

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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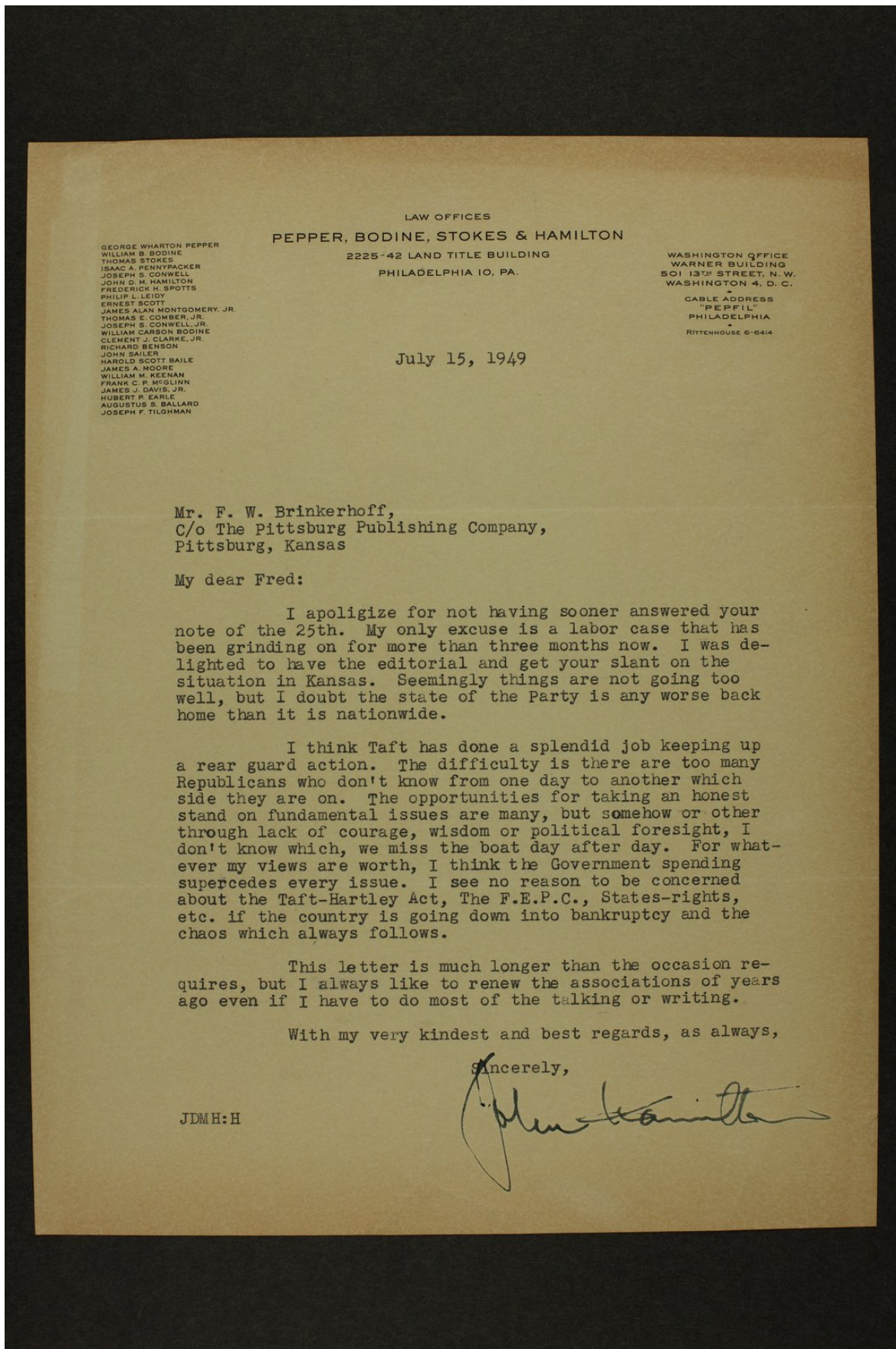
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Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,
C/o The Pittsburg Publishing Company,
Pittsburg, Kansas

My dear Fred:

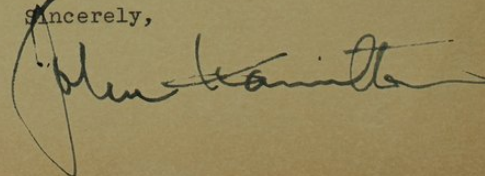
I apologize for not having sooner answered your note of the 25th. My only excuse is a labor case that has been grinding on for more than three months now. I was delighted to have the editorial and get your slant on the situation in Kansas. Seemingly things are not going too well, but I doubt the state of the Party is any worse back home than it is nationwide.

I think Taft has done a splendid job keeping up a rear guard action. The difficulty is there are too many Republicans who don't know from one day to another which side they are on. The opportunities for taking an honest stand on fundamental issues are many, but somehow or other through lack of courage, wisdom or political foresight, I don't know which, we miss the boat day after day. For whatever my views are worth, I think the Government spending supercedes every issue. I see no reason to be concerned about the Taft-Hartley Act, The F.E.P.C., States-rights, etc. if the country is going down into bankruptcy and the chaos which always follows.

This letter is much longer than the occasion requires, but I always like to renew the associations of years ago even if I have to do most of the talking or writing.

With my very kindest and best regards, as always,

Sincerely,



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March 20, 1950

Ben S. Hudson
The Herald
Fredonia, Kas.

Dear Ben:

I am coming over there and spank you. You said that The Headlight had an editorial of "great length in an attempt to prove to the state powers of its party that all was love, harmony and tranquillity" down here. The fact is that Harry Colmery is so far ahead of Carlson down here there is no occasion for a scrap. I thought it was fairly well established that I am a einst Carlson all the way along the road. I want him eliminated as a Republican leader in Kansas for reasons that are perfectly obvious. There was no objective of peace and tranquillity in the meeting here. The meeting is a biennial affair. Members of the committee are guests and anyone else who wants to buy a ticket can do so. This time we had the largest crowd on record at the dinner, with 209 seated at the tables. Colmery and Carlson made their speeches. No one expected a ring bout and there was none. The Crawford County Republicans present had a chance to appraise the two candidates and that was what I was saying in the editorial.

I am a little surprised that you have not paid any attention to a few other short Kansas political editorials that preceded this one.

These observations are not for publication although I certainly have no objection to being classified for Colmery. The "powers" at Topeka you are talking about certainly have no use for me. It will be determined this summer whether they are "powers" or not.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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The Fredonia Daily Herald

FREDONIA, KANSAS

Fred:

Two things now I know, that Brink liveth and is not dead, and the other is that he is a friend of a friend of mine.

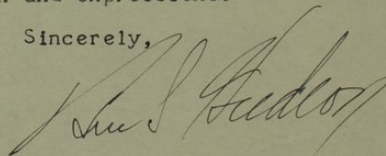
Since the 1930's many things have happened to me, and my thinking. I believe I am a Democrat of the old school, but no longer an enthusiastic, wild-eyed adherent to FDRism. I cannot abide gangsterism, and that is what the thing turned into, a Titoism in the nation and in Kansas. I do wish, however, you'd overlook as much as possible and that is a moodiness I sometimes permit to creep into my writings.

I am dumb, or nearly so, since losing my voice and I have a constant fight to subdue a sort of an antagonistic feeling. It is hard to explain.

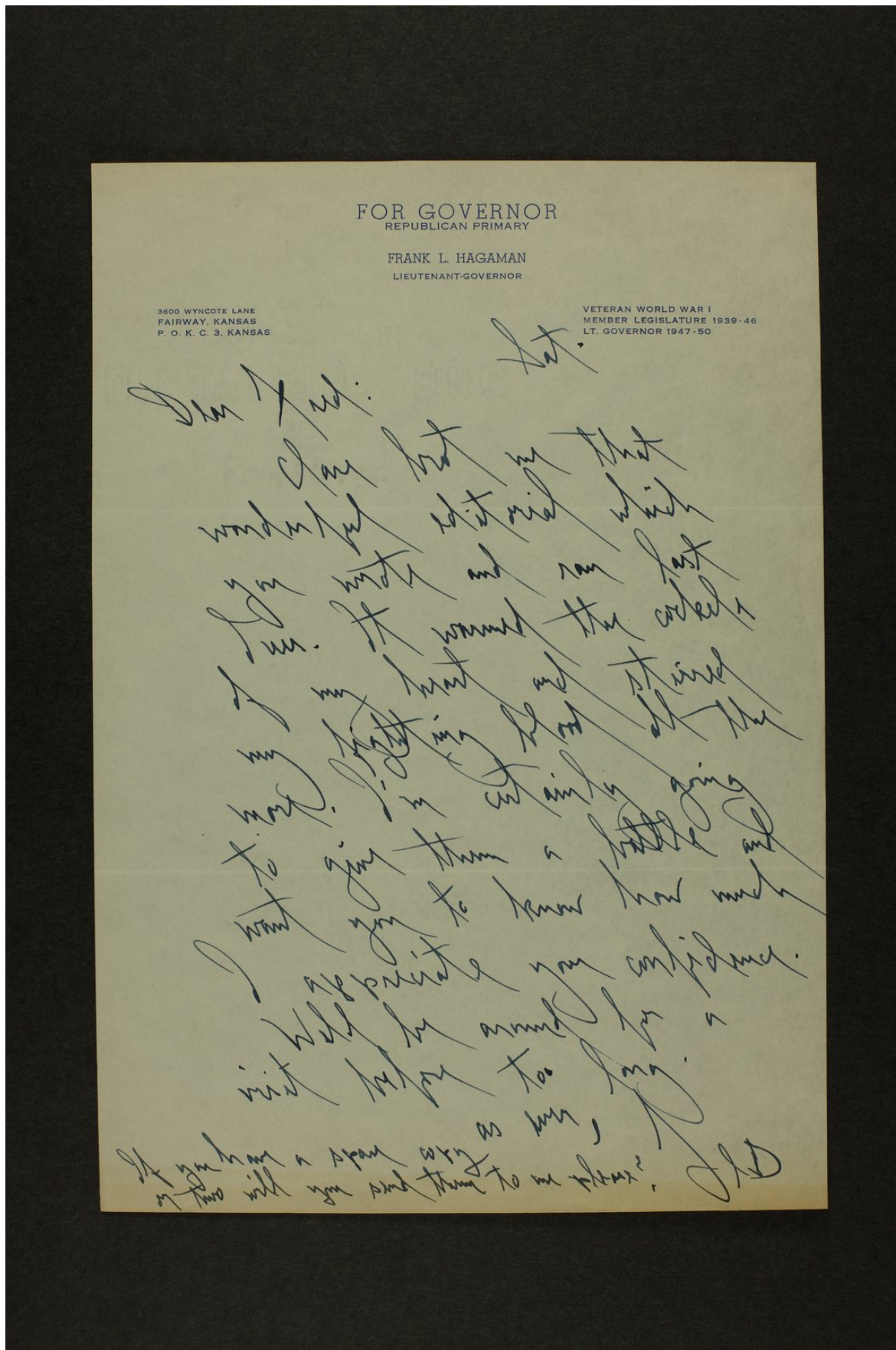
I am in a hotbed of Carlson supporters to whom the mere mention of Colmery brings snorts of derision. But he has always been a friend of mine, I believe him to be like my friend George Malone--safe, sane and an American, therefore the little I have, I gladly give him.

Forgive my interpretation and expressions.

Sincerely,



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ARTHUR CAPPER
PUBLISHER

The Topeka Daily Capital

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TOPEKA, KANSAS

Dear Fred:

I'm sorry I did not read your editorial comment until after I had written the story about Carlson remaining in Topeka. But I may yet prove correct.

The problem may never arise. I think the Senate can judge its own membership and that Darby can stay until his successor is elected and qualified--and "qualified," according to some experts, means the moment the senior senator leads Carlson up the aisle, presents him, and he is accepted.

Then, too, Congress may not be in session much longer.

The matter of seniority is of course important but I do have it on reliable authority that Carlson intends to serve out his term in spite of this.

If he resigned, unless there was some sort of an iron-clad deal with Hagaman, the fat could be in the fire.

Personally, I would like to be Hagaman and have the Statehouse under control, even for a few days. Think of the ruckus he could cause by firing all the department heads and others who would be at his mercy. Those he appointed in their places could be denied confirmation by the Senate--and undoubtedly would be reinstated by Arn--but for a while Hagaman could have himself a picnic.

You will note that I am assuming that both Carlson and Arn will be elected.

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Between us, as the campaign progressed, I saw no chance whatever of Mayberry being nominated and, in fact, no good reason why he should be. But I did have hopes that Colmery at least would run Carlson a race that would scare the Swede considerably. And for a few days, I even dared hope that Colmery would win. But the drive in the last couple of weeks was too much. They tied Colmery effectively to Willard and Alf.

I still believe that Carlson will make a poor record in the Senate. I believe he will do one of two things:

He will be a completely colorless and negative character who will simply go with the crowd and avoid every stand possible, or

He will join the ultra-spending outfit, the Republican New Deal crowd, on the theory that if big spending elected him in Kansas it will be approved in Washington.

In the long future I can see the possibility of Schoeppel being at odds with Carlson because Schoeppel is a conservative. The time may come when Arn will be put forward to beat Schoeppel.

I am still hoping wistfully that there will come a day when Republicans will be Republicans, and Democrats will be Democrats, and people will have a clear choice. The only man in the primary campaign who took a clear-cut stand for anything specific was Rice and he took a whipping.

- Virg

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Aug. 5, 1950

Virg Hill
The Capital
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Virg:

Would not Darby's service expire with the expiration of Reed's term? The governor could not name a senator to fill the place until a successor comes along with proper credentials, I think. Second, referring to your piece this morning, what is going to happen between the beginning of a new Congress and the expiration of the present term of the governor? Carlson will have to go in when Congress begins or lose his seniority advantage. In that one week Kansas would have only one senator until Carlson--or Aiken--shows up.

Am I not right?

I dealt with both the possibility of Hagaman going up and with the idea of Carlson resigning in September editorially this week.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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TOPEKA, KANSAS

November 13, 1950

Dear Fred:

You have a right to say "I told you so," and if you have any crow left over after spreading your stock among the Democrat bad guessers, send it on up and I'll try to swallow it.

My error was in believing Carlson's closest adviser when he told me absolutely that Carlson would not resign. But of course that was before election and also before Hagaman stepped forward to make at least one speech for the ticket.

As far as I am concerned, the sooner we get Frank in Washington the better it will suit me. I got fed up so long ago that I can't swallow much more.

Sincerely,

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Nov. 17, 1950

Virg Hill
The Capital
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Virg:

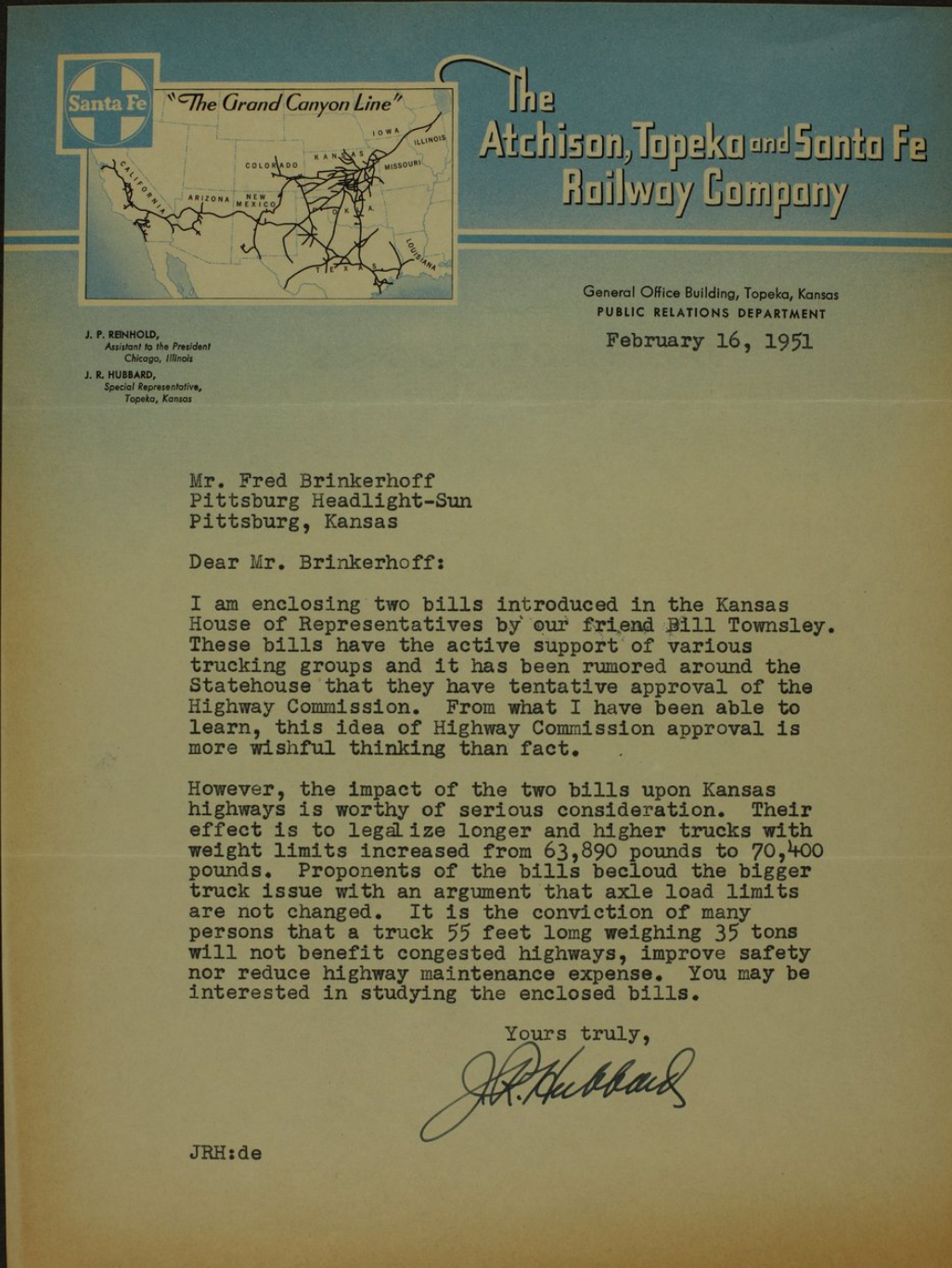
I am kicking myself for not having taken in a few of the wise boys just before the primary. Undoubtedly I could have gotten odds from some of the fellows with a bet that Hagaman would be the next governor. There was some trouble with that as I would have been betting on Carlson's election against Harry. Nevertheless it would have been worthwhile. I was positive that if Carlson were elected he would go to Washington at the first opportunity. The only thing that could keep him would be an overwhelming argument on the part of the boys who would have been afraid Hagaman might upset the apple cart.

Sincerely yours,

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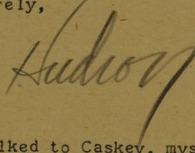
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Brink, you'd have one hell of a time convincing anyone in Fredonia, especially Ben Paulen, George Baker, myself, or the Chamber of Commerce, that what you say about Dick is true. Last fall Mr. Baker, and Paulen, came to me, pleading that I keep my mouth shut, that Dick would deliver and here was his written promise. I published it. Now we find that Mr. Caskey has other plans, the war, etc. but we note that 69 is being widened and Chanute gets another 7 miles of road. That Chanute situation is nauseating, even to a hardened old sinner like yourself, you ought to drive up and see what one town can get. Most of us realize that Cox was in fact the commissioner and everything else, and we know also that he bore a grudge toward us, but only last week this town held an indignation meeting and sent a letter to the governor. What was in it, I do not know, for I did not participate, but they tell me it was a stinger. We have been promised that road thru Altoona, St. Paul and Girard to St. Paul until we are sick and tired of promises, and your friend Caskey hasn't helped a bit.

Sincerely,



You will understand I have never talked to Caskey, myself, and what I write today is based on the conversations I have had with the Chamber of Commerce officials, the Republican county chairman, etc.

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CASKEY REMAINS.
The reappointment of E. R. Caskey as state highway commissioner for this division was of far greater importance to Kansas and to the fourth division than to Commissioner Caskey. The state and the fourth division have profited from the high efficiency, the integrity and the sincerity of the Pittsburg man. He has devoted his time and his ability and his experience without stint to the job. The compensation for a commissioner is meagre and service as a commissioner is largely a labor of love. That has not been displeasing to Mr. Caskey.

Four years ago when Mr. Caskey was persuaded to permit his name to be proposed, it was said for him that he knew little of politics but that he had been active in highway matters as a citizen for many years, that he had been a successful business man and that he would be a good commissioner.

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lifetime resident of the district, who died Wednesday at the veterans hospital in Fayetteville, Ark., were held this afternoon at the Chiles chapel in Lamar with Rev. Morris Strater in charge. Burial was in Lake cemetery.

Funeral at Liberal.
Liberal, March 30—Last rites for Pleasant Allen Sales, 87, resident of the district since 1880, who died Tuesday morning at his home here, were held this afternoon at the Liberal Baptist church with Rev. Harry Eales officiating. Burial was in the Liberal City cemetery.

Quenoy Services.
Weir, March 30—Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Quenoy, 76, a longtime resident of Cherokee county, who died Monday morning at the home of a daughter in Indiana, were held this afternoon at the Naylor-Quinn funeral home in Weir with Rev. G. M. Pierce in charge. Burial was in Hosey Hill cemetery.

Leroy Funeral.
Services for Adolph (Zeb) [unclear] 801 North 1st [unclear]

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April 3, 1951

Ben Hudson
The Herald
Fredonia, Kas.

Dear Benjamin:

Do not lose sight of the fact that Pittsburg has been fighting for years for the very road you are talking to me about--an east and west route from here to Wichita. It is the very route you are talking about. There has been more discussion of that route over here than any other route in any direction for many years.

I have a copy of the letter which Caskey wrote to Mr. Paulen last June 6. I note in that a paragraph devoted to 1951 in which Caskey says the commission expects to do three things. One was work on K96 south from Fredonia. The other was the surfacing of 21½ miles from Altoona east to US59 which is the route I have just mentioned. The third was a survey for a "new and better route for K96 north and south through Fredonia."

I called Caskey in to discuss your letter. He called my attention to the fact that 1951 is only one-fourth of the way along. He plans to do exactly what he says in that letter in 1951. I fail to see how you could expect all the work to be done in the first three months of 1951. And I think surely you have overlooked the things that already have been done and are being projected now.

I am positive you sat in on a meeting or two where we discussed this east and west road. We have watched the work that has been done and Pittsburg is anxiously awaiting the time when that road is completed. Caskey told me that the right of way has been purchased for the straightening job at Altoona which will carry the route on west. It seems to me that straightening the road there is really one of the most important projects in your section.

You mentioned in your letter about the widening of 69 over here. Let me call your attention to the fact that Crawford County had gone for ten years without any federal aid building projects. And Crawford County and Cherokee as well were orphans for a

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Ben Hudson--2--April 3, 1951

long time. In spite of the fact that we had a traffic count of 6,000 per day on highway 69 north of Pittsburg the powers at Topeka thought they were inflicting punishment on someone down here by ignoring the plain demands for improvements. The opposition to a certain pet project was held up as the cause of punishment, as you know. Work that should have been done, including a bridge over Cow Creek on 160 at the western edge of Pittsburg, went undone. Not until a trip to Washington was made and the highest federal road officials shown the situation was the blockade knocked down. There has been a lot of fancy lying but finally these two counties obtained some justice. And I would reiterate my statement about the traffic on 69. Let me also say that for ten years highway 69 was absolutely neglected over the entire route. Yet it is one of the most important north and south roads in Kansas.

So I wrote this to give you a different picture of the highway situation down here than you have had. And I do not quite understand what more is demanded by Fredonia than now is underway. Certainly I know that I have joined with you in the past and continue to join with you to project this highly essential and useful east and west road.

If you and the fellows over there will give me an idea of what more is wanted than seems now to be projected certainly I will do my level best to help you. I think it is hardly necessary for me to say that I have a real loyalty to southeastern Kansas and have never hesitated to show it.

This letter is to you personally, Ben, and not for publication.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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July 3, 1951

Ben Hudson
The Herald
Fredonia, Kas.

Dear Majah:

You are one of my favorite editorial writers but as a reporter you are lousy.

You knew not whereof you wrote when you accused us--Clymer and Brinkerhoff--of not knowing anything about floods. Clymer was born at Quenemo on the Marais des Cygnes and grew up there. Brinkerhoff was born near Pomona on the Marais des Cygnes and grew up there and at Ottawa, a chief port on the Marais des Cygnes. They both were familiar with floods on a real river before anyone knew there was a Fall river. The Marais des Cygnes puts on floods what are floods and always has. So far as I know Clymer has not opposed dams to prevent floods. Nor has Brinkerhoff. But they both believe that building dams to give army engineers the opportunity to enjoy themselves or to create power at the heavy expense of the American taxpayers is wrong. The latter is not opposed to the sensible construction of dams, that the country can afford, to cut down flood dangers. No one knows better than you that the country could run wild on building dams and creating lakes at the expense of taxpayers unless there is opposition enough to prevent such rampages of spending.

I think your dam has been a good thing and some others like it in Kansas would be worth while. But let us never forget that the dams are being built by taxpayers and not by army engineers and politicians.

I just wanted to call your attention to the fact that you had done a grave injustice to two old Marais des Cygnes boys.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE STATE  OF KANSAS

FRED HALL - LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DODGE CITY

July 9, 1951

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Pittsburg Sun and Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

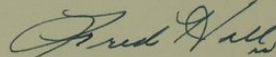
Dear Fred:

I have received so many requests for my speech at Salina, that I have had several hundred copies printed for distribution. Enclosed, you will find one.

Through my clipping service, I noted recently a quip by you regarding a recent appearance of mine at Wichita. The occasion was the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce meeting where I discussed possible new sources of revenue in Kansas.

I escaped with my life because I made it quite clear that I was entering into the spirit of the meeting to discuss all new sources of revenue without recommendation of any. I just wanted you to know that I made no recommendation for new revenue or for any new tax. I am sure you understand the spirit in which this was done.

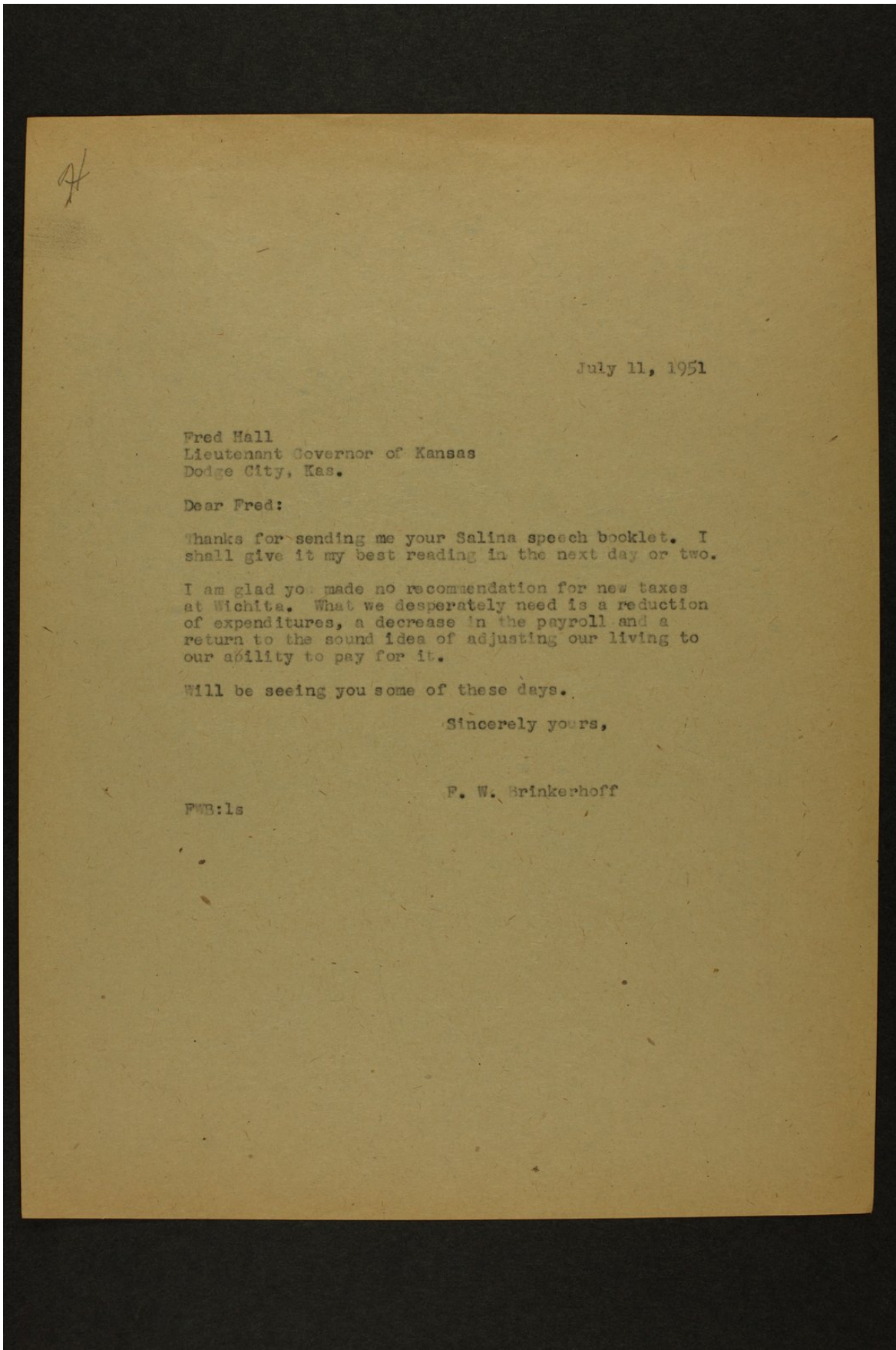
Very truly yours,



FRED HALL

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July 11, 1951

Fred Hall
Lieutenant Governor of Kansas
Dodge City, Kas.

Dear Fred:

Thanks for sending me your Salina speech booklet. I shall give it my best reading in the next day or two.

I am glad you made no recommendation for new taxes at Wichita. What we desperately need is a reduction of expenditures, a decrease in the payroll and a return to the sound idea of adjusting our living to our ability to pay for it.

Will be seeing you some of these days.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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THE HUTCHINSON NEWS-HERALD

DAILY AND SUNDAY

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

JOHN P. HARRIS
EDITOR

July 19, 1951

Fred Brinkerhoff

Because you know the scene, I will supplement my form letter, thanking you for your kind offer, with this more detailed report.

Only once before in history has the water ever got south of the Missouri Pacific tracks. This time it went up Main Street past the courthouse and was in every store north of 3rd, so you can figure from that how much of the town was covered. In the low spots, where Main makes that little jog, it must have been at least twenty feet deep, washing out a dozen buildings, including the Santa Fe freight office, and practically ruining the ice plant.

In the Herald office it was mid-way up the magazines of the linotypes and as far up on the press folders. The incredible part, however, is how remarkably well the Herald came out of it. We lost 17 rolls of paper, several thousand dollars' worth of job stock, and the wooden office furniture, but the rest of it is simply a clean-up job. While getting the linotypes back in running condition is tough, we expect to be back in operation by next Monday.

Thanks again for your offer of help, and if circumstances ever are reversed, you may count on us.



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Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
The Pittsburg Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

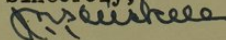
I have found great interest in your address on
"The Kansas Tour of Lincoln the Candidate." I must
admit I am among those who did not know that the future
president visited your state.

The facts you have marshaled have convinced me that
if I am ever a candidate for president, I must not fail
to make a swing through Kansas. I hope you and Roy
Roberts would assign staff men to report the tour.

Brooks Hays is a good man for a memorial address,
as is shown by his remarks at the Clyde Reed services.
He has humanity and understanding and can always find
words to express himself.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



J. N. Heiskell

JNH:map

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Sept. 17, 1951

Frank Hodges
Olathe, Kas.

Dear Mr. Hodges:

Ralph (Red) Berry, the small man in the wrestling ring in Hollywood, is a former park commissioner of Pittsburg, serving one term and not seeking reelection. We have five commissioners. One time during his tenure as commissioner the mayor was away and Red served as acting mayor for a day or two. There you have his official record. That was four or five years ago.

Red Berry really is quite a chap. He worked in the shops of the Kansas City Southern here and developed as a wrestler. Gradually the returns from the ring were sufficient to permit him to devote his entire time to the wrestling game. My recollection is that he put one brother, and perhaps a sister through school. He was injured so badly a time or two that I thought he was retiring when he was elected park commissioner. But I discovered he was making trips over the country and continuing to appear in the ring and cause tremendous excitement with very little damage to himself physically and with considerable benefit to his exchequer.

You give an interesting roster of Kansas celebrities. Do not forget Rube Ferns of Scammon, once welterweight champion in 1901. Ferns was Democrat nominee for state representative in a Cherokee county district a term or two ago. He was defeated. Ferns served as board member for John L. Lewis for several years and his record and experience came in handy in certain mining areas over the country. His daughter is the wife of a Pittsburg physician who is president of the Kansas State Medical Society.

Glad to hear from you. The name of Hodges is high on my book and high in the esteem of Pittsburg.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Oct. 29, 1951

John M. Henry
Register and Tribune
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear John:

The other day in Washington, where I went to take the 33rd degree in Scottish Rite, I saw Ken McDonald and had a little visit with him. I asked about John Henry. The day I got home I came your letter.

I enclose the permission you asked and am flattered.

I was interested in noting that you are coming down this week for a little visit in the state. I do not think things are developing very fast here in Kansas. There is a lot of east wind in the Eisenhower thing. Down in this section I hear no one talking Eisenhower. I do hear considerable comment as to which ticket Eisenhower would run on if he decided to run.

Driving through southern Ohio the other day I stopped at Saint Clairsville, in the coalfield, for breakfast. Two natives were there. The three of us were at the counter. One mentioned Egypt and wondered if Egypt had any equipment with which to fight a war. The other man made answer in the negative. Whereupon I suggested, "Egypt hasn't any money either." Then the second man in the dialogue said in effect "that doesn't make any difference. We will put up the money. We are sending money to every other country." And he went on to express himself about sending American money overseas.

It seems to me that here is an issue which the Republicans can capitalize on tremendously. We are soon to pay the biggest taxes of all time. And we are to start paying them just after the exposes of graft and fraud and plain larceny in the revenue bureau. What this fellow in Ohio was thinking is what everybody is going to be thinking. We are paying more money to the government and the government is throwing money by the billions to nations scattered over the earth. If the Republicans do not take advantage of this situation they will not deserve to win and will not deserve to continue in business. Up to now they have thrown away practically

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John M. Henry--2--Oct. 29, 1951

every opportunity to stat the fair dealers, Gabrielson, for instance.

Hope to be seeing you some of these days.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Feb. 4, 1952

John M. Henry
Register and Tribune
Des Moines 4, Iowa

Dear John:

I am sorry that we did not get together at Topeka. Had I known that you were there I would have been on the lookout for you.

It seems to me you may have a very fair analysis of the delegate situation. The revolutionary idea of having the state committee do the work of the state convention is going to have a very bad effect on the party. The refusal of a confused chairman to order a roll call under the circumstances created a lot of soreness and disgusted many who were voting on his side. How far it will go I do not know. The ruthlessness of some fellows in politics who get a little temporary power is hard to explain. We have a governor to elect for a second term and he is not in the best shape in the world. Yet those who claim to be his friends are deliberately inviting factional fighting that will serve only the Democrats.

Four years ago Bradney and I probably saved Harry Darby from a beating with our change of the system of selection of the delegates at large. While the state convention had to do the electing, the six districts at the convention each recommended a delegate at large from the district. Had this not occurred I doubt whether Darby could have been elected. And in our district, the Third, I handled the resolutions and brought in one instructing our delegates to vote for Darby for national committeeman. This was the only district that did so. And I threw in another one which startled everybody. I proposed that the delegates be instructed to vote for Darby for chairman of the delegation at the national convention. Darby was there and saw and heard. Yet McCoy, writing for the Star a story of the Topeka fracas, said that the crowds were lining up like they were four years ago. He made no exception for the most spectacular things that happened four years ago which would have shown that the statement about the same division was completely erroneous. I hope it was not intentionally so.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

John M. Henry--2--Feb. 4, 1952

Ordinarily I should have no trouble being elected delegate down here, since it is Crawford County's turn to have one of the delegates under our long and respected system of rotation. But they are trying to dig up a fight and probably will be able to do it.

The next time you come to Kansas tell me ahead of time that you are coming. I hear about you once in a while. I am chairman of the nominating committee of the AP, which took me to New York last November, and I think I met somebody then from Iowa. In October I drove to Washington to receive my Scottish Rite 33rd and ran into Ken MacDonald. So you see I am keeping track of you.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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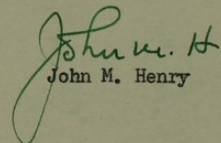
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Dear Fred:

I tried to reach you across the lobby several times Monday and Tuesday, but got shoved aside.

How do you analyze the Kansas Taft-Ike situation? I thought the prospects were for four or five Taft delegates.

Sincerely,


John M. Henry

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff
Headlight
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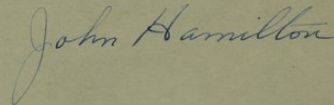
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My dear Fred:

We are trying to make the most we can, not only of the support which Eisenhower has from Marshallfield but from his ilk all over the country. Actually it is the New Dealers and left wingers who are supporting him with very few of the conservative papers or members of the organization giving him any aid whatsoever.

I anticipate being in Kansas on Kansas Day and I hope I shall get to see you at that time.

Sincerely and cordially.



JDMH:H

Mr-Brinkerhoff -
Mr. Hamilton is on a road trip
and I hope you will accept his
apology for the lack of his
personal signature.
Z. Harris, Secty.

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issues of the day. After all we are selecting a candidate for president - not honoring a General.

I have decided to come to Kansas for Kansas Day. I do hope they we will have an opportunity for a real visit.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

John Hamilton

JDMH:H

P.S. I am on the road and my dictation will be sent to Philadelphia for transcription. I hope under these circumstances you will understand the lack of a personal signature.

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My dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd. I also had a letter from Claude Bradney. I hope you and Claude will not overlook the necessity of organizing the 3rd District. We have a lot of friends there who I know will be willing and glad to support a Taft delegation from the District if only we marshall their strength and get them active.

You asked about George Malone. I have known George for twenty-five years and his behavior at the moment is something I cannot explain. He has gone along the Taft line in the Senate 99% of the time except when he voted against the Taft-Hartley Act. Yet despite this line of voting on his part he is apparently against Bob and has made one or two speeches in that connection. Whether Eisenhower's open candidacy will change him or not is something I don't know, but I am assured he will not be for Eisenhower.

It is a little difficult for me to rationalize the thought that Eisenhower should be treated as a favorite son in Kansas for he is a legal resident in New York. If Taft is precluded in Kansas as the General's home state, from Texas as the state of his birth, and from New York as his legal residence where in registering he refused to state his party affiliation in both 1949 and in 1950, a large block of delegates would go by default. This we could not possibly permit. This is accentuated by the fact that Stassen now claims he should be considered the favorite son in Minnesota as the state of his birth and likewise in Pennsylvania as the state of his adoption. Of course, there is Warren in California who has a bona fide claim which we have respected. If all of these positions were respected the situation would become ridiculous.

Personally I am content that the Eisenhower candidacy is out in the open at this early date. There is bound to be a period of hysteria and now it will have time to spend its force before the convention of 1952 in July. The question as to whether or not our people desire a professional soldier for president will remain a dominant issue. But aside from that they are entitled to have Eisenhower's views on the

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