

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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This is correspondence to and from newspaper editor and publisher Frederick W. Brinkerhoff. The bulk of letters date from the 1940s and 1950s. His first newspaper job was with the Ottawa Herald, after which he worked for the Fort Scott Republican, Chanute Sun, Chanute Tribune, Kansas City Star, Pittsburg Headlight, and the Pittsburg Sun. Brinkerhoff was also vice-president and a director of Stauffer Publications as well as director of Capper Publications Inc., the Topeka State Journal Company, and Newton Publishing Company. In addition, he was vice-president of the KSEK Broadcasting Company in Pittsburg. Brinkerhoff was well known as a journalist, serving as president of the Kansas Press Association in 1935 and as chairman of the Kansas Associated Press in 1946-1947. He also served as a member of the Pulitzer Prize jury for editorial writing in 1950 and 1951. In 1956, he received the William Allen White award to a Kansas editor for journalistic merit. Active in community affairs, Brinkerhoff was a member of the board of the Pittsburg Public Library, served as chairman of the Pittsburg Industrial Commission, and was on the board of directors and served a term as president of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce. He was also active in Republican party politics. Brinkerhoff was interested in the history of the state and served as president of the Kansas State Historical Society in 1944. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and grouped alphabetically by individuals with whom Brinkerhoff was in frequent contact, including Roy F. Bailey, Arthur Capper, Rolla Clymer, Harry W. Colmery, Harry Darby, Jess C. Denious, Myron George, Merl Huffman, Clyde M. Reed, Richard W. Robbins, Andrew Schoepel, and Oscar Stauffer, among many others.

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THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

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TOPEKA, KANSAS

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V. F. MILLER, ASSISTANT CASHIER
J. W. CALDWELL, ASSISTANT CASHIER
E. H. KLAHR, AUDITOR

23 October 1950

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff, Editor
Headlight and Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

I thought perhaps you would be interested in a brief report of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Menninger Foundation, held here the first part of last week.

We had about thirty-three members of our Board of Governors present - 5 from New York City, 4 from Chicago, 1 from California, 1 from New Mexico, 2 from Michigan, 1 from Ohio, 1 from Iowa, 1 from Texas, and several from Missouri.

After an inspection of the hospital and the present buildings in which the Children's Clinic and Southard School are being conducted, the Board spent two days in formulating the program which we feel must be promptly carried out. Early next year federal funds will be available to assist in the construction of the hospital and the Southard School, and the Foundation now has on hand something over \$300,000 toward our part of the necessary costs. In addition to the federal funds and the short term governments now on hand, it is necessary for us to raise \$650,000 to carry out this very important program.

To the joy of those of us from Kansas, our out-of-state Board members underwrote a very substantial portion of all our needs, and I believe their recognition of the tremendously important institution we have here, and their willingness to subscribe generously to our capital funds, is the challenge that we, in Kansas, must accept.

I think I told you that the city of Topeka had already raised \$100,000 and, of course, we are going on soliciting funds. The Board of Governors, themselves, in addition to the time they are spending, have contributed \$70,000 toward this capital fund. Of the \$650,000 still needed, Texas governors promised to raise one-fourth, New York governors one-fourth; Chicago governors and the governors from other states agreed to raise a like amount, leaving it necessary for Kansas to raise the additional sum of \$160,000 by February 1st, next. It seems to me that this should not be an unsurmountable task if we carry on solicitation in the 22 larger towns of Kansas with a quota for each town of \$1.00 per capita.

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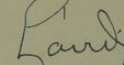
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The remarkable staff we have gathered here and the tremendously important work they are doing in our state mental institutions as well as carrying forward the training program, which is the hope of other states and the basis of their active interest, must be supplied with the physical tools necessary for the continuation of their work. Kansans, I am sure, will want to do their part when they know the story.

Mr. Hinckley will be down to see you in a day or two and, if possible, it would be greatly appreciated if you and Mr. McNalley, and others who may be interested, could set some date for a meeting of the folks in Pittsburg who would be able to contribute to our fund. I don't know whether or not he told you, but Mr. McNalley made a generous contribution to the fund recently.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,



W. Laird Dean

WLD:rp

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Oct. 27, 1950

W. Laird Dean
Merchants National Bank
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Laird:

Thanks for writing me about the progress of the Menninger campaign. I was glad to know that McNally had taken the interest he has taken and I am sure he will be up one of these days to take a good look.

It would not be wise to have a Menninger meeting down here until later on in the year. I am positive that a very satisfactory session can be had with either one of the doctors present.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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Dec. 21, 1950

W. N. Deramus, President
Kansas City Southern Rwy.
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Bill:

Merry Christmas to you all.

Pearl and I were in New Orleans for Thanksgiving. Coming home I wanted only a bite to eat on the diner of the Southern Belle and selected a piece of pumpkin pie and coffee. The pie was a knockout. It was so much so that I ordered a second piece. Then I went into the kitchen to meet the man who made it. I discovered he was Mr. Brown. I congratulated him, commended him, felicitated him and such like. In the course of the conversation I mentioned sweet potato pie and his interest even increased. He said he would make me a sweet potato pie sometime. Now you tell me that there is nothing in telepathy. I got on the Belle one morning ten days ago to go to Kansas City. At breakfast the waiter told me that Brown was on the car. I went into the kitchen and there was Brown who laughed and said something like this, "I just thought you would be on the train this morning and I baked you a sweet potato pie last night." And that sweet potato pie came back with me that night and got off at Pittsburg. I think I shall ride the Southern Belle frequently. I like sweet potato pie. Brown and some of the boys told me that you liked his fruit cake. You can have the fruit cake. I will take the sweet potato pie.

I was in your offices that last day in Kansas City but you were out at the time.

Stop over sometime. Pittsburg will be happy to have you.

Sincerely yours,

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W. N. DERAMUS
KANSAS CITY, MO.

December 27, 1950

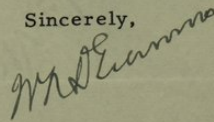
Dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter of December
21st.

I read with a great deal of interest
your story about the sweet potato pie. It pleases
me to know that our dining car folks, and particu-
larly Chef Brown, would be so interested in the
people who use our service.

Hoping to see you soon, and with all
good wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,

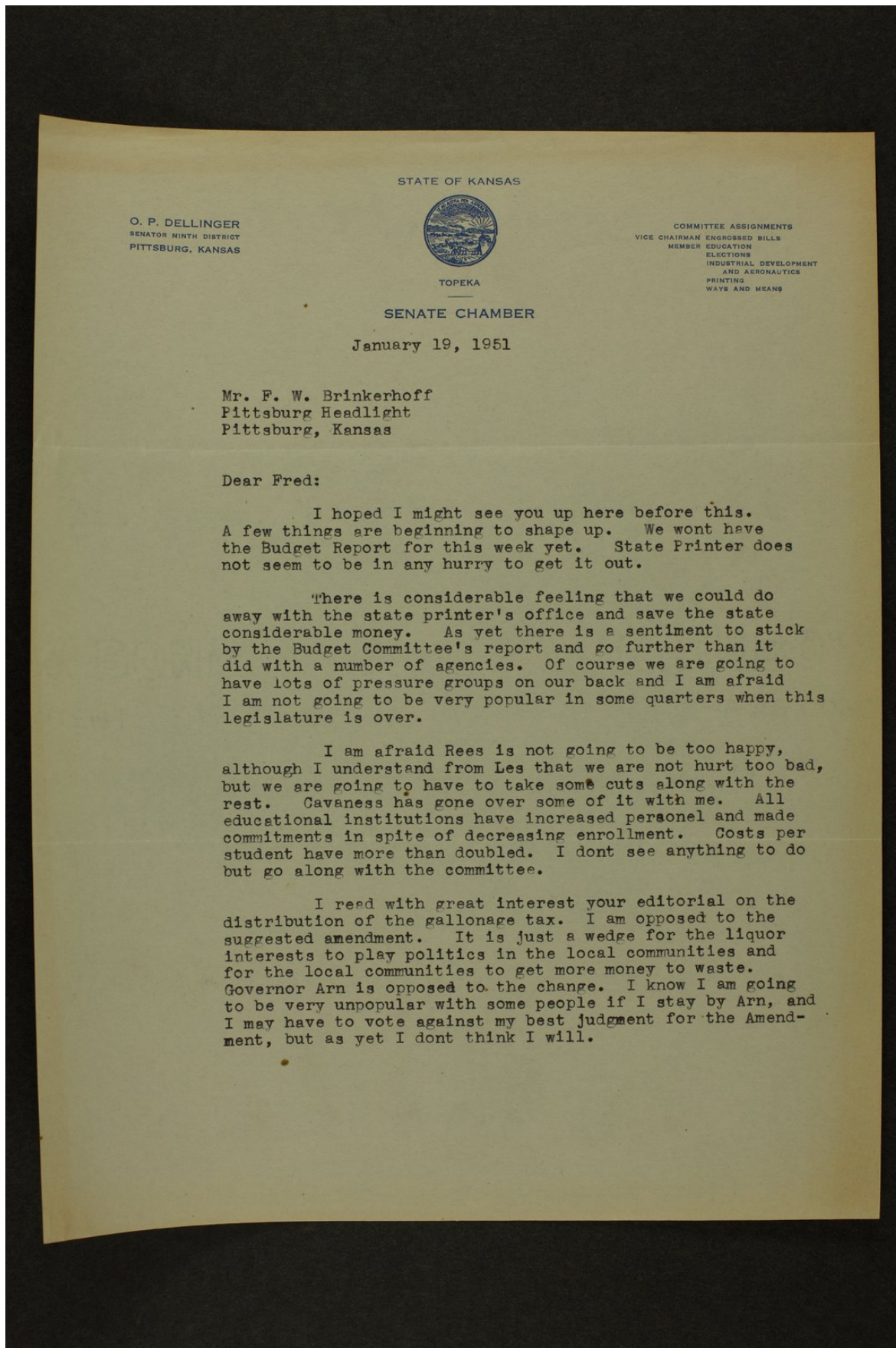


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The Pittsburg Publishing Company

Pittsburg, Kansas

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STATE OF KANSAS

O. P. DELLINGER
SENATOR NINTH DISTRICT
PITTSBURG, KANSAS



TOPEKA

SENATE CHAMBER

January 19, 1951

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
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Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

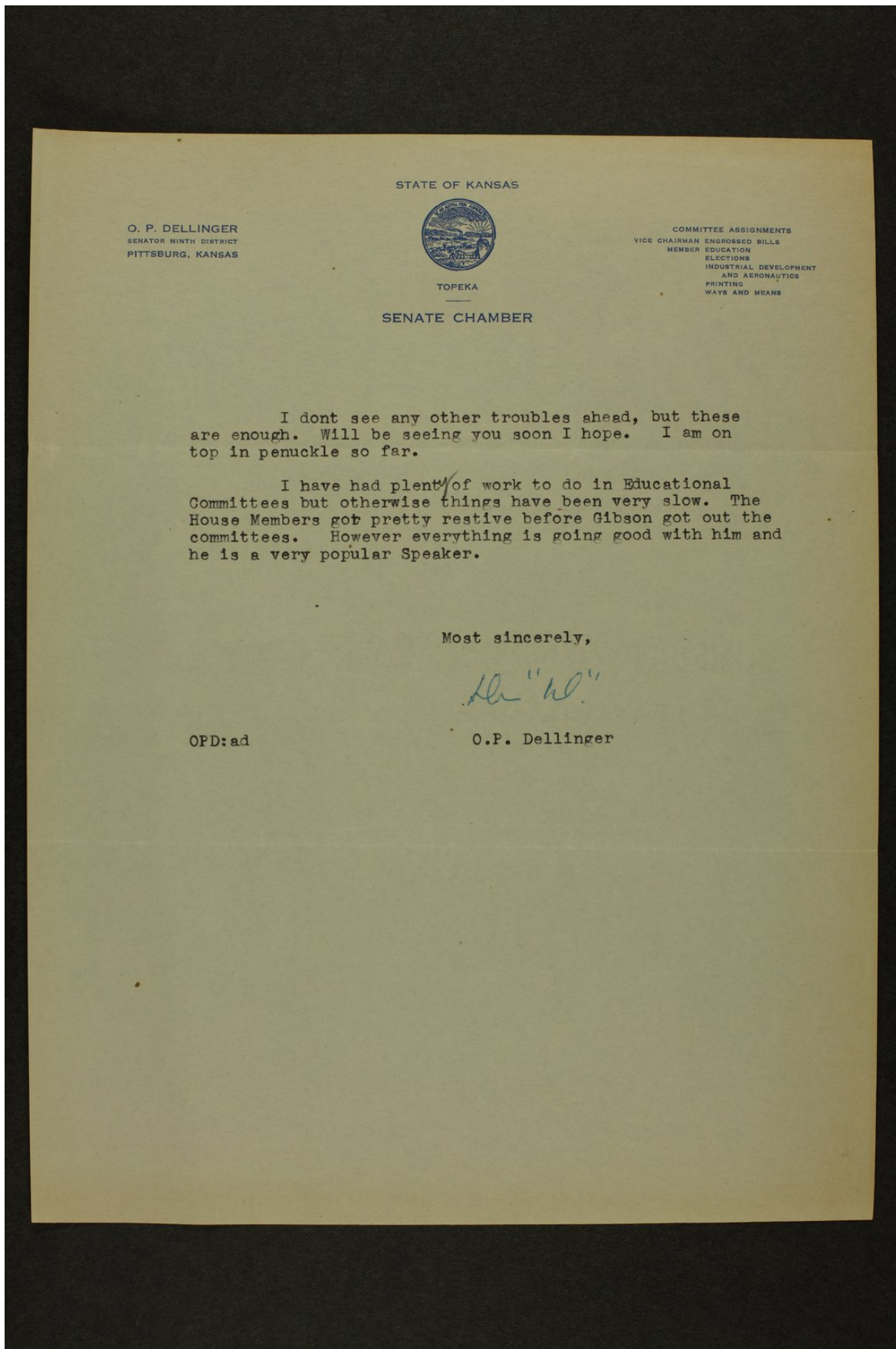
I hoped I might see you up here before this. A few things are beginning to shape up. We wont have the Budget Report for this week yet. State Printer does not seem to be in any hurry to get it out.

There is considerable feeling that we could do away with the state printer's office and save the state considerable money. As yet there is a sentiment to stick by the Budget Committee's report and go further than it did with a number of agencies. Of course we are going to have lots of pressure groups on our back and I am afraid I am not going to be very popular in some quarters when this legislature is over.

I am afraid Rees is not going to be too happy, although I understand from Les that we are not hurt too bad, but we are going to have to take some cuts along with the rest. Cavaness has gone over some of it with me. All educational institutions have increased personel and made commitments in spite of decreasing enrollment. Costs per student have more than doubled. I dont see anything to do but go along with the committee.

I read with great interest your editorial on the distribution of the gallonage tax. I am opposed to the suggested amendment. It is just a wedge for the liquor interests to play politics in the local communities and for the local communities to get more money to waste. Governor Arn is opposed to the change. I know I am going to be very unpopular with some people if I stay by Arn, and I may have to vote against my best judgment for the Amendment, but as yet I dont think I will.

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Jan. 20, 1951

Senator O. P. Dellinger
Senate Chamber
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Docky:

You will be seeing me about a week from Sunday and Monday. It has not been possible for me to get up there in the meantime.

Saw Gibson an hour ago down the street. He said he ran away for a day. I am sure he will get along in good shape.

I would have been interested in a line from you concerning your new presiding officer.

Nothing much going on down here except the weather made a change today and it feels like winter instead of midspring.

Will be seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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C. A. Daubin

Hereford Cattle
1040 Cherokee Avenue
Baxter Springs, Kansas

February 3, 1951

Mr Fred W. Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas
Dear Fred -

I have read your speech in
Kansas City that you made
before the Kansas City Kans Business
and Professional Women's Club,
Fred this is plenty good, I would like
to hear more of this over the Country, its
what we need.

This gang in Washington are losing no
time in taking advantage of this very thing,
under the ^{guise of} defence and prospects of a third
world war, to build a political machine
for the 1952 election.

The Republican National Committee knows what
is going on. What they need is some men like
you to inform the people. Sincerely yours
C. A. Daubin

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Feb. 5, 1951

C. A. Daubin
1040 Cherokee Ave.
Baxter Springs, Kas.

Dear Chet:

Thanks for your kind words. I have almost lost hope that very many fellows will speak out as they should on this welfare matter. In my judgment the situation is disgraceful.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Feb. 6, 1951

Senator G. P. Dellinger
Senate Chamber
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Docky:

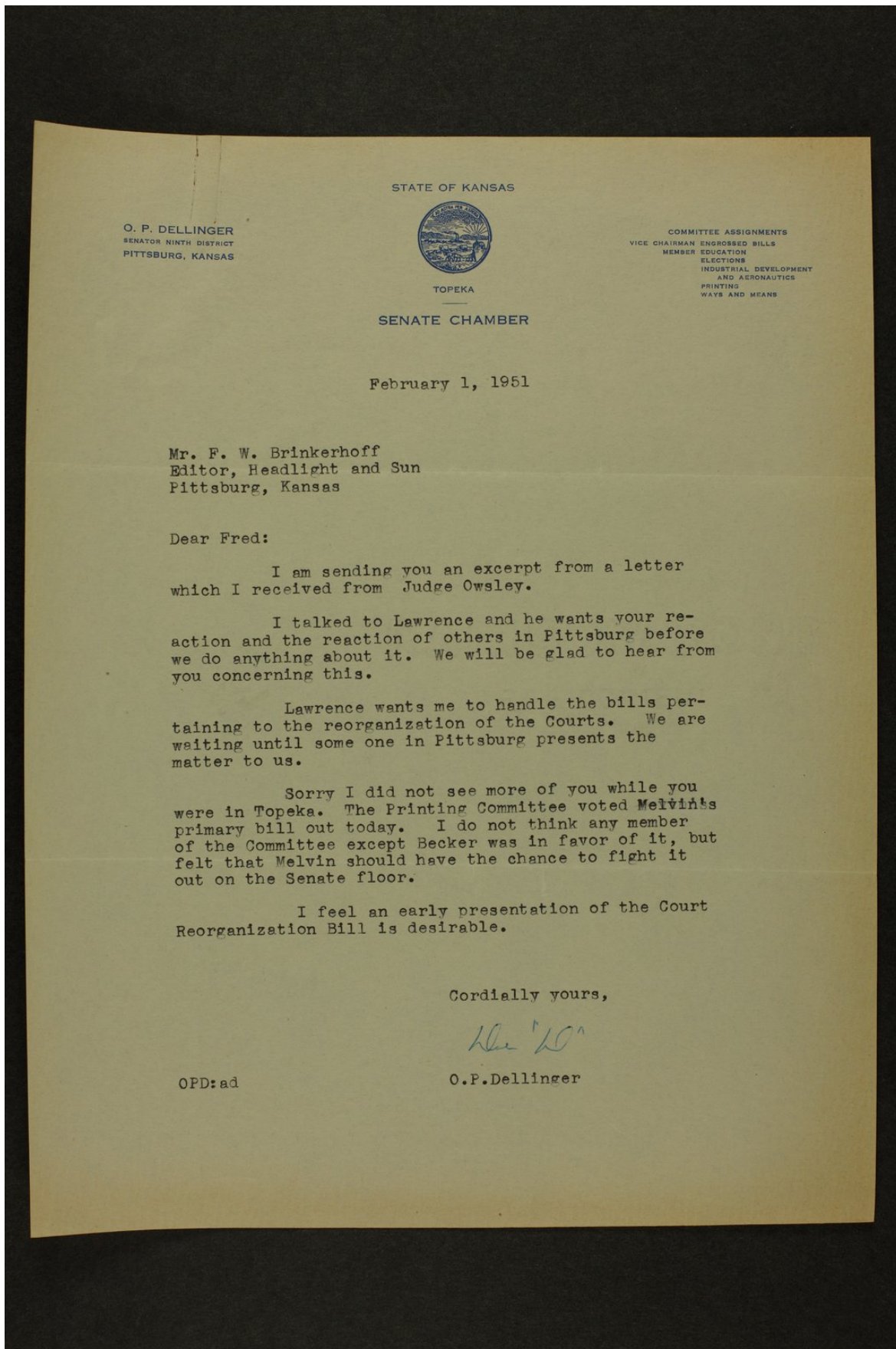
My investigation develops the conclusion that the court bailiff-parole officer bill is all right. Our court would use it on a per diem basis and it would not amount to a great deal. It would make it possible for the court to have a bailiff to fit in with the new look in our court.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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February 1, 1951

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Editor, Headlight and Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

I am sending you an excerpt from a letter
which I received from Judge Owsley.

I talked to Lawrence and he wants your re-
action and the reaction of others in Pittsburg before
we do anything about it. We will be glad to hear from
you concerning this.

Lawrence wants me to handle the bills per-
taining to the reorganization of the Courts. We are
waiting until some one in Pittsburg presents the
matter to us.

Sorry I did not see more of you while you
were in Topeka. The Printing Committee voted Melvin's
primary bill out today. I do not think any member
of the Committee except Becker was in favor of it, but
felt that Melvin should have the chance to fight it
out on the Senate floor.

I feel an early presentation of the Court
Reorganization Bill is desirable.

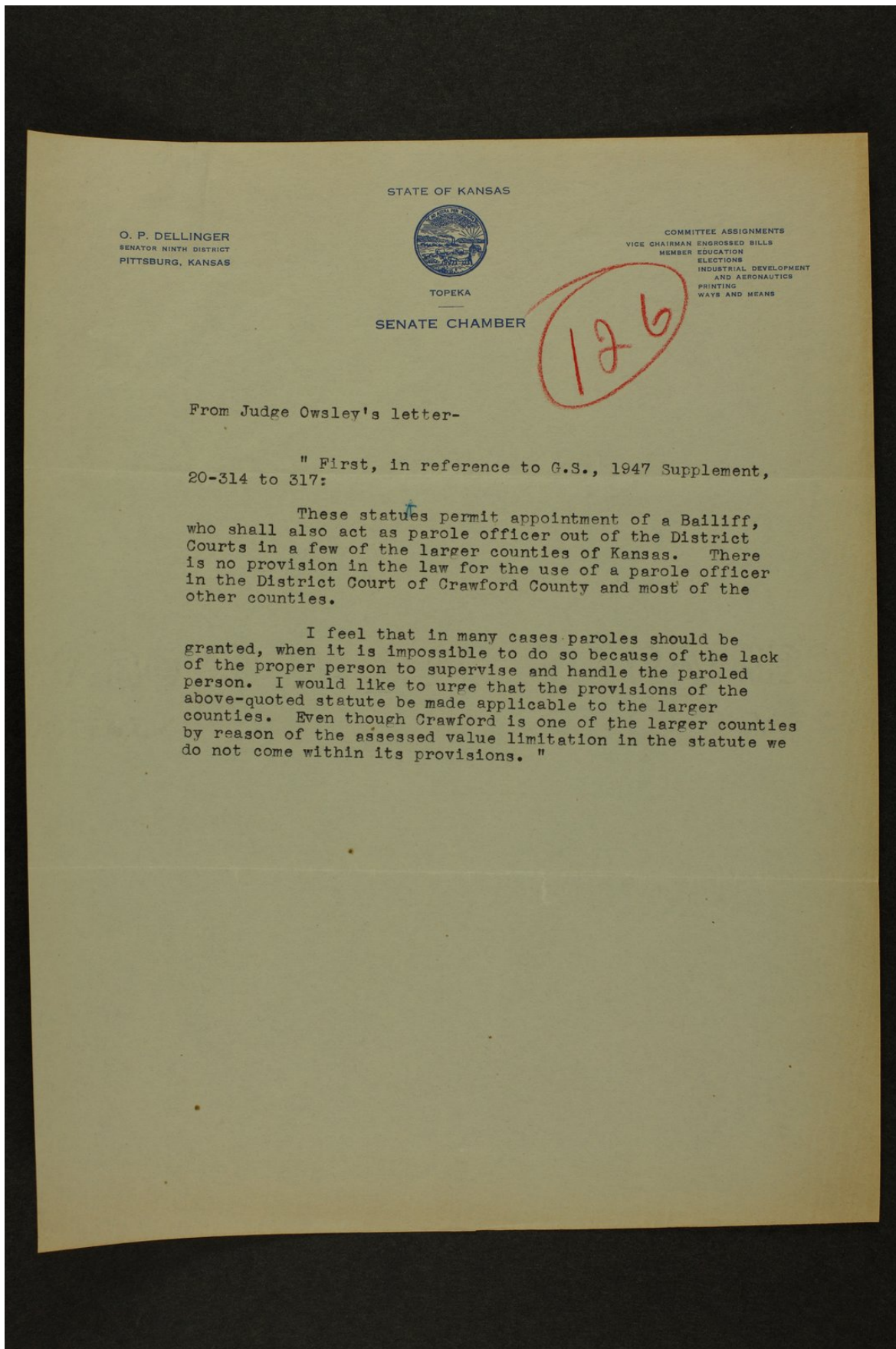
Cordially yours,

O. P. Dellinger

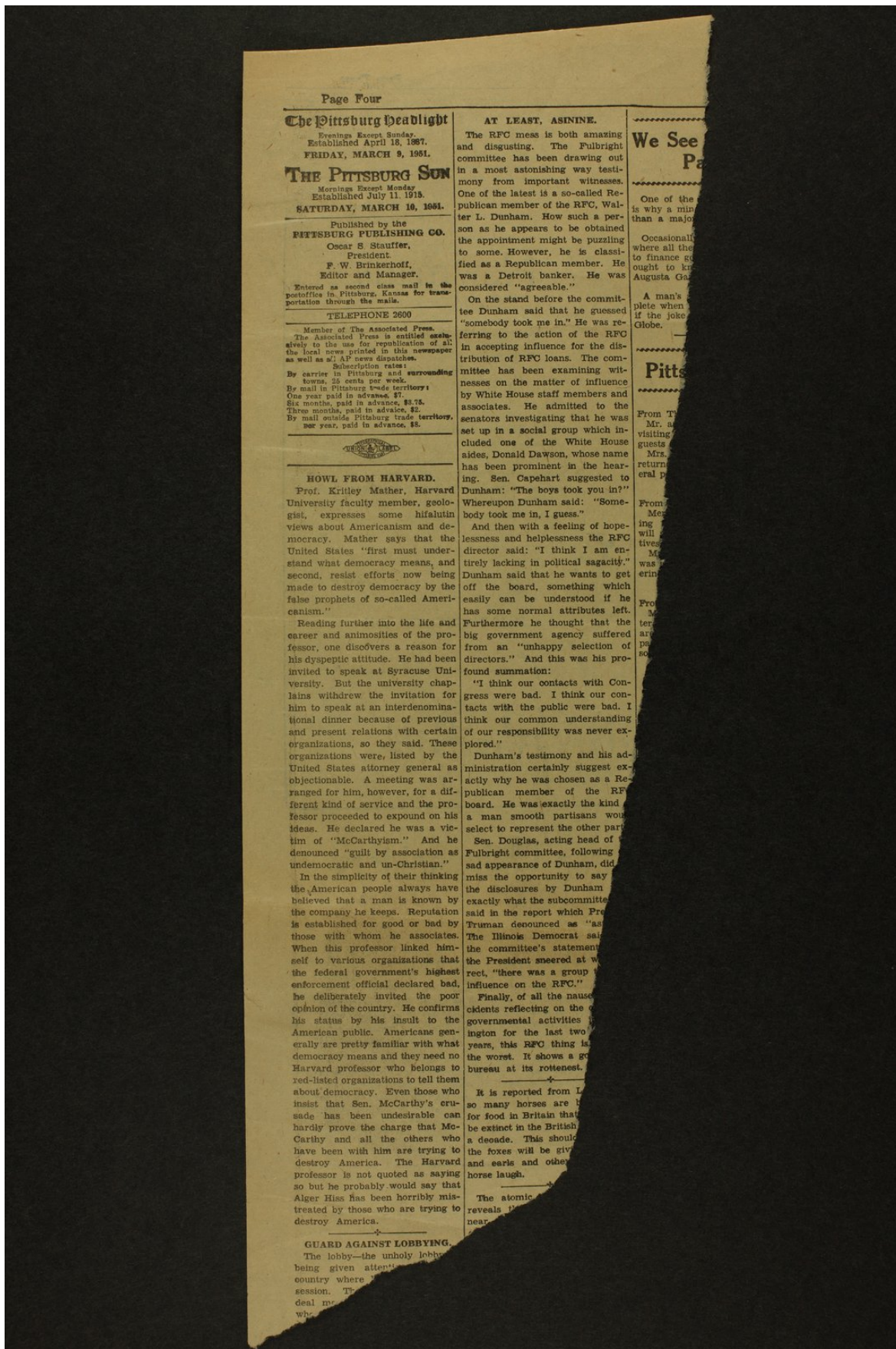
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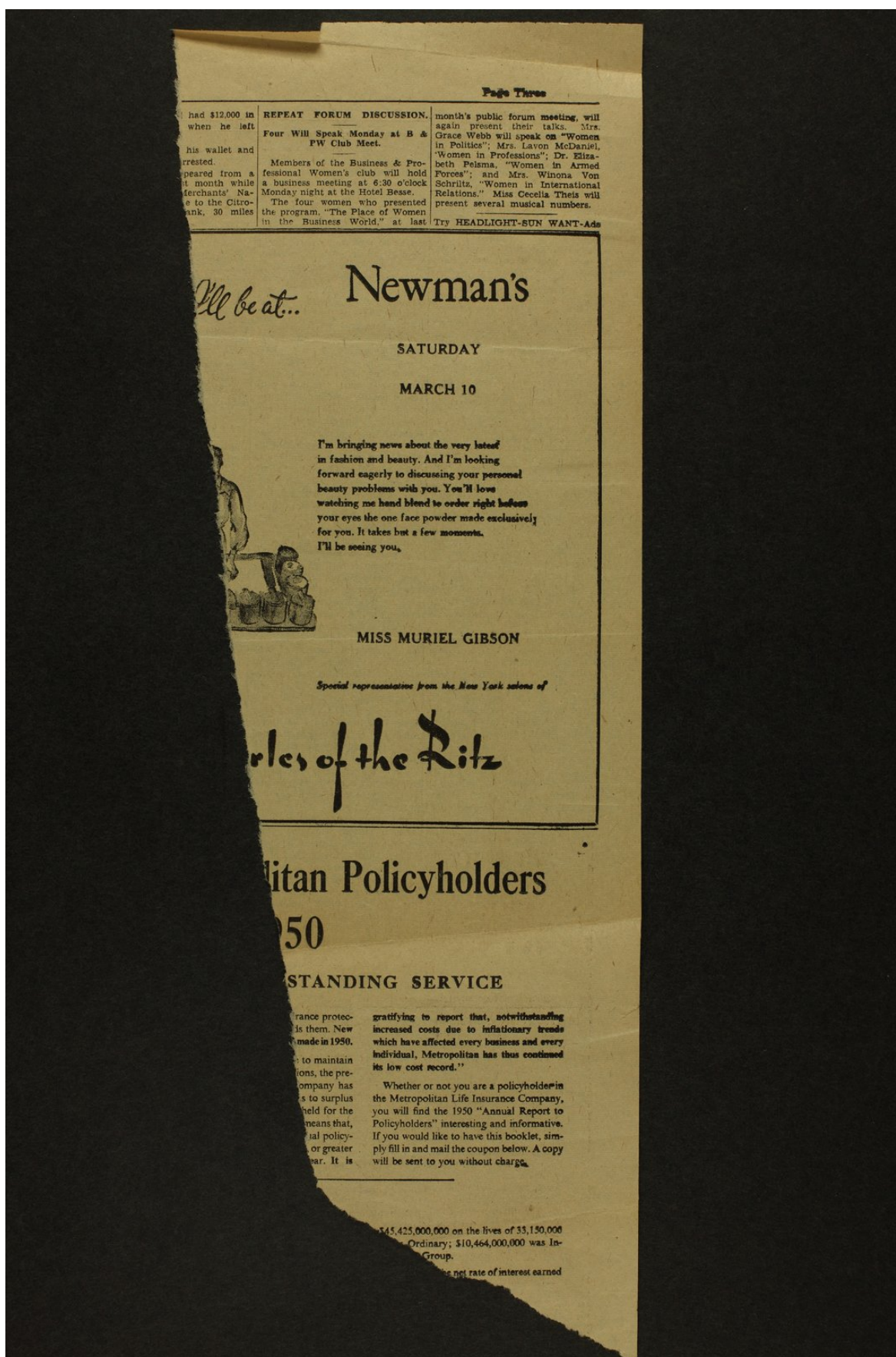
O.P.Dellinger

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L. Wayne Dunlap

112 East Lindburg
Pittsburg, Kansas.
March 13, 1951

Dear Friend Brinkerhoff,

First may I compliment you on your policy in regard to liquor and those arrested while under its influence. Power to you!

I do have a very serious protest to make. It is in your seeming irresponsibility in the editorial, Friday March 9, about Prof. Kirtley Mather. I can easily understand how you came to your conclusion. I read the same "half truth" A.P. news release you did. My real concern is that you with so little information proceed to attack Dr. Mather.

What that news release did not point out is that this is a part of a long involved Catholic-Protestant negotiation. Syracuse University (a Methodist institution) has recently formed an inter-faith chaplaincy corps. In this Syracuse is pioneering in serving their student body religiously. The Brotherhood week observance at which Dr. Mather was to speak was canceled because of Catholic protest. He did speak to a Protestant Chapel later.

During the past four years I have lived where I had several opportunities to hear Dr. Mather. The worst you can say is that he is a liberal. Avowed socialists call him conservative. Surely a man in your position and with your ability knows the old racket of the front organizations. Mather made the statement in my presence at Oxford, Ohio after a speech to the National Y.M.--Y. W. conference the first week in January that the organizations that he had been "Red listed" for had never had his signature on a membership application.

Two further things need notation. Dr. Kirtley Mather has given sacrificially of time and money in the Y.M.C.A. program and he is a recognized scientist among scientists. January second of this year he was elected national president of the Society for the Advancement of Science.

Your "weasel wording" of that "The Harvard professor is not quoted as saying so but he probably would say. . . ." proves quite conclusively that he was right in at least one instance about American people not understanding Democracy. If you, a newspaper editor, do not recognize the right of an individual to speak for himself, and do "Label thinking" how can we expect better behavior from others.

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(Dr. Kirtley Mather)

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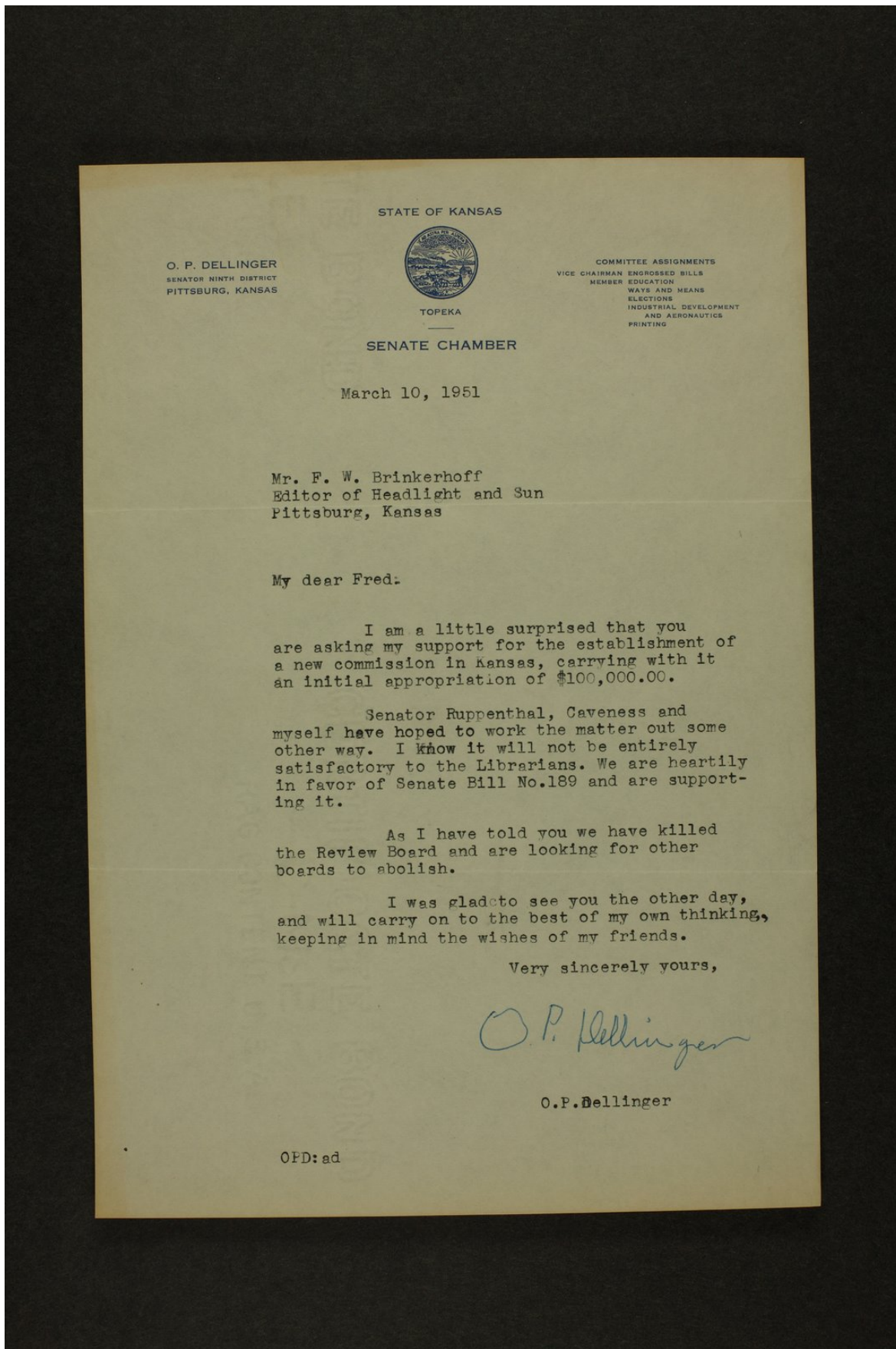
Let me hurry on to say that I realize this was not an example of your best work. I too know the awful pressure of deep, constructive thought and a deadline. And only those of us who have felt that pressure know the number of times we fall short and the extent of our own agony of soul when we do.

Respectrully,

L. Wayne Dunlap
L. Wayne Dunlap (Rev.)

Methodist Minister to Students.

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Sept. 14, 1951

Sam M. Degen
1265 Coldwater Canyon Drive
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Sam:

My congratulations to you on having a new tenant of the type now inhabiting your building. Edmiston has a store at Nevada where we also have a newspaper. And I have noted him at Ottawa and Chanute. It is a good account for us and it certainly improves Broadway to have activity there.

So now I come to the matter at hand. As a loyal Pittsburguer you have been reading through the years about our East Fourth Street road project. We have helped Missourians across the line and east of Pittsburg who have always used Pittsburg as their trading center to build a road straight east on Fourth Street. We put up, as I think you will recall, about \$18,000 to help buy the right of way, grade the road and surface it. We have been held back, however, by the Big Muddy creek which runs half a mile this side of 71 highway. The last mile of this road to be completed is the one through which the creek flows. The Missouri farmers along the route have had the opposition of Lamar which sought to prevent competition of the road westward to Pittsburg. We have also had the bitter opposition of Joplin which does not want any Missouri business coming to Pittsburg. But one great point lies in Pittsburg's favor. All the folks living north of Fourth Street as far east as you want to go are ten miles closer to Pittsburg than they are to Joplin. Two thousand or 3,000 of those living south of the road are closer to Pittsburg than to Joplin.

Now, as I said we are at the last mile. The Missouri boys have found a bridge over there in their county which was built under the mistaken idea that a coalfield would be developed in the area. The bridge was used little. They got the bridge and it was ready to be moved. It will cost them approximately \$8,000 to move and erect the bridge and build the road in that mile. We are trying to raise that money in Pittsburg. It is my considered opinion that there has been

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Sam M. Degen--2--Sept. 14, 1951

no road project for 25 years of such importance to Pittsburg as this East Fourth Street road. The bridge will add a population, a conservative estimate, of 2,500 to Pittsburg's actual trade territory. It is my opinion that no sounder investment could be made by property owners in Pittsburg in the future of Pittsburg than to help out on this road.

On my assignment appeared your card. In behalf of your interests on both sides of the street, which will benefit by anything that helps Pittsburg, as I do not need to tell you, send me 100 bucks. Your old friends still consider you a Pittsburger through and through--which is correct. And I know that you will help me finish my assignment with my colors flying.

Just because I know everything is all right, I will propose the proper kind of a toast when we gather Monday night at 7:13.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

PS Maybe you noticed that Frank Lanyon died in Los Angeles several days ago. The funeral was here this afternoon.

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SAM M. DEGEN

1265 COLDWATER CANYON DRIVE

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff, Editor and Manager.
The Pittsburg Publishing Co.
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Fred:

It was nice to have heard from you and I ask that you pardon this unavoidably delayed answer to your welcome letter of the 14th.

There is no doubt but that the road will well serve the purpose for which intended. However we have decided not to partake in the project. An explanation would serve no purpose.

Thanks for the good wishes on our new tenant. Edminstons show make a go of it in a big way. They know the score, have the right prices and the goods and are fine people. They will not hurt Pittsburg, the property and should be a good account for you. It will be a long time before any income on the building will show up for us. As you know, it was vacant so long, and the taxes are almost confiscatory by virtue of the assessed valuation. I have appeared before the Board of Equalization for redress without success. Compared to other assessed valuations it seems to me to be completely out of line but the Board thinks otherwise.

I had read about the passing of Frank Lanyon out here in the Headlight. Did'nt even know he was here. Seems to me too many old timers are passing on.

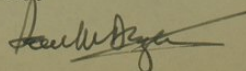
Thought you might be interested to know that in my Memory Book, I have a receipt for 10¢ for the Headlight subscription for one week from December 1st to December 8th 1906. I know of no time since then that I have not read the paper.

Sorry I have to "sit-out" the road deal.

Please remember me to the gang.

Kindest regards and every good wish.

Sincerely,



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Dodge City Chamber of Commerce

Lora-Locke Hotel Building

Dodge City, Kansas

September 15, 1952

Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff, Editor
Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

The many years of faithful service given to our community and to our state by Mr. J. C. Denious will be recognized by the Dodge City Chamber of Commerce on September 23. The date will coincide with the formal opening of the new 5,000-watt transmitter of Radio Station KGNO.

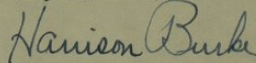
Because of your long acquaintance with Mr. Denious, we feel the event would be incomplete without your presence, and therefore extend an invitation to you to participate. We hope you will accept.

Guests will assemble at the Lora-Locke Hotel Tuesday afternoon, September 23, at 4 o'clock. There will be a barbecue at 6 o'clock at the new transmitter location, three miles north from the center of Dodge City.

Many other important persons from throughout the state, including newspaper and radio executives, have been invited. Acceptances have been received from Governor Edward F. Arn and from Mr. Rolla A. Clymer of El Dorado, who will be master of ceremonies.

Please answer as soon as possible and indicate whether or not you desire us to make hotel reservations.

Very sincerely,



Harrison Burke, President

HB/sb

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Nov. 25, 1952

W. N. Deraeus
Kansas City Southern
114 West 11th St.
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Bill:

This is just a little service to you and by no means is it any criticism from me.

I was in Kansas City Sunday and Monday and came home Monday afternoon on the Belle. The Belle was 30 minutes late out of Kansas City. I discovered while waiting a couple of men who had come up on the train that morning leaving their car at the station here. They had some business to transact that required only a short time. They told me that the reason the train was delayed going back was that it had been four hours late in getting into Kansas City. They said something had gone wrong with the engine down the line, 45 or 50 miles.

But here is what I want to tell you. They said they had waited for four hours, waiting to get away. Noon came on and the dining car sent men through the train with sandwiches and coffee. A sandwich and a cup of coffee cost 51 cents, so they said. Neither man is one who would kick seriously about such a thing. One of them had just come back from a 60,000 mile trip around the world. He said he thought the Southern missed a great opportunity to promote better public relations by furnishing coffee and sandwiches to the passengers who were held there through no fault of their own. I thought you would like to hear what these men were thinking. The half dollar meant little to them but the idea that the railroad would have profited greatly by taking care of all the passengers aboard obviously had registered strongly with them.

Don't get me wrong. I am merely passing on to you the comment that I heard.

I am heading for New York Saturday afternoon on the Belle and Mr. Mac has made up my reservations.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
LOUISIANA & ARKANSAS RAILWAY COMPANY

KANSAS CITY, MO.

W. N. DERAMUS
PRESIDENT

November 26, 1952

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,
The Pittsburg Publishing Co.,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

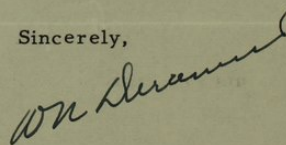
Dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter of November 25th and the suggestion about the passengers on No. 2 last Monday.

Our dining car people apparently were not alive to the situation and overlooked a practice that has been established on our line in taking care of the meal requirements of passengers delayed because of some disruption in our service. Ordinarily, at least one meal is provided with compliments of the company when such an occurrence as happened last Monday develops. I agree with you that such a practice could be very profitable from a public relations standpoint, and we endeavor to do the thing you suggested in every instance. It is unfortunate that such was not done last Monday.

Thanking you for writing me, and with very kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



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April 5, 1954

W. N. Deramus, President
Kansas City Southern
114 West Eleventh Street
Kansas City 5, Mo.

Dear Bill:

I knew there was something I wanted to spring on you the other day and I forget it until I got started home. Schlanger Park is just next door to the Southern. Why would it not be a nice thing for the Southern to take one of its old steam locomotives--somebody told me there were several here that were headed for the junk pile--and park it at the park for future generations to view?

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
LOUISIANA & ARKANSAS RAILWAY COMPANY

W. N. DERAMUS
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KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 15, 1954

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,
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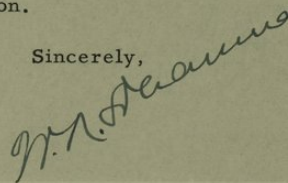
Dear Fred:

Yours of the 5th:

To move one of these locomotives to Schlanger Park and get it set up for the benefit of posterity would be quite an expensive undertaking. We shall give the idea more thought to determine what, if anything, can be done.

It was nice to visit with you recently, and I hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

April 27, 1954

W. N. Deramus, President
Kansas City Southern Railway
114 West Eleventh St.
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Bill:

I am sure that there would be some expense involved in moving a locomotive to Schlanger Park. But the proximity of the park suggested to me that the expense might not be so heavy.

Pearl and I came in on the Midnight Limited Saturday night. Let me say to you that there is nothing wrong with that train at all. A former lord high mayor of Pittsburg, Wilbur Myers, was aboard. A good time was made and that lounge car is approximately as pleasant and as comfortable as lounge cars on most trains. I think if more people knew about the service that is now available there would be more people coming out of Kansas City at 9:30.

We are heading straight for another war. Read what Ike and Nixon--and I heard him--and Dulles say and figure anything else out, if you can.

Got the news in New York that Hull & Dillon had quit which is another blow to Pittsburg.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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W. N. DERAMUS
PRESIDENT

KANSAS CITY, MO.
April 28, 1954

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,
The Pittsburg Publishing Co.
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

Yours of the 27th.

It really does me good to know that Mrs. Brinkerhoff, former Mayor Myers, and you had a fairly comfortable trip on No. 15 recently. The lounge car on that train is not too bad.

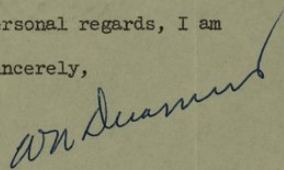
We shall see what, if anything, can be done about the engine at Schlanger Park.

As much as I dislike to believe it, it could be that you are right about the early likelihood of war.

It grieved me to learn about Hull & Dillon quitting business. That will do our town no good.

With very kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



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May 18, 1954

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff, Editor
Pittsburg Headlight and Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

In today's clippings from the Kansas Press Service I noticed an editorial from the Pittsburg Sun which was critical of George Docking's speech at Manhattan the first part of this month. I thought it would be advisable to explain why this type of speech was given.

The people who invited Mr. Docking to speak at Manhattan specifically requested that he discuss the differences between the two major political parties of this country. They did not ask that he talk about Kansas or Kansas issues. This is often the case where Mr. Docking speaks. He has several speeches, one in particular, which he is called upon to make as he travels over the state.

To demonstrate the type of speech which you suggested that he should make, I am enclosing a copy of his speech to the Kansas League of Women Voters which was by far the best speech given at the State Convention in Kansas City. Mr. Docking is anxious to discuss each and every campaign issue, no matter how controversial it may seem. Next Monday night he will speak about the politically-forbidden subject of flood control. This will be delivered at Clay Center, an area which is vitally interested in his views about this controversial matter. The following Wednesday he will speak in Emporia at a Democratic rally and outline his views on the controversial "Right-to-Work" law which has been proposed by the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce and the N.A.A. Mr. Docking said it is the duty of all the candidates for office to clarify their positions on these and other issues if the people of Kansas are to make an honest appraisal of their ability and view points before casting their ballot on August 3.

"George Docking is the man who can win in November"

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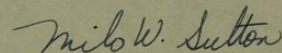
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Pittsburg Headlight and Sun

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Strange as it may seem in this modern day, there are some of us who are primarily interested in good government and we are willing to make the personal sacrifices to do the things which we feel will bring about the necessary improvements. Some of the things we are in favor of or against may not be the popular political stand, but it will be the stand of those interested in progressive, good state government.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Milo W. Sutton

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