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~~my first recollection of the Simons family was seeing the riding around town in a survey drawn by a horse and kids' heads sticking out everywhere.~~
[W.C. and my father, A.H. Schaal, were close friends and that is how I ^{first} came to know ~~Mr. Simons~~ when I was just a youngster.

It has been fourteen years since I have been back to Lawrence. At that time I called on W.C. to ~~do the job~~ ^{visit} and congratulate him on his successful life and the part he had had in building the town of Lawrence. As an editor, he was in a position to use his influence for good or bad. While we were visiting, he told me of an incident that happened when he first came to Lawrence and went into business. He said, "At that time, we were so hard up that a hundred dollars looked as big as a wagon wheel."

One day, an influential Lawrence citizen came to me with the proposition that if I would refrain from printing things about him that he would pay me a thousand dollars a year. I shot the answer right back at him, "If you want to stay out of my paper, you stay out of trouble."

How refreshing it is to remember back to the old timers who had the moral and ethical courage that was the basis of real men.

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