

I shall be very happy when your time of enlistment is over because we can make mighty good use of you here, which I think would meet with your desires, as I have the idea that you would like to be connected with the newspaper at the earliest possibility. Not including Sunflower or Wesvaco, the Journal-World, which started with nothing, has long since had the second largest payroll in Lawrence. As the town grows, the paper grows. As business increases, advertising increases and vice versa. Where at one time I looked forward to a possible 5,000 circulation, the Journal-World now has well over 8,000, and when we have Dolph Dr. with his new ideas and energy, we will doubtless continue to grow.

Your dad has the idea, or at least has had, that he would like to have you and John have different papers if that met with your desire. However, that to me does not seem necessary as we need vigorous young men in our business which is still expanding.

Yesterday marked the 57th anniversary of my marriage to your grandma, and the 14th of December will mark 60 years since I first set foot in Lawrence, a young man of 20 without a solitary acquaintance in the town outside of my family. At that time the population of Lawrence was something over 9,000, and the attendance at K. U., which still had a preparatory department, was about 700. I may never have mentioned it to you, but for many years when anything new is contemplated for the town, I do not ask if it will be good for the Journal-World; the one and only question being, will it be good for Lawrence. The field is open and wide so just as soon as Uncle Sam will let you go, we shall be very happy to have you here with us.

I am very happy over your love for Pam, and hope that you will bring her home as a bride while I am still here.

I am always glad to get your letters and if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Lovingly,

Grandad

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