

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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This series of the Rolla Clymer collection includes sent and received correspondence arranged chronologically beginning in 1909. With few exceptions, the correspondence provides a continuous and very complete view of his activities. Much of the earliest correspondence in the Clymer collection pertains to information about the College of Emporia for the period Clymer was a student there. Scattered throughout the remainder of the correspondence is information about Emporia athletics and alumni activities and letters with former classmates. From 1914 to 1918, Clymer was editor and manager of the Olathe, Kansas, Register. In 1918, Rolla Clymer moved his young family to El Dorado, Kansas, where he became editor and manager of the El Dorado Republican. Except for a six month hiatus in 1937 as editor and manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Clymer served the remainder of his professional career in El Dorado.

In his later years, Clymer devoted much of his time to efforts to preserve the Kansas Flint Hills region which he dearly loved. In addition to newspaper editorials, he wrote and published numerous widely circulated articles and poems about the Flint Hills. Perhaps his best known tribute was his poem "Majesty of the Hills," which helped earn him the designation as Poet Laureate of the Flint Hills. Rolla Clymer died on June 4, 1977, having been the editor of the El Dorado Times for fifty-nine years. For a complete contents list of the Rolla Clymer collection, see the External Links below.

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I have been getting
around over the
country pretty fast
the last six weeks
or so. Have been in
all of the interesting
districts now except
the Texas Panhandle.
(around Amarillo). Will
go up there probably just
after Christmas if the
weather stays pretty.
We have had the finest
weather I ever saw
this fall.

Just like
all the
now and
gets cool
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We spent
with my
family. I
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just like spring
 all the time. Oh
 now and then it
 gets coal for a day or
 two but soon blows
 over.
 We spent Thanksgiving
 with my Brother &
 family at Mexia.
 Hadn't seen him for
 two years and enjoyed
 our visit very much.
 also went over all
 those big "fault line"
 pools. It's quite
 interesting and different
 from any other oil

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gild I ever saw. I
used to think they
were just spoofing when
they said that but
its the truth

I wish I could walk
across street this
afternoon and have
a visit with you.
We have good neighbors
but I miss my old
friends & neighbors too.

Enjoyed a visit from
couple of my boases
last week and have

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And she had a 4 year
Crop on her hands to
start with and she does
not believe in keeping
the little fellows in the
pen because they were
caught with one quark
and let the fellows
with a cellar full go free.
Maybe something to it. I
don't know. But after
experiencing Davis' pardoning
career in Kansas it didn't
look very good to me at first
glance. However I don't expect
to be called into consultation
about the matter.
Come on, you old stuff, and write
me a letter. Your friend J. M. Mouser



December 14, 1925

Queen City Printing Ink Company,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Please ship us at once by Missouri Pacific freight
one barrel of Duplex news ink, winter.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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December 14, 1925

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sirs:-

Please enter our order for a 25-ton car of news
print under our contract assorted according to the following
specifications:

Two-thirds tonnage 70-inch rolls
One-third tonnage 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rolls

We are also in need of some 35-inch rolls, and will ask
you to include eight rolls of that size in this car. We are
going to ask you to deduct the necessary tonnage for the 35-inch
rolls from the tonnage of the 70-inch class. If you follow this
request--providing you can do so conveniently--it should give us
a better balance according to our needs as we fore-see them at
this time.

We shall ask that you ship this car by Missouri Pacific
Railway, if you can do so. We try to give the Santa Fe and the
Missouri Pacific an even break on our business, and it is now
the Missouri Pacific's turn to have a couple of cars.

Please acknowledge receipt of this order and let us
know, if possible, about what date we may expect shipment.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per



Remington Typewriter Company

INCORPORATED
Fourth National Bank Building
Douglas Avenue and Market Street
Wichita, Kansas
Dec. 14, 1925.

The Eldorado Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

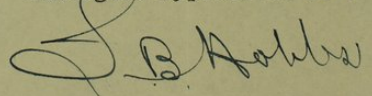
Attention of Mr. Clymer,

Dear Sir:

I am sending a brand new number twelve to you by prepaid bus at five o'clock this evening, and same should be there so that you can get it in the morning. If you have some one to send over, please get this machine and I want you to go ahead and use it without obligation your part. If you are able to fix up a deal on it when I am over there, I will be glad, and if you are not able to, it will not obligate you at all.

Yours very truly,

Remington Typewriter Co.,



Wichita Office.

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Dodge City Daily Globe

BY J. C. DENIOUS
DODGE CITY, KANSAS

December 14
1925

My dear Rolla:

Thanks for your good letter. The subject I had intended to suggest in my letter was "The Civic Ideals of the Kansas Press," which I thought would make possible a discussion of the civic interests and activities of newspapers. I suggested a subject merely because a lot of these birds expect a suggestion of some sort, but I would much prefer that you select your own subject.

I know how busy you must be, but if you can get to this matter within the next week, I would appreciate it. I presume the program should be printed in the Jayhawker Press in its January issue just before the meeting, and Ol Little says insists on having copy about a month in advance.

Thanking you again for your fine spirit, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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December 16, 1925

Smith-Grievess Company,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

It will be necessary for us to have a few more of the bold face listings for our telephone directory. We herewith enclose the copy to be set 26½ ems wide in the same face that you set the list we sent you recently. If you can possibly do so, we would be pleased to have these delivered to us by Saturday of this week.

Thanking you for your attention to this order and for past favors, we are

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per



THE WEST KANSAS REFINING CO.
RUSSELL, KANSAS

REFINERY AT
RUSSELL, KANSAS

Dec 17th 1925

The Eldorado Times
Eldorado Kansas

Gentlemen:

A few years ago when Mr. Sheldon was with the Times Mrs. Keplinger had some cards printed similar to the card attached, only reading (Mrs. Henry R. Keplinger), and if you are able to locate the cut from which the cards were made I would like for you to send me 100 of them within the next week.

Yours very truly

Mrs. Keplinger.



December 17, 1935

The College of Emporia;
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

Again we wish to call your attention to the enclosed statement which is long past due. Can't we expect you to favor us with a check promptly so we may close this account on our books?

Very truly yours,

THE VINTAGE PUBLISHING COMPANY



PLANTS LOCATED
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO

MINNESOTA AND ONTARIO PAPER COMPANY

MANUFACTURERS AND MERCHANTS

HIGH GRADE NEWS PRINT, KRAFT AND SULPHITE PAPERS;
KRAFT AND SULPHITE PULP; UNIVERSAL INSULITE

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN.,

December 18, 1925.

The Times Publishing Company,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 14th.

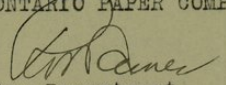
We are entering your order for a 25
ton car made up of about 27,000# in 70" rolls,
17,000# in 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ " rolls and 8 rolls of 35".

This shipment will be routed via
Missouri Pacific as you have requested and car
will leave the mill about December 23rd.

Yours very truly,

MINNESOTA & ONTARIO PAPER COMPANY

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Shipping Department.

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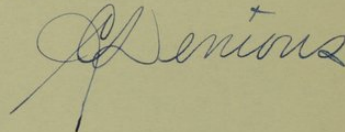
BY J. C. DENIOUS
DODGE CITY, KANSAS

December 18
1925

Mr. R. A. Clymer
The Times
Eldorado, Kansas
My dear Rolla:

I can wait as late as December 29 for
the subject of your talk.

Sincerely yours,



P.S.--Didn't want you to forget about it entirely.
-J.C.D.



December 18, 1925

The Atlantic Monthly Company,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to take advantage of your offer on the Atlantic Monthly and Golden Book. Enclosed find check for \$5.50 to pay subscriptions to these two magazines for 1926. Please send them to the following addresses:

The Atlantic Monthly for one year to

Col. P. M. Hoisington
Newton, Kansas

The Golden Book to

Miss Jennie S. Owen
c/o The Times
El Dorado, Kansas

I prefer to have you forward the Christmas cards in each case to me, so that I may hand them personally to the recipients.

I trust there is yet time to get this order through before Christmas, for I am very anxious to take advantage of this opportunity.

Very truly yours,



December 19, 1925

Western Newspaper Union,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

Please send us at once fifty (50) pounds of dry
Steko paste.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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December 19, 1925

My Dear John:-

Your good letter made me both glad and ashamed. I was greatly pleased to get it, but sorry that I had been so neglectful of you. I had not forgotten that I owed you a letter. Really, I have had more than my share to do this fall and winter. I never know so many troublesome and annoying matters to come my way as the past few months. I haven't had time even to play golf and you can well understand what a tragedy that has been in my young life. We have had a fairly good business this season, though we could have done more. Still, I expect we should be well satisfied with our present blessings.

I note from various comments in your letter that you are keeping in touch with public matters in this vicinity. I often think of you when I am writing my oil column and wonder if you will read the particular bit of news I happen to be settling down at that time. The Keighley District is developing splendidly and we all shall be greatly disappointed if it does not prove to be a good big oil pool. You will note from the late issues of the paper that the Amerada has drilled in a big well offsetting the original Tobler well to the north. It made nearly 600 barrels on its first swabbing test and looks good for more than that. I certainly hope that the field holds up and develops properly. I am also hoping that we will still get some oil in Northeast Butler. Several tests are now drilling which may hit it; however, the outlook in that direction is not as bright as it was about the time you left.

I am just beginning to get acquainted with Mr. Schreck. He seems like a mighty nice fellow and has been cordial, pleasant and obliging all along. He hasn't been able to give me much news himself, largely because he isn't wholly familiar with the situation as yet, but the other boys have been very helpful and the Prairie is still my old standby on dull days. Mr. Schreck has been sick part of the time since he came here and consequently has been out of the office a lot. He and Ogden ran into a wagonload of corn on the road to Hutchinson a week or two ago and had quite a smashup. It was after dark and there was a heavy mist which prevented them from seeing the wagon. The car was badly damaged and Mr. Schreck was out slightly about the chin. However, they came off lucky. I don't believe Mr. S. is as hard a worker as you are (this is a private opinion and I do not expect you to spread it,) and I know that he and I will not be the pals that you and I were. I got a crush on you the first time I ever saw you, that day you came into the office with a legal notice, and I never expect to get over it. Old friends are best, anyway.



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We are beginning to feel at home in our new house and are more comfortable there than we have ever been anywhere. We are slowly getting it fixed up, but we do not dare to buy any new furniture--even if we could afford it--for Dave is a holy terror and makes the splinters fly with any sort of weapon that he may find at hand. He is developing wonderfully, is now in his sixteenth month, weighs between 25 and 30 pounds and can say a number of words. We are planning a big Christmas for him next week, but I am afraid he will not get much kick out of it. I surely wish that you and John Allen and the Missus could drop in some evening and sit with us around our fireplace. We have a dandy and we pile it high with big dry wood and enjoy the open blaze. I never could get any fun out of a fireplace with a gas stove in it.

You mentioned John Roberts. He is a fine fellow. I like him better all the time. He is mighty nice and obliging to me, and I appreciate his help a lot. For a few weeks he persisted in raising a bunch of fuzzy edelweiss on his upper lip that he hoped would take courage some day and pass for a mustache. I promised to have him placed under the ban of the board of health, and he finally shaved it off this week, allowing his facial features to emerge into the light of day. It is a great improvement and I suspect I shall have to tell the world about it under a suitable improvement head in the next issue of The Listening Post.

The oil game is going along about as well here now at this season of the year as I ever saw it. The town is full of oil men, it keeps me hustling to keep up with all the new tests, the price is good and the industry generally is booming. We have had an open winter so far, and if the weather remains good we shall have made much hay before spring.

I am glad you like your new home, and are getting acclimated there. I hope, however, that some day you will be constrained to come back to Kansas to retire on your swollen fortune and that you can live across the street from me. I would advise you to keep away from Ma Ferguson, or rather Pa F. I think they are bad medicine. It looks from this distance as if they were pretty well spattered with the road mess and may get into more serious difficulty before it is all over.

I must close now. Hope the paper is reaching you regularly. I had Letts straighten out the last irregularity of which we received your complaint in due order. Let me hear from you often and I will try to be a better correspondent.

Wishing you and yours a Merry, Merry Christmas, I am, as always,

Sincerely your friend,



FRANK B. NOYES,
WASHINGTON STAR,
PRESIDENT.

KENT COOPER, GENERAL MANAGER.
JACKSON S. ELLIOTT, ASST. GENERAL MANAGER

DIRECTORS.

VICTOR F. LAWSON, CHICAGO DAILY NEWS.
FRANK B. NOYES, WASHINGTON STAR.
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CLARK HOWELL, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION.
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ELBERT H. BAKER, CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER.
FRANK P. MACLENNAN, TOPEKA STATE-JOURNAL.
H. V. JONES, MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL.
E. LANSING RAY, ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT.
BENJAMIN H. ANTHONY, NEW BEDFORD STANDARD.
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ROBERT MCLEAN, PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN.
J. R. KNOWLAND, OAKLAND TRIBUNE.

EDWARD H. BUTLER,
BUFFALO NEWS,
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

MELVILLE E. STONE, COUNSELOR.

C. P. J. MOONEY,
MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL-APPEAL,
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.

MILTON GARGES, CHIEF OF TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT,
J. R. YOUATT, TREASURER.

The Associated Press.

Kansas City,
December 19, 1925.

R. A. Clymer, Esq.,
Editor and Manager,
The Times,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer,

Complaint has been made by one of
your fellow members because The Times failed to
protect The Associated Press on the half million
dollar suit filed at El Dorado, December 17, in
behalf of Marcie Ducile Robison, 7-year-old girl.

The Times placed a two-column head
over this story on page one that day, and printed
at least two columns on the suit. I know you will
agree with me that The Associated Press should have
been protected promptly on so important story, by
telephone to our Wichita bureau. We should have had
this for the general service.

Will you kindly investigate and let
me know what I shall tell the complainant member? I
know you will understand that as the complaint has
been made, I am bound to take it up.

With kindest regards and greetings of
the season,


Sincerely yours,
Ralph H. Stepp
Correspondent.

(P) MEANS ASSOCIATED PRESS.

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'Get in Business for Yourself

We have an exceedingly good New Business
opportunity for a man with \$2,000 to \$3,000
No experience required.
Will only sell to one party at _____
Write for full information.

The Cleveland Laundry Machinery Mfg. Co.
E. 55th St. and Erie Ry.  Cleveland, Ohio

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The Cleveland Laundry Machinery Manufacturing Co.
Laundry Machinery
Dry Cleaning & Rug Cleaning Machinery
EAST 55TH STREET AND ERIE RAILROAD
Cleveland, O.
December 19th, 1925.

J. H. JONES
PRESIDENT-TREASURER
K. C. JONES
VICE PRESIDENT
F. H. DUNBAR
SECRETARY
TELEPHONE BROADWAY 2617

The Times Publishing Co.,
El Dorado, Kans.

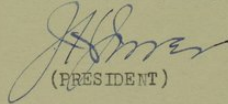
Gentlemen:-

Kindly quote us on the attached two column
wide 2" space - 4" in all, one insertion; also send us
rate card for large space.

Prefer not to deal thru agents, as we want to
place advertisement at once.

Very truly yours,

THE CLEVELAND LAUNDRY MACHINERY MFG.CO.


(PRESIDENT)

JHJ:MC

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December 21, 1925

Mr. H. B. Keplinger,
Russell, Kansas

My Dear Henry:-

In regard to the calling cards, will say that we do not have the equipment for the process by which these were made. We used it for a time, but it was not altogether satisfactory. It was simply a printed job with the cards afterwards passed over a flame on a running metal tape which caused it to take on the appearance of semi-embossing. If there was a plate for Mrs. Keplinger around the old Walnut Valley Times office, as you suggest, it has long since disappeared. I am sorry that we cannot serve you in this, but we shall be glad to print or to have engraved for you the cards if you wish us to do so.

How are you getting along, anyway? All your friends here would be glad to hear from you. Come back and see us some time.

Sincerely your friend,





December 21, 1925

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

Dear Mr. Heppe:-

I am genuinely sorry that you were not protected on the half million dollar suit story of December 17. Of course, it was a story that The Associated Press should have had. Feder wrote the story; it broke late; he didn't get it until after 2 o'clock of the day we ran it and was so absorbed in getting it ready for publication in The Times that he forgot to call your Wichita office. I am trying my best to impress upon him the necessity of full and complete protection for The Associated Press at all times. I find it impossible with all the other details to command my attention to watch the handling of news in every case. My intent is to make The Times a loyal and dependable member of the A. P. I shall keep on trying as far as my own subordinates are concerned, and hope that some day we can get the rule so well established there will be no need of your well-founded complaints. I had already determined before this incident to send Feder to the next A. P. Meeting. Perhaps that will help him to catch the vision--and the remember better for us in the future.

Very truly yours,

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INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING LYDIA E. PINKHAM ADVERTISING.

December 22, 1925

To The Publisher:

As per instructions from James T. Wetherald
Adv. Agency of Boston, Mass., we shipped you on December 18th,
one box containing 36 electrotypes for Lydia E. Pinkham adver-
tising.

We now have instructions from the above agency
to call back these plates, since there are various changes to
be made, and a complete new set of electrotypes will be shipped
you shortly after January 1st.

Will you therefore please pack up and return
these plates to us by FOURTH CLASS FREIGHT COLLECT, using
shipping label enclosed herewith.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation in
this matter, we are, with best wishes,

Yours very truly,

EGR-R.

THE RAPID ELECTROTYPE COMPANY

SETH G. WELLS
INSPECTOR

STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF
STATE INSPECTOR OF OILS
STATE HOUSE
TOPEKA

Dec. 22, 1925

Mr. R.A. Clymer,
Eldorado, Kansas
Dear Mr. Clymer:

A man ought to be shot for bothering a man at this time of the year so if you are so terribly busy just think this over and answer at your leisure.

I have many inquires and also request that I make the race again for State Auditor, These come from all over the state, and I would like to hear from you on the Subject. Be absolutely frank in the matter.

You no I was only left behind 2301 last time and that is some encouragement.

Wishing you the best of Christmas Greetings and a glad and prosperous New Year, I remain

Very truly yours

Will French

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The Cleveland Laundry Machinery Mfg. Co.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:-

We take pleasure in enclosing our rate card from which you will see that our advertising rates are three cents per agate line, or forty-two cents per column inch. The card contains other information that may interest you. We are holding the copy you sent us and will await your further instructions.

Hoping that we may be permitted to serve you, we are

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

December 23, 1925

Mid-Continent Engraving Company,
Wichita, Kansas

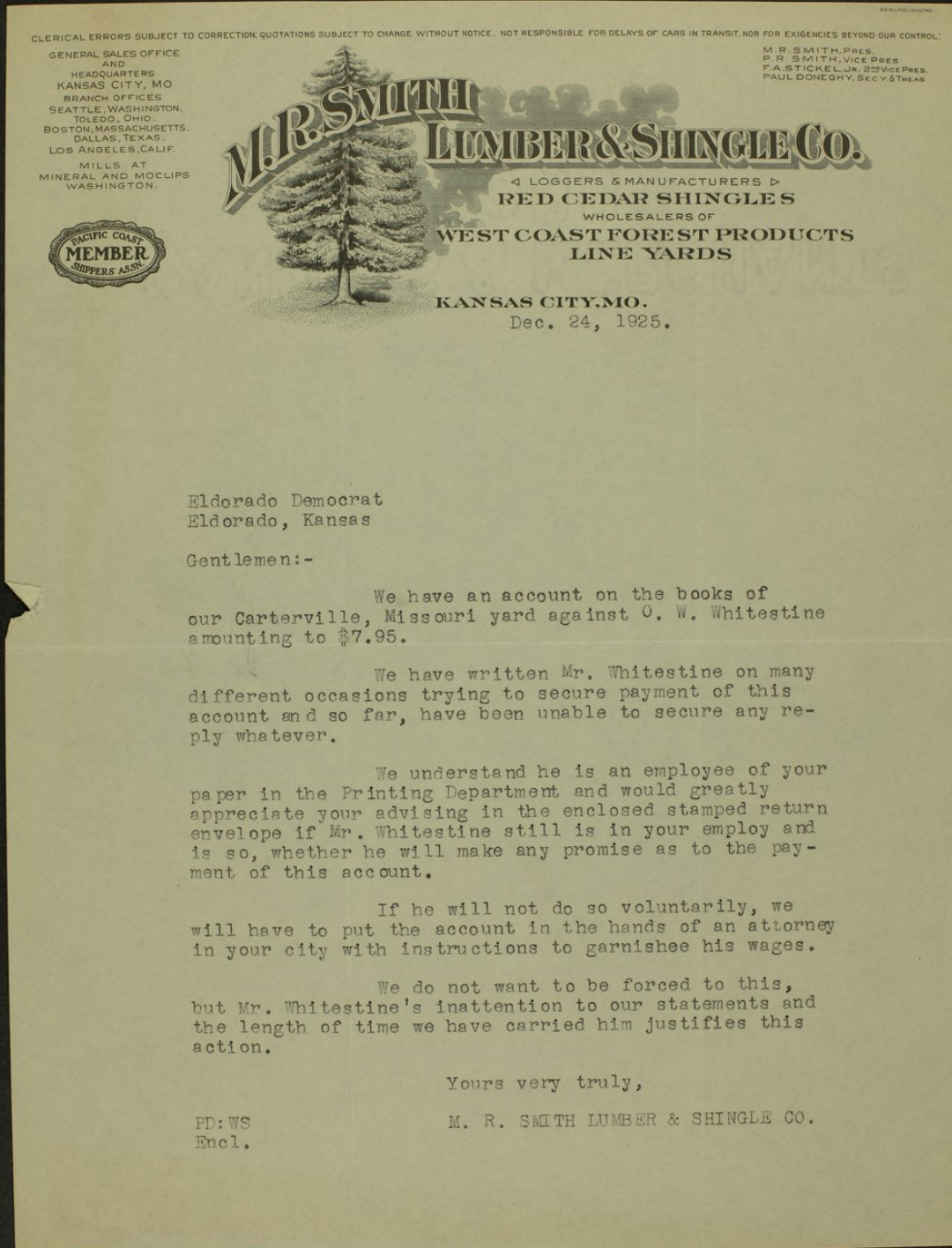
Dear Sir:-

Under separate cover we are sending you a group photograph from which we wish you to make a halftone on a screen suitable for newspaper use only. Please make this engraving to fit into four (12-em) columns, with the depth about four and a half to five inches, or whatever will make the finished work proportionate and complete. We are in no particular hurry for this cut and delivery the first of next week will be time enough.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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December 24, 1925

Miller Saw-Trimmer Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sirs:-

One of your saws which we are using largely for trimming metal castings for ad illustrations and features is giving us trouble. We do not know whether or not it can be repaired, and it may be that we will be in the market shortly for a new saw. We would like to have the pleasure of discussing our needs with one of your salesmen and are going to ask you please to instruct your representative in this territory to pay our office a visit as soon as possible.

Thanking you in advance, we are

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per



PLANTS LOCATED
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO

MINNESOTA AND ONTARIO PAPER COMPANY

MANUFACTURERS AND MERCHANTS

HIGH GRADE NEWS PRINT, KRAFT AND SULPHITE PAPERS;
KRAFT AND SULPHITE PULP; UNIVERSAL INSULITE

BUILDERS EXCHANGE BUILDING

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

December 26, 1925

Times Publishing Co.,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Gentlemen:-

We enclose herewith General Rider No. 11 in duplicate, effective for the calendar year 1926. Please sign and return both copies to us and upon receipt by us we will approve and return one copy to you for your files.

You will note that the price on white roll newsprint for the coming year is \$3.25 per cwt., or \$65.00 per ton, f.o.b. our mills, which is a reduction of 25¢ per cwt., or \$5.00 per ton as compared with this year's price which leaves the margin of profit for us very small indeed.

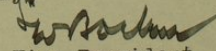
While this situation is brought about from the fact that there is a temporary over-production of newsprint, yet notwithstanding this fact, there is an upward trend in the cost of paper manufacturing due to the fact that our labor is at the highest point reached during the war period, while the cost of pulpwood increases as it become more remote, and concurrently, the cost of coal and some of the other raw materials we use keeps moving upward.

For that reason we are advising all of our customers to take advantage of the present low price of paper and lay aside a reserve fund for the future as there is no possible way of continuing present prices permanently.

This rider should have gone forward to you some time ago, but was delayed on account of the writer's absence.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season with a prosperous coming year, I remain

Yours truly,


Vice President

SWB:VH



Rolla Clymer correspondence

December 28, 1925

Mr. Fred Smith,
El Dorado, Kansas

My Dear Fred:-

This is a splendid letter and one of which you
may well be proud. I think you have caught the idea of careful
yet progressive merchandising. Your advertising shows intelligent
consideration of your public's needs; you never make a statement
that you cannot confirm for the most discriminating customer; and
you back up your claims with a splendid service. This is the real
art in the selling game. I have been watching your progress and
believe that you and your partner, Mr. Bloir, have made a lasting
success by your careful attention to all the exacting details of
your business the past year or two. I am glad to see you succeed
and hope that 1926 will bring you even greater achievements than
you yet have known. I wish to thank you for the privilege of
reading this letter.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,