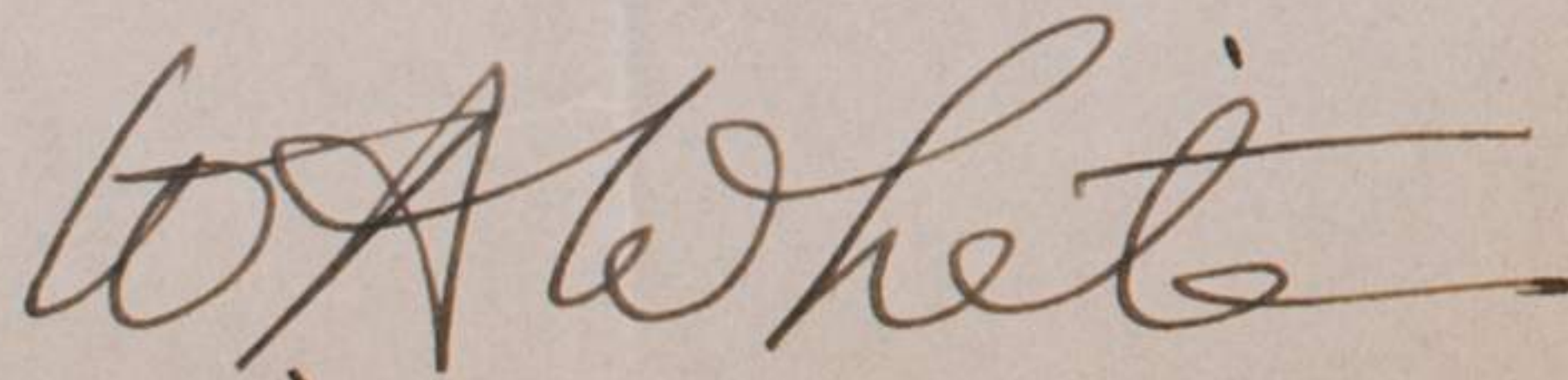
My cousin Roland Boynton, whom you may know, and of whom you have heard good reports, is a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, Position No. 5. I am tremendously interested in his candidacy. His mother and I were first cousins and grew up as children together and he came to Kansas to go to the state University and be a Kansan by choice if not by birth. He came in 1910. He is a solid, substantial citizen, and will make an ideal judge. He is doing great work in the attorney general's office and Smith told me he was the legal reliance of the place. I most earnestly hope you can help him.

I am enclosing herewith a mat made from his picture and a little editorial in the Gazette. If you could use this as a personal favor I would be duly grateful. He has no money being a young attorney of only twelve years practice. If you can do this for the good of the order I shall be happy.

Naturally this is a personal request. Yet, if I did not know that Mr. Boynton was better equipped than either of his opponents I should not be writing to you. He is a graduate of the state university in the college department and from the law department. He was twice county attorney of Lyon County and made the most successful prosecutor we have had in many years. For the last two years he has been an assistant attorney general, serving under Charles B. Griffith and Bill Smith. He enlisted at the beginning of the world war as a private, came out as a first lieutenant with a captain's commission all ready for him when the armistice stopped him. He is that kind of a man--studious, hard working, intelligent, patriotic and a loyal Republican. When I was supporting Roosevelt in 1912 he was for Taft. He is that kind--independent. Naturally he is a young man in his late thirties, but at that he is older then Chief Justice Johnston was when he came to the Supreme Court. I most earnestly hope you can support him.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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November 23, 1928.

Hon. W. A. White,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of November 16, I called the Book Nook and The University Book Store, asking each to give me a list of book buyers, which they promised to do. I called them again today and found they had neglected making the list but each promised to get out a list today.

I shall see them again in the morning and hope to send you a good list. When you use it, I shall be glad if you will refer the buyer to The Book Nook or The University Book Store, as the case may be, in sending your circular matter.

I think you are right in pushing the book now because it is particularly timely.

Sincerely yours,

WCS-HM

June 22, 1928.

Hon. W. A. White,
Gazette,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

We have had the pleasure of knowing Roland Boynton ever since he was a student in K. U., and the fact that he is a relative of yours has never been held against him. We had a story announcing his nomination, together with his picture in the Journal-World several days ago.

We shall be glad to say a good word for Mr. Boynton from time to time as we are able.

Sincerely yours,

WCS-HM

November 27, 1928.

Hon. W. A. White,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

I have had the devil's own time to get a list for you. I finally secured a short list from The University Book Store and not being able to get a list from the proprietor of the Book Nook, I have checked a number of names in the telephone directory of Lawrence. I was interested in noting that a large number of the names listed by The University Book Store have been checked by me in the telephone list.

As we have secured no cooperation whatever from The Book Nook and I understand they will not furnish a list as requested by your publisher, I am inclined to think that it might be well to put in your circular to call at The University Book Store or other book sellers in Lawrence.

I hope this will be of some value to you.

Sincerely yours,

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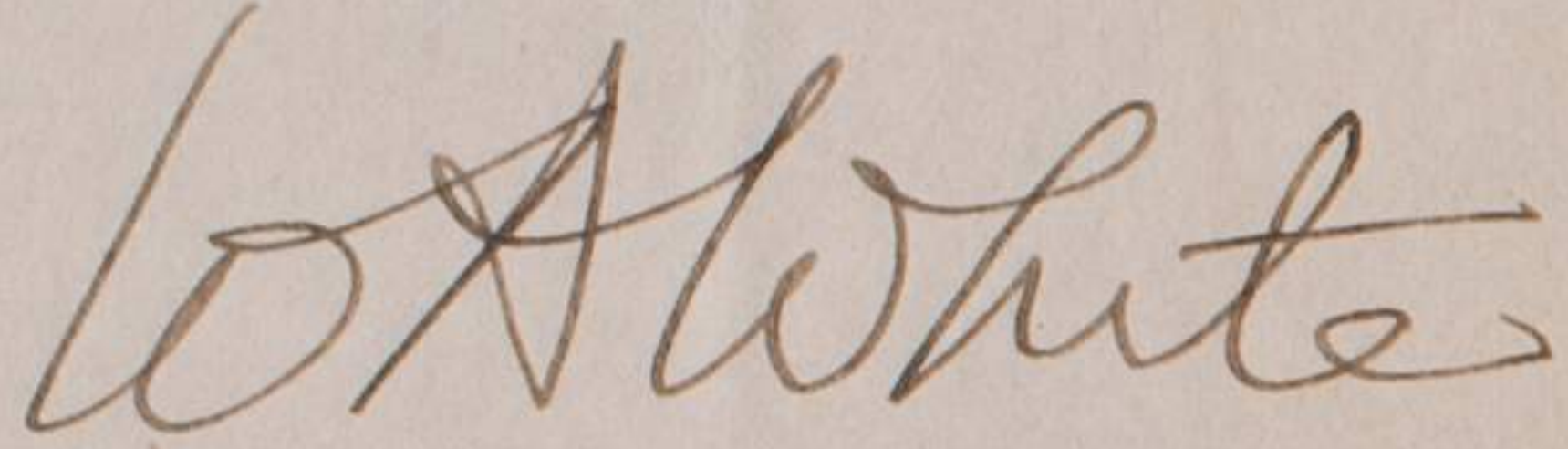
Dear Mr. Simons:

The local bookseller wants a list of the people of your town who might buy my new book. I wish you would send, in the enclosed stamped envelop, a dozen or fifteen names whom the Emporia bookseller might circularize. Book people claim if they can get names they can move books.

It may interest you to know the book is having a very good sale in the East. Eckdall-McCarty's of this town bought seven hundred and are trying to move them between now and Christmas, and I am trying to help them.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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

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November 28, 1928.

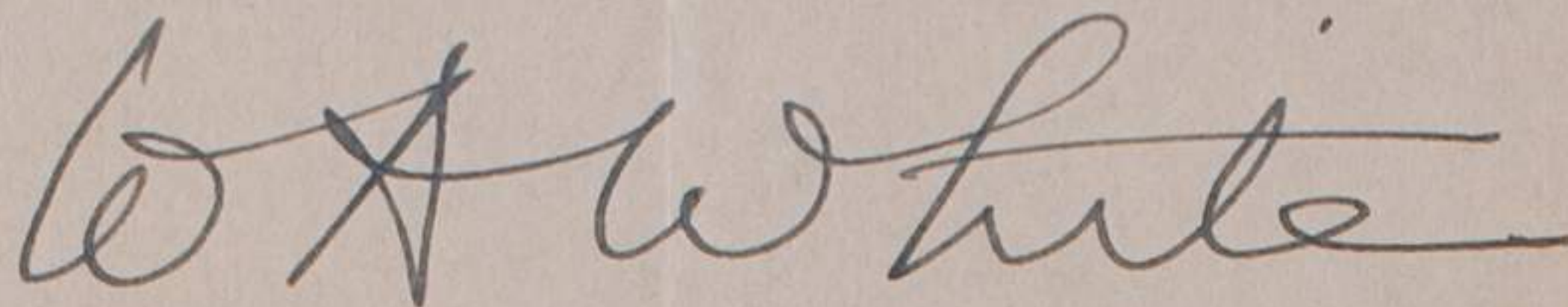
Dear Mr. Simons:

Thank you so much. I was sorry to make you all this trouble but you have been more than kind.

Sincerely yours,

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

WAW/MY,

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July 12, 1927

Mr. W. A. White,
The Emporia Gazette,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

I have your letter of July 9
addressed to my father and am pleased to
accept your invitation for dinner July 18.
If this dinner proves to be just one third
as enjoyable as the one last year it
still would be worth traveling clear across
the continent to attend.

Sincerely yours,

DS: FH

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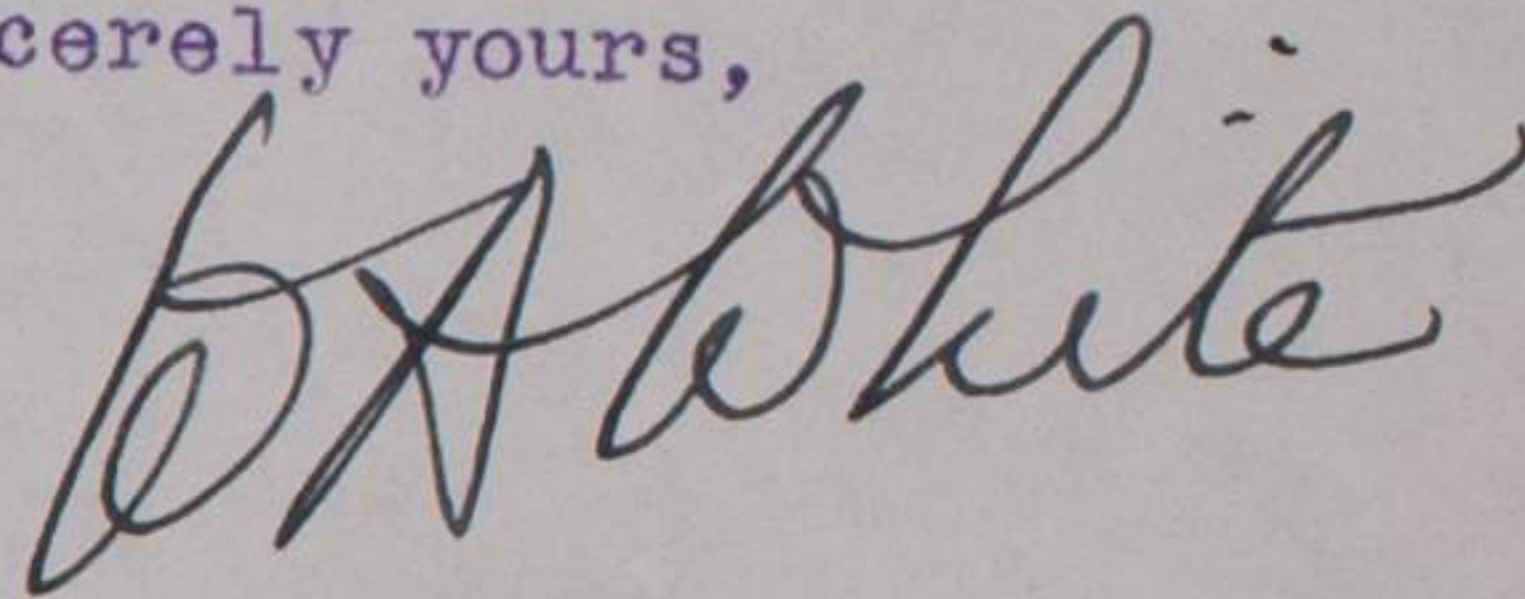
July 9, 1927.

Dear Simons:

This also goes for Dolph. I would like to see you both. I have been wanting to for sometime.

The opportunity to see you seems to be looming up in the next ten days or so. The last time I was in Washington, Herbert Hoover's right hand man told me that the President and Jardine and several others in the present administration, were greatly pleased with the way we worked out the Jardine dinner last summer and indicated that Mr. Hoover would be coming west this summer with something in his mind to tell to the Kansas editors. I took the tip and invited Hoover and have a wire from him fixing the date and he will be here July 18. So I am sending out letters to fifty or sixty of the Kansas newspaper men to come to the dinner. This is yours. Can you let me know as quickly as possible whether you will be with us? It has to be a man's dinner because of the limitations of our house, but it will not be formal and while Hoover will make no set speech, he wants to talk for a while and answer questions. The dinner will be at our house at 6:30 in the evening.

Sincerely yours,



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

WAW/MY.

May 18, 1927.

Hon. W. A. White,
The Gazette,
Emporia, Kansas.

My dear White:

I have a very high opinion of Charles Scott and believe he would make a good governor. I don't know what general strength he would have over the state but I believe the newspapers over the state would treat his candidacy kindly.

It is my opinion that the Klan is not very happy over the candidates now in the field. The belief is expressed that Alf Williams is nursing his little boom in the interest of Seth Wells. They say that Chase has the big head so bad that there is no living with him. Certain men with whom I have conferred, have expressed the belief that with many candidates in the field Ryan would secure the Republican nomination and would be defeated by Ed Hackney. These parties express the belief that if the people could unite on Clyde Reed, that he would make a strong candidate and a good governor.

Personally, I like Carver of Pratt, but I have understood that he has been affiliated with the Hooded Order. Senator Frizell of Larned, is a good solid man but perhaps a little cranky and a little too old.

I shall be glad to get your slant along the line of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

WCS-HM

May 14, 1927.

Hon. W. A. White,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

You doubtless are aware of the great difficulty one finds to use all of the good material that is offered in students who desire part time work. I appreciate your recommendations of Cedric Jones and will file same for reference, and will use the young man in some way if it is possible for us to do so.

In regard to the last paragraph of your letter concerning Capt. Hamilton, I am reminded of an incident which occurred a good many years ago. Two men were seeking the Republican nomination for congress from the second district. Our good friend, Charlie Tucker, came into the office and told me that he and his friends had decided to give the Douglas County vote to U. S. Guyer. This was interesting enough but I wondered upon what authority they were acting. I supported Mr. Little, and, therefore, won his first nomination. I am not particularly proud of what I accomplished, but it has always seemed to me that if my help is desired in putting over a candidate, that it would be wise to let me have some part in determining who the candidate should be.

I like young Hamilton and will probably help put him over, but I don't want the bunch to count too certainly upon my readiness to always fall in line for anything the fixers may plan. The election of Hoch for governor is not so far distant as to have passed entirely out of the minds of the men who take delight in making the slates for the other fellow to carry out.

Sincerely yours,

WCS-HM