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My dear Collie:-

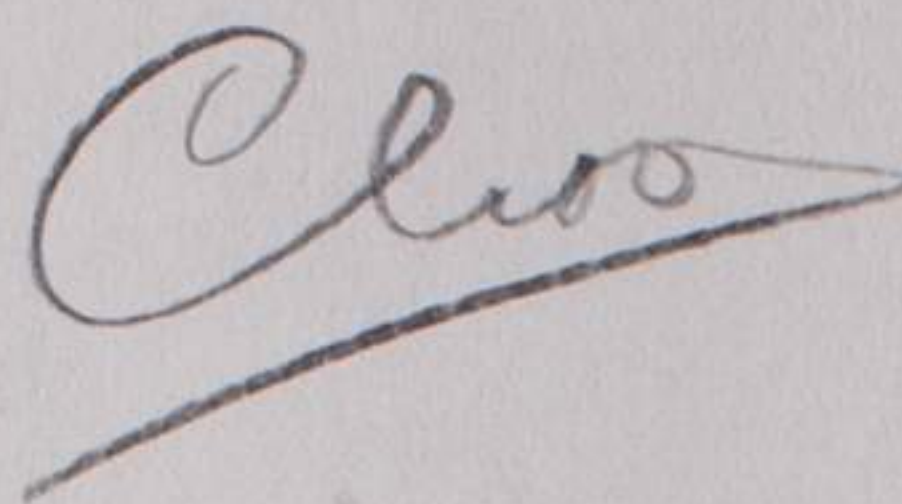
Am enclosing one of the rewrites of Julia's Christmas cards for this year. She is to get ~~pp~~ooof from the printer either to-night or to-morrow morning. It is something she has been working on for a month, and I have re-written it a number of times to get it correct in all details. Thought that you might be interested in the advance copy, but wish you would return it, as it is the last copy, and all previous have been destroyed, and as she keeps her copy for each year, I know that she will want it. I took it from a pigeon hole in her desk, and it will not be missed until after the Christmas rush and she gets to her desk to clean up.

We are looking forward to a good time in the woods. Don and Grayce have promised to be there. Vera and the babies will have a vacation for the week end, as the paper told her she could take time off, and one day will be devoted to the neighbors; several very poor families who have nothing and expect less. These do not know of the plans as yet, as Julia is going to give them personal invitations when she gets north Sunday. I also will be able to get away for the week end, as all the offices will be closed for Saturday, and I am going to try and break away by Wednesday night. We all wish that your folk could be present in a body, as with the snow, hills, and the lake for skating, there should be a wonderful time. However, the house was built for permanency, and if not this year, we shall hope for the future.

Etoile remarked after Uncle Louis' death at Minneapolis that it was

the passing ~~of~~ a generation, and that "our turn was coming." God grant us immunity for numbers of years, as none of us can be spared at present.

Your loving brother.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chas.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

December 24, 1925.

Dear Charles:

I am returning herewith a copy of Julia's Christmas card which I read with a great deal of interest. The printed copy has now arrived and it makes a most unusual Christmas remembrance.

I suggest that Julia mail a copy to C. C. Ruff, Hanston, Kansas, who celebrated his eightieth birthday a few days ago.

We have been having some very busy days here but our Christmas shopping is now over and we are all looking forward to a happy day for Friday. We have not opened any of our Christmas packages and will not do so until Christmas.

You may be interested in knowing that prospects are brightening materially for the Edgar Steel Seal.

I feel sure that it will be beautiful at the hills and I know you will all have a fine time. Love to all.

Your brother,

Dec. 15 1925

Dear Louis,

Do you remember that it was thirty-four years ago yesterday that we came to Lawrence? I received your letter this morning and perhaps owe you for another or two and you have been doing your best to harmonize your fighting relations.

The first one to tell me that my letter was rather hard was Gertie, which was rather magnanimous of her. Probably it was, but I have been annoyed so much and so undeservedly that you cannot blame me much for getting hard.

As to the paper, I don't think they ever tear the wrapper off anyway, so they would never have missed it, had I not called their attention to it.

Gertie wrote a mighty nice letter to Grace. I guess she has gotten used to taking the worst of it and so does not take the matter as hard as I have. While Julia did write a decent enough letter she ignored Gertie excepting by innuendo.

I'm sorry but I'll be damned if I meet you in hell for a reunion.

As a matter of fact I have other worries on my hands just now. Understand that a strike has been prepared for Thursday morning and these babies will get the surprise of their lives. For the old sheet is going to come out just the same as ever. Beale Dolph is in Topeka and Pat in Kansas City looking for recruits and I shall wire headquarters at Chicago for a crew of strike breakers. Several of my men will be loyal. There has been no grievance and no demands, but there has been foment and I understand that Thursday morning they will demand that we become a union shop or they will walk out. They better take a thought about it for the pavements are icy and walking none too good.

Lots of love. Don't worry too much about the Chicago folks, for I don't think they will care much.

Love to Jess.

With love, your brother

W. C. Simons

Lawrence, Kansas Dec. 16th. 1925.

Dear Julia and Chas.

I received Charlie's letter today containing the copy of your forthcoming Christmas greeting, and presume it was mailed before the receipt of my recent letter.

I was mighty glad to get it. I started reading it at my desk down stairs and then went up to my private office where tears befogged my glasses in remembrance of the old times and of the sister who as one of the most unselfish girls in the world. We three older children knew what it was to throw every blamed cent we made into the common pot. Louis and Grace were always generous, but things were opening up some better as they came on, so they always had the handling of their own money to a great degree.

I have been having some labor troubles, which I hope will be adjusted as the result of a talk with my men tonight, but while reading the letter I had a long distance call from Chicago from the Secretary of the Employing Printers Association of America, which stands back of me and with tears on my face I talked as hard bodied as you please about the troubles in hand and preparing to meet and conquer them, and when through with the phone turned back to the Christmas story, which I knew so well.

Now here is what it all amounts to. You have been deeply grieved over what we have done with no thought to hurt you, we have been deeply grieved by the way you have held us responsible for simply not taking sides. Now is this devilish thing can be buried seven feet deep and face downward, I'm for it, but if it ever comes up again I'll kill someone.

I don't want to have any part in splitting the "Simons Brats" nor in casting a chill over the Christmas season. Now if you are as game as I am, the thing is over for keeps. Gertie was the first one to tell me that my letter was heard, and later Louis said the same thing. Really a man has no business writing a hard letter to his sister no matter what she does, and if there was a hand on this machine, I would offer it you in true printer style. In a few minutes I go to R.O.T.C.

Samuel Collier

St. Cloud, Minn.
Nov. 17, 1925.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters:-

This is the first time, on record, that I have owed you all a letter at the same time.

So to let you hear something, you may not know, I will say that I love you all very much and if it were not for your existence and Don's I would not care to live.

Collie's letter to all of us makes it nice for me because I never have time to write four letters, of a social nature, in one day, and if he can get away with a nice letter like that maybe you will not care if I do the same.

Etoile did just the right thing in getting lovely flowers for Aunt Belle and marking them as she did and I am enclosing five dollars as my part and am so happy in doing it, as I did not send flowers from here, at the time. When the telegram came, Saturday morning, I was just going out to the car where Don and another couple were waiting for me to get in and start for Minneapolis. That was the reason that I did not wire Etoile - but I did expect to from Minneapolis.

It must have been very sad and yet wonderful that Aunt B retained her mental faculties until the last. And now it is such a nice feeling to think of her again united with little Jennie, whom we all used to think of as another little sister.

You are all so dear to invite us for Christmas and we are hoping to be with Julia and Charlie this year and we know that we shall enjoy every minute of our visit and I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing uncle Augustus and know that he and Don will become great friends. Etoile and Vera and little girls will be there also and I wish that the boys could make it, anyway. Little Louie ought to come and surprise me.

We had a wonderful Christmas last year with Gertrude and Collie and family and then again with Louie and Jess in K. C.

Next year we would like very much to have you all plan to come here and we will light the huge evergreen in the yard in honor of the occasion.

We enjoyed the little note from Charlie and appreciated his asking Chris. out for luncheon and was much disappointed that Chris. could not keep his appointment. We will talk coal at Christmas time.

Gurrah for Etoile and her real estate business it now looks as if she was to be the Nettie Green of the Simons family.

Things are looking a little brighter for the Don Freemans but we never will forget Collie and Gertrude for their help at a critical time. Collie will be interested to know that we are to make over two hundred profit on a linoleum deal that goes out this week. This is the company we recently owed quite a sum of money.

I am not saying much to Julia in this for I expect to get her cornered in some bathroom, after twelve o'clock, where we have been known to visit a little. Oh I am so tickled that we are going to be with my folks for Christmas, that I could squeal.

It is so dark I can not see and the light is wrong for the typewriter hence the dobbie letter.

Much love for each and every one from us both.

Grace

Collie - remember to tell 2nd Aunt Mary and from James ago we were told yesterday my dear Aunt
on this little message - God Bless her

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JEAN AND LILLIAN GOWDY

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Lawrence Fano Nov 30, 1925-

Gran and Lillian Gowdy
3751 Aldrich Ave, South
Minneapolis. Minn.

Sympathy and love Janets wedding
next Monday prevents my coming
W C Simons -

Send prepaid

FRANK W. BROWN
PRESIDENT AND GENL. MGR.

JOHN L. BRADY
EDITOR

The Idaho State Journal

420 WEST LEWIS ST.

Pocatello, Idaho



Sep. 26, 1925

W.C. Simons,
Lawrence, Ks.

Dear Collie:

By this afternoons mail we received the copy of the National Printer Journalist with your office written up in it. It was splendid.

We had already received two copies of it here at the office and were very much delighted with it. However we thank you for this copy as we had sent ours to Vera.

How much Dolph looks like you. He is a splendid boy and you have reason to be very proud of him.

We enjoyed Charley Finch's visit this summer. We heard from him today. We often hear from you indirectly through travelling men and Kansas folk. We are glad your business is so good.

Thank you again and hoping for the best in life, Both for yourself and your family, we are,

Very sincerely yours,

Leeford and Lee.

We thought of your birthday and planned to write but did not.

You know how those thing are neglected.

September 29, 1925.

John L. Brady, Editor
Idaho State Journal,
Pocatello, Idaho.

Dear Brady:

I received your good letter of the 26th and thank you for it. We have again found the present advertising rates to be inadequate for the enlarged paper and increased circulation and are preparing copy for a new rate card to be effective October 1st but which in fact will not effect many contracts until January 1st and thereafter.

Bristow and his son were in the office yesterday. The deal by which they sold to someone with a long name who is connected with the power company, Lebengour or some such name, was completed last Friday. I understand that he has also purchased your interest in the Union. I understand that he will try to procure the Union on terms that he is willing to pay and if not, may squeeze it by forcing it into the hands of a receiver. I also understand that the consideration for the Journal was in the neighborhood of \$175,000, which was a big price for it and more, in my judgment, than its earnings warrant.

Dolph, Gertie and I hope to leave tomorrow morning for a drive up to St. Cloud. We shall stop for a few hours at Henderson, Iowa to see Uncle Augustus and Aunt Belle. As you doubtless know, Aunt Belle has been an invalid for nearly fifteen years and it is now but a question of weeks or months before she passes away. Dr. Gowdy, although eighty years old, retains his physical and mental powers to a remarkable degree.

We sent John Louis to Culver this summer for two months and it did him a lot of good in some ways, but he came home with abscesses in both ears and we have had a mighty hard fight to cure them. Gertie was in Kansas City yesterday for about the eighth time with him, and the doctor considers that his ears are practically well. For a time it looked as if a mastoid operation was going to be necessary.

John L. Brady.

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Janet is teaching at Lyons. Blanche and her two children live in one of the houses originally built by Sutton at Breezedale and Dorothea, who will be fourteen in November, rather expects to finish high school with one more year after this. This gives you a pretty good idea of what is going on with us.

I haven't seen Vera for some months but know she is doing creditable work in the literary field. You spoke of my birthday, the 18th of August never fails to remind me that it is your birthday.

With best regards to you and Lee, also to Bob Brady and Bert if they are there.

Cordially yours,

WCS:M

C

October 22, 1925.

Dolph C. Simons,
Worth County Tribune,
Worth County, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Some months ago my son, Dolph C. Simons, noticed an item in the Kansas City Times concerning your attendance at an editorial meeting and the fact of your having the same name caused him to clip the item with the intention of writing you, which I understand he has not yet done.

My father who also went by the name of Dolph, was Adolphus Ezra Simons; his father, Alfred Smith Simons; and his grand father, Adolphus Simons, born in East Haddam, Connecticut in 1781. The C. in my boy's name stands for Collins, an old family name coming from my mother's side of the family.

In a general way I know something of the genealogy of the Simons family, but at the time of my great grand father, Adolphus Simon's birth, there were five prolific families named Simons within a radius of twelve and one-half miles of East Haddam and I do not know to which of these families he belonged. I take it that they were all related and that they are descendants of Robert Simons of Windham. The family was first found in this country at Salem, Massachusetts, where they became so numerous that the spelling of the name underwent various changes in an effort to avoid confusions.

I shall be pleased to know if you are a descendant of the same family and would be glad to have you furnish me with any data that you may have. My father, Adolphus E. Simons, was born near Rochester, New York. The Simons family came from Normandy to England with William, the Conqueror, a grant of land being given to Adam Simons.

I am sending you herewith a re-print from the September issue of the National Printer Journalist which contains a picture of myself and son.

I shall await with interest your reply.

Very truly yours,

WCS*M

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Don A. Freeman
St Cloud Paper Supply Co
St Cloud, Minn

Okeh send deed will write
Love and best wishes
W. C. Simon

Send prepaid

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W C SIMONS

LAWRENCE KANS

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ETOILE B SIMONS

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COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

10/24/25-

Dr A S Gowdy
Henderson, Iowa
Love and sympathy. Cannot attend
funeral no train connections. Letter
follows.

W. C. Simons

Send prepaid

Oct. 24 1925.

Dear Uncle Augustus

Etoile's wire came this morning and at once I looked up train connections. On account of no Sunday trains in the branch, the best I could do would have been to get into Hastings at noon and make the rest of the way by auto. Knowing the roads to be so nearly impassible I did not attempt to come to the funeral.

At last Aunt Belle has gone to her reward and has been reunited with those "she loved and lost awhile". No one ever made a braver fight nor made less complaint over extreme suffering. In as much as nothing could be done for her here we should let our grief be tempered by the thought that she is vastly better off and had long waited for release.

It will be hard on you. She was ever a strong woman and played an important part in your life, but you too are a strong man and I am sure will live to have many years of activity. Ever be conscious of her influence with you and be conservative in the handling of your affairs. As a physician you can accomplish much good and I trust that you will give more thought than ever to spiritual matters understanding that Christ was a man, who lived, loved and suffered, to bring to the world a ~~spase~~ sense of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. You are naturally inclined to be sceptical. Dont let it get the upper hand.

Remember my invitation for you to come to see us. We have a comfortable home with many books and I know you will have a good time here. If there is anything that I can do for you in any way, let me know. I am glad that Etoile is there for she will love and help you. Give her my love. With love from self and family I remain

Affectionately your nephew

W. C. Jones

Oct. 24 1925.

Rev. Frank Jennings
717 East River Road
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr Jennings and family:-

The days since we left there have been busy ones. We had a fine day the first day out and arrived at the end of the pavement at Dennison, Ia, that night in a sprinkle having covered as I remember about 360 miles.

It was a little slippery but not bad until after we reached Henderson, the home of My Uncle, where we made a twenty minute stop, and noted that my aunt had failed considerably in the two weeks since our former visit. Last night brought a wire from my sister announcing the death of my aunt.

From Henderson on it was rather slippery, but not ing to compare to the mud when we dropped off the gravel fourteen miles south of Nebraska City. With chains on all four wheels we made 44 miles in four hours and spent the night at Sabetha. A hard drive home the next day with seven miles of detour that was almost impossible.

We got home at 2:30 and that night I left for Concordia to attend the state convention, spending two days. I was elected president of the convention and passed the chairmanship of the Laymen on to Senator Nighswonger, of Wichita, was was elected vice president. I took the Missouri Pacific train home, going on into Kansas City and back home in the morning in order to get a sleeper, but Dr. Watts made several changes during the night, sat up all night and as a result was in bed for several days threatened with pneumonia. So it was up to me to occupy the pulpit for the morning service to make a report of the convention.

Just a moment ago I had a long distance call from Dr. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Kansas City Kansas, asking me to lead his class of men Sunday morning Nov. 8th in the theatre where it meets and also to occupy his pulpit. I promised to address the men, but hold the other invitation under advisement.

This letter is something like Mr. Carpenter's account would be lacking perhaps some details. Mrs. Hester called me this morning to tell me that Mrs. Prentiss had found in her old papers an uncanceled note from the church to Dr. Prentiss for \$200.00 given in 1864. Such a note of course is worthless and doubtless was paid many years ago, at least Dr. Prentiss never presented it during his lifetime for payment.

Mrs. Simons and Johnny are in Kansas City today and Dolph is reporting the game in Nebraska in whic so far the score stands 13 to 0 against us. I Bhink the general concensus of opinion here is that Patsy Clarke cannot coach a winning team. He has had the boys f r four years and has a fine lot of talent, but he cannot put it over.

We had a fine time at your home and certainly enjoyed our visit with you. Give my best regards to Mrs. Jennings and the children

Cordially yours,

W C Simon

Oct. 24th. 1925.

Dear Grace and Don:-

special
I received your ~~wire~~ last night and as I do not have that amount of money on deposit it will be necessary to borrow, so this morning I went to my banker and he says it will be all right. Send on your deed and I will get the money to you as quickly as possible.

Here is the way I wish the matter to be understood. I have bought the place, but you have the right to take it back at any time by paying \$3,500.00 at six per cent. the rate of interest I shall pay here. If you can sell it later for more money I want nothing but what I have put into it, plus the interest. You are to collect the rent and pay taxes, interest etc. If for any reason you are unable to meet any of these bills as they come due let me know so that the property may be protected.

For several years prior to building I ~~have been~~ *was* able to take care of a matter of this sort out of the business without difficulty, but as I have explained to you it will take me probably two years to get out of debt. Perhaps longer, as it depend on how good business is, therefore I have to go to the bank for the money.

I am glad that your letter came when it did as I was considering the purchase of a piece of property here, on east Eighth street, the old time home of the Rohe's. Grace will perhaps remember. As ~~if~~ it is I shall not buy, perhaps would not have done so anyway.

We had a fine visit with you and enjoyed every minute of it. Our ride back was pleasant until we hit the end of the graveled road. As a matter of fact we spent the first night out of Minneapolis at Dennison, Iowa, where the paved road ends and it began sprinkling as we entered the town. It rained a bit the next morning and we drove into Henderson about 10 o'clock and spent twenty minutes or more with Uncle and Aunt. She had failed appreciably since our visit of two weeks before and longed for death which came last evening.

The roads were a little slippery the rest of the way to Nebraska City where we struck fourteen miles of gravel and then mud. Deep sticky mud that clung to wheels and impeded progress. We put chains on all four wheels and made 44 miles in four hours. We spent the night at Sabetha, Kansas, having covered 195 miles for the day.

The roads had been opened a bit the next morning, but still it was muddy and we were very glad to hit the pavement ten miles north of Topeka. For seven miles on a detour it was almost impassible. At one spot about a dozen cars were blocked and we had to wait until each could thread its way out, some having to be pushed. We got thru on our own power.

Dolph is in Lincoln today sitting in the rain reporting the Kansas-Nebraska football game. At present moment the score is 7 to 0 in favor of Nebraska.

Gertie took Johnny to Kansas City today for a final look over by the specialist. At least we hope it is a final effort. He is feeling much better and his hearing is improving although it is still impaired.

Gertie has not been feeling very well since her return and has been conferring with Dr. Jones. She woke up one morning in Minneapolis with a severe hemorrhage of the nose and it will hard for me to stop it, but I finally succeeded in so doing without having to call a physician. It has bled once since that time. Blood pressure a little high, but now better and digestion shot. She is some better now and I hope will be all right from now on.

We had nice week end visit with Janet last week. She expects to be home again for the week end in about another week. Blanche and her family are spending this week end with us while they are having the floors of their house refinished. We are glad to have them. I haven't heard from Louis since I returned, but Dolph saw him for a moment in Kansas city after the theater a few nights ago when Pat, Blanche and Dolph celebrated Pat's birthday.

I must write some other letters so will have to close.

While I do not want you to make a sacrifice sale, I shall be glad to have the property turned as soon as it can be done to advantage

Lots of love and best wish s to you both from
your brother

W.C. Simons

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St. Cloud, Minn.

Oct. 22, 1925.

My Dear Collie:-

We find that we can not turn the frame house, which we have for sale, at this time of the year, without a sacrifice, although not one person who has gone over the property has told us that our price was too high.

Now Collie if you are willing to help us out with your credit, by buying the property, and giving us more time to make a real sale, we shall be very glad to take you up, as we have some very good prospects, and feel sure that we shall be able to make a good deal in the spring.

Right now, however, is when we need some money, as some of our big companies are crowding us and it is absolutely impossible for us to get by without the money from the sale of this house.

When you were here you told me to let you know in case things got tight with us and that you would help us out, as you did Louie, by buying the house, and thereby giving us a few more months to make a turn. This is the proposition- and in case you will do it - please wire your answer so that we can get the deed right off to you and speed things up.

We will deed you the house subject to a \$ 4000.00 mortgage, for \$3500.00, making a total of \$ 7500.00. Our mortgage is at 6% interest payable semi-annually. We are to pay \$200.00 on principal the first year and \$ 300.00 the second year.

We will agree to get you out whole, on this deal, inside twelve months.

We will rent the house, as soon as we can, and out of rent take care of all interest, taxes, improvements etc.

If we can get more than \$ 7500.00, in the spring, for the house, you are to receive the benefit.

In order to secure you against any loss, if something should happen to us and we could'n't get you out whole- we will do this.

We figure the ground north of the house is worth from \$ 2500.00 to \$ 3000.00. Don is going to borrow \$ 1000.00 on it and we will deed this to you also, subject to the \$1000.00 mortgage - and when we make a turn and get you out - you can deed it back to us.

Business is quite good and if we get the money to take care of these big ones, right away, we feel confident of coming out all right.

Tell Gertrude I will answer her good letter in a few days we enjoyed your short visit very much and missed you dreadfully after you had gone. Did Dolph get his pass to the press Box? Much love from us both and believe me when I say I hate to have to bother you with our troubles when you have always had to shoulder your own.

With love for all-

Gray S. Freeman

September 28, 1925.

Miss Blanche Reineke,
4638 Mill Creek Parkway,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Blanche:

I am returning the proofs to you, marked
"1, 2 and 3" according to our selection.

It seems to me that I never saw a better
lot of proofs and think we should have been pleased
with any one of them if we hadn't had the others to look
at. If it is your judgment that some other picture is
better, all right.

I should like to have a gloss print turned
over as quickly as possible to Burgier Engraving Company
for a single column 120 line copper half tone to be sent
to Frank Carlson, Concordia, Kansas, sending the bill
direct to the World Company. If you could do this for
me it would save a little time and they must have the
cut in their hands by the 5th in order to use it.

Hope that you and mother are getting along
fine and will be glad to have you come up as soon as we
get back from our northern trip. If possible we hope to
get away by Wednesday of this week.

Lovingly your brother,



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*He tore up about him
so we will credit acct
on his printing*

Dear Ellie:-

Yours came this morning enclosing
check for the \$7.71 Interest and
I know how you feel and
its mighty sweet of you to
feel that way and I love you
for it but it makes me feel
as though I had reached in
your pocket and taken out
\$7.71 and just because you did
not tell to to put it back
I would keep it.

Glad to know plummer's
ears are better.

The associates meet with
Bauders in Chicago Tuesday
and Wednesday and again today



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PHONE HARRISON 9252

but we have not heard
from them but expect them
home in morning — will
let you know the outcome.
— Have just written Janet
— have not heard a
word from the girls — Grace
Ethel & Julia.
Lots of love for all
Love

P.S.
Your last letter to N.Y.
and a good one — was
forwarded on to me only
yesterday

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August 11, 1925.

L. A. Simons,
Commodore Hotel
New York, N. Y.

Dear Louis:

Was glad to get your letter and hope that everything is panning out in good shape. I, too, wish that we could be together whether in New York or Dahomey. I am sure we should have a good time together.

There isn't anything especially new here, hard work and not much money. I have just received the following letter from John Louis:

"Dear Dad

I am having a good time here. I have been offil so far I am not feeling good to-night at all. but I am having a good here a very good time here. When I come home I will wear my gray suit when I come home. O boy Ill look slike and keen O boy I say Ill look like a keen with a slike nice boy.

With Lots of Love from John Louis"

By this you will see he is getting along in fine shape and is looking forward to dazzling the boys and girls when he gets home. He will be home just about two weeks from now.

Dorothea returns from the West late this afternoon. The girls have had a great time.

Lovingly your brother,

July 22, 1925.

Dear Janet:

Professor Johnson told Dolph today that he had recommended you very highly for a position as teacher of English in the High School at Eldorado. Later in the day Miss Riggs called me, stating what had been done and suggested that it might be well for you to follow it up with a personal application.

I suggest that you write a good letter to J. W. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools, Eldorado, Kansas. They both believe this to be a better proposition for you than the school at Lyons.

With love,

July 24, 1925.

Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman,
Bayfield, Wisconsin.

Dear Vera:

Do you remember the laconic answer of the small boy who was asked for the core of his apple? I am afraid that will be the case of the Kansas Food and Radio Show.

We have worked our blooming heads off but have been unable to secure a large enough volume of business to make it possible. I wrote Bailey, of the Kansas City Kansan, yesterday that we had better hold on for ten days longer and unless something turns up within that time, we had better call the deal off.

Our publicity was to have been handled by the manager of the show, who would go from town to town handling the shows and the publicity. Our plan was to show in twenty towns, a total of fifty nights. Under the circumstances, nothing could be accomplished, as far as the food and radio show is concerned, by your coming here now.

I don't believe that it will be possible for us to be present at your pageant. Janet and Dorothea are now taking a vacation and probably have already left New Mexico for Colorado. Perhaps some time in September Dolph and I and Gertie will drive up to St. Cloud, Minnesota, where Gertie will stay with Grace while Dolph and myself will try some hunting and fishing.

We have used some of your publicity from time to time and ran a story the other day about the Haskell girls. I think I can enclose a clipping of that item but would not know what dates to turn to for the others.

Why don't you come through and see us after your show is over? We would be might glad to have you come and feel sure that we could show you a good time.

Lovingly your uncle,

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July 21

Dear Uncle Collie-

I intended to write you before but found that you were east so am writing now when I know you are home.

Pageant is going fine. We are busy to our necks. Circulars, posters, inquiries etc.

What about the Kansas Pure Food and Radio Show next winter? Couldnt I apply for publicity on that job? I can come to Kansas for the winter, and could work publicity for the different shows from one office or any one. It would be worth \$100 a week if combined for the four different sectional shows you spoke of at Chicago, and if only one were handled, \$300 a month is enough.

If youll tell me to whom to write Ill apply formally. I suppose Sam Pickard will do part of the publicity on it, but you will doubtless have to have a regular publicity director, and I have the experience now and with my radio knowledge it would be worth that to Kansas.

I have written Nichols for the job and he is waiting till later I think when I finish here, if you think it would be worth while, Ill hop on the train and come to Kansas and see about the Capper radio page and the publicity for the show next winter.

Please tell me what you think of it, frankly.

Next weeks Country Gentleman has my Kansas radio story, That would be a good thing to call attention to my work in Kansas I guess.

Wish youd come up to our show, Id love to show you this spot. Why dont you and Gertie drive up and then Ill go back with you and see about the job, after I quit here Sept, 1?

Love,

Vern

Did you run anything about me a y
page in the J. W. ? You, please mail
me a clipping for my files..

We'll Meet You in 1925 in the Land O' Long Ago at the Top O' Wisconsin



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7/14 21-

Dear Ellie! - Have been out
of town since night of July
4th returning Sunday Morning
the 12th - have been attending
Company Annual Club Meeting
at Cedar Point O. - spent
two fine days with Etelle
Sunday the 5th and Saturday
11th and enjoyed each minute.

I should have mentioned
it to you but was waiting
for money to come in
on that \$500 - right now
I do not know exactly
how I stand but am enclosing



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check for ~~250~~^{250.00} and will attend to the balance as soon as I settle up all monthly bills — if I have it — otherwise within a very short time.

Have been called upon pretty fast and furious for unexpected things and it has run me beastly short but everything is looking good — Insurance business is keeping up nicely and brisk deal going slow but looks better all the time and I feel sure it will eventually go over.



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Am awful sorry I have
been so slow with this
five hundred but a lot of
money that was due to
be here has not come in
yet.

Your little letter states you
were leaving last Thursday for
about a week so the chances
are you will not be home
for a day or two yet.

Was in Cedar Point on my
or our birthday but thought
of you Old Pop.

Will be up soon as I am
getting someone for a night
with you all.
Lots of Love
Lovie

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July 6, 1925.

Lieut. Herbert L. Kuhn,
State House,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

I send you under another cover a marked copy of the Journal-World which contains a letter relating to my visit to Boston and the most generous courtesy extended to me by yourself. I shall long remember the pleasant day I had with you there and I hope that sometime I shall be able to have the pleasure of entertaining you.

Referring to the matter of genealogy, my great grandfather, Adolphus Simons, was born February 4, 1781, at East Haddam, Connecticut, and died August 22, 1873. He was married May 16, 1809, in Plymouth, Chenango County, New York, to Sally Eddy. He was afterwards married three times, the last marriage taking place when he was ninety years old.

My grandfather, Alfred Smith Simons, was born December 31, 1809, at Plymouth, New York, and died about 1896 in Illinois. He was married to wealthy Ann Mason April 13, 1834, in Rochester, New York. My father, Adolphus Ezra Simons, was born February 7, 1835, in Ogden, Monroe County, New York, and died October 29, 1877, in Faribault, Minn. My great grandfather had other children but their names are unknown to me.

T. A. Simons of Columbus, Ohio, is of the opinion that my branch of the family is descended from Robert Simons of Wenham, Mass., who later went to Connecticut. The family went to Connecticut at an early date and were located at Hartford, Windham, Glastonbury, Haddam and Enfield.

I should appreciate it very much if we could find who my great great grandfather was and thus establish a complete line. As I told you, the family first settled in America at Salem, Massachusetts, where various spellings of the name were resorted to in order to avoid confusion.

With best wishes and sincere good will, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:M

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July 6, 1925.

Hon. T. A. Simons,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Simons:

Eight years ago we had some correspondence relative to the genealogy of the Simons family. I sincerely trust that since that time your labors have been rewarded with more knowledge concerning this interesting subject.

A friend of mine, Robert L. Kuhn, a lawyer of Boston, Massachusetts, has very kindly offered to secure more data for me if he can and I shall be very much pleased to hear from you with any further information that you may have secured.

Since our former correspondence I have secured some very interesting data regarding several branches of the family including the Masons, Eddys, Gowdys, etc.

I hope that your work will result in the publication of a genealogy of the Simons family and you can count on me for a copy of the book and perhaps for some further contribution towards the expense.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:M

June 13, 1925.

Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman,
Publicity Director,
Bayfield, Wisconsin.

Dear Vera:

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 4th and appreciate the information that the latch string is on the outside. Nothing would please me better than an opportunity to pull it.

I leave tonight for New York to be gone perhaps ten days or more and expect to see the folks tomorrow in Chicago if they are there. I am sending them a wire now in order to find out.

I have to make a trip to Colorado the middle of July so we have no plans for vacation at this time.

Joe Murray will try to get as good a story on the wire for you as he can. I hope he can get a good one.

We will send John Louis to Culver's Military Academy July 1st for a two months outing. Would like to see you and my other nieces.

Let me know if there is anything else that I can do.

Lots of Love

From your uncle,

Where to stop while attending the
Apostle Islands Indian Pageant at Bayfield, Wis.
On highway 13, around Chequamegon Bay. The Top of Wisconsin.

AUGUST 2 to 16th, 1925

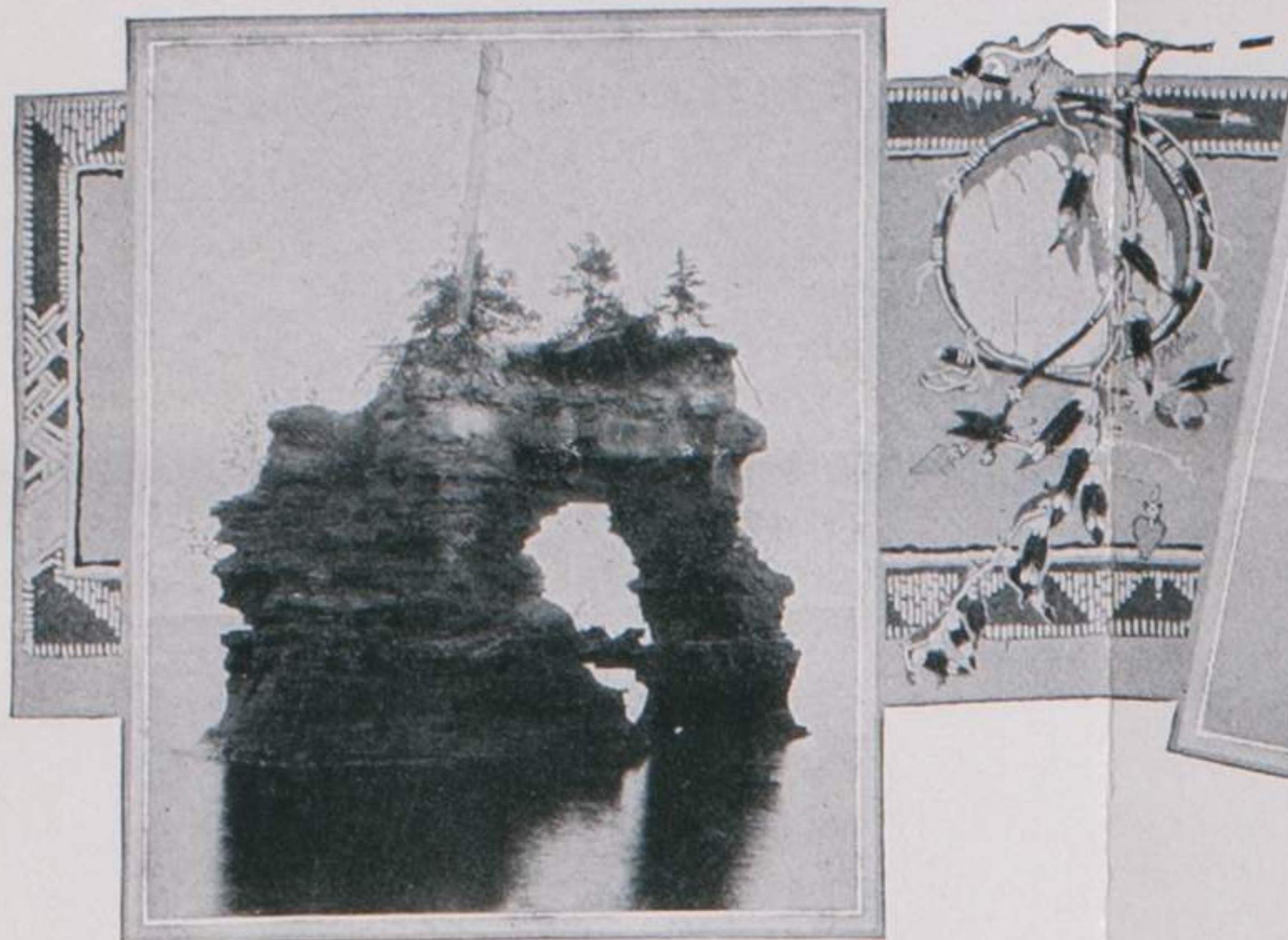
HOTELS--Pageant Inn, Amer. plan, \$3 day, \$15 a week.
Bracken House " " 3.50 " 18 " "

Rooms to be rented in private homes, listed at Pageant Office,
prices averaging \$1 a person per night (with bath privileges.)

FREE Camping along more than three miles of Chequamegon Bay
shoreline---or in the pine woods on the way to pageant park.

Private campsites with bath privileges, and tented city with
equipped tents which may be rented as low as \$1 a night.

And you'll find **Free Parking on Pageant Grounds.** the latch string is out for a life time
at my cottage on the lake shore.



All Roads Lead to the Pageant Grounds

Come to Bayfield, Wisconsin. From there the way is clearly marked to the pageant grounds about five miles distant.

Accommodations

Hotels at Ashland

Hotels at Bayfield

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for details.

Hotels at Superior
New Androy—The Superior.

Hotels at Duluth

For An Extended Vacation

For information concerning this country see the following booths at the pageant ground: Wisconsin Land O' Lakes Assn., Minnesota Arrowhead Assn., Minnesota 10,000 Lakes Assn. The 20,000 Lakes of Wisconsin and Minnesota will be listed at the pageant grounds showing resorts and details.

Pageant Information

Victor Fay, General Manager.
Otto A. Reetz, Pageant Director.
Theodore Steinmetz, Musical Director.
Vivian Nelson, Director of Ballet.
V. B. Shipman, Director of Publicity.

Admission: Adults \$1.10 Children \$.50

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APOSTLE ISLANDS

*America's
Super Indian Classic*



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A \$100,000.00

TOURIST ATTRACTION

(No Carnival Concessions Allowed)

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America's Great Indian Classic

At the Top O' Wisconsin, in one of America's most scenic wonderlands, will be given an artistic presentation of the thrilling historic incidents which sent the "Gentlemen Adventurers" of France to the shores of Chequamegon Bay, Lake Superior. The tragic tale of the subjugation of the proud Ojibway Indian Nation will be told in magnificent pageantry in appropriate surroundings on the shores of the "Big Sea Water."

Ten Complete Spectacles

Each spectacle extending over a two-day period, showing in picturesque scenes the Red Warriors of three centuries ago returned to the ways and customs of their primitive life. The complete production carries the observer over a period of time from the year 1669 to the present.

A Natural Setting For The Pageant Grounds

On the shores of Chequamegon Bay, on the world's longest blue water highway, Nature has made a vast arena with wooded slopes on one side and the shining waters of Lake Superior on the

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other. Here the Indian pageant will be enacted from the natural heights overlooking the cradle of Wisconsin's history, the Apostle Islands.

The Pageant Program

Every day the pageant will open with a grand Pageant Processional. 400 Indians in aboriginal costumes, 100 ballet dancers, 200 whites in early French and English costumes, fur traders, voyageurs, soldiers, priests, covered wagons, Indian dogs and ponies—all will take their places in parade behind the great North Woods Band, under the world-famed leadership of Theodore Steinmetz. The Processional will emanate from the tepee village in the woods and circle down to the 800 acres of pageant ground. There the actors will disband to enact their historic episodes.

The program continues with detailed portrayal of the life of the original American fathers as they lived 300 years ago. It will show the ingress of the voyageur, the early French and English fur traders, the early settlers, and soldiers. It will picture the dominating influence of the whites, and the tragic subjugation of a powerful Indian Nation. Between each episode special music, Indian games, and other attractions will keep the pageant in progress. Each night an elaborate Indian Opera will be presented for those who remain for the next day.

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Special Attractions

Natural scenic backgrounds, with Lake Superior, the Apostle Islands, lake shores, forests, streams, and water falls, all providing a tourist's paradise.

An Indian village of 100 tepees.

Indian women and children.

Indian Warriors and Medicine Men.

Covered wagons and Indian ponies.

Ballet dancing.

Lumber camp dinners, served in genuine lumber camp style, from sanitary kitchens.

Canoe battles on Lake Superior.

Lake Trout fishing.

Swimming and diving.

Motor boat trips thru the Apostle Islands.

Brutal Indian games of LaCrosse.

Trap shooting.

Golf links.

Tennis Courts.

On special days the world's largest boys' band will play. 400 pieces. Not a boy over twelve years of age!

Plan now to see this greatest of all pageant attractions. Make it the major part of your summer vacation pleasures. Come—and you'll have no later regrets!

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June 4

My Dear Uncle Collie-

I dont know whether it was kind or not of you to remind me of my birthday. I doubt that I would be so cruel as to remind you on July 9---but howsome ever, I thank you anyway.

I wont see you in Chicago this summer for I am here at the Top of Wisconsin, publicity work on the outdoor Indian pageant. It is a beautiful spot and its nice to get paid to have a vacation.

I have rented a cottage fall August 10, and have the children and Ruby with me. It is heavenly to have my own nest again. The children love it. MJ is at school all this week because school isnt out yet here so she is there all week, just to see if she can pass the exams.

I am enclosing a little story which I would be grateful if you would run for me. I am working on a shoestring-as I told you about this pageant, it was so near bankrupt that they didnt see how it could be managed. But a wealthy logger and lumberman here is guaranteeing my and Victor Fay (the managers) salaries and we are working on shoestrings, getting publicity with the least money expenditure in the world. I told Mr. O'Malley one of "my threebosses" as Mary Jule says, that he had certainly engaged the right one to rattle with a project sans money for anyone who had run a small town newspaper and had to rustle the payroll on Sat. as I had at Salina, could easily beg borrow or steal publicity without paying for advertising.

Could you put a little story on the AP in Kansas, about a Kansas woman doing a mans work in Upper Wis. That I am the first woman to do publicity in this north country, and altho it is common in the largercities up here they look on all business work as a mans job. That I am managing publicity for the Indian pageant and Ill put in a paragraph what you might say about the pageant/

Do you think you could do that for me? Clara is getting stories into AP up here for me thru the Telegram at Superior but I believe a Kansas story about what I am doing might help a little dont you?

Love to your family. Are any of you coming north? If so, please come on thru to Bayfield--the garden spot--thats a bromide but Bayfield isnt. It really is a gorgeous spot.

My Dad seems to be happy now at Pocatello. I was afraid he lose everything at Salem. I think hes better off in the same town with the Brady boys. I wanted him to go there when he went to Salem.

Lovingly,

Vera

We'll Meet You in 1925 in the Land O' Long Ago at the Top O' Wisconsin

CT Norville Telegram

7539 Colfax Ave

Chicago Ill.

Arrive morning. No suit
Can spend few hours. Please
answer

W C Imms

June 11, 1925.

Miss Rachel Johnson,
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Miss Johnson:

I am sending the list back to
you having completed it as well as I was
able. I did not have sufficient knowledge
to enable me to answer all of your queries.

Sincerely yours,

WCS*M

Encl.



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PHONE HARRISON 9252

June 6th, 1925.

Mr. W. C. Simons,
c/o Journal - World,
Lawrence, Kans.

My dear Mr. Simons:

I do want to thank you ever and ever so much for taking your valuable time to do this work for my sister. It will be greatly appreciated by her. I think I should never have had the nerve to ask you to do it, especially after I did one myself, I know just exactly how much work is attached to it.

Am enclosing the copy of your work. Am also enclosing the grade sheets that they want in addition to your spontaneous idea of citizenship. If you will complete these and them to me, your work will be finished. Am asking my sister to disguise your name for I feel sure you prefer it that way.

Am expecting Mr. Simons home tomorrow or Monday. In my letter of yesterday he was not quite sure just what had been accomplished. Flint & Company had taken the proposition, but could not decide which route until they were sure of the plant's earnings. One way the profits will be much greater than the other, so of course we are pulling for the Preferred Stock and Bonds route.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Rachel Johnson

EXPLANATION AND DIRECTIONS

Your name W C Simons
 Occupation Pub Newspaper

Explanation -- The purpose of this study is a classification of 25 citizens of your personal acquaintance into the five following classes, five in each class:-

Very good citizens
 Good citizens
 Average
 Poor
 Very poor

By the term "citizen" we mean an individual in his political relations; we are not concerned with his individual qualities except as they affect him as a member of the political state. May there not be many good people who are poor citizens?

Directions -- For each class of citizens there are two sheets to be checked. The letters A, B, C, D, E, represent the citizens which are being checked. Will you please place above each letter the sex and occupation of the citizen described? -- as

	Farmer	Teacher	Lawyer		
	Male	Female	Male		
	A	B	C	D	E
1. Political foresight					
2. Pol. judgment of men					

Managing Editor
Male

Very Good.

A Mr. J.M.W.-----A newspaper man. Grew up on a Kansas farm, largely worked his way through school, graduated with honors from State University winning Phi Beta Kappa. Enlisted and served as a private in Spanish American war, spending a year or more in the Phillipines. Was afterwards active in the National Guard. Was refused for service on Mexican border because of minor physical defect. Afterwards had defect corrected and enlisted for service in the World war. Went in as a Regimental Adjutant, but due to the seniority of a similar officer in another regiment with which a consolidation was effected, lost his position. Suffered many humiliations from Regular Army officers who were not in sympathy with the National Guard, but continued to serve faithfully and well. Finally went to France where he served as a Captain of an Ammunition Train. Is nominally a Methodist, but does not attend church often. Works hard and faithfully, takes an interest in his work and in the welfare of the community, individually and collectively. Is honest, intelligent and helpful and his advice is sought by men in responsible positions. Is married and is a faithful husband and father, having two small children. Is thrifty, owns his own home, carries insurance and is preparing for the future. His judgment is sound, information wide, and he exerts a positive influence for good.

Leather Merchant
Male

B. Mr. E.K.-----A business man of rather limited education. Parents are German, but family was intensely loyal during the war and since. Came to Lawrence and engaged in a mercantile business, which has seriously felt the effect of changing conditions. Instead of finding fault has adjusted his business to meet the new conditions and has made a moderate success in a business way. Owns his own home and store building, may be somewhat in debt on the latter. Has reared a family of four or five children and is sending them to high school and university. Is active in the church being perhaps the most helpful layman in a membership of twelve hundred members. Meets men readily and wins their friendship and confidence. Has served faithfully in various civic and religious organizations. Has a high regard for his word and it is as good as a note. Has made his store a favorite gathering place for farmers and tries to interest them in church work. Is orthodox in his views, but broad in their application and tries to help all Christian work. Member of Rotary and Chamber of Commerce.

Dry Goods
Male

C. Mr. A.G.D.-----A business man now probably 65 years old. As a young man married the daughter of a rich merchant and later took over the store. Has reared a family of three, all of whom have graduated from the university. Is an active member of the church and served for years on the board of the Y.M.C.A. Also served many years as a member of the Board of Education. Has given much

time to the work of the Chamber of Commerce. Can be counted upon to assist in all civic efforts, giving both his time and money. Runs an attractive store, keeps abreast of modern methods and owns a beautiful home. Is a director of a bank. Is undoubtedly a sincere Christian gentleman and his influence in the community has been good. Has taken his son into his business and is encouraging him to also serve the community as he is able. Is not a man of commanding intellect or leadership, but is faithful in all things.

*Banker etc
Male*

D. Mr. S. J. T.-----Is an outstanding type of a good citizen. Born in Ireland he came to this country poor and began at the bottom. Is a Catholic and a Democrat, but has always worked hard for the advancement of his community in every way and undoubtedly has spent more of his own money in making friends for his town and he institutions than any other of its citizens. Has educated his children. Has won the confidence and esteem of the big men of the state. Is now Vice-President of a bank, has served as President of the State Bankers Association, is the Treasurer of a large institution handling millions of dollars and has administered the funds safely and profitably for the order. Met with some losses in another financial venture, which wiped out quite a part of his fortune, but paid every cent and is again on his feet financially. Loyal to his friends - he is apt to befriend his enemies.

*Rector, Episcopal
Male*

E Chaplin E.-----A Virginian by birth. Educated both for medicine and the ministry. Is Rector of the Episcopal church and served in France as Chaplain of a regiment recruited from the backwoods in Missouri. Is plain spoken, loving and kindly. While his church is one of the smallest in the community in membership he has won a great hold on the students of the university through his own sincere and charming personality and enjoys their confidence. Is particularly fond of boys and is active in Boy Scout work. His own sons take an active part in school athletics. Has identified himself with Rotary and other organizations and can always be counted on to stand courageously for the right. Had a great hold on his men during the war and accompanied them to the fighting front, where he suffered from gas attacks while helping care for wounded and dead. Works well with the ministry of other denominations and is a loving helpful man in the community. Has also served with merit in the general work of his denomination.

Banker Manufacturer
Male

Good Citizen.

F - Mr.H.-----A successful business man. Married a rich man's daughter and by careful attention to business became of great help to him. Spent his earlier years very closely with his personal business, but for several years has been public spirited and has served his community as head of the Board of Education, in which position he developed a far reaching plan for improvements to cover years in advance. Was also very successful in reorganizing the Alumni Association of the State University and has been one of the able loyal friends of the institution. Served four years as postmaster and made an efficient officer. Takes an active part in civic affairs. Probably will finally be ranked as a very good citizen.

Merchant
Male

B - Mr.H.J.K.--An American Jew. Born in Kentucky of parents of German and French descent. Came to Kansas and engaged in mercantile business. Was very bitter against the prohibitory law for the abridgement of his liberty. Has had three sons of which the eldest died when a small lad. Boys have grown to manhood, have married, were given a university education and are good citizens. Mr.K.has been active in fraternal orders and in local charities. Is ever ready to espouse the cause of right and although profane in speech, at times, in general characteristics of living is a good Christian and a good citizen. Has been only reasonably successful financially and has been as liberal in public matters as his condition warranted. Through years of watching and working out of the prohibitory law has become one of its strongest advocates and never misses an opportunity at home or abroad to defend it. Has a well trained philosophical mind and would have been a success as an editor, or as a lawyer.

Ice Storage
Male

C - Mr.R.R.C.--The son of an old and respected citizen. Was away from the city for many years and returned when probably forty years of age. Has since assumed an active part in civic affairs. Has never stood for public office here, but served as mayor elsewhere. His judgment is good and he is actively interested in everything which promises to be of benefit to the public. Nearly all of his life has been in the position of one employed by others, but now is getting ahead and is in comfortable circumstances. Is friendly in his association with men, has a good character, and maintains a good home for his wife and daughter. Has shown that a man in the ordinary walks of life can become a real strength to his community.

Banker, Politician
Male

A - Mr.Geo.C.--This man escapes classification as a very good citizen simply because some of his financial undertakings have not proven successful and some of those who had confidence in him lost money. Is a man of high ideals, lost his only child in infancy, and has since been strongly drawn to unfortunate children and has assisted in their care and reclamation. Served his city as mayor and instituted many reforms, but made the mistake of trying to place too many of his business associates in public office. Politically

Good Citizen.

*Small Merchant &
Pawnbroker
male*

ambitious he failed to give his own business as careful attention as it needed and suffered some financial reverses. Has been a great friend of the city's educational institutions. Is now to serve the nation as a Minister to a Foreign country. A good musician, a Christian gentleman and active in all public matters. Personal character and habits excellent.

E. Mr. W.A.-----Is a Russian Jew whose grandfather, a wealthy distiller, in Russia had suffered the confiscation of his property at the hands of the government. W.A. came to Lawrence with a trunk full of second hand clothes. Engaged in business and has never defaulted a dime in his payments. Has built up a successful, although not a large business and has accumulated considerable property. Maintains a good home, has sent his boys to the university, has been charitable not only to Jewish enterprises, but others as well. The town has profited through his citizenship.

*Druggist
Male*

Average Citizen.

*Jeweler
Male*

A. Mr. H. H. R.-----Is in the mercantile business in which he started with small capital. Has had his nose pretty well to the grindstone and has worked hard to make good. Seems to be getting on his feet. Does little in a public way and is apt to complain of the work of others. Conducts himself morally and has a wife and family of growing children. Neither good nor bad in his influence in the community and therefore may well be ranked as average. Perhaps if successful he may sometime grow into the group of good citizens.

*Not actively in
Business now
Male*

B. Mr. P. E.-----Owns and operates a store and has made money. Owns a good home. Is a member of a dining club, does not belong to church and probably attends church seldom if ever. Seems to care little or nothing for anything but money. Holds on to everything he gets. Will not take part in civic activities because it would cost money, is a good deal of a grouch. All that can be said of him is that he can make money by working hard and then keeps it. Still he has improved the community by making the store he owns today better than the one he purchased and has built a good home. Therefore may well be ranked as an average citizen.

*Shoes
Male*

C. Mr. E. A.-----Was born in a foreign country. Came here when a young man and engaged in business at first in a small way. He and his wife worked hard and saved. Finally attaining considerable money. Wife died and later he married again. Gave his daughter a good education, has no other children. Is a member of a church in which he is reasonably active. Owns several buildings, but is stingy and penurious in his relations with the public. Is what would be called honest although he refused to pay a pledge he had made for a public matter. Is willing to let others stand the expense to advance his property in value. Just a little different attitude could have placed him in the good citizen group.

A. Mr. Will N.-----Is engaged in business and is honest and upright. Has a good wife and young son. Grew up in the city, but never has taken a prominent part in anything. Gained a position on the board of directors in the Chamber of Commerce, because he was placed in nomination and was supported by the K. K. K. Wife's mother had been active in one church and wife was a member of that church, but after going into business they looked the churches over and placed their membership where the most seemed to be offered in the way of business acquaintance and social life. Has never exerted a positive influence anywhere and yet maintains a creditable store.

Banker
male

Poor Citizen.

A. Mr.Wm.X.-----This man is probably worth half a million dollars. Is a self made man; capable, and of unusual financial ability. Generally speaking he has the confidence of the community and state, because he has been successful. When he came to the city he looked over the various churches and finally became a member where he thought it would give him the most prestige. Is cold as a fish and seldoms does anything for the community. Not only does not help with his time and money, but usually makes it ~~all~~ the harder for the good citizens of the community to do their work. Never assumes a proper responsibility in public affairs but is always grasping for things which offer financial reward. Is reported to have been unfaithful in his family life. A fine looking man who could be of great worth to his community if he cared to do so, but he does not want to. In this case there is a direct application of the old saying: "The greatest trouble with self made men, is that they worship their creator."

Butler
male

B. Mr.Z.-----Owns and operates a business where personal popularity would be a great asset, but he is always complaining, always glum, and always hating those of other nationalities who through greater effort to cultivate the trade secure a part of the business. He is bitterly partisan although never actively identified in the support of the church he hates foreigners and Catholics and would like to drive them out of the country. Is a member of the K.K.K. and more or less active because he thinks that it may hurt his competitors. Seems to be narrow, biggoted and thoroughly selfish. Wears a chronic grouch. Is a member of several lodges or organizations.

Merchant
male

C. Mr.P.H.P.-----A man of reasonable ability and of good education. Has a fine wife, no children. Has had opportunities to be one of the leading citizens of the community. Inherited some property and has made some himself so is comfortably fixed. Has a fair voice and sang in church choirs until his reputation would no longer permit it. Active in one or two lodges, takes a small part in public affairs. Is maudlin in his attitude toward women and is a libertine.

Sheet Metal
male

D. Mr.A.S.-----A good workman in the sheet metal trades and accumulated considerable property. Also had a store in which products in his line were sold. Was penurious in his attitude towards all public affairs. Would not do his part as a citizen. Had no public spirit. Never spent a dollar for a good cause, but periodically would get drunk and would remain in that condition for several days during which time his habits were lewd, and he spent money quite lavishly.

Poor Citizen.

*Druggist & Politician
made*

E. Mr.D.Z.-----Is a business man who has both made money and inherited it from his father. Has led an unmoral life (note the word unmoral). Seems to have no moral perception. One daughter became a drug addict and her husband, who was a member of a good family and a young man of more or less promise, is now serving a term in the penitentiary for murder, his character having been ruined probably largely due to his association with his wife and her father. Mr.Z. has constantly violated the prohibitory law until finally convicted and served a term in jail. Was the nominee of one of the big parties for political office at the time and was forced to withdraw. Dishonest in politics and a law violator he has always posed as a church member and at times assumed great piety. At one time it was found that he had placed a wire around the electric meter in order to steal current to light his place of business. Might have been a rich man, but is now in bad circumstances. Comes close to being a very poor citizen.

No Business
Male

Very Poor Citizen.

A Mr. M.-----Was for years a resident of the town. Had served in the Civil War in the Northern Army. Was addicted to drink and tobacco and seldom if ever was fully sober. His children received no real training and developed into bad characters. The man solicited money from candidates for political offices and one time when asked what he could do, replied: "I can tell more lies on the other candidate than any other man in the county and I can keep him so busy explaining them between now and election that he will have little time for anything else." The man failed to maintain a decent home for his family, was a dead beat in financial matters, would not even cast an honest vote, and in no way was a credit or benefit to his community.

Physician
Male

B. Dr. R.-----This man was the son of a colored man who was so nearly white that he could have passed for a white man, but did not try to do so. The father was honest, energetic and capable and was frequently employed by county officials in their offices because he was a fine penman and quick and accurate in figures. The son, the subject of this sketch was given a university education and graduated in medicine. Instead of trying to establish and maintain a good character he associated himself with lawbreakers. He bootlegged whisky and narcotics and was accused of other immoralities. His influence was bad, it took considerable evidence to break up his unlawful work but he was finally convicted and served a term in the county jail, after which he left the community. A man with unusual opportunities for making good, by preference he associated with outcasts, wrecking himself and them. A bad citizen from every standpoint.

Restaurant
Male

C. Mr. B. B.-----A young man who has been a constant influence for evil in the community. Preyed upon the Indian girls at a non-reservation school and became such a menace that for months the girls were forbidden to go down town without being chaperoned. The head of the school said he has caused more trouble than any other ten men of his kind. When ~~the~~ K. K. K. was organized in the community this young man took an active interest and was one of the officials of the local group. Has violated the law against selling cigarets constantly and his place of business has attracted to it an undesirable element which becomes still more depraved through his influence.

Egg Candler
Male

A Mr. S. W.-----A ne'er do well for many years a resident of the town. Works only long enough to get money to buy bad whisky which he both peddles and drinks. Has been arrested innumerable times and has served many sentences in both city and county jails.

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Farmer
male

Very Poor Citizen.

E. Mr. Sam S.-----A farmer who has a loyal wife who would have been a real helpmeet had he conducted himself properly. As it is she has stood by him even entering into his work of making and selling booze. Also has a son, who has been given the advantages of a high school education, but has followed in the footsteps of his father and has been guilty of engaging in the unlawful making and selling of booze. Mr. S. occupied a farm in a rich locality where other men grew rich. Has nothing now; has served a term in the penitentiary for violation of the prohibitory law and recently has been sentenced to another year for a like charge. Has ruined himself and his family and has aided in the downfall of many others.

McClure
Carpenter
McClure
Courtney

Holmes
Lange

rain for \$2500.00

Intend to pay \$2500 for attorney fee of about \$250 as the deal will invol
be about \$2500. Judge Bryan has advised me to buy this fellow out
out about the 06. Judge Bryan has advised me to buy this fellow out
fine fellow and comes from Chicago/ Outside of the above and foregoing
there is not much news to write from the village. I have a letter from
Governor Mechem and he wants me to have some Politicians write to Cap
Capper and Curtis and have them recommend Judge Phillips for the cir
cuit court of appeals. I guess you are the only person I know that co
could do that but I am only saying use your own judgment/ I have a co
plete library of borrowed books so can leave over night any time and
the Journal World is dead/ me while the case is sent with Box 144 could have Grace change it
I wish you would tell Grace to change the Journal World to me here
as I have not seen one for about a week /

Very truly yours/

Leo A. Mc Nalley

I hope you dont swear as much when you read this as I did in writing th
letter.

June 5, 1925.

L. A. Simons,
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Miss Johnson:

I am sending herewith the matter which your sister desired to have for her thesis.

If you have ever tried setting down and writing up a bunch of people of this sort, you would know how difficult it is to make your selections to fill the various groups. They are sent to you just as I wrote them with very little editing and I have no carbon copy. If convenient when you copy them for your sister you may save a carbon for me, but if you wish to pass them on to your sister just as they are, do so and save yourself the extra work.

I presume Louis will soon be back. You may tell him that I received his letter from New York and will attend to the matter of business suggested by him.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:M
Encl.

May 29, 1925.

Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Vera:

This is just a little belated but I wanted you to know that your birthday was remembered the 26th of May, and I hope that you and yours are well and happy.

It is possible that I shall see you again by the middle of next month as I expect to make another trip to New York.

Your uncle,

May 20, 1925.

L. A. Simons,
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Louie:

Find herewith my resignation as a director, addressed to the Board of Directors of The Western Brick & Clay Products Company. Please note that the day of the month has not been filled in.

I don't believe that I have a thing of interest to tell you. Sometime today I must prepare a talk for the Cosmopolitan Club to be given at dinner tonight. This club is composed of the foreign students of the university and some American students. The chancellor and I are to be the speakers.

Miss Packard secured a position yesterday with the Hall Lithographing Company at Topeka and begins work next Monday.

Lots of love,

Your brother,

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April 10, 1925.

L. A. McNalley,
1130 East Pierce,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mac:

I enclose a letter from Arthur
Capper and hope that you may have a line-
up that he does not know about.

We have been having fine spring
weather, almost ideal, leaves are starting
and the grass is nearly ready for the lawn
mower.

We had a nice little visit with
Janet during her sickness with the mumps,
and were very sorry that she could not at
least remain over for the week end.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS*M

April 10, 1925.

Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Vera:

I enclose herewith letter from
Marco Morrow which gives you the information
that you want.

Tell your mama we received her
Easter cards and were glad to be remembered.
Both Gertie and I have been fighting mighty
bad colds for several weeks and are getting
better.

We read your article last night
with Mary Jule's picture in Frijoles Canyon.

I will not take time to write more
just now but love you and the babies in the
same old way.

Your uncle,

April 11, 1925.

Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman,
7539 Colfax Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Vera:

The enclosed letter will enable
you to meet the President. Here's hoping
that you sell him the Middle West and its
representative newspaper, The Journal-World.

Lots of Love,

April 6, 1925.

Mr. L. A. Simons,
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Louis:

I send herewith a letter which
came addressed to you today thinking possibly
you might be interested in it.

Hope we will be able to catch you
when we go to Kansas City, but don't know
exactly when it will be.

Lots of love,

Your brother,

April 2, 1925.

L. A. McNalley,
1130 East Pierce,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mac:

Have you got to be a ^{two}~~true~~ gun man since you have been associating with the long horns of Arizona?

We had our first good spring rain last night and today. Everything is well soaked and the top of the ground needed it. With a few days of warm sunshine, the grass will need the lawn mower.

The principle reason for writing you today is that I cannot find our copy of the Statutes that I bought from you and I wonder if you borrowed our copy and perhaps left it up at the house. I have occasion to use it in figuring up the ballots for the spring primary and election.

George Wetzel, of the Lawrence National Bank, is a candidate for Commissioner of Finance against Stevenson, and while the matter has not broken in the paper it is largely an effort of the Klan to control the city administration. I understand that the new Catholic Church will be first occupied Easter Sunday.

Our net paid circulation is running over the 5,600 mark and collections for March in this department ran over \$2,500.

Please write me about the copy of Statutes.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:M

March 7, 1925.

Mr. L. A. Simons,
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Louis:

Find herewith check for \$50.00,
dividend on your stock for 1924.

I leave tonight for New York and
do not suppose that I will get to talk with
you while I am there as the time is so short
between trains.

Love from all.

Your brother,



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Dear Collie:-

Miss Johnson called the
Campbell Paint Co and
was informed your letter
of inquiry was turned over
to their traveling salesman
who called on you
two days later.

Hope you enjoyed your
trip to K @ and visit
with Vera — sorry I did
not see more of you.

Now have a call in
for Billy Hutson — hope I
can land some business
from him.

Love for all.
Louise

January 6, 1925.

Mr. L. A. Simons,
310 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Louis:

I thank you for your check, \$52.75, but always feel like a pickpocket when I receive money for work done for you. I had this marked on the ledger not to be billed, or in other words, marked "charged off".

We are still badly torn up at the office and there is nothing especially new. I had a nice letter from Julia the other day.

Hope your brick deal and all other deals go through happily and with profit to you. Received the insurance policy OK.

Lots of Love,

Your brother,



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1/5 '25-

Dear Billie:-

Better late than never — but you will remember that when I wanted this bill last January you "thumble rigged" me, but June 1st you book Reefer noticed the account and sent statement — then I was a little short and pushed the statement back on my desk and found it lay before yesterday — however I have thought of it several times during last eight months but always at wrong time either financially or geographically.



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Now if you will send
me the statement for
this last job I will try
to connect it with it
before next January.
Nothing new or
startling to report—
everything about so
so — Give all my
love and Best greetings.
Louis

P.S.

Business deal still looking
mighty good but not
over for enough to start
for sure
P.S.