

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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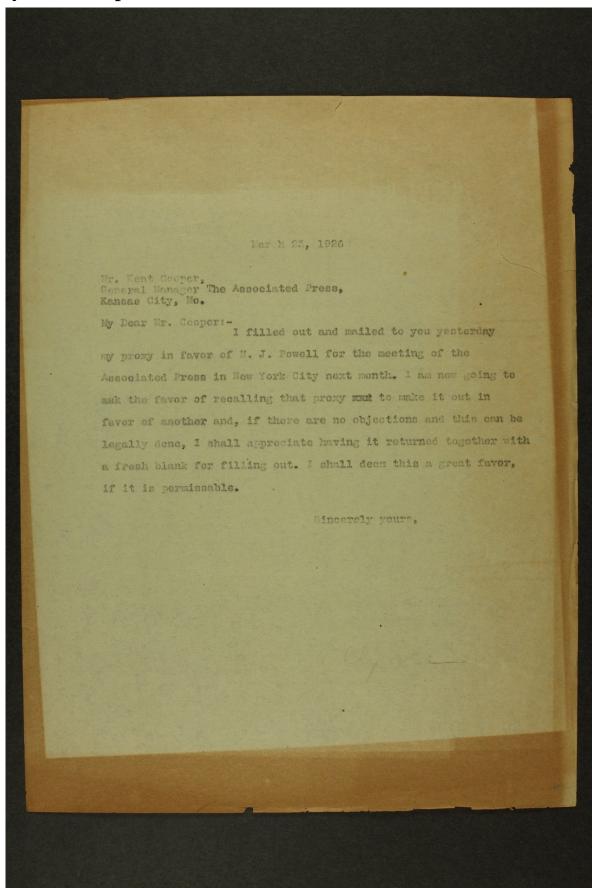
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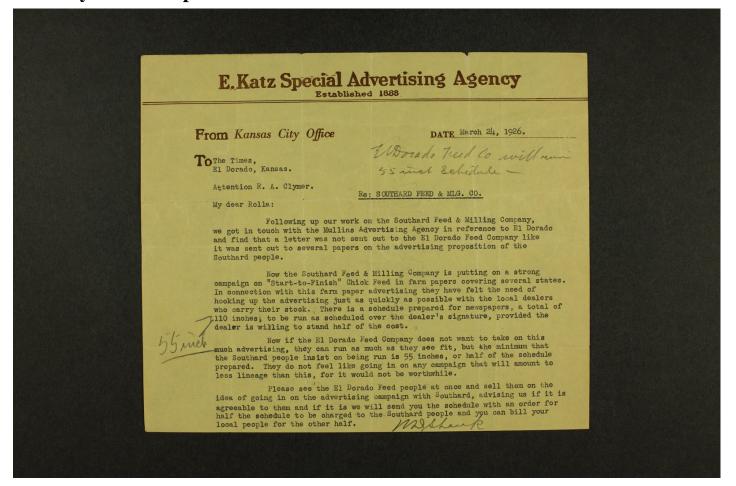
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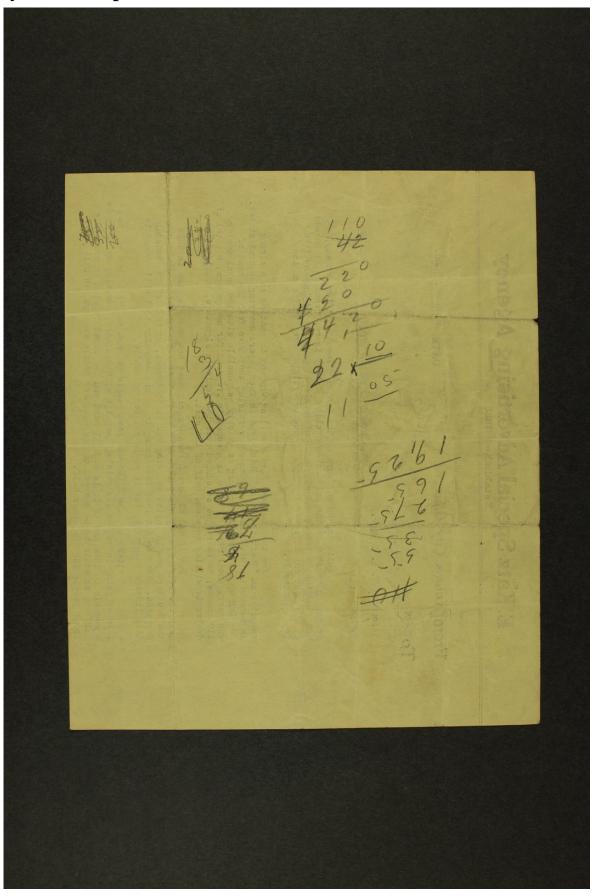




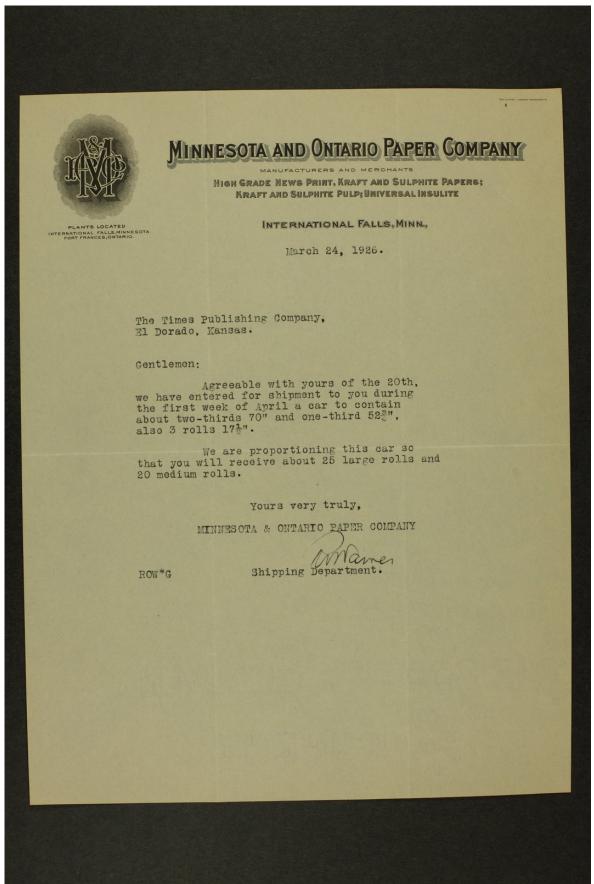




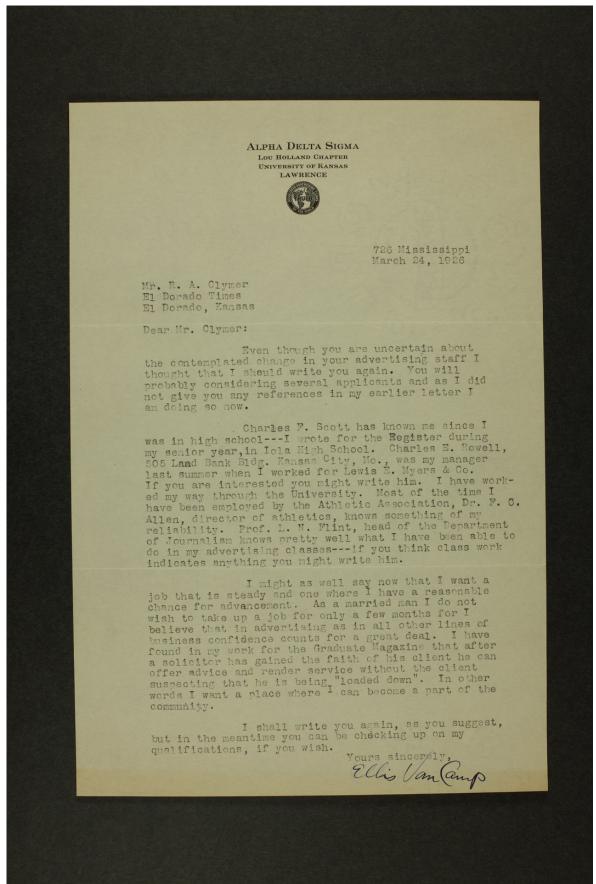




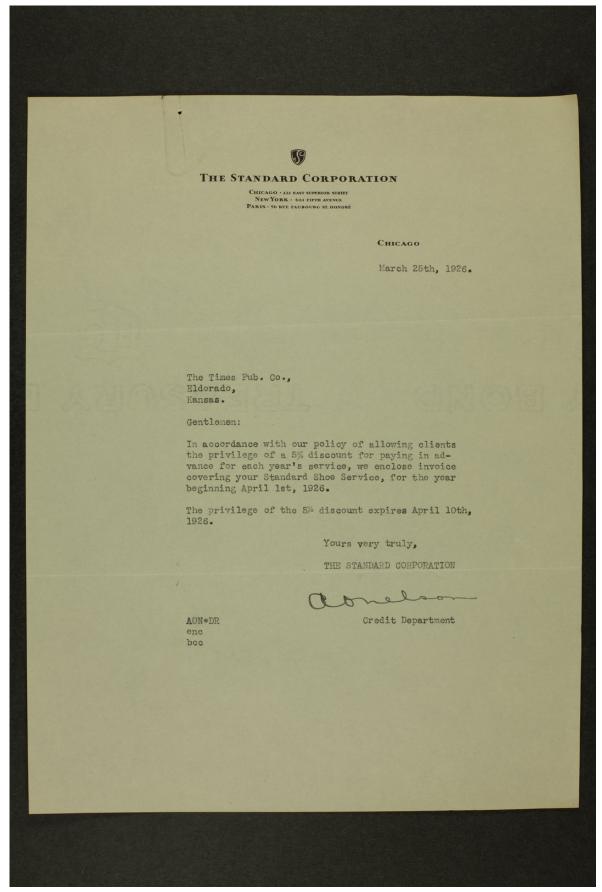














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TELEPHONE 112 POST OFFICE BOX 483

ROBERT E. ELLIS

EL DORADO. KANSAS

Fort Myers,

March, 25th, 1926.

Dear Friend Clymer.

Don't consign this to the waste basket to quickly but take it home with you and read it over, oil friend if I were to say everything here that I have in mind it would not look well in print, I am mad clear through over the Water Bond election. I followed it closely in your paper, and Boy you lost a tough fight, I read every one of your arguments with the Knockers, Ham can you blame me for not wanting to live in a community with a bunch of Knockers, and pay Taxes for them to injoy,

The Water Election would be a hard one for me to Laugh off.

I suppose that the Santa Fe Ry, as one of their usual good judgement enterprises built the Cassoday Dam because it would not impound and hold Water, Ham you put up a great fight and then to loose is more than I can stand, it is impossible for me to be able to understand why a majority of the people act the way they do in El Dorado.

They let Wichita Build up in days gone by at their expense, if it were not for a former News Paper in El Dorado their present arrainment would be gum boots and lanterns yet.

The idea of people not wanting good water and lots of it, when what they have is no good at the best, makes people sick, kills flowers and lawns, and denighs one the beautifull things nature meant for them to injoy, can you imagine me after getting used to so much water down here, wanting to consign myself to the fate of liveing in such a Knocker place, Will you please remember if you can and write me all of the good constructive things that Messers Grant and McCluggage



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have ever done for El Dorado. Imean after they are gone what can we point to as haveing beem left by them as a mememto to El Dorado.

Ham I love El Dorado and a whole lot of people there but it has got more dam knockers than any town of its size in the country.

A fellow like you who is tied down and working as hard as you do in such a place looses all trace of what is going on in other places. hense my quoteing Florida to you, am not trying to boost Florida to you but want you to see how people do in other places, Ham it is a pleasure to live in a country of boosters, and not see any Knockers for a while even if one is denighing himsel of the pleasure of his real friends.

Am incloseing a front page of recent date of our two papers here, have shown the Editors with pleasure your Paper which they complimented highly. one of our Editors is a Winfield Product, the other is from Minn. will you please note we had a bond election and not one (1) decenting votecan you get that, Ham I noted that you Quoted George Marble on Florida in the Listning Post, also some others at different times, Did you know that the United States Gov, has just sold some land in Florida at \$15.000.00 per Acre, Did you know that is more than the highest ever paid at an Osage Sale. Ham Florida is getting the same kind of a deal that the Oil Business got some years ago when a bunch of promoters jumped on to it an exploit ed it to death, there has been thousands run down here with all the way from nothing up to a few hundred dollars put it up on binders and lost it then they have gone back hollering about the money they lost in florida, fact is they never lost anything, and was trying to gouge some one besides and because they did not get to do it are sore,



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I hate to hear a fellow like Marble, critisize from here say, I have known him for many years and he is a small town fellow and always has been.

You would be greatly surprised if you were to visit this part of the country, and see the spirit of doing things, I heard the Govenor Of this State Speak not long ago and then had the privledge of meeting him later, it was a treat he is a go getter and is sure doing things, wish you could see the way they build roads down here

This little town not long ago raised \$110.000.00 one week for the Chamber of Commerce, then raised \$1.000.000 the next for a Hotel and they are now building the Hotel,

I have done pretty well here and feel kindly towards the place and am injoying seeing things done with out any knockers around,

Well old Friend too bad the good fellows in the old town have to put up with what they do.

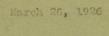
Remember me to all my friends, and tell those DIRTY WATER GUYS to go to Hell for me,

As ever Your Friend.

Robert 2. Ellis
Box 332, Fort Myers Fla.



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Senator Arthur Capper, Senator Charles Curtis, Washington, D. C.

By Dear Senators:
I am in receipt of your joint letter of March
23 referring to the situation surrounding the postmastership
in our town. The men to whom similar letters were addressed held
a conference today at which the matter was thoroughly discussed.

Mr. Charles W. Steiger, chairman of the Republican County Central
Committee, has written you in reply and I have seen his letter.
Inasmuch as he has written you at length and in detail, I can be
more consise.

It is my belief that both Mr. Dwing, as postmister, and the present assistant postmister should be removed, under the discussioned. I agree with Mr. Steiger that the change in assistant postmisters can be made soon and his recommendation of Boyd Marston for the place is all right with me. I further agree with him that Mr. Ewing should be allowed to retain the position here until his successor is appointed. Under the circumstances, I do not believe an acting postmisership would be wise.

Mr. Steiger has told you of the situation in which Mr.

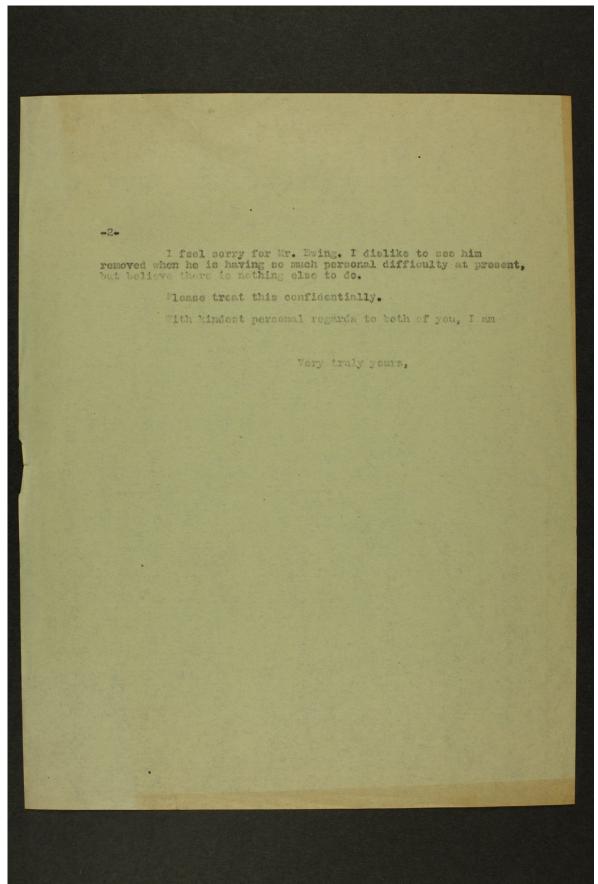
Moving is involved because of his previous connection with the

Butler County State Bank. His explanation is complete and is substantially accurate as to the facts. Mr. Bring is likely to be
overwhelmed with judgments as various pending cases are tried in
court, and I have been fearful lest his position before the
public would be embarassed because of these and their effect
upon his business standing. This, of course, is a development
upon his business standing. This, of course, is a development
that has occurred since the postoffice department's recommendations were laid before you but, in itself, is sufficient to disqualify him from consideration at this time.

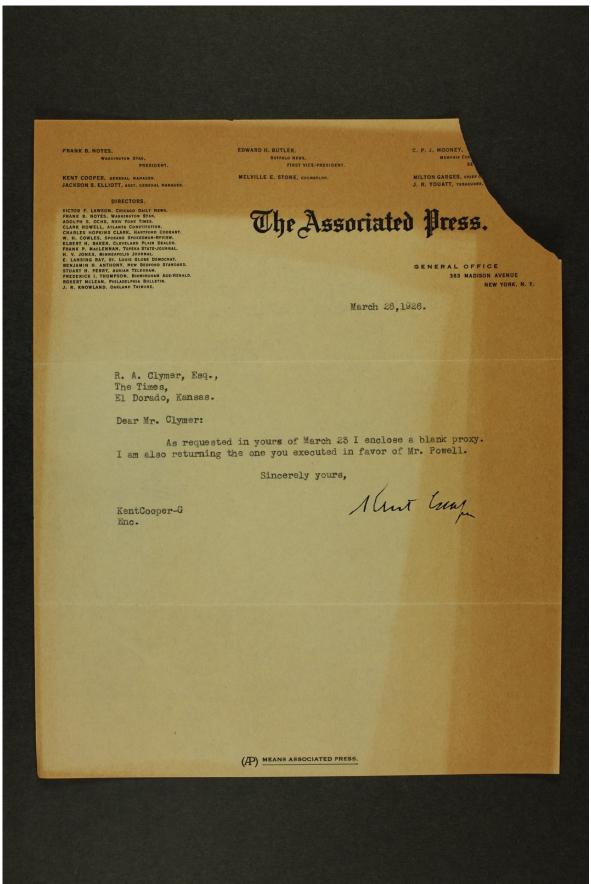
I was no for Mr. Doing in the first place but did not oppose his re-appointment. We is a good fellow but I am sure the department's conclusions as to lack of forceful management within the postoffice are true. Unile the mail service has been generally good, I think it could be improved in some particulars.

I am going to suggest that great care be exercised in the appointment of a successor to Mr. Awing whenever that comes up for action. I feel that actual vorkers in the Republican Party should be given more consideration when the new postmaster is selected.







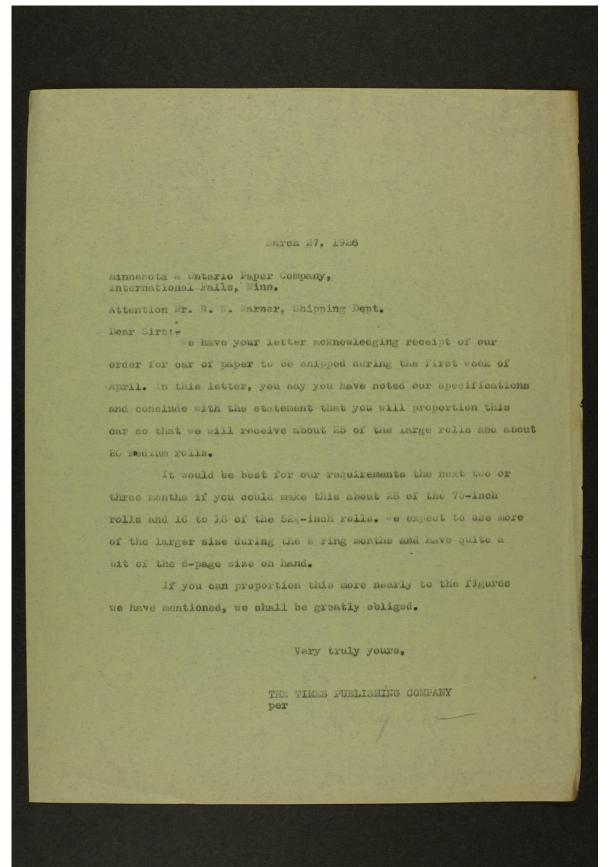




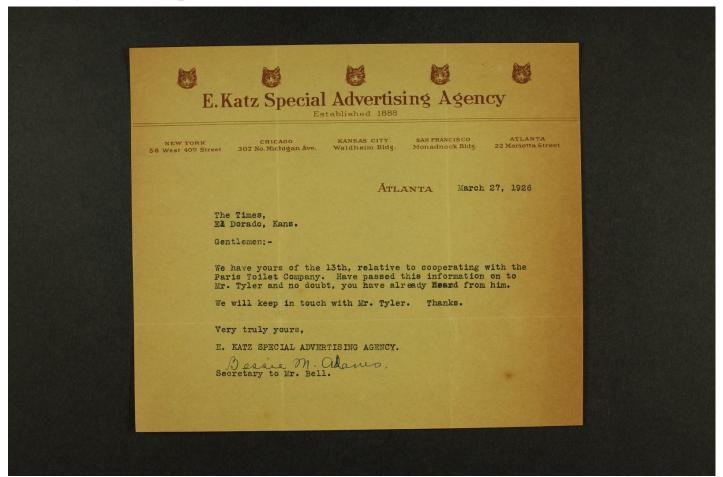
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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM March 27, 1926. R. A. Clymer, Editor, El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas. Dear Sir: Will you be needing a woman for desk or reporting work in the near future ? I am now news room director on the University Daily Kansan, and shall be free to take another position about the first of June. I am a graduate of the department of journalism of the University of Kansas, and am 25 years old. I shall be glad to furnish you further information and references if you will have any vacancies on your staff. Sincerely, Grace A. young 1126 Ohio street.

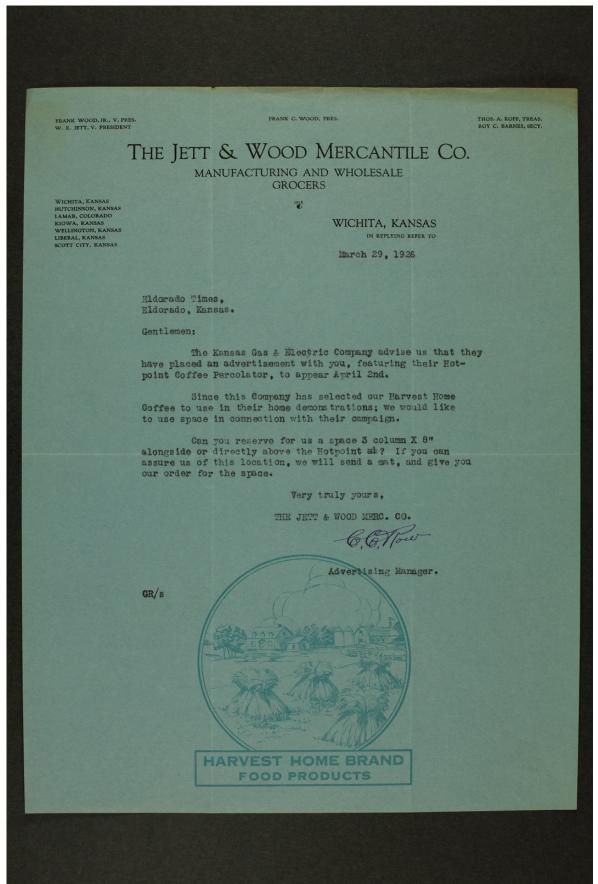




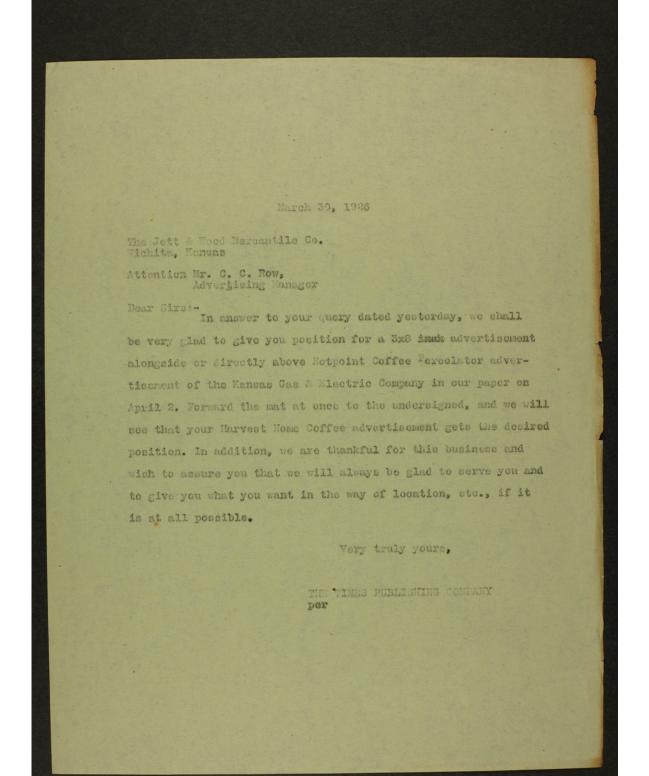














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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D. C. March 30, 1926.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,

Eldorado, Kansas.

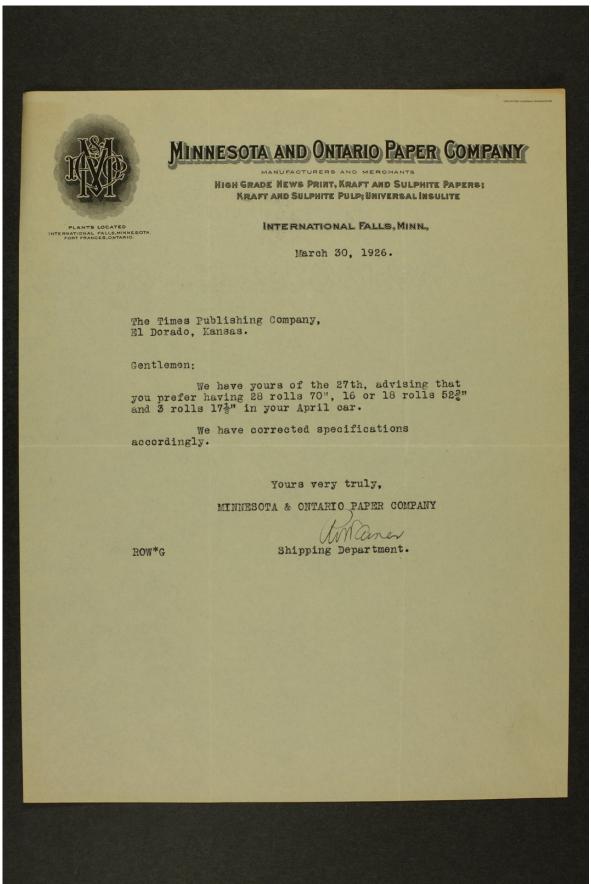
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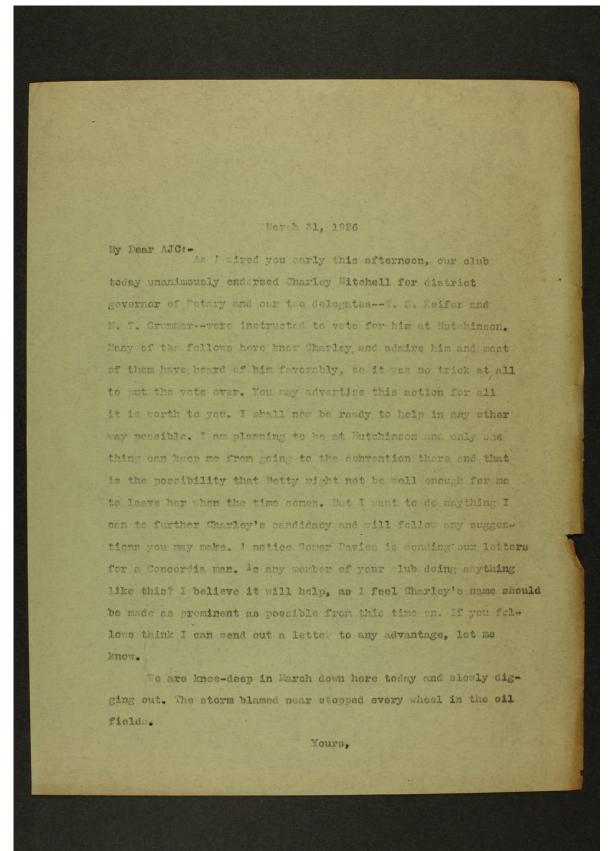
I have your letter of March 26th. I have also received letters from Postmaster Ewing, Arch Williams, and Chairman Steiger. I am glad that there seems to be practical agreement as to the best way to handle the Eldorado postmaster trouble. Senator Curtis and I are in entire agreement with the recommendations made by our Eldorado friends. We will arrange for an examination at an early date. I think that it can be handled so that Postmaster Ewing can remain in charge of the office until the examination is held and his successor appointed. It will also be arranged to have a new assistant postmaster. Senator Curtis will write you and the others more in detail as to this in a few days.

Very respectfully, Capper

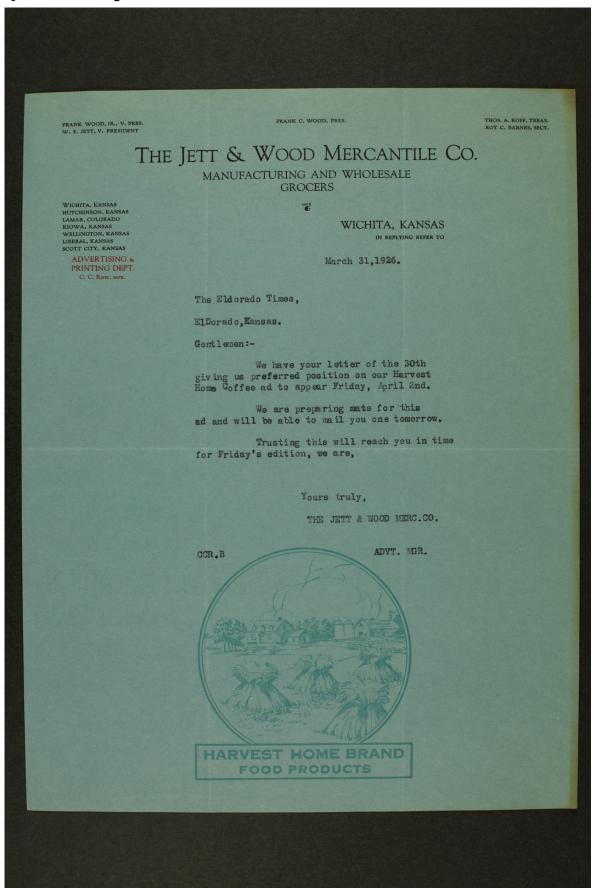




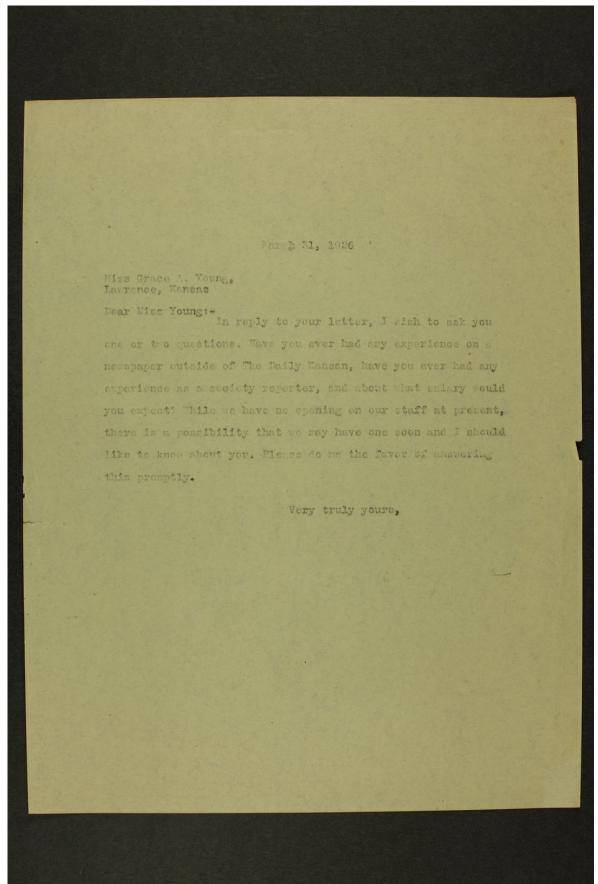














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Mar h 31, 1926

Mr. Charles I. Mitchell, Topeka, Kannas

Hy Dear Charley:
I am proud of my club to be able to tell you

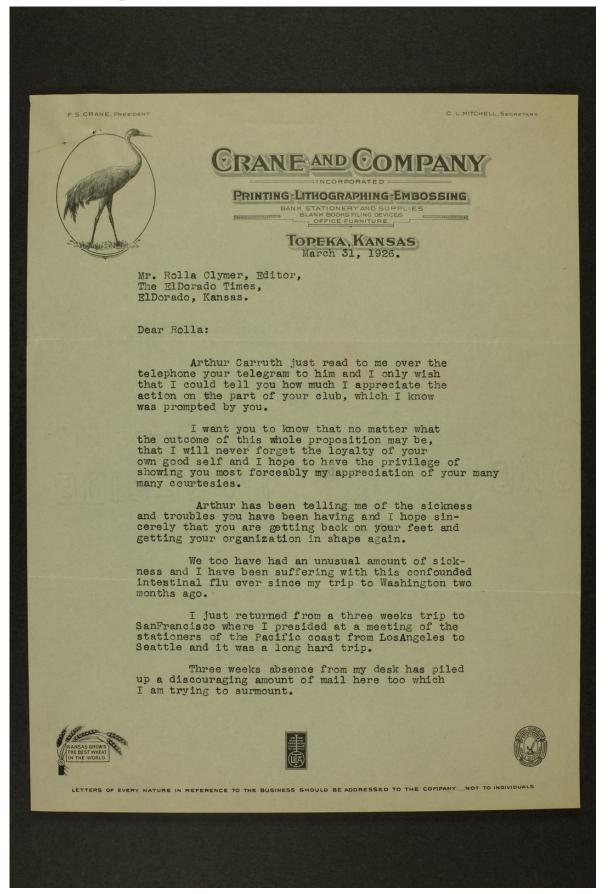
that it unanimously voted today in favor of your candidacy
as governor for the Twelfth Rotary District, and will be squarely
behind you to the finish. Our delegates, W. S. Keifer and M. T.

Crummer, have been instructed for you-so you are certainly
sure of two votes from this nock of the woods. I wired ArtCarruth early this afternoon, for I wanted you both to know, and
coubtless he has informed you of the action before this.

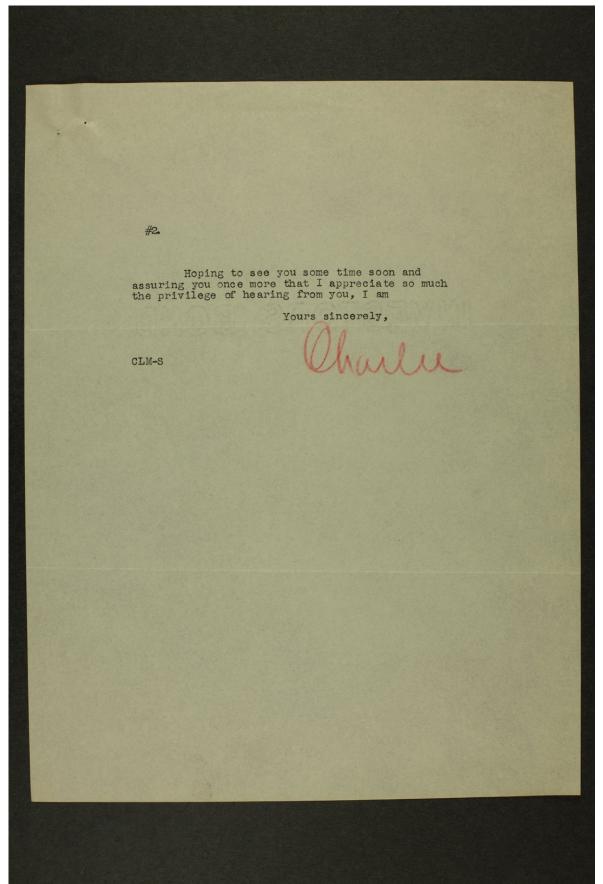
It gave me a great deal of personals satisfaction to hear you spoken of so favorably by some of our fellows. Our president, J. B. McKay who knows you only by proxy, was particularly cordial in what he said backing up your remarks. Several of the fellows came to me after the meeting with kind words. I am sure your modest ears must have burned at all this praise, but I swelled with honest pride to know that I can call you friend. To are going to send a big delegation of our fellows to Mutchinson and they will all be boosting for you.

asked Art Carruth to let me know how I may do so. I don't know whether you know or not that we are expecting a baby in our family in May. Only the possibility that Mrs. Clymer may not be well enough for me to leave her will keep me from Mutchinson. Otherwise I shall be there with max a string of bells on for you. Sincerely your friend,

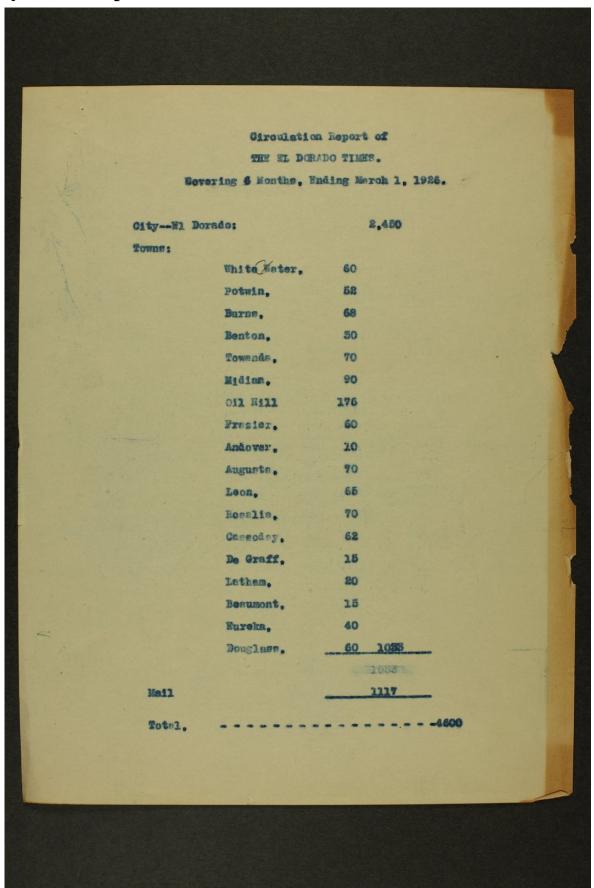














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Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clymer, 118 East Central, Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear R. A. and Betty:

It is to be our privilege to serve as your Host and Hostess during the District Rotary Conference in Hutchins α , April 26th and 27th.

We are writing you now to tell you that we are anxious for you to come to Hutchinson, and then, too, we want you to know that our time while you are here will be entirely at the disposal of yourselves and other Eldorado Rotarians and Rotary Anns.

You will enjoy coming to Hutchins on, for our meeting here is to be a FEILOWSHIP CONFERENCE, and you will have the time of your lives. Activities will center around the HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP, which is to be the heart of the Hutchinson Conference. You will find plenty of Fun, a lot of Facts, and a world of Fellowship.

The Hutchinson Club is busy with preparation for this Conference, and during the two days when you are our guests, we too will have a vacation from regular duties, and we want you to command our personal help for your entertainment and amusement.

Let us know when you will arrive, and we will try to meet you - at any rate, be sure to phone us as soon as you get to town. We will be watching for you at the HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP, or you can reach us by phone at The News Company, 4400, or at home. 117.

We will expect to see you in two weeks.

Rotarily yours,

Channing and Blanche Scott.



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Dear Senator Capper:-I am informed that the free daily newspaper published at Chanute will shortly seek admission as second-class matter for admission into the mails, in the territory outside of Chanute. It is my information that the owners will attempt this privilege through the expedient of changing the name of the paper for this portion of the edition only. This, to me, seems to be an encroachment upon the rights of newspapers like ours, which are entered in the mails, and which subscribe to all the rigorous postal rules. If one free newspaper is permitted to do this, it will establish a precedent that might affect the values of existing newspapers in every town in Kansas. It is my opinion that newspapers are entitled to full protection in this instance, and that the application of the Chanute free paper should be refused. I shall be personally obliged for your attention to this matter, and trust that you will be constrained to look at the subject from our viewpoint. However, I am conscious of your fairness and will be governed by your judgment.

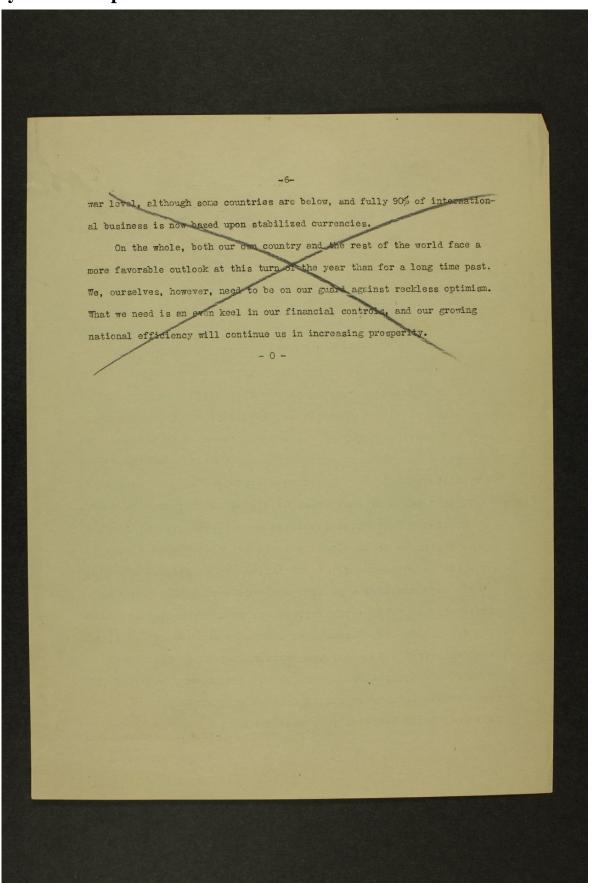
Very truly yours,

Senator Arthur Capper Senator Charles Curtis Congressman W. A. Ayres

Washington, D. C.

With kindest personal regards, I am







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