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Dear Editor--Seeing an item in the Journal a few days ago relative to the illness of my old friend, W. C. Simons, I am reminded that I cut my "printer's eye teeth" under ^{his} ~~their~~ supervision. That was back in the days when the World was located in the basement of the old Bowersock Theatre building which stood at the northeast corner of Seventh and Massachusetts street. The paper was owned and published by Mr. Simons and his brother-in-law, the late J. Leeford Brady. In those days the World was printed on an old cylinder press and the folding and mailing was all done by hand--and that was my first job in the printing trade. As I remember, they printed a daily and a weekly. Also, at that time there were other papers in Lawrence--the Weekly Gazette, published at the rear of the old First National Bank building by the late Charley Finch; my old Friend Henry Alback was also in business and of course there was the Journal. Power for the old Journal was furnished by a cable line from the Bowersock dam. Later the World and Journal were consolidated under the same management as the World was then under.

In those early days of the World things were not always as rosy as they could have been and I can remember that sometimes the help had to wait a few days for their pay--a portion of which came from the salary of Mr. Brady's wife, who was teaching school in Eudora.

All type composition was done by hand--there were two regular hand compositors who set up the straight matter. One was a young lady and me, a youngster, suddenly was smitten by the puppy love bug but I