

## 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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December 1, 1928

Lowe & Campbell Athletic Gds Co.,  
1509-11-13 Baltimore Avenue,  
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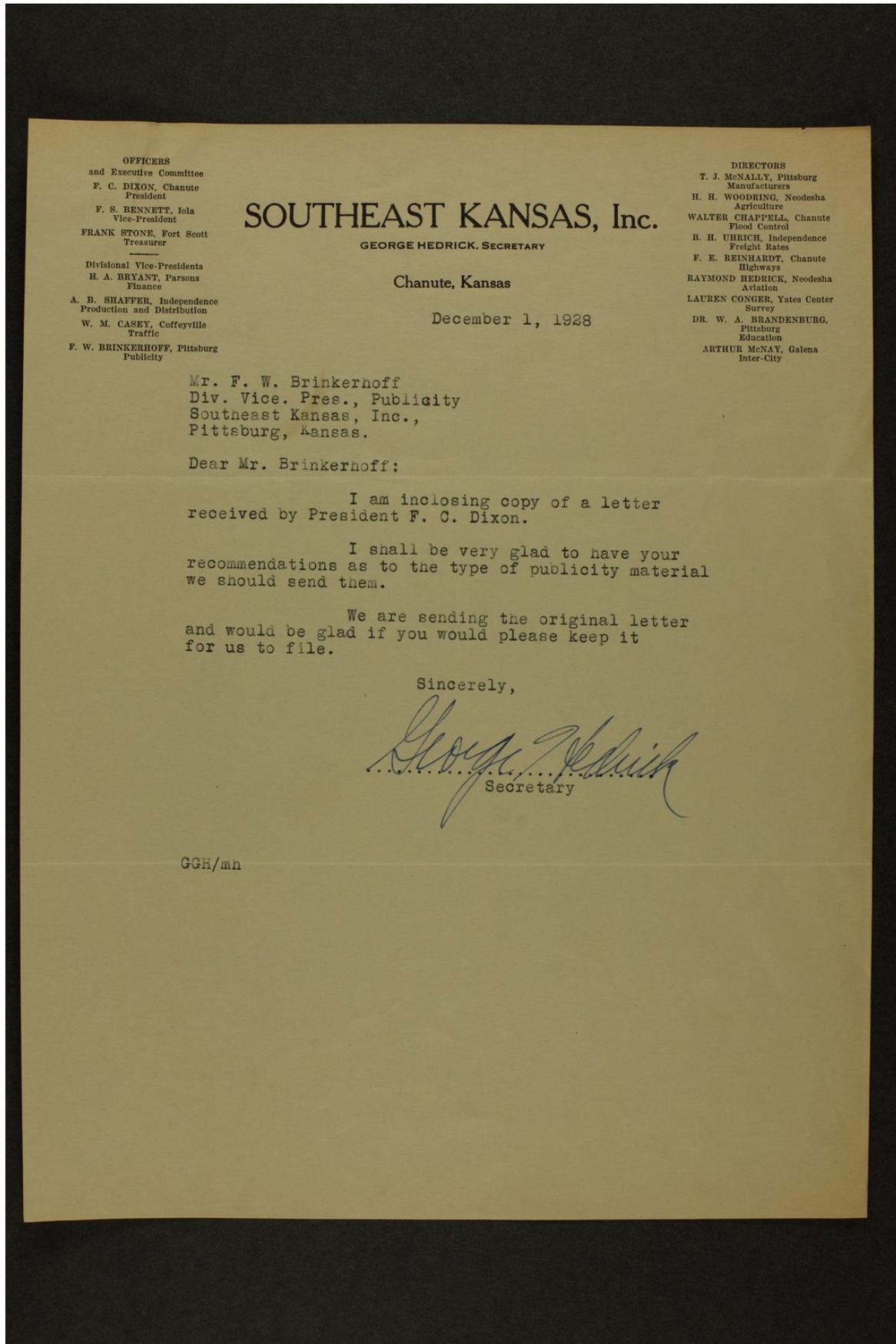
Gentlemen:

We have your inquiry as to the location of Cal Wood. We are unable to tell you where he is. The last we knew of him he was at Tulsa. We are sorry that we can not accomodate you.

Yours very truly,

FWB:LA

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GEORGE HEDRICK, Secretary

Chanute, Kansas

December 1, 1928

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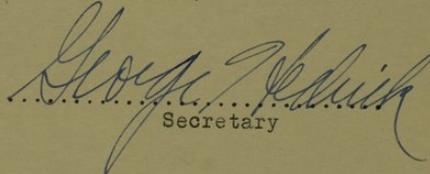
Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

I am inclosing copy of a letter  
received by President F. C. Dixon.

I shall be very glad to have your  
recommendations as to the type of publicity material  
we should send them.

We are sending the original letter  
and would be glad if you would please keep it  
for us to file.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary

GGH/mh

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 4, 1928

Mr. George Hedrick, Sect.,  
Southwest Kansas, Inc.,  
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear George:

I am returning copy of the German letter you sent me. For the life of me I can't figure what sort of Southeast Kansas pictorial publicity except that kind which is ~~used~~ <sup>used</sup> ~~compost~~ cards would be of any value in German.

Spot news pictures would be of no value whatever. My only recommendation would be to send them some pictures of the Neosho river bridges, cement plants, mining scenes, etc and see what they do with them.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA  
encl.

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 4, 1928

Hon. Henry J. Allen,  
c/o The Bee-News,  
17th and Jackson Sts.,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear HJA:

The initials you seek are J. T. I am not surprised that you have forgotten them because everybody calls him "Doc".

I don't know for sure about the Hamlin matter although I have heard that Doc had such an arrangement with him when the change was made here. I was wondering the other day what had become of Hamlin, having heard that he had departed from Wichita.

It certainly was a glorious victory in Kansas as well as in the nation. The Reed victory means a lot in Kansas. It means that the old crowd received a thorough beating and I am guessing that it will be a long time before it is able to come back.

The senatorship matter is interesting. Curtis, of course, hates Clyde and is desirous of denying to Clyde the privilege of naming his successor, but I think he is also afraid not to let Clyde do the naming. Anyone named by Paulen at the dictation of Curtis will serve only until the election of 1930 unless Curtis should consent to the naming of Homer Hoch. I rather believe that Hoch has such general support now that his selection would prove quite satisfactory and he would be in a good position to seek an election. My own guess now is that if Paulen makes the appointment the man will be Clyde Miller and his appointment will be a concession by Curtis and Paulen that the new senator would have to be content with the two year service. As I understand it, Miller would be tickled to death to be senator for that length of time.

Perhaps you have not noticed the latest developments concerning your old army friend, Alexander Howat. After having been out in the cold for eight years, the Union has taken him back and he will be elected District President next week. My understanding is that Lewis permitted him to return to the Union with the understanding that he would be good, and that Lewis told him it would be as easy to put him out as to take him in if he wouldn't carry out his part in the agreement.

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HJA--2

Howat has tamed down quite a bit and he hasn't a fraction of the organization he had before.

We keep hearing that in the make up of the new cabinet, you will have a seat. We trust this is correct.

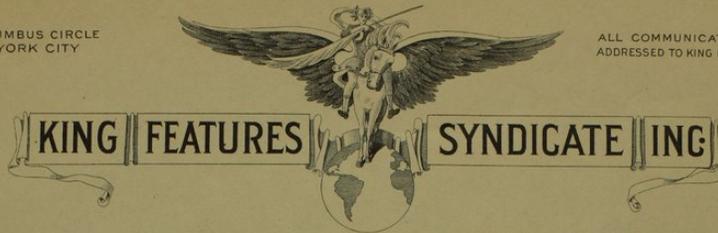
Sincerely yours,

FWB: LA

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TWO COLUMBUS CIRCLE  
NEW YORK CITY

ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE  
ADDRESSED TO KING FEATURES SYNDICATE



December 5, 1928.

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff, Editor,  
The Headlight,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

Answering your inquiry of November 30th regarding price for rights in your city of any of the stories mentioned in my communication of the 27th ult., namely: "Alias the Spook," by Winifred Van Duzer, "Peaks of Desire," by Kane O'Day, "Blue Blood and Red," by Robert Terry Shannon, "Tarboe," by Gilbert Parker.

Pittsburg (Kas) rights of any of these are available at a price of \$35. each. Sorry to note that I overlooked making you a quotation in my letter, but I thought you understood that these were being offered at the same price you usually pay for our serials, namely, thirty-five.

With the exception of the Gilbert Parker novel, "Tarboe" all of these stories are first run fiction - that is they have not appeared in book form or otherwise but are written exclusively for first publication in the newspapers. "Tarboe" is as you probably know Gilbert Parker's very recent novel. Of this latter we are offering you second serial rights.

Trusting you may make a selection from the batch and thanking you for an early decision, we are,

Sincerely yours,

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE, INC.,

by- *Florence E. Modesty*  
Fiction Department.

FEM-M

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 5, 1928

Mr. J. C. Mohler, Sect.,  
State Board of Agriculture,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Jake:

When you see a lovely specimen of manhood about six feet tall parading through the state house in January under a 10-gallon hat made out of pure white, that will be the signal for you to rise and bow. It will be your friend, my friend, our friend.

The plans and specifications of this creation of millinery have been sent to the Stetson people and the cost is to be \$50.00. I have been just informed by a man of the religious faith formerly held by our friend that he sought contributions for the hat but failed to get them. I do not vouch for the truth of this story, although I have all kinds of confidence in the man who told me.

A few days ago, our friend told one of my men that he intended to make the new hat as famous as he is himself.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 5, 1928

Mr. Cecil Howes,  
Kansas City Star,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Cecil:

Doubtless you will be interested in knowing that your friend down here has ordered a new hat. It is to cost \$50.00, has a capacity of 10-gallons and is of purest white. I have just suggested to Trigg that "you all" would be interested in having a half-page picture of this millinery but as Trigg never answers a letter, I thought I would state the proposition to you.

Sincerely yours,

BWB:LA

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 5, 1928

Hon. Homer Hoch,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Homer:

What do you think of the senatorial  
situation now? What can be done out here  
if anything?

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 5, 1928

PERSONAL

Mr. Fred C. Trigg,  
Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Fred:

Perhaps you will be interested in knowing that our new senator has his order in for a splendid new top-piece to be worn at Topeka this winter. As I understand it, the specifications call for a pure white 10-gallon creation which will be about the most magnificent thing of its kind ever seen in Kansas.

The senator told one of my boys the other day about this hat and said that he intended to make the hat as famous as he is himself.

Don't you want a picture of this hat? It would not require more than half a page for proper display.

Answer this letter.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

P.S. So that there will be no slip up, I am also making this same offer to Cecil.

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December 5, 1928

Mr. Frank E. Tyler, Lawyer  
Scarritt Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Frank:

I want to extend to you my deepest  
sympathy in your grief due to the death of  
your father.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

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HOMER HOCH  
4TH DIST. KANSAS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

December 8,  
1928

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

My dear Fred:

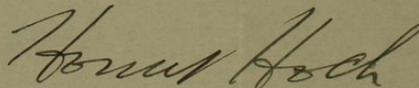
Thanks for your kind note about the senatorship.

There are no definite developments that I know of, but I am getting wonderfully fine support from all over the state entirely regardless of faction. As far as I know, Senator Curtis has not definitely decided when he will resign, and I think it will depend a good deal upon the legislative situation as it develops this month. My belief is that he is leaning towards staying on through the session, but I have no authority at all for that. I have been very much gratified by the statement which has come from so many men in the state, that they believed my appointment would be the most satisfactory all around that could be made, and would tend to heal rather than to increase any factional differences that may have existed. Confidentially, some of my good friends who are also friends of Senator Curtis and Clyde Reed, are seeking to bring about an understanding along that line. Personally my relations are excellent both with Governor Paulen and Clyde Reed, and both have said many kind things about me, but of course there has been no definite promise and I would not expect that.

Since we do not know which governor will have the appointment to make, many have been writing both to Governor Paulen and to Clyde Reed in my behalf, as well as to Senator Curtis. If you care to write to any or all of them, I will appreciate it, and if you will also send them copy of any comment you may have made or care to make in the paper about the matter. The newspaper boys all over the state have certainly been giving me generous support.

Personal regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,



HH:K

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 10, 1928

Mr. Arthur W. Crawford, Manager  
Chicago Tribune Newspaper Syn.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Crawford:

We received your offer concerning the Harold  
Teen song but were not interested in the  
proposition.

Yours very truly,

FWB:LA

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 10, 1928

Mrs. Lany Lewis,  
411 Clark Street,  
Cherryvale, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

I think with the endorsement you have it will  
not be difficult to land the place this time.  
I am enclosing a letter which you may file  
with your others and I am glad to be able to  
do so.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA  
encl.

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 10, 1928

Mr. Clyde M. Reed, Governor-Elect  
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Reed:

Mrs. Lany Lewis of Cherryvale is desirous of appointment as inspector with the state board of censorship. I think she would be a very efficient inspector and from the political standpoint, she has been a hard worker for the Republican party in Montgomery County for many years.

It strikes me that when the inspectors are appointed, the selection of Mrs. Lewis would be a very good one.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

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O. S. STAUFFER, EDITOR

ESTABLISHED 1870



### The Arkansas City Daily Traveler

MORE THAN 25,000 READERS DAILY

ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

December 10, 1928.

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff,  
Pittsburg Publishing Co.,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Fred:-

I was interested in your broadcasting of which you speak and would thank you to tell me how you worked it with the telephone company so that we may look into it and see what we can do the next time there is an opportunity for broadcasting. What telephone company was it?

Sincerely yours,

OSS:S

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 11, 1928

Mr. Oscar S. Stauffer,  
Arkansas City Traveler,  
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Oscar:

Our broadcasting arrangement was made with the Crawford County Telegraph and Telephone Company. This company owns the telephone systems at Girard, Cherokee and Arma. A radio man in Girard worked in conjunction with the telephone company and installed loud speakers at our office for a street crowd, at Girard in the court room, at Cherokee in a theatre and at Arma in a hall. By means of this hookup we were able to read election returns to four crowds at the same time. We turned on at about seven o'clock and turned off about midnight. Every report we could get was to the effect that the service was excellent. The project seemed to be appreciated.

The cost to us was approximately \$60.00 all told. This included the cost of a mechanic or electrician who stayed in the office to see that everything went along alright. The telephone company was glad to do this for the advertising which it received in the announcements we made in the papers and I think all the patrons were called and told of the arrangement.

There was in all of these places a lot of interest in the local contest and we gave all local returns as fast as they could be compiled.

This was the first thing of its kind I had known of and it surely was a success for us. Of course, the cost would have been greatly increased had it been necessary for us to lease the telephone wires for the night.

Trusting that this will answer your inquiry, I am

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 14, 1928

Dear -----

We are trying to establish in Southeastern Kansas something of an organization for the distribution of news pictures concerning Southeastern Kansas. To that I am enclosing a pledge for your signature. When you have signed it please mail it to the person whose name I have written on this sheet below.

Nearly all of the papers of Southeastern Kansas frequently print pictures of persons in the local news and pictures of things in the local news. These will be of interest in other papers in Southeastern Kansas. They will be of much greater interest than news pictures involving persons and things in New Jersey, Connecticut and California. If we will all send a few mats as we use the features, it will not be long until we will have established an exchange that will be of great value.

It has been proposed that some sort of a equalization fee be provided in order that we would all be about on the same basis but for the present it was thought best to have only a loose organization and trust to each paper to carry its part of the load.

Very truly yours,

FWB:LA  
encl.

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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December 14, 1928

Mr. Ralph H. Heppe,  
Associated Press,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Heppe:

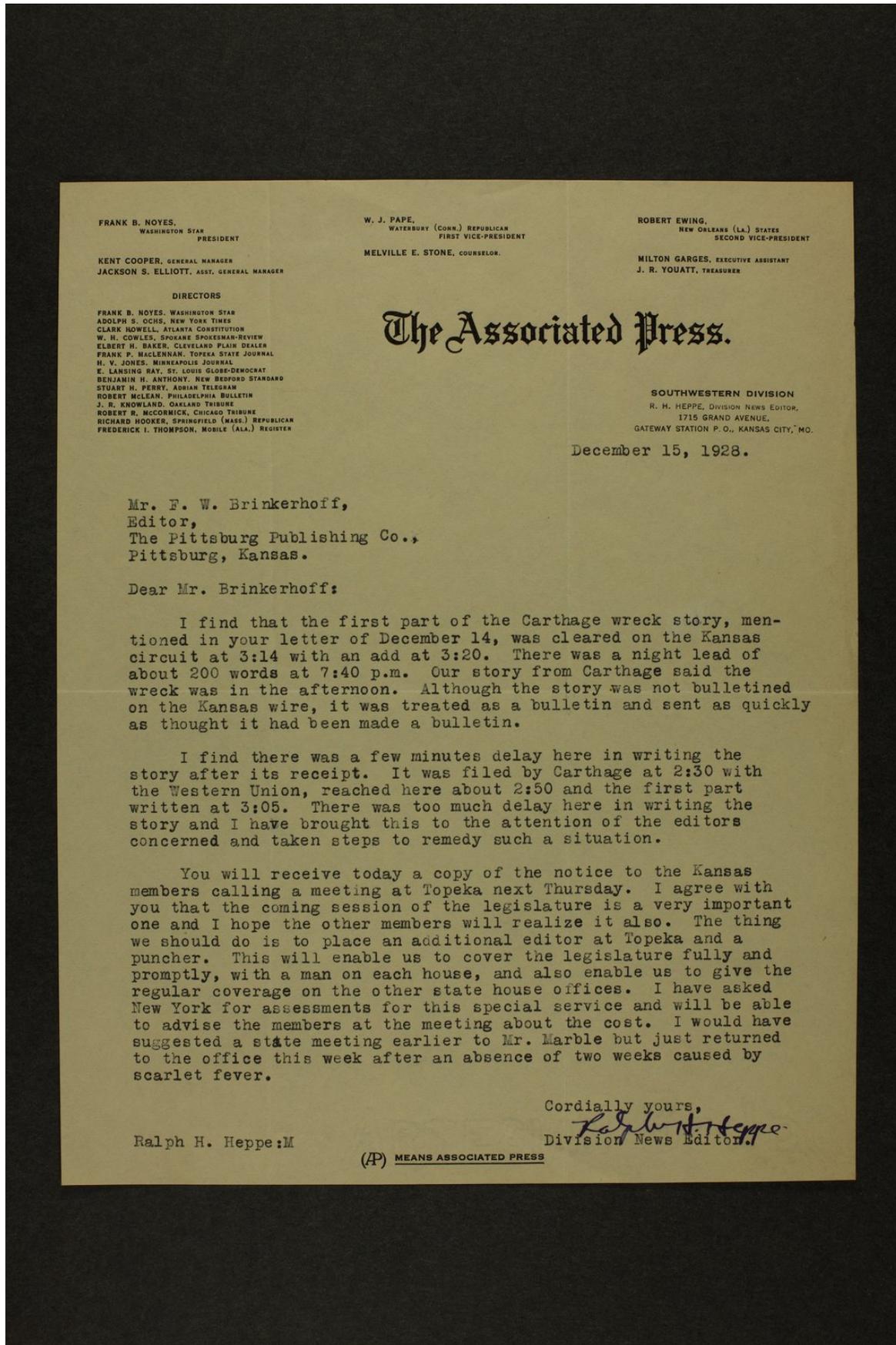
Before noon yesterday there was a bad rail-  
road accident east of Carthage in which four  
men were killed and several others injured.  
There was not a line concerning this accident  
on the report yesterday, but I note the story  
in yesterday afternoon's Star. I am wondering  
why a story was not made available for us.

We are very much interested in how the legislature  
is to be handled this year. I would like to know  
what plans you are making to give coverage. In  
my judgment no legislature in many years has faced  
questions that are of such tremendous importance  
as this legislature will face so it is of much  
importance to us to know what we may expect from  
the Associated Press.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

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December 15, 1928

Mr. Ralph H. Heppe,  
Associated Press,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Heppe:

The call for a meeting of the Kansas members  
at Topeka December 20th is received. I will  
be on hand at the meeting.

I suggest again that it would be well for you  
to revise your mailing list. G. A. Moore has  
not been the member for The Headlight since  
July 1, 1927, but the call for this meeting  
was sent to him as you will see by the enclosed  
envelope.

Unless your list is corrected, it is possible  
that an important communication will fail of  
delivery.

Yours very truly,

FWB:LA  
encl.

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 15, 1928

Ethel M. Harvey,  
Kansas Gas & Electric Co.,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Miss Harvey:

Thank you very much for sending me the original sketch of that golf cartoon. I know that Colonel Timmons intended to send it but evidently had forgotten it.

It was a tremendous shock to me when we received the word over the wire of the tragedy at Service. Colonel Timmons was one of my good friends and his going was a personal loss from which there can't be a full recovery.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

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December 19, 1928

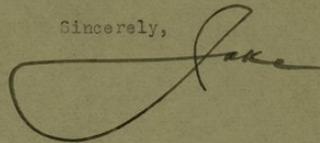
Dear Brink:---

I got a big kick out of your letter. The reason I had not acknowledged it before is that I have been trying to think up a fitting rejoinder, but I haven't hit upon anything yet that would be permissible in the mails. Sometimes I wonder if everything is for the best after all. Such accidents make me disbelief in that old saying. I guess the only thing left for us to do is to grin and bear it. I can do the former, but the latter is well-nigh more than I can endure. Personally, I have adopted the collegiate style and am going bareheaded, and think I'll keep that up so long as the parade lasts.

Misery loves company. So, be sure and come to see me when in town.

With kindest regards and the season's greetings,

Sincerely,



## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 21, 1928

Mr. J. C. Mohler, Sect.,  
State Board of Agriculture,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Jake:

I must make a correction. I wrote you the other day that your friend and mine had purchased his new hat at a cost of \$50.00. I discovered Saturday night that I was wrong. He may have his new hat or a new hat but he did not close the deal for the particular hat I had in mind when I wrote to you.

The clothing dealer with whom he negotiated told me Saturday night that he wished I would see to it that your friend bothered him no more. After having negotiated for three weeks for the hat and having agreed to take one at \$50.00 he danced into the clothing man's store and suggested to the clothing man that he, the senator would pay \$25.00 if the clothing man would donate \$25.00 in consideration of the advertising which the firm would receive. I beg to report to you that the clothing man says he turned down the offer and would spend his advertising budget with the newspaper.

This beats anything I yet have heard about this fellow and I have heard a great deal.

I expect to be in Topeka for the Inaugural and of course will see you.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 21, 1928

Mr. J. P. Agnessen, President  
Southwest Miners of America,  
Centerville, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your communication which is an answer to some statements made in a story in one of our newspapers by Harry Burr.

We are returning this communication to you for the reason that its language makes it unavailable for publication. I have examined this interview with Mr. Burr and find that the language credited to him was perfectly proper although I do not of course know as to its truthfulness. The language employed in your letter might in my judgment entangle us in a libel action and the fact it is signed by yourself would not relieve us as publishers. Neither would the fact that you desire to run this as an advertisement relieve us. I suggest that the objectionable language which must be obvious to you be eliminated and when this is done we will use your communication as an advertisement. Our desire is to be absolutely fair but we can't take chances that would be involved in publication of the communication which you have sent.

Yours very truly,

FWB:LA  
encl.

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

J. P. AGNESSEN  
President  
Centerville, Iowa

ARCH HELM, Sec'y.  
2122 Montgall Ave.  
Kansas City, Mo.

CHARLES SAGASER  
Vice-President  
Bevier, Mo.

### Southwest Miners of America GREETINGS

December 19, 1928

Editor of the Pittsburg Headlight  
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Sir:

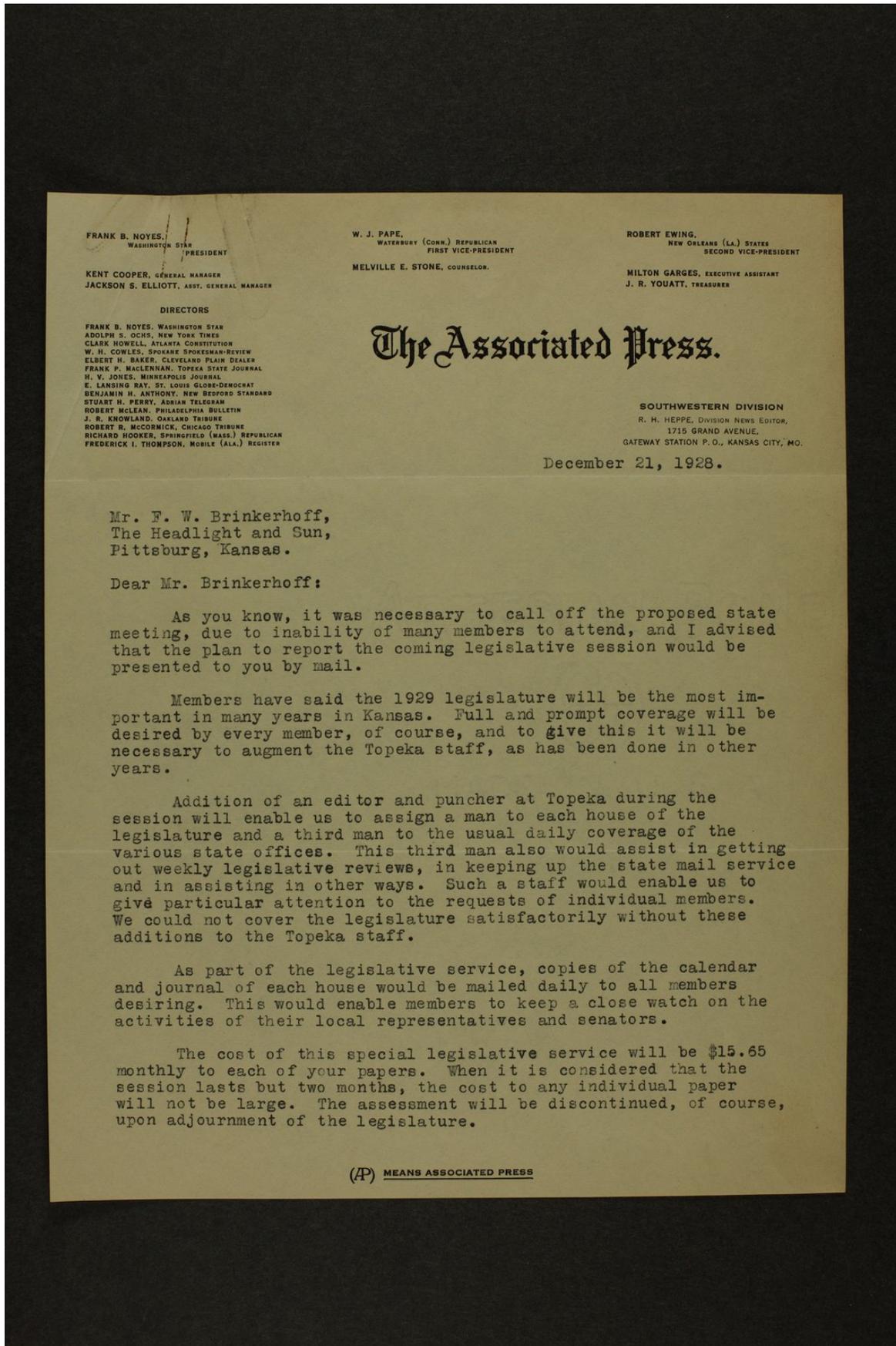
I note in your issue of December 8, 1928 a statement by Mr. Burr, Secretary of Dist. No. 14, U. M. W. of A., and an answer thereto, which I am enclosing.

I would appreciate very much if you would run this article and send your bill to Mr. Arch Helm., 2122 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri.

JPA.  
Encl. 1.

*James P. Agnessen*  
President, S.W.M.of.A.

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Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff - 2.

Please let me have your approval of this plan, together with acceptance of the assessment noted, at your earliest convenience. It will be a great help in employing the necessary additions to the Topeka staff if you will let me have your reply not later than December 28. Please advise in your reply if you desire copies of the calendar and journal mailed to you.

Approval by a majority of the members will place the plan in operation, as with all Associated Press matters.

With cordial regards and greetings of the season.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph H. Heppe*  
Division News Editor.

Ralph H. Heppe:M

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 21, 1928

King Features Syndicate,  
2 Columbus Circle,  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please send us mats for the promotion and  
illustrations for the story "Alias the  
Spook."

We are to pay you \$35.00 for the Pittsburg  
rights for this story.

Yours very truly,

FWB:LA

ATT: FLORENCE E. McINTYRE

## Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

December 21, 1928

Senator C. W. Spencer,  
Sedan, Kansas.

Dear Senator:

I have asked the boys to send you a copy of The Sun this morning in which there was a discussion of the Chautauqua situation. I congratulate you upon your showing in the election and I am hopeful that you will get what you are after.

I plan to drive to Winfield next Monday but I am not at all sure that I can get beyond Independence in a car so I wish you would hurry up and get your roads fixed.

Sincerely yours,

FWB:LA