

When I was twenty years old I came to Lawrence, December 14, 1891, where together with John Leeford Brady, aged 25; and my brother, Louis Adolphus Simons, aged 17, we leased The Daily and Weekly Record. The owner of The Record was a man of large wealth, and shortly after beginning operation of the paper we found that he wished us to take up his side of certain local quarrels or misunderstandings, which in our judgment would make it impossible for us to successfully produce a paper that would be representative of the entire community.

With practically no money, with limited experience, but with a great deal of courage we began the publication of the Daily and Weekly World on March 1st, 1892, the daily being issued each morning excepting Monday and the Weekly on Thursday. That made nine papers in the field and Lawrence had long been known as a "Newspaper Graveyard."

As already stated the Record was owned by a millionaire, and The Journal was also owned by a man of wealth, who besides owning the paper was the owner of a large publishing plant. To make matters worse he had been in Kansas in Territorial days, and the people of Lawrence in the nineties regarded anyone who had not been a resident since Quant-rill's Raid in 1863 to be an interloper.

In this case the "Annals of the Poor," were not short and simple, but were dragged out for years, but we took over one paper after another until in 1921 we had become the owner of all of the nine papers in the field when we started.

My brother sold his interests to us for a trifle, and in 1905 we took over The Journal, which we ran as a separate paper until February 1911, when The Journal and World were consolidated.

My partner, John Leeford Brady, was politically minded and served in the state legislature and senate. He secured the Republican Nomination for congress in 1912, but the party split over the Progressive