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Mr. Dolph Simons
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Dear Dolph

Since about mid April Hattie and I have been in California. It was partly a business trip, and we also looked at a newspaper in which I have been interested, and a house in a spot where my wife thinks she would like to live. Nothing definite has happened, but there still is a chance one or both eggs may hatch.

What really inspired this letter was my discovery when I began to read the copies of Editor and Publisher and Publishers Auxiliary I had missed, that your father had gone to his reward while I was away. Usually that is a trite phrase, but in the case of your father I think that is exactly what happened.

When I came to Salina in my early twenties, with nothing much but ambition, he was one of the older men who steered me on prices, methods, and a host of other subjects on which I was no better posted than hst is one government--begging your pardon for ~~referring~~ referring to the president in lower case. Even when J. L. Brady located here and became my competitor, and I tried to avoid embarrassing him, he continued to answer questions and letters, and to give me the benefit of his experience, and his good solid horse sense.

Nothing I can say is going to help you or the other members of the family very much, but as you get the opportunity I hope you will passmon to them my deep and sincere sympathy. To my way of thinking he was a GOOD citizen, probably the highest compliment that can be paid to any man. Heaven help the country that continues to lose men like him, for not too many of them are being produced to take his place. As time has gone by I can see his handiwork being demonstrated by the actions of his son, and I am proud to have been a friend of both of you. Again I express my regret at my seeming neglect, but I assure you it was unintentional. With warmest personal regards to Marie and you, and all the family from Hattie and me,

Sincerely

Roy