

Hawthorn Hill

Wednesday afternoon, March 17, 1926

I've written one letter today, dear, but now that I have got my second letter from you I'll have to write a second. I said a lot of things in my letter this morning that seem to agree with what you think of things. I am pretty sure I'd rather see Henry Allen get the paper than Mr. K and Mr. S. but, as you say, there is nothing to do but wait and see if Mr. K. and Mr. S. drop out. Some way I've got enough of the Nelson family and its connections!

I do believe, dear, you will be better off under any new friendly management than you were with Mrs. K. in control. But perhaps Mr. S. would be a great loss in the business management side. I believe there will be some way to keep the paper under its present management and under friendly control. You see the organization is a great asset of itself. And you are the chief asset of the organization, dear. I am sure that if any decent person gets hold of the paper he will try hard to keep you. As I said this morning, in my letter, it has been really ridiculous to have Mr. K's name on the editorial page. It might be there as publisher or something like that but this other was truly Nelsonesque. Well, you'll just have to see what you can do in your new bargain. It has never been right, dear. And it didn't take a great deal of partiality to think that.

I am full of hope, dear. I believe you will have a much better place, in every way, on The Star, more influence, more recognition and possibly more money. Your stock will be valuable and you can well afford to risk something if you are in the thing. And, if you are disappointed in the sale of The Star, you will still be better off, dear. I feel sure of that. You will have plenty of opportunities. You can afford to wait, you know, until something good turns up. You'll get to be a regular lecturer, dear. If worst comes to worst, we can make up a Chautauqua team. You can "tell 'em" and I'll "scold 'em"!

I was thinking, dear, that you could be comfortable even if it took you a little while to get settled. It would be better to be married before too long, I think, but we are happy now, dear, and we could wait, if it turns out to be best. I think you'll stay with The Star But I am prepared to be "calm" if that falls through. I am really expecting that you will be glad of the change in ownership, unless some down right calamity puts The Star into bad hands. Now did Governor Allen get along with Lindley? As I remember it, he was defending Lindley when Davis got after him.

No matter what Mr. Kirkwood thinks, surely none of you can be expected to cast your fortunes with him entirely. You are going to try to help him get it and if he doesn't get it, you are through with your obligation to him. And if he won't concede any of the things you feel would be fair, maybe you won't feel any particular obligations any way. However, I believe from what you say Mr. Kirkwood will be fair. I feel sorry for him, dear. But, you see, dear, I'm not very enthusiastic over his having his name on your editorial page! I've been doing some thinking about a lot of things. I believe you get on well with people, dear. That is a very great gift and a very happy one. You aren't a bit selfish, dear, and I like that so much. But, if there is a new deal, you might look out for yourself a little! You'll never be in danger of doing that too much.

I went over to the doctor's this afternoon, waited an hour and he hadn't come in yet. There were five before me so I left. I may go back again now. It is after four and I can't have to wait so long now! I'm not feeling quite right – not really sick, dear. That was so dear of you to write me such a good letter about what is going on. I love you a good deal, dear. A sweet kiss. Your Katharine.