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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,

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