

## 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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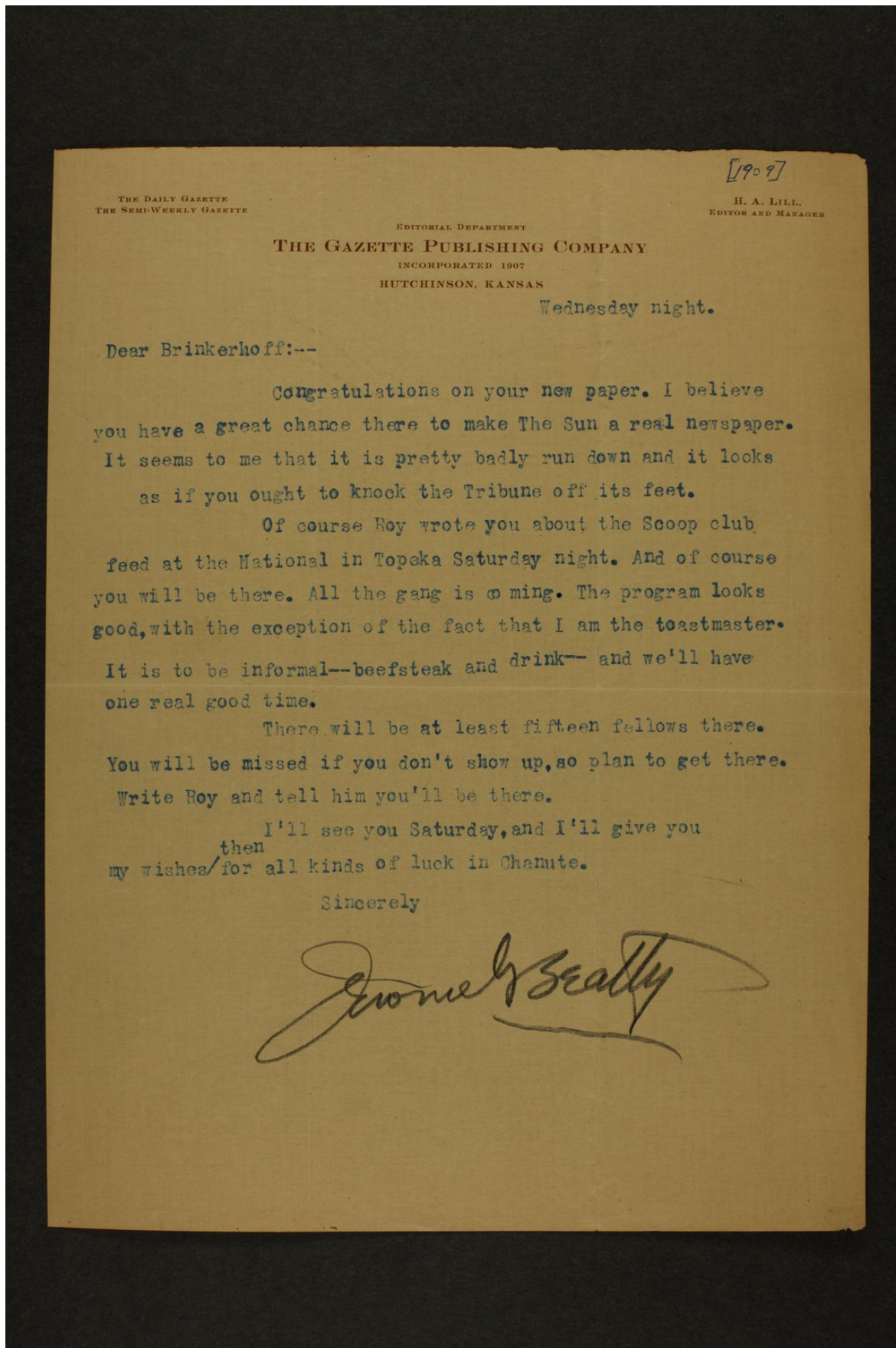
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THE DAILY GAZETTE  
THE SEMI-WEEKLY GAZETTE

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

THE GAZETTE PUBLISHING COMPANY

INCORPORATED 1907

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

[907]  
H. A. LILL,  
EDITOR AND MANAGER

Wednesday night.

Dear Brinkerhoff:--

Congratulations on your new paper. I believe you have a great chance there to make The Sun a real newspaper. It seems to me that it is pretty badly run down and it looks as if you ought to knock the Tribune off its feet.

Of course Roy wrote you about the Scoop club feed at the National in Topeka Saturday night. And of course you will be there. All the gang is coming. The program looks good, with the exception of the fact that I am the toastmaster. It is to be informal--beefsteak and drink-- and we'll have one real good time.

There will be at least fifteen fellows there. You will be missed if you don't show up, so plan to get there. Write Roy and tell him you'll be there.

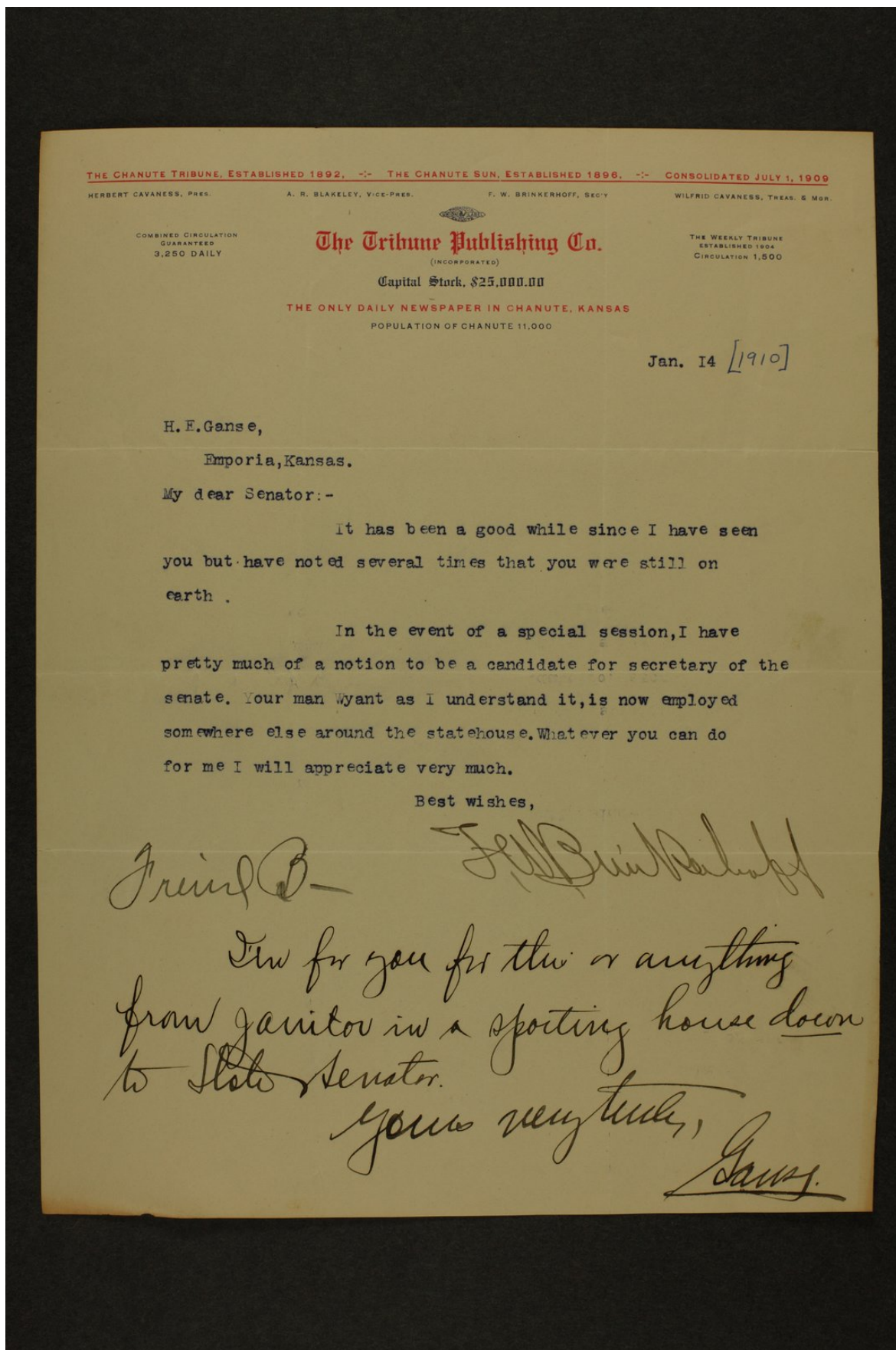
I'll see you Saturday, and I'll give you my wishes/<sup>then</sup> for all kinds of luck in Chanute.

Sincerely

*Dwight Beatty*



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### State of Kansas

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE CHAMBER,

TOPEKA,

Erie, Kansas, January 15, 1910.

Mr. F.W. Brinkerhoff,

Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 14th inst. is received. I was so well pleased with Mr. Wyant's services of Secretary during the last session of the Senate that I readily assured him of my support should he ask for the position again, not at the time dreaming of the possibility of your being a candidate. Aside from this, I am under no obligation along this line and should Mr. Wyant not be a candidate will be more than glad to do all that I can for you.

Referring to your telephone call of a few days ago on the special session proposition, I made two efforts to call you up by phone and was unable to get you at either time. I have not as yet been convinced of the necessity or advisability of a special session and what I would like to say of the decision of the United States ~~very~~ inferior court would not look well in print.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours truly,





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SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

CHARLES F. SCOTT, Kans., Chairman.  
William W. Cooks, N. Y.  
Ralph D. Cole, Ohio.  
Gilbert N. Haugen, Iowa.  
James C. McLaughlin, Mich.  
Willie C. Hawley, Oreg.  
Joseph Howell, Utah.  
Pleasant T. Chapman, Ill.  
Charles C. Pratt, Pa.  
L. B. Hanna, N. Dak.  
Frank Plimley, Vi.

John Lamb, Va.  
Asbury F. Lever, S. C.  
Jack Small, Tex.  
William W. Tucker, Mo.  
Augustus O. Stanley, Ky.  
Gordon Lee, Ga.  
James T. McDermott, Ill.  
William H. Andrews, N. Mex.

George W. Reichard, Clerk.

House of Representatives U. S.,  
Committee on Agriculture,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28, 1910, 19\_\_

Dear Fred:

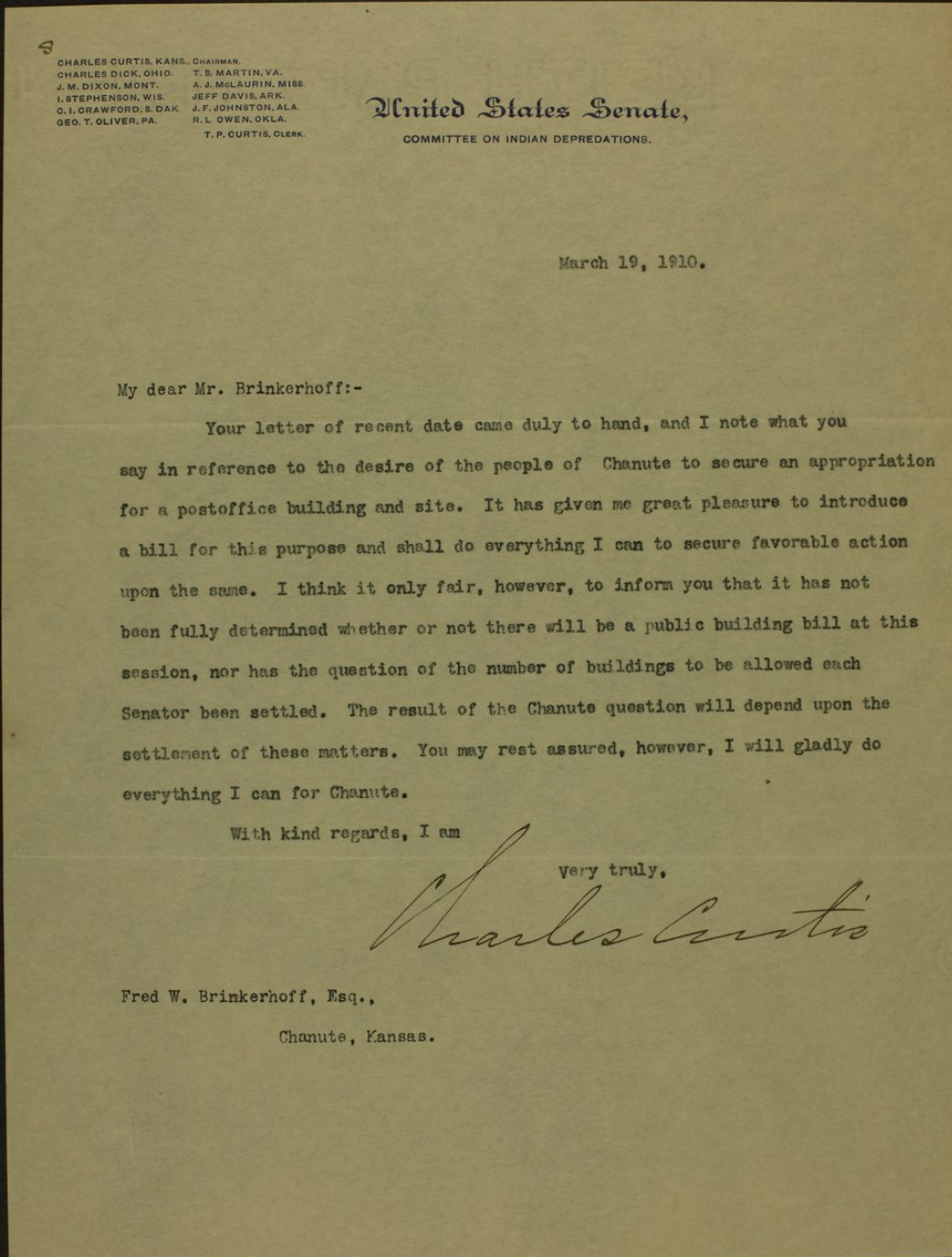
I have yours of the 24th and shall be interested in knowing what comments, if any, you hear upon my crow letter. I did not know that my old friend Jonathan M. Davis was the proud author of this anti-crow legislation. I think I shall send him a copy of the Hearings.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. F. Scott.

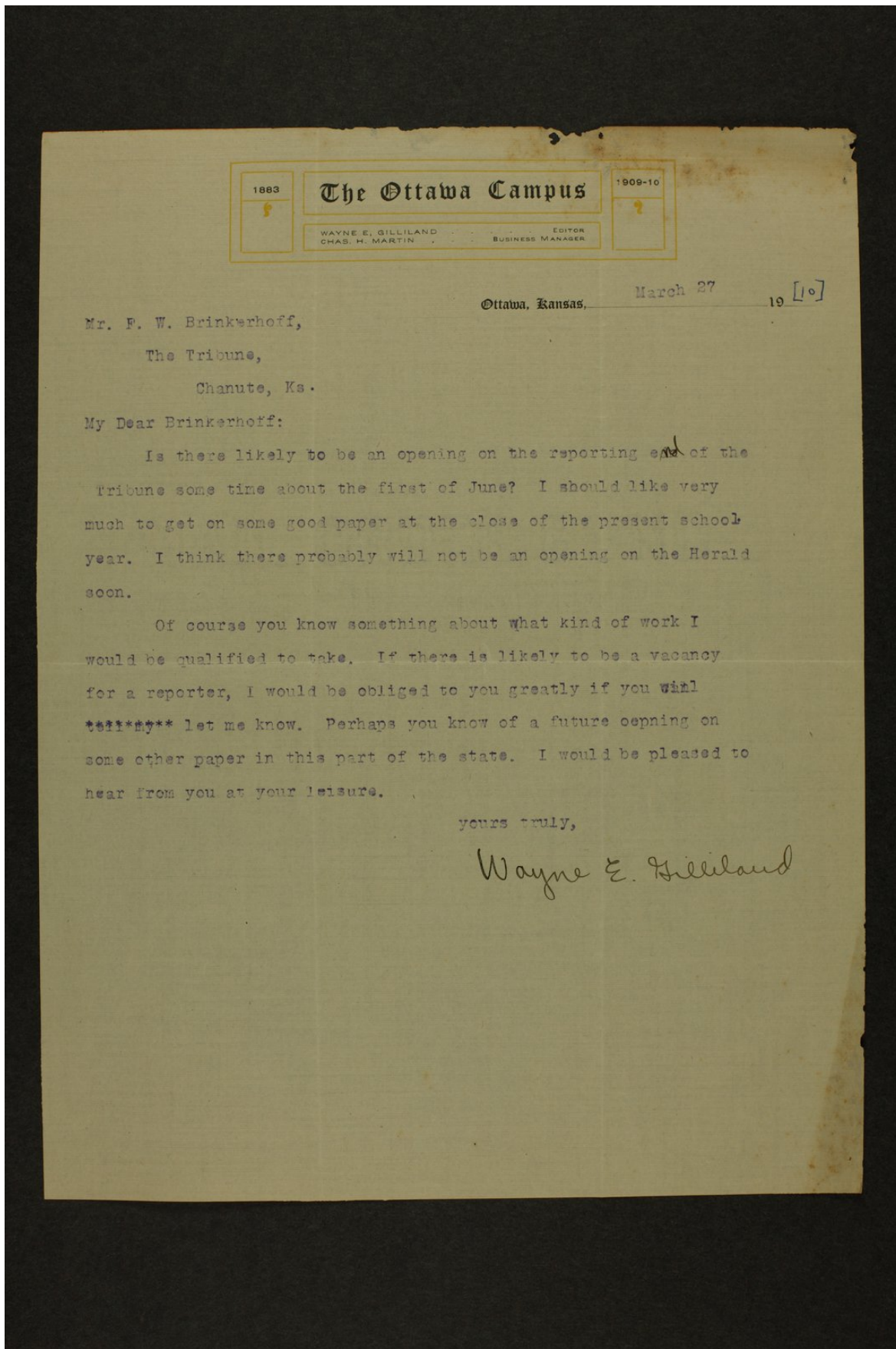
Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,  
Chanute, Kansas.

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GUTENBERG, INVENTOR OF PRINTING



WILL S. MENAMIN,  
PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER

TELEPHONE HARRISON 6435

545 TO 549 WABASH AVENUE,

*Chicago, Ill.* April 5th, 1910.

Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff,  
c/o Tribune,  
Chanute, Kans.

Dear Sir:

PERSONAL.

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., would say that we have a number of Model 1 two-letter Linotype machines that we are thoroughly rebuilding. These machines when received in our shop are completely taken apart and immersed in a chemical solution, which removes the paint and grease, enabling us to see the true condition of the machine. The parts of the machine are then assembled in exactly the same manner as they were when being built originally. All worn parts are thrown away and are replaced by new.

We will sell one of these machines, with one magazine, one font of new two-letter matrices, that you may select from the specimen book of the Linotype Company, one set of spacebands, and Universal mold, for \$2000.00 f.o.b. Chicago. Our best terms to an established paper or business are \$250.00 cash and the balance in monthly 6% notes of \$50.00 each, secured by chattel mortgage and insurance.

The Model 1 machine will carry all matrices from 5pt to 11pt inclusive. The Universal mold is exactly the same mold that is sent out at this time with new machines. It can be adjusted by the means of liners from 5pt to 14pt in body and to any measure up to and including 30 ems Pica in length.



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Fred W. Brinkerhoff.

4/5/10.

We can make shipment of one of our rebuilt machines within two days after receipt of order.

All rebuilt machines are guaranteed to be capable of doing as much and as good work as when new, in the hands of a competent workman.

If any one offers to guarantee a second-hand Linotype, be sure to look up their responsibility and see if they have a commercial rating. We refer you to R. C. Dun & Co., or the Mergenthaler Linotype Co., of New York.

Hoping to hear further from you and to be favored with your order, which will have our best attention, we are,

Yours very truly,

GUTENBERG MACHINE COMPANY,

*Wm. S. Merriam*

President.

M/S

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Office of  
William M. Glenn,  
Attorney-at-Law

TRIBUNE, KANSAS.

April 26, 1910.

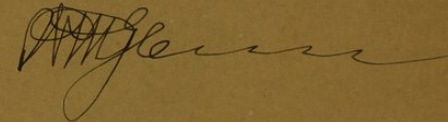
Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,  
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Sir: I want to impose upon your good nature by asking you to get my nomination petition for Lieutenant Governor properly signed up in Neosha County by not less than 29 names and more than that would not be objectionable. All the names on one petition must be from the same precinct, as you probably know.

Then I would be under renewed obligations to you if you would send me the names of about a hundred republicans in the west part of the county, with their P.O. addresses and I will send them some literature, giving them some good advice as to how they should vote for this office.

I must have the active support of the Chanute Tribune and as Herbert Cavaness inclined that way, I presume there will be no trouble on that proposition.

Yours truly,





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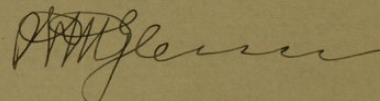
TRIBUNE, KANSAS, May 9, 1910.

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,  
Chanute, Kansas.

My dear Friend: I am in receipt of your list of names of voters of Neosha County and also my nomination petition which you returned before and I want to thank you for the trouble you have taken in my interest and to thank you especially for the good letter you wrote me about my candidacy and I assure you that I appreciate it very highly and hope that some day I may be able to reciprocate.

I am trying to keep out of this fight for Governor because I do not believe that my personal choice for Governor should in any way affect my candidacy for Lieutenant Governor any more than my choice for County Clerk of this county. If I am elected Lieutenant Governor, I intend to be absolutely impartial and to know no faction and I think those who know me will say that I will do it. Governor Stubbs is not for me for this office but I really do not believe he has any fight to make on me any more than I have to make on him, but Hopkins was a special, good friend of his and of Mr. Dolley last year and I think that is all the reason there is to it.

I want to be done to Chanute before very long and I will, of course, see you.

Yours truly, 



## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

### THE MORNING ENQUIRER THE EVENING NEWS

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

5/6/14.

Dear Fred:

It was good of you to send me the news of Tom Cordry's death. Good old Tom! I was impressed by what Charlie Finch said, in a paper I read today. He said that it was to Tom, and men like him, that Kansas owes her prominence. There is none of the Tom Cordry type in Michigan; none of the spirit of local and state patriotism, and neighborliness, that so permeates Kansas journalism.

I am glad if my piece about Bristow got any attention. I had written Bristow my personal notion of his stand, and he suggested that the comment would look well in print. Othwreise I should have kept out of print. For I don't really care what Kansas does--knowing she will do it, anyway.

The progressive movement is a repetition of the populist movement, and probably hatched from the same bug. It is refined, by our later processes and set to softer and more civilized music. I have met some conventions of the progressives--they had a great in-gathering of the clan here a year ago--and they talk like a chautauqua assembly.

I do not by any means intend to discount their sincerity, or question the moral worth of their doctrines. Nor do I mean to come to the defense against them, of the time-tried and oil-smoothed system of politics which we have known so well. I care nothing about the republican party, as a party; I am for a democrat as governor of Michigan against anybody who comes on--wrap he himself in ever so many folds of the flag. Because the democrat is sound in the head, and wholly devoid of bunt. Aside from his party, and its simply wonderful capacity for error, and its quite uncanny habit of bringing on hard times, I like Wilson, as a type, better than any president we have had in years. Here, also, is an absence of flapdoodle. And this is the principal count in the indictment against the progressives: Too much flapdoodle. At this distance I cannot see how Bristow can be returned to the senate, nor how Henry Allen can win for governor. I wish Henry might win, though I can't understand his politics, as politics. I can understand it as mottoes, or texts. I see a good deal of sharp talk about Hodges as governor. I have a suspicion, which may be ill-founded, that Hodges is a pretty good governor in all but his tendency to keep the offices among the democrats. I liked the piece Fred Trigg wrote for him in the Saturday Evening Post.

As to politics: Truth is, of course, somewhere between all the extremes. The republican party has deserved some lickings, but not by the people who licked it. The progressives are not as good as they claim to be, and the republican party is not God-inspired, as it "sets up" to be. And the people are not as intelligent and reliable as all parties, in campaign times, tell them they are.

Sings from the east indicate visits from our old friend, General Stagnation, though whether this is due to fundamentally bad legislation, or is merely the readjustment to new conditions instituted by legislation that is fundamentally sound--I don't know. I hear yells from both sides and recognize, merely, that they are yells. Our business is moving along rather nicely, having passed the experimental stage.



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### THE MORNING ENQUIRER THE EVENING NEWS

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

It is hard for me to realize that it has been more than two years since I was in Kansas. I suppose I shall get back within the coming year, as my father is growing quite old. The Bransons spent the winter with us, but have now returned home. We follow the Ottawa news rather closely, and I am pretty well advised on state matters, as the newspapers present the case.

Michigan wholly lacks the pep and pulsation of Kansas--yet she has compensations.

I shall be glad to know, occasionally, of the trend of things.

Yours,

Wm. W. Miller

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ALFRED W. BENSON  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

Oct. 3, 1914.

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

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of September 27, and note your suggestion about advertising.

The advertising proposition has been carefully considered from the first. It presents several difficulties. I am a non-partisan candidate. Common fairness would require that such advertisements should be made in papers of each party. To discriminate would also be dangerous. Again city dailies are not read with any more care, if as much, by their patrons than the better country weeklies by their subscribers. The advertisements should therefore be in both. Where there are two or more respectable daily papers in a city, or more than one good weekly paper in a country town, it would not be wise, if fair, to patronize but one. There are over 800 newspapers in the 105 counties of the state. Suppose that because of possible insignificance 300 might be ignored, the others approximating 500 in number, ought not to be by one seeking a state non-partisan place. If the modest sum of \$5.00 only should be paid to each for an advertisement consisting of a mere announcement, the amount when added to postage, stationery, and other unavoidable expense would be large enough to be



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ALFRED W. BENSON  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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prohibitive to one whose income is chiefly derived from a salary.

Under the old system the candidate, after nomination for a judicial office had the support of a party press and other partisan facilities, and his expenses were practically limited to a reasonable assessment by a committee. I do not refer to this as an argument against the non-partisan law. It is a simple statement of the situation. The law is based on the theory that the voters have such vital interest that they will make necessary inquiries concerning the qualifications of candidates. If they are so indifferent as to refrain from seeking needed information, or for any other reason cast an unintelligent vote, they will to that extent endanger the efficiency of the courts.

The candidate who is a present member of this court, must have his picture displayed on bill boards, fences, or in windows along with advertisements of miscellaneous wares, sound his own praises by general advertising, or speed over the state in a vain endeavor to see a considerable number of voters, or, he may try all of these methods. The bill-board plan is offensive to my sense of propriety, although I do not criticise those who resort to it. Every man must be governed by his own opinions. General advertising with the usual self-laudation is to me impossible for the same reason. Modest ~~XXXXXXXX~~ announcements might with propriety be made if it were not unfair or unwise to discriminate

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ALFRED W. BENSON  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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*reputable*  
between ~~respect~~able papers. Without such discrimination the expense, as already suggested, is too great.

Your friendship, observation and experience gives your advice great weight. I thank you for giving it ~~in~~ but for the reasons briefly outlined, I do not see my way clear to act upon it.

A recent issue of a lawyer's publication tells of an Alabama judge of a district court who was tendered an appointment to fill a vacancy in the supreme court until the next election. In a communication to the Governor he stated that after careful inquiry he had found that it would require an expenditure of \$3500 for the primary and election to fill out the unexpired term, and the same amount at the election for the regular term to follow a year later. He declined the appointment because of the expense.

I am aware that candidates for Governor and Senator and possibly for other offices <sup>*Some times*</sup> cheerfully pay sums for incidental expenses <sup>*^*</sup> out of proportion to anticipated salaries, but hitherto it has not been thought becoming in candidates for high judicial positions to do so, especially an incumbent of the office seeking re-election.

My earnest desire--greater than any wish to be elected--is to refrain from any thing that will degrade the office in the estimation of good people, or in my own estimation.

Please understand that I do not in the least criticise you--I know that you did not expect me to resort to general advertising,



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ALFRED W. BENSON  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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but only in a limited number of papers to be carefully selected. The difficulty in making such discriminations I have already referred to.

Pardon the lengthy letter. The subject has given me deep concern and it seemed well to tell you what I thought about it.

Again thanking you for your interest in my election and uniform kindness, I remain

Sincerely yours,

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

### The Parsons City Schools

F. L. PINET, SUPERINTENDENT  
PARSONS, KANSAS

Dec. 24, 1914

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

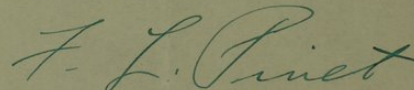
Dear Fred:

I have your letter of Tuesday together with clippings and proof. By way of reply I am enclosing a letter which I have just written the Grand Duke. I do not know whether it will do any good or not. The proof you sent shows how little he knows about newspaper work and what a colossal ass he is. I doubt if three newspapers in the district would be willing to publish this sort of rot. It would seem that if a man had anything to say he could say it without so much meandering. As I see matters the situation has resolved itself into this: That if the Southeastern Kansas Teachers' Association is to have any publicity worth while it will have to get it from your news letters which are sent out regarding the State Normal Training School.

With the best of the season's greetings,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

FLP/M



P. S. Have you seen Porter yet with regard to the proposed law abolishing Boards of Education. Remember that I am personally interested in the killing of this bill. As soon as you have taken the matter up with Porter, please let me hear from you.

F. L. P.



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### The Parsons City Schools

F. L. PINET, SUPERINTENDENT  
PARSONS, KANSAS

Jan. 5, 1915

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoffer,  
PITTSBURG HEADLIGHT,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

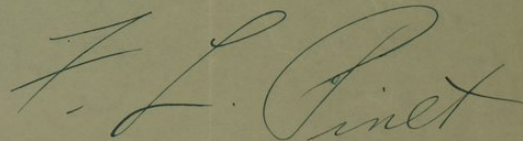
My dear Brink:

I wish to thank you for your note received this morning together with a clipping concerning the indiscretion of our friend Armstrong. I knew the fellow was a fool but I didn't think he was fool enough to get in bad in this manner.

Concerning the publicity work for the S. E. K. T. A., I will say that I am very much discouraged over the prospect. Practically, the only effective publicity the Association has had is what you have been able to give it in the HEADLIGHT. Here we are within a month of the meeting and no one has seen a copy of the program and no one knows just what the chief attractions are to be. I trust that you will push the matter all you can.

Sincerely yours,

FLP/M





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BOARD OF EDUCATION:  
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C. P. SWANK, Vice President  
W. O. DAVIS  
H. H. McCALL  
R. C. ANDERSON  
F. C. WARREN

### Chanute Public Schools

F. E. BODLEY,  
Treasurer  
J. F. HUGHES,  
Supt. and Clerk

CHANUTE, KANSAS.

Jan. 9, 1915.

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff,  
Pittsburg Headlight,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

My dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

After talking with you about the publication of the program of the S. E. K. T. A., I telephoned that man Armstrong and found that at the time he had already placed the program of the S. E. K. T. A. on the press and had secured a proof of the same. I then called up Pres. Hughart and we discussed very thoroughly the advisability of coming over to Pittsburg and taking the reins into our own hands, canceling the order of chairman Armstrong and ordering this work with the Pittsburg Headlight as was agreed upon in the meeting of the executive committee. Such action on our part would have been thoroughly in keeping with chairman Armstrong's high handed methods but we are not sure that it would be for the best interests of the association. As it stands at the present time, the association is relying absolutely on Armstrong to look after the local arrangements for housing the teachers while in Pittsburg and, if we were to stir up such a fight with him as would be necessary, it would probably also be necessary for us to appoint someone else to arrange for the entertainment of the teachers.

Pres. Brandenburg and the Normal teachers are all working with us to the very best of their ability and I am sure they would be willing to do this work if the executive committee asked them to do so but to care for two or three thousand teachers in Pittsburg will require the limit of hospitality from all of your people.

Armstrong undoubtedly has his friends and were they to go against us it would make it exceedingly difficult to arrange for entertainment. As it is, Armstrong is with us in this matter surely, and we know that Pres. Brandenburg and his teachers will always do what they can. For these reasons we have not taken action and it appears to us that if there are no further developments within the next few days, that the part of wisdom may be to let the matter alone.

It was the thought of the executive committee from its organization to secure, in every possible way, the cooperation of the Headlight and to turn to them all of the business of the association. We have secured such cooperation and every member of the executive committee, as well as the officers of the association, regret exceedingly that this work has not been given to the Headlight.

Were it not for the fact that every time the matter came up in the committee meeting Mr. Armstrong seemed to agree with us so thoroughly, we would have attended to this business ourselves rather than leaving it to our chairman. As it stands, he has disappointed us but we cannot quite bring ourselves to the position of doing the thing that we would very much like to do.





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CHANUTE, KANSAS.

Fred Brinkerhoff, # 2.

I trust that this explanation will place the committee in the right light with the management of the Headlight although we cannot entirely free ourselves from fault in the matter as we were careless in not giving this order while in Pittsburg.

Our time was somewhat limited while in Pittsburg but, while leaving the city, Mr. Hughart and I regretted having not made it a point to see you. We could have learned of the article which seems to have set Armstrong clear off and have taken more precaution.

We trust that you will still continue to cooperate with us in making our meeting a success and assure you that the will of the committee will prevail in the further arrangements for this association.

I shall appreciate it if you call my attention to any publicity work which we are not attending to either directly or through the Normal.

The many teachers of southeastern Kansas appreciate your efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely,

*John F. Hughes*

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### The Parsons City Schools

F. L. PINET, SUPERINTENDENT  
PARSONS, KANSAS

Jan. 16, 1915

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

My dear Brinkerhoff:

I have just returned from Topeka and I find on my desk from the HEADLIGHT regarding Armstrong's resignation. I learned that news while I was in Topeka. It came not exactly as a surprise but rather unexpectedly for I had supposed matters were patched over for the present. In this connection, I wish to say that while I have no present thought of leaving Parsons and while I expect to be re-elected here within the next two months at a substantial increase in salary, I might be a receptive candidate for the superintendency at Pittsburg provided the conditions were satisfactory. What I mean is that if Pittsburg's Board felt that it wanted me for the place and was willing to make the salary worth while and give me a free hand in the management of schools, I might consider a proposal to take it at the expiration of my present term which is August 1st, 1915. If you have any member on that Board with whom you could talk in confidence, I wish you would sound out the Board's intention regarding this matter. I am well known to both Mr. Leipman and Mr. Scott. I feel quite sure I could handle the situation there to the satisfaction of all factions, but things having been left in such a muddled state that I would not care to do so unless the salary were considerably more than what I can receive here. Please let me know what you think about this.

Sincerely yours,

FLP/M





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### The Coffeyville City Schools

A. A. HUGHART, SUPERINTENDENT  
R. Y. KENNEDY, PRINCIPAL H. S.  
COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS

Feb. 19, 1915.

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff,  
Pittsburg, Kans.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff;

Since the Superintendency has been filled, I can give you a word from my heart and not be misunderstood. You are a bunch of fine fellows and I appreciate the kindness shown me and the Association while we were with you. I did not have time to see the President of the Chamber of Commerce, but you tell him how we all feel toward all of you. Mr. Brandenburg is a gem and I hope that everything will clear up for a greater Normal School and a bigger Pittsburg.

Will you please send my cut soon as I am in need of it. Again thanking you, I am

Very truly,

AAH-EW

*A. A. Hughart*

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### Chanute Public Schools

F. E. BODLEY,  
*Treasurer*

J. F. HUGHES,  
*Supt. and Clerk*

CHANUTE, KANSAS,

April 17, 1915.

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

I appreciate very much your kindness in sending me the Pittsburg Headlight with the very interesting school news. Pres. Brandenburg also gave me several very interesting side lights in a recent visit with him.

I congratulate you upon the excellent manner in which you handled that situation. All school men of southeastern Kansas rejoice at seeing Mr. Scott eliminated from the school situation of our district on absolutely general grounds believing that he injured school interests wherever he came into contact with them. It is a just verdict of the people of Pittsburg which carries those who have permitted him to dominate them with him.

I feel sure that the school interests of your city will be materially benefitted by the present change and those who led in making the change deserve very much credit.

Yours sincerely,

*John Hughes*



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WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON  
CHIEF JUSTICE  
ROUSSEAU A. BURCH  
HENRY F. MASON  
SILAS PORTER  
JUDSON S. WEST  
JOHN MARSHALL  
JOHN S. DAWSON  
JUSTICES

### The Supreme Court of Kansas

Topeka

DELBERT A. VALENTINE, CLERK  
OSCAR L. MOORE, REPORTER.

Jan. 14, 1916.

My dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

I thank you most cordially for sending me a copy of your tribute to Judge Benson. It is common to say good things, and only good, of the dead, but I think everyone who knew Judge Benson must agree that in his case it is practically impossible to exaggerate the good qualities of his head and heart. And your article points out those attributes that so endeared him to us all. There never was a man more modest and at the same time so efficient.

Judge Benson thoroughly enjoyed his work in the Washburn law school, and the students appreciated his interest in them and the benefits of his instruction. His teaching left him considerable time to devote to the practice, and he had all

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the law business he could handle. Shortly before his death he remarked that he was tempted to form a law partnership at Lawrence with an active young man, and that he was confident that even in the first year he could net a larger income than that of the justices of the supreme court. I have no doubt at all that he was right. Indeed, it is certain that his estimate would be under the mark rather than over it.

I feel that overwork contributed to his sudden death. He had been suffering from the grief for about a week. He was in my office on the afternoon before his seizure for a short social visit. I urged him to stay longer,



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remarking that as it was in vacation he  
ought not to allow himself to be kept too  
busy. He answered that he had so many  
things to look after that he really must  
keep at them.

I want also to thank you for the  
kind reference to myself in your article.  
I appreciate it more than I can tell.

With the kindest regards.

Yours most sincerely,

Henry F. Mason

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STATE OF KANSAS  
ARTHUR CAPPER, GOVERNOR  
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April 8, 1916.

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,  
The Headlight,  
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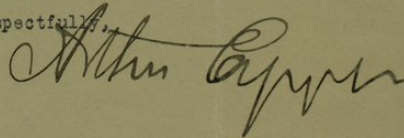
Dear Fred:

I thank you for sending me copy of the issue of April 1 containing story in regard to the shortage of J. O. Judd, Socialist county treasurer. It is hot stuff. I had already seen something about it in the Capital.

I want to thank you for your courtesy to me while in Pittsburg last week. I was sorry you took the trouble to get out at an early hour in the morning to meet me, but I appreciate your kindness very much. I am much obliged, too, for the liberal space which you gave me in the Headlight. I have never spent a day that I more thoroughly enjoyed than my visit to Pittsburg and the cordiality shown by the Pittsburg folks was exceedingly gratifying to me. I hope you will let me know whenever I can be of service to you.

With best regards, I am,

Very respectfully,





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### The Parsons City Schools

F. L. PINET, SUPERINTENDENT  
PARSONS, KANSAS

April 13, 1916

M<sup>r</sup>. Fred Brinkerhoff,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

My dear Fred:

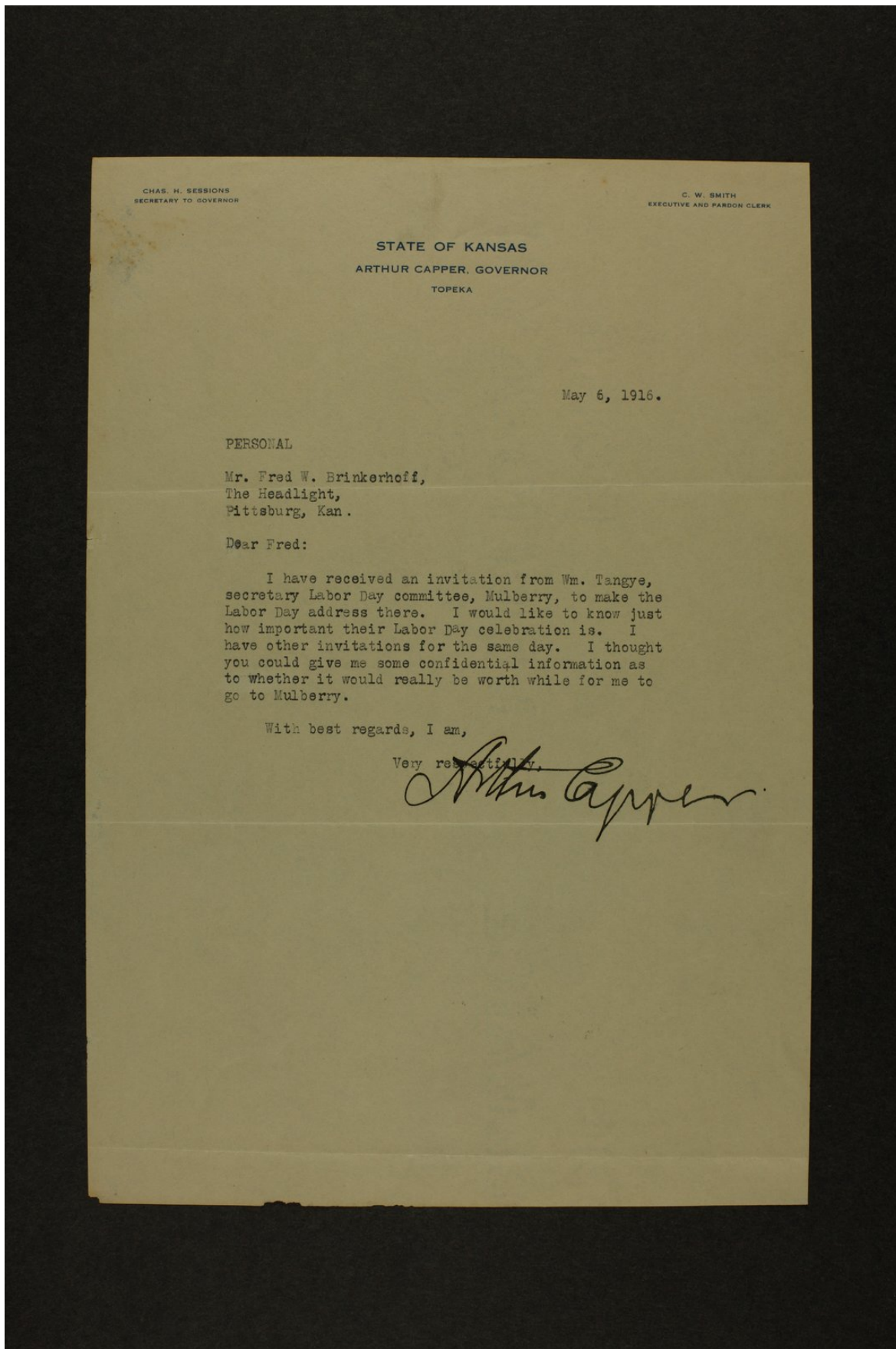
As you have probably heard I have been elected secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association for a term of four years at a salary of \$2500.00 per year. I have not decided whether or not I shall accept the place, As you probably know this new position would require me to devote all of my time to the editing of the Kansas Teacher which has a circulation of about seven thousand copies, to the publicity work of the Association, and to the work of organizing the teachers of the state so as to safe-guard their interests in a legislative way. Before deciding this matter I should like to have the judgment of a few of my friends. Among the most valued of these I count you. Will you please give me your judgment as to whether I ~~shall~~ *should* accept the place?

Sincerely yours,

FLP/M

*F. L. Pinet*

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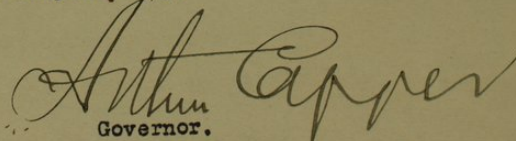
May 23, 1917.

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff,  
The Headlight,  
Pittsburg, Kans.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

I have your letter of May 21st in regard to Hampton Caffey. I am willing to give him a general parole in place of the parole to September 1st. This general parole would enable him to go to work and if at the end of a year his conduct had been good, he would be entitled to a full pardon. We have never issued full pardons until the prisoner has been out on parole one year. If this is satisfactory, let me know and I will issue a general parole to take the place of the September 1st parole.

Very respectfully,

  
Governor.