

Were it possible to list all of the brilliant men and women who have been connected with the newspapers of Lawrence since the settlement of the town in 1854, the list would contain the names of many who have left their impress upon the state and nation.

Dr. Geo. W. Brown, John Speer and Josiah Miller were among the first to engage in the newspaper business here. Later came Rev. I. S. Kalloch, a brilliant tho somewhat unprincipled man who later became mayor of San Francisco. T. Dwight Thacher, long a newspaper man in Lawrence became state printer. F. E. Stimpson, still living at the home of his son, Prof. E. F. Stimpson, was one of the publishers of the Lawrence Journal in 1874, nearly forty-nine years ago.

Among the well known writers and newspaper men who gained their first experience in Lawrence are W. Y. Morgan, of the Hutchinson News, who for eighteen months chased items for the Lawrence Journal. William Allen White, who as a cub shocked some of the more Puritanical members of Lawrence society with his rather modern methods of news handling. Roy Roberts, now and for several years, Washington correspondent of the Kansas City Star, had never worked on any paper but the Journal-World before going to the Star, so that his entire experience has been with the two papers.

Frank Webster, for many years with the Denver Post, had his first experience here. So did John M. Steele, of Denver, who as a soldier in the Philippines became press agent for General Fred Funston and did much towards securing for him the reputation which brought about his rapid advancement in the army.

Fred Skiff for many years curator of the Field Columbian Museum, in Chicago, was an old time employee of the Journal-World. Chas. Van Fleet, afterwards successful with the Associated Press, was discharged by the World, being accused of laying down on his job. Raymond Clapper, the representative of the United Press at Washington, was also con-