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Dear Mr. Simons:

I based an editorial on the clipping from the Minneapolis Tribune which you enclosed in your letter. Do you agree with the slant I took, that it would have been possible, considering the expected surplus, to have done something toward both reducing taxes and paying something on the national debt? I have thought that the Republicans aimed at too big a slash in cutting 30 per cent--that a tax cut of no more than 10 or 15 per cent would have turned in the right direction and still would have allowed something over for tax reduction, which can't begin too soon. The *Tribune's* fear that the money will be grabbed for another big spending spree is only too well grounded, from what we know of the spenders.

Agnes and I drove out to Dickinson county Saturday afternoon and attended the Murray family reunion at Eisenhower Park in Abilene the next day. Lots of fried chicken and reminiscing. We drove back Sunday afternoon. Country looks pretty good, our section about the best I saw, and one of the connections by marriage who works for the state and travels all over Kansas said the vicinity of Lawrence is the garden spot of the whole works.

It was a plenty hot trip, but when we got to Council Grove I found I could stand right out in the sun without perspiring. The wind blows some out there. When I sat down at home Sunday evening to grind out a few paragraphs, I was back in the Turkish bath, even with a fan going.

Then Sunday night it blew up cool and rained just over half an inch, making everybody feel better.

Things have been going pretty well at the office, as far as I can tell. It has been pretty hot most of the time, but everybody seems to keep well and willing. We are looking forward to going on a regular basis when everybody gets back from vacation.

I notice a lot of the papers are using odd-width pages, as we did during the war. The extra tab runs 4, 5 and 6 columns wide in various papers. It is sometimes so hard for us to jump two full pages that I wish we hadn't given up the narrow page so soon after the war.

Our family at home is down to three--Agnes, Jean and I. Andrew got a chance to go to Lake Okoboji, Ia., with a student orchestra which got a two weeks engagement with a resort there.

The biggest things that have happened here since you left were the 50-pound catfish Ernie Pontius caught, and the Hurley twins.

I hope you get a lot of enjoyment out of the last days of your stay in the north. We'll all be glad to see you when you quit your lakeside paradise. Best wishes to all,

J. W. Murray

