

#### 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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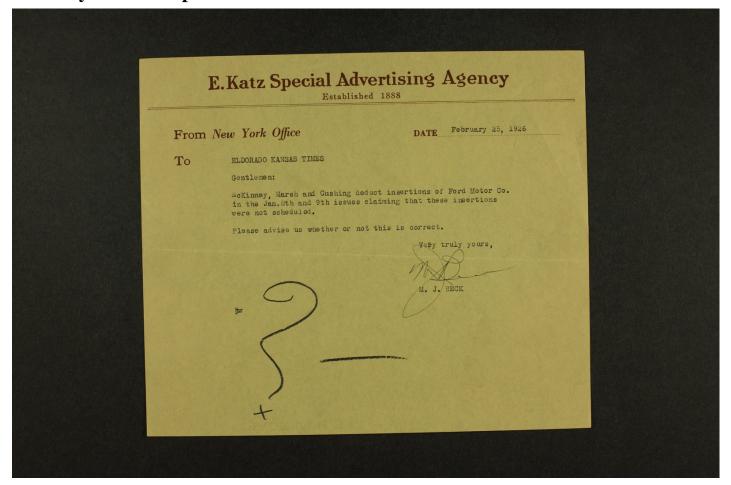
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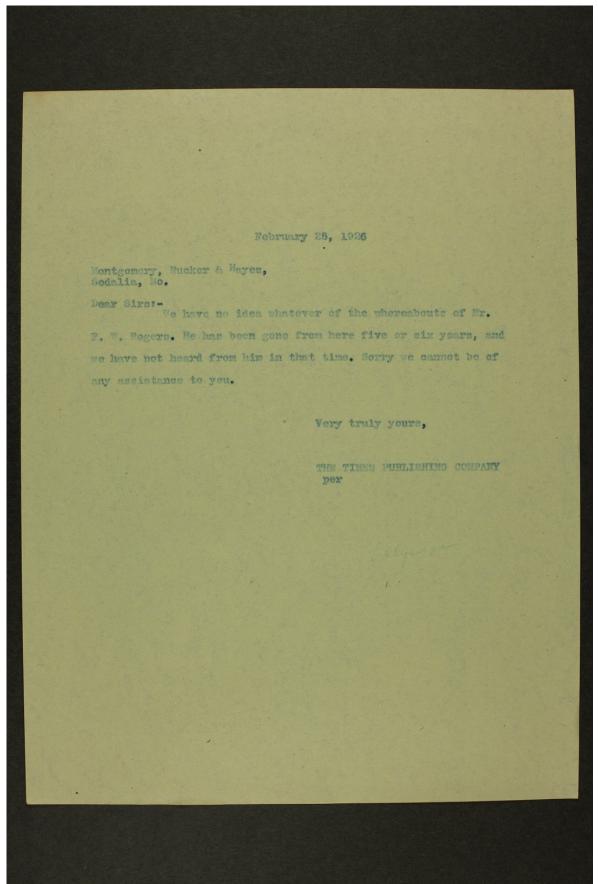
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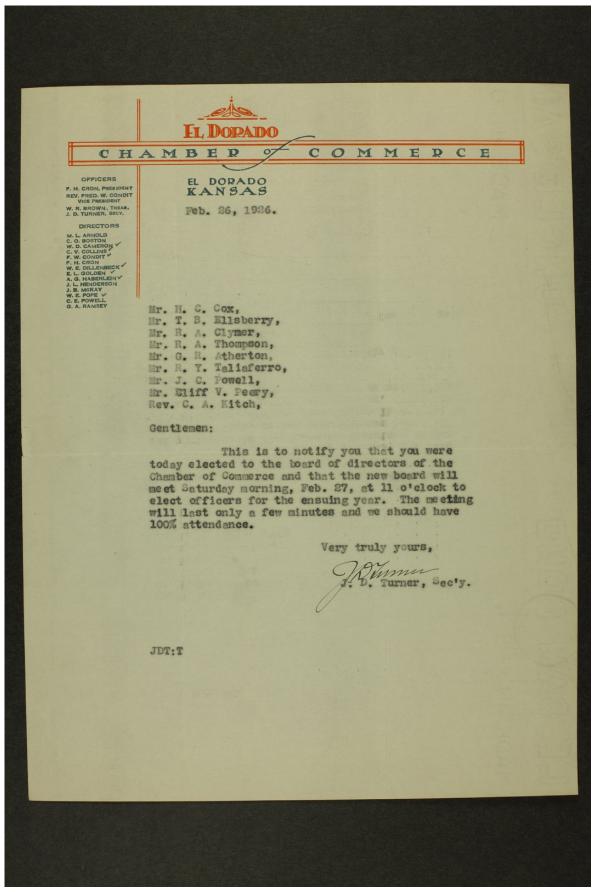




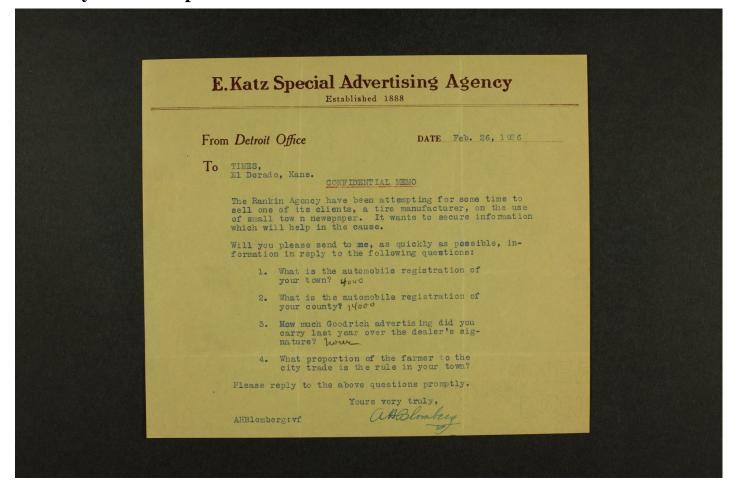




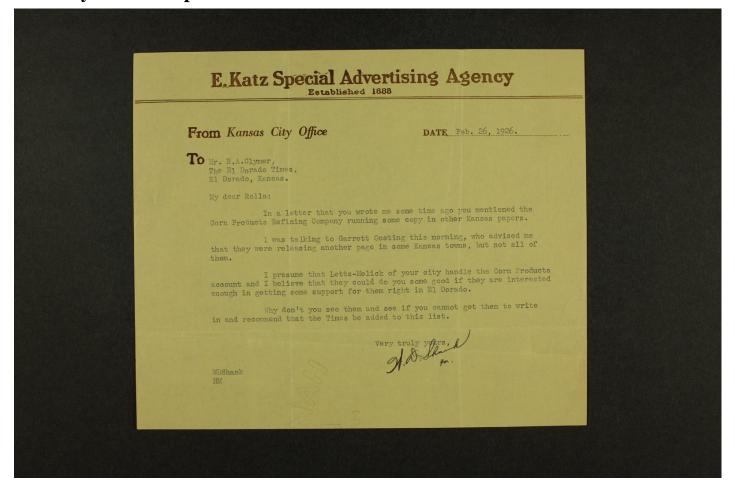




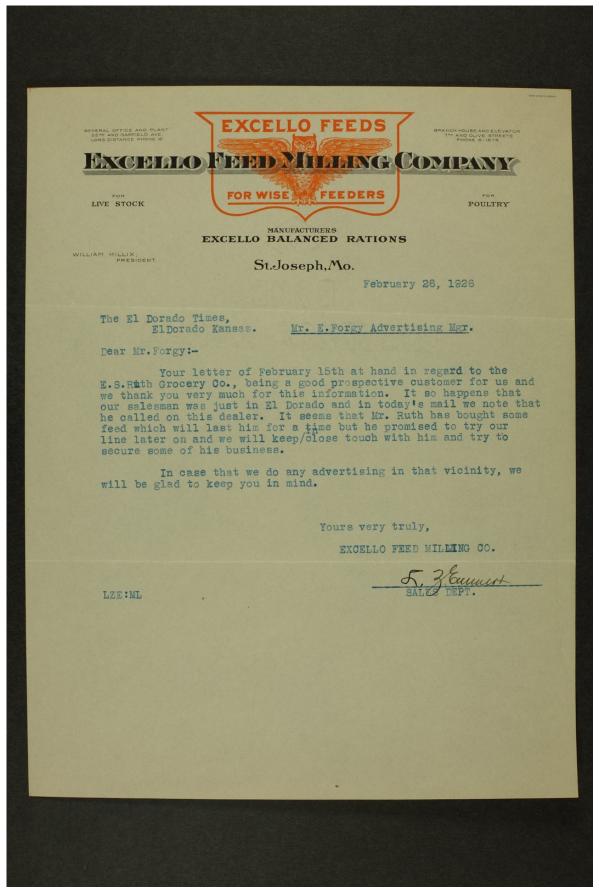














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TELEPHONE 112 POST OFFICE BOX 483

> > Feby, 27th, 1926,

Dear Mr, Clymer,

Your Good Letter of the 20th, received the contents are sure inspireing and it does a fellow good to get letters like that, I know you so well that I know you would not write a letter like that just for pass time, Well old friend what you say to me goes double,

The weather here is superb wonderfull sunshine, and lots of pretty things, we are injoying the missing of one winter at least, I have been doing pretty well have quite a lot of property for a poor boy, between \$65,000 and \$70,000 worth, But, just to tell the truth I am getting lonesome for the old gang and the old Business dont believe I will ever be happy in any other business,

Old friend there are some wonderfull people in El Dorado and El Dorado is a mighty good Town. it is too bad that there are some there who persist in holding the Town back the way they do.

That Water situation would all most make a fellow want to live near El Dorado but not in it, afternall we do not get much out of life only life its self and our friends, and it is nice to live in a clean town where they have good water and samitation, note the mealth in El Dorado this winter has been very poor,

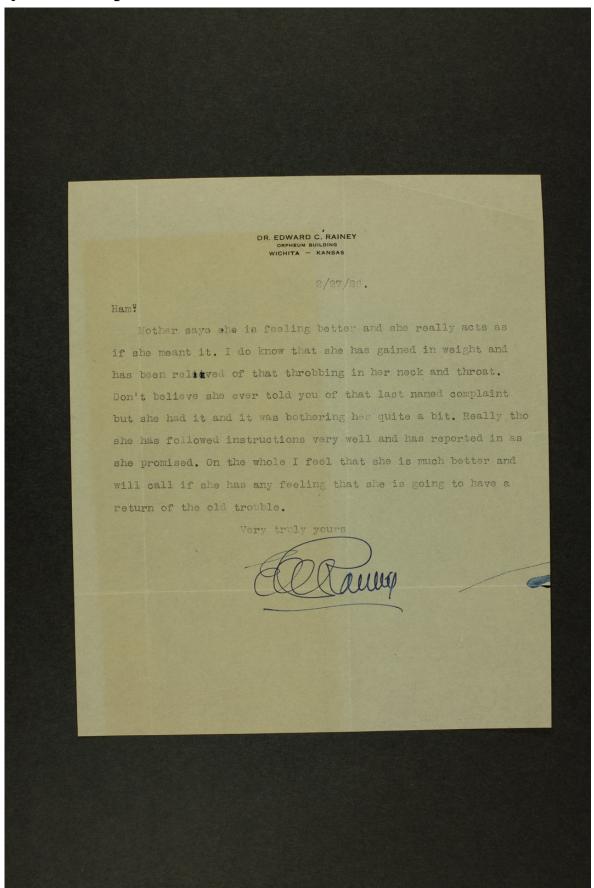
Will try and dispose of some of my holdings here and come back and look things over and decide on the ground the best place to live, Remember us kindly to all, as ever Your Friend,

Sincerely, Robert & Ellis

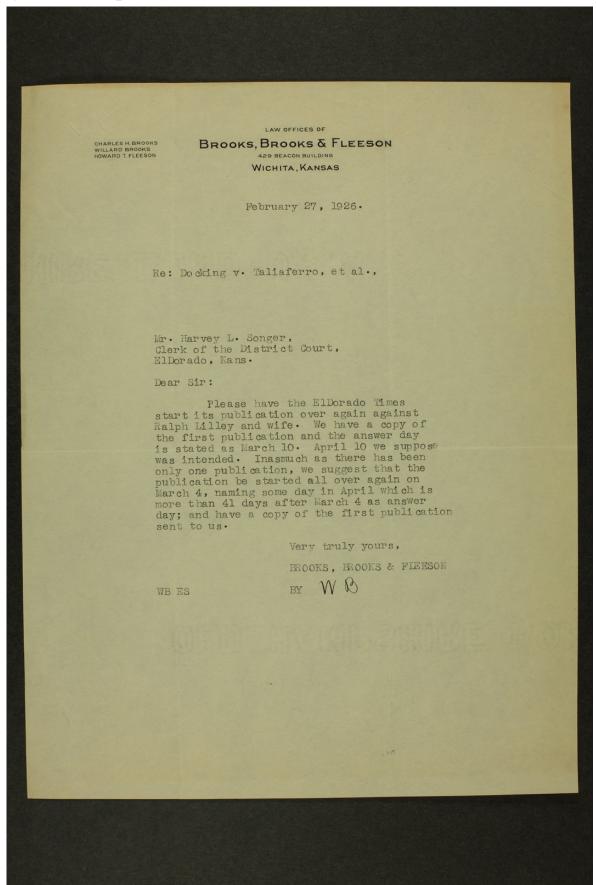
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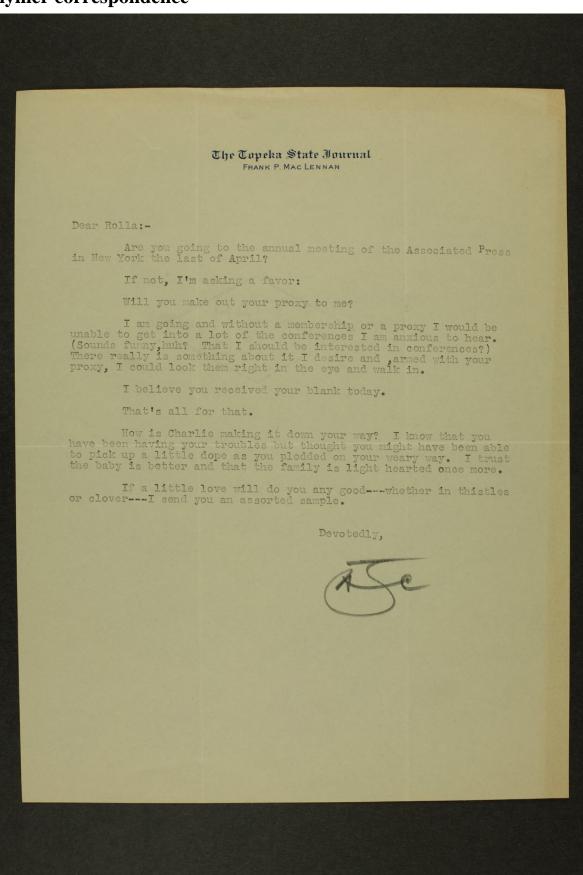




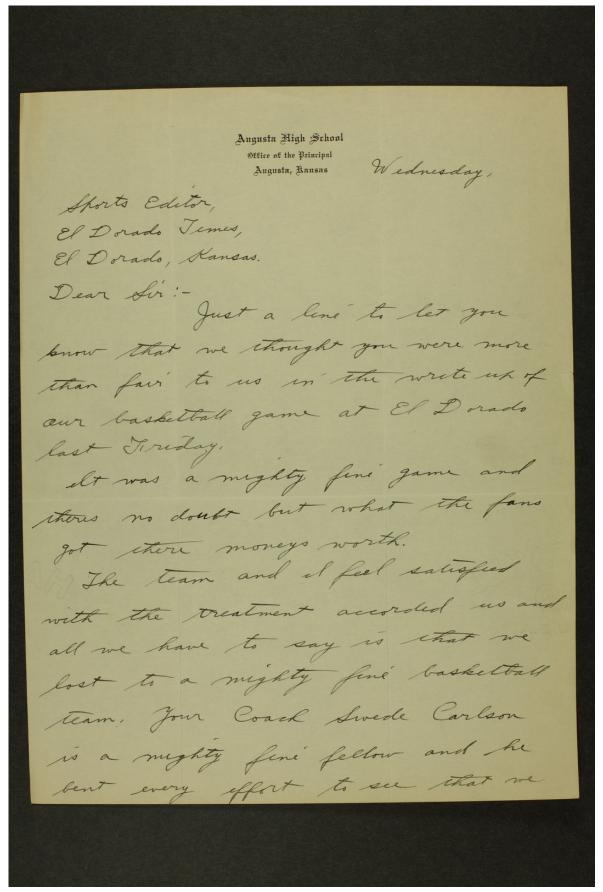




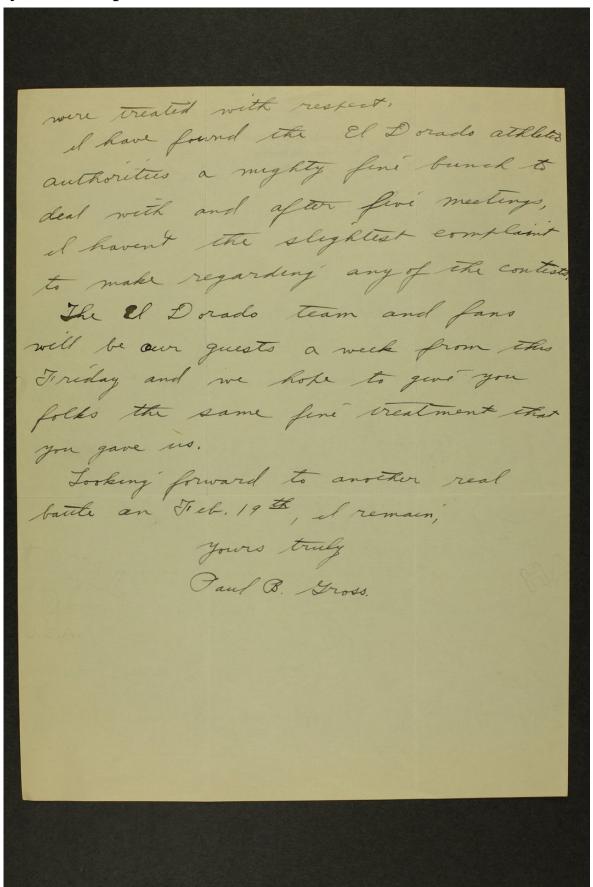




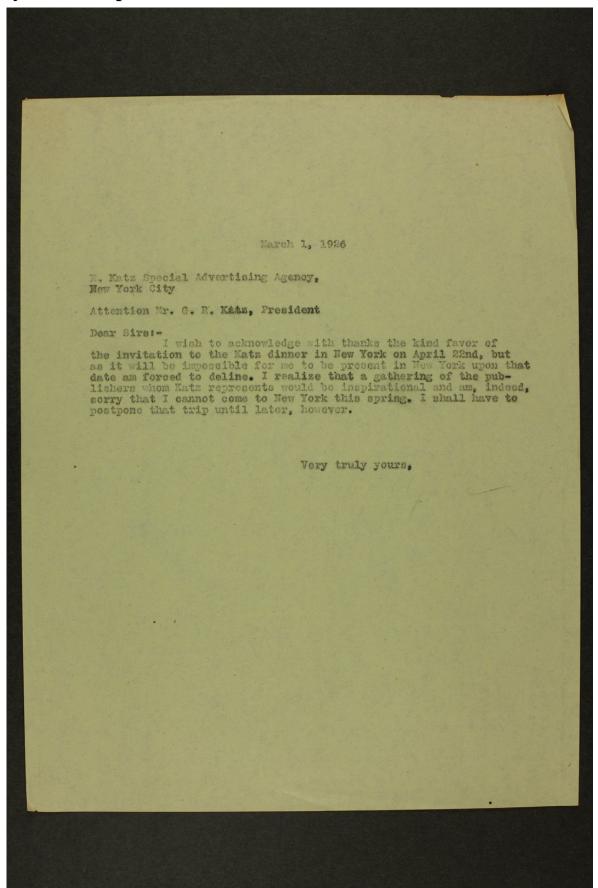














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March 1, 1926

E. Katz Special Advertising Agency, Detroit, Mich.:

Attention Mr. A. H. Blomberg

Dear Sirs:You have asked in a recent letter for a complete checkup of the local automobile situation in ElDorado. Please find this information itemized on attached separate sheet.

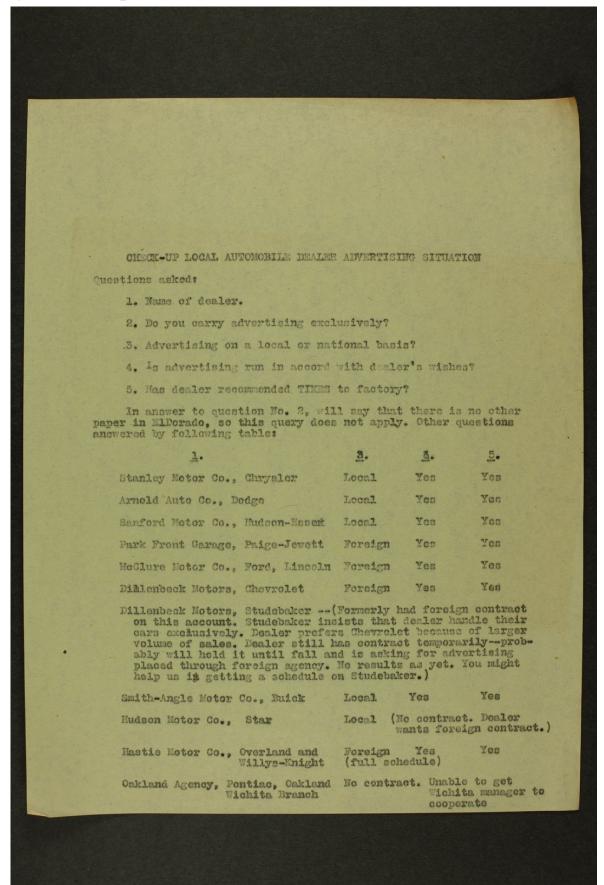
You included a yellow sheet (herewith enclosed) which indicated expiration dates of certain foreign contracts. This does not conform to any information in our files. We have concluded that through clerical error the wrong dates may have been placed on this list opposite the names of various makes. Please investigate, and determine whether this is accurate or not.

In reply to you two general questions, we wish to say that ElDorado is a good automobile sales field because more than 4000 cars are owned in this town and about 14,000 in Butler County. This county has the best system of dirt highways in Kansas, kept up at county expense with an organization constantly at work. Moreover, paved roads are coming rapidly. We are now completing a 9-mile stretch into ElDorado from the southeast. This will hook into a 7-mile stretch to be built the last of this year which will connect with the pavement running through Sedgwick County to Wichita and beyond. About eighteen miles of pavement east of this town to the county line is promised soon, and federal aid hash been secured for the grading and culvert work which is now under way. So much for the roads. This town is the center of the mid-Kansas cil fields, and all pools in this section are operated by companies located here. Our oil field traffic is immense, and this is almost entirely carried on by motor traffic. We are just now opening a big pool at Keighley, twenty miles southeast of here in this county, and that is bound to stimulate all business—the motor industry first of all. There is plenty of money in this county, and 14,000 cars owned by a population of about 40,000 pretty definitely indicates that a majority of families now own cars, will continue to own them and will want improved and better grades of cars all the while. We feel, without stretching the truth an inch, that this is a prime territory for auto dealers. for auto dealers.

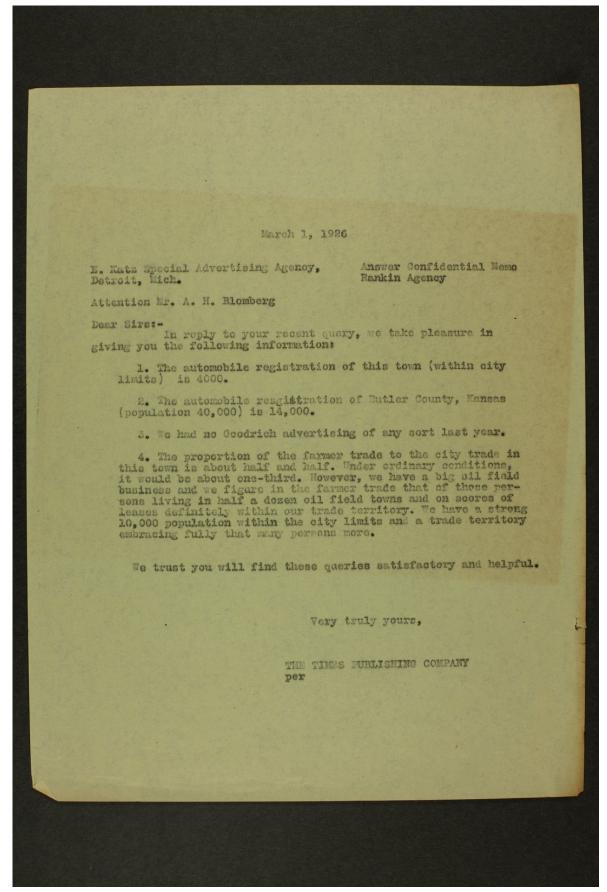
We render our dealers advertisers the usual forms of service in merchandising cooperation, and are inclined to be liberal with news articles within reason. We had a booth at the last fall festival (Butler County Kafir Corn Carnival,) at which prominent displays were made of many makes of cars.

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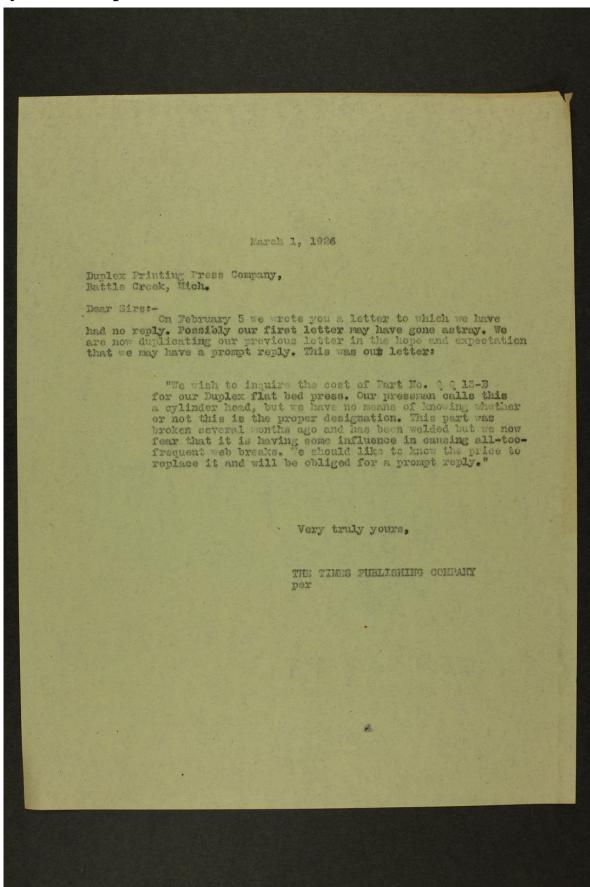








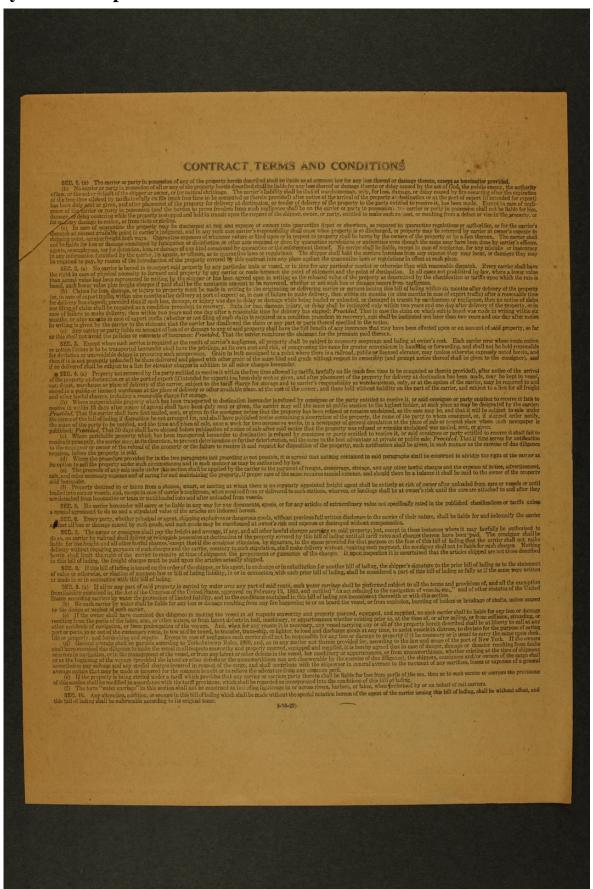




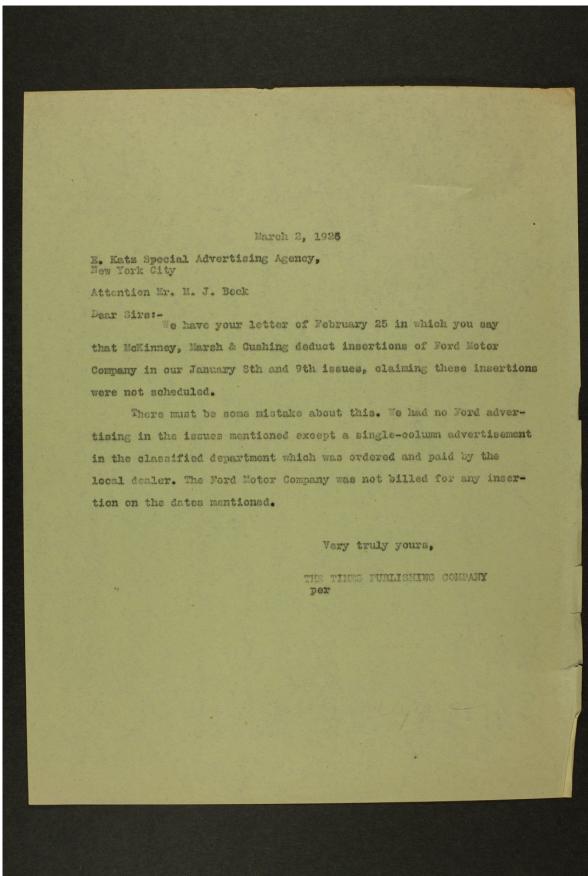


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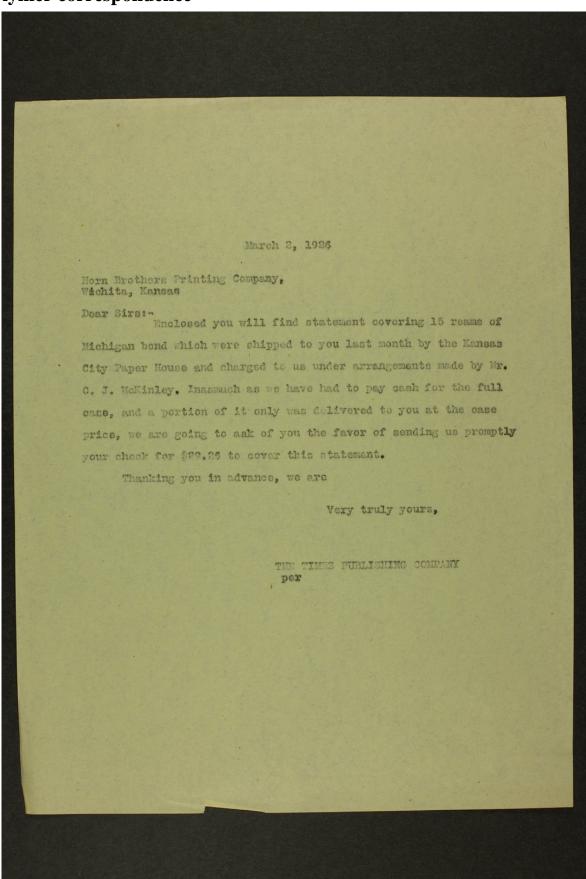














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March 2, 1926

Kansas City Smelting Company, Kansas City, No.

Dear Sirs: - Enclosed find bill of lading for drum of lead dross shipped to you on March 1 by Missouri Pacific freight collect.

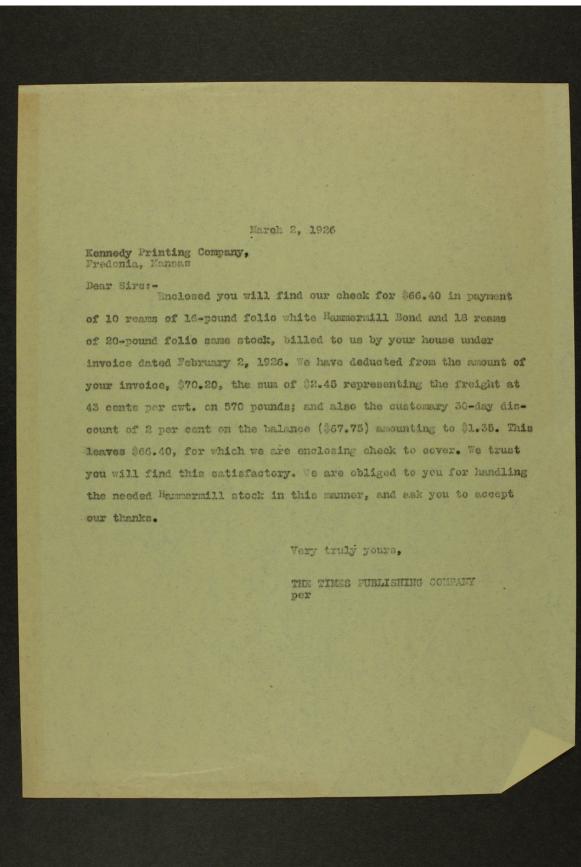
we should already have credit with you for a drum of dross sent you several weeks ago. As soon as the drum now in transit errives, please give us credit, and send a credit memorandum for the full amount together with a statement of your bill against us for a recent purchase of Linotype metal. We will send you a check at once to cover the difference and close the account.

Please attend to this promptly, as we want credit for dross sent you and also want to wipe your bill off our books.

Very truly yours,

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March 3, 1926

Siegrist Engraving Company, Kansas City, Mc.

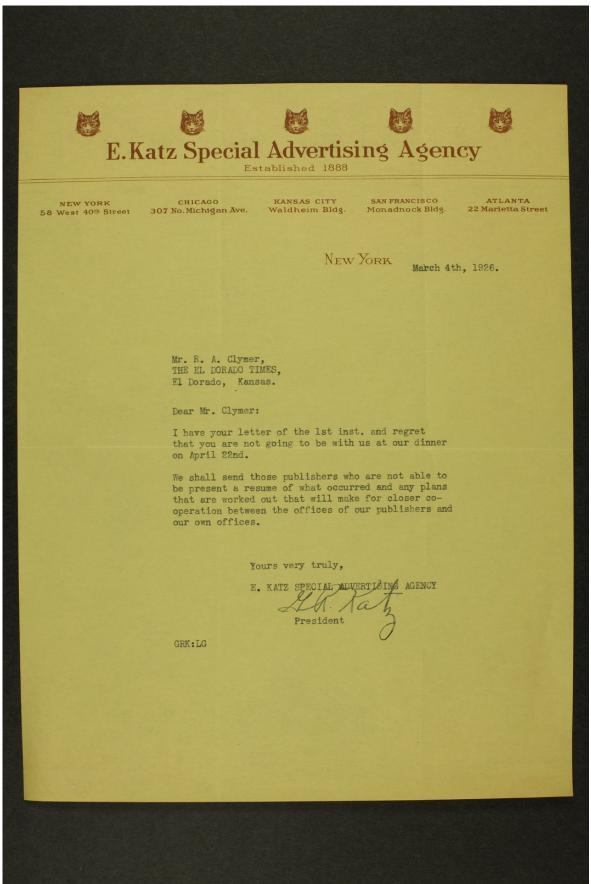
Attention Mr. I. S. Siegrist

Dear Sirs:- For the first time in a number of years we have secured the engraving order for the AlDorado High School commoncement invitations. That order is herewith enclosed, with specifications and comment by Miss Benintendi. We had considerable difficulty in landing this order against hard competition. Now that we have landed it, we are anxious that the delivered job be satisfactory in every way. We have confidence in your house or we would not have favored you with all of our engraving business the past few years. We feel sure that you will turn out this order to the complete satisfaction of everyone concerned, but I am writing in this way simply to stress the importance of it to us and to ask that you give us extra-special attention. We shall be glad to have your assurances in this regard.

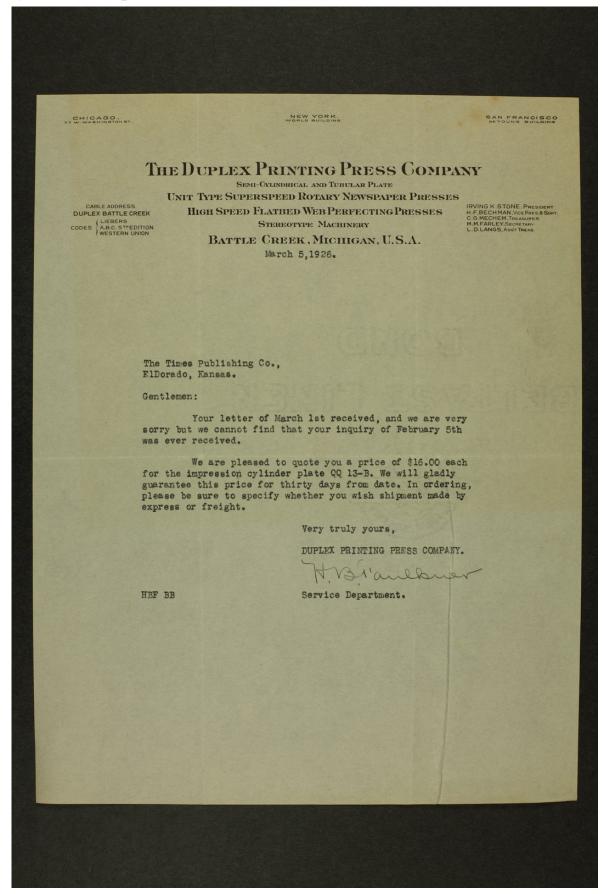
Inasmuch as I am writing you now, I shall mention that I saw one of your sample books in a local jewelry store the other day. I know that you do not make a practise of giving either a newspaper or a jeweler exclusive representation, but in view of the large amount of business we send you each year I frankly feel that we should be protected to a certain extent and that your sample books should not be strewn too thickly around the community. I believe this is a fair request, and trust you will see it that way, too.

Very truly yours,

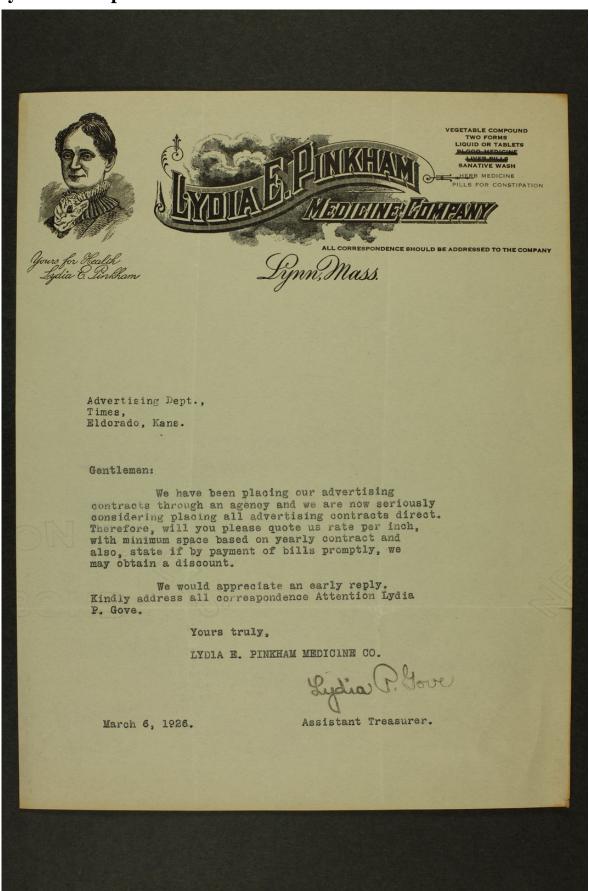














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PEABODY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IRA O. SCOTT, SUPERINTENDENT
PEABODY, KANSAS

March 6th, 1926.

Rolla Clymer,

ElDorado, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Clymer,

I have been told that Mr. Murphy may not continue as superintendent of schools at ElDorado. I do not know anything about the situation. Mr. Murphy is a good friend of mine and I hope that I am not betraying that friendship by writing to you. I hope that he stays in ElDorado if he wants to stay.

But if he is leaving I certainly would like to have a chance at the position he now holds. I think you know me well enough to know that any information you may give me will be held in confidence so I shall be glad to hear from you regarding the situation if you have any information that will be of interest to me.

Very sincerely yours,

IRA O. SCOTT.



#### Rolla Clymer correspondence

H. L. ECKSTROM
EDITORIAL WRITER - ADVERTISING COUNSEL
247 BUCKLEY, S. E.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

March 8, 1926.

Mr. R. A. Clymer

Times

El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I am interested in buying a newspaper in the state of Kansas and I would like to know if the Times is for sale.

If so, send me sample copies and give me full details about circulation, subscription price, advertising volume and rates, equipment, real estate, trade area, price, terms, and other desirable information.

I am in a position to make a substantial cash payment. I will thank you for a reply.

Yours truly,

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