

#### **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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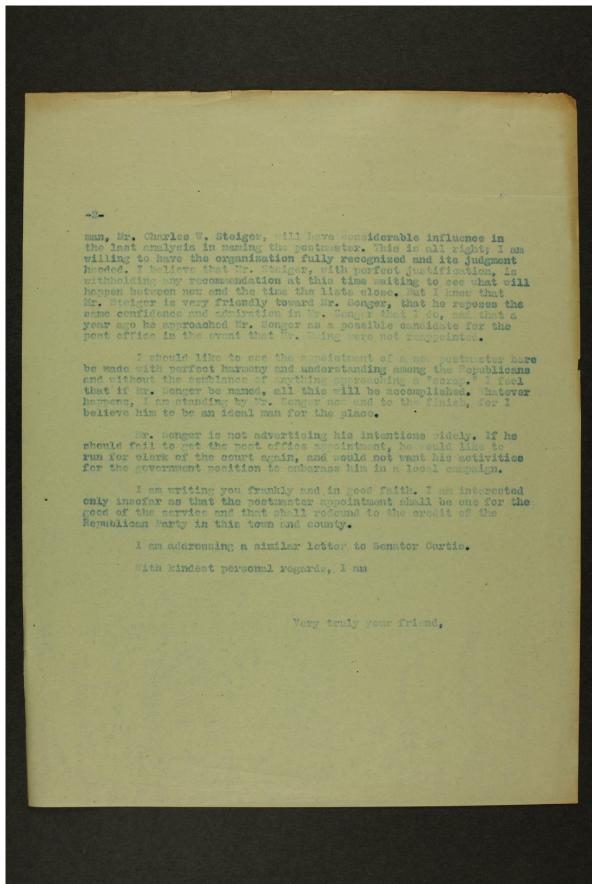
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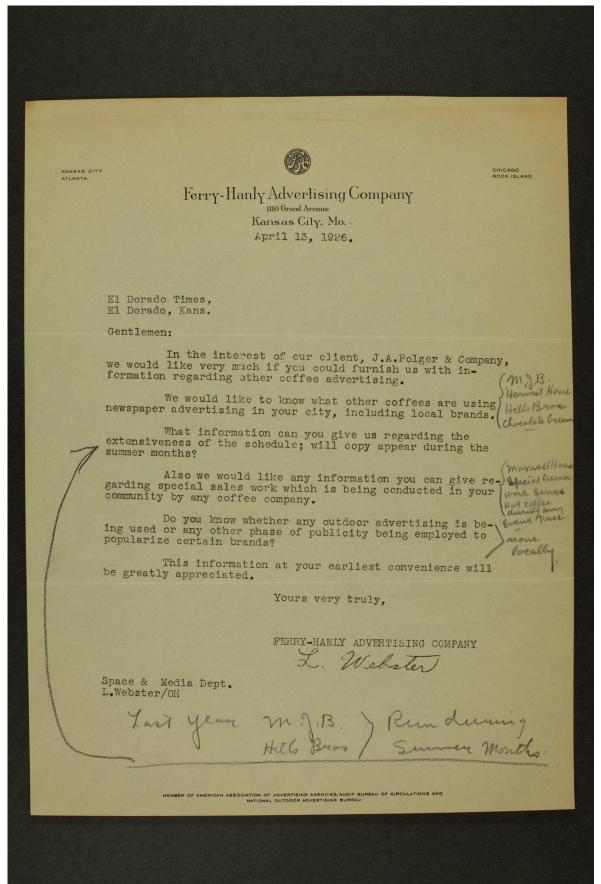
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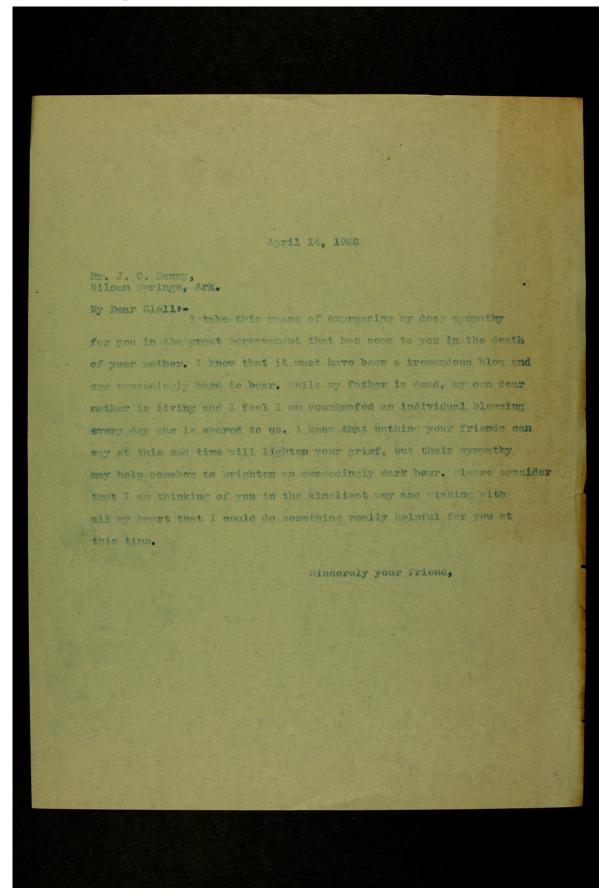




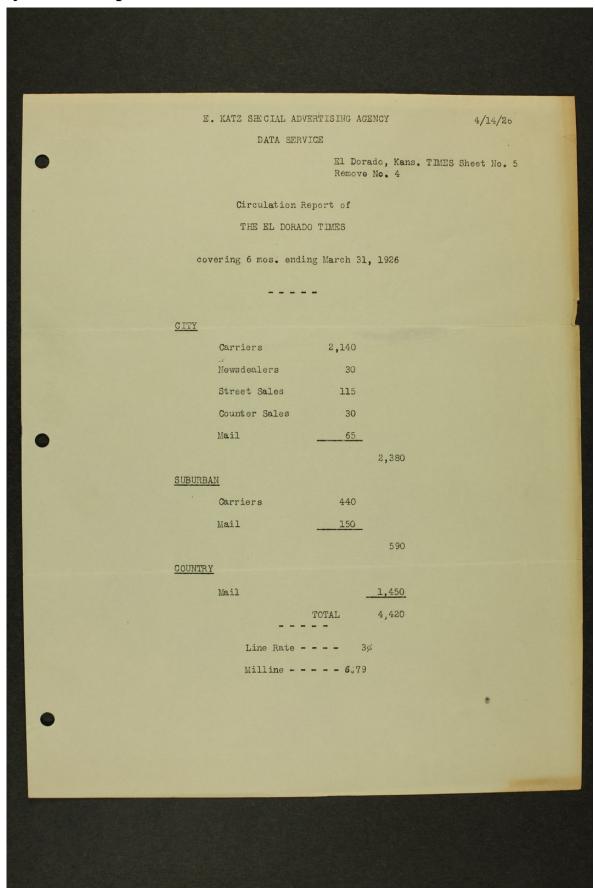














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Mr. W. R. Kercher, Topoka, Kansac

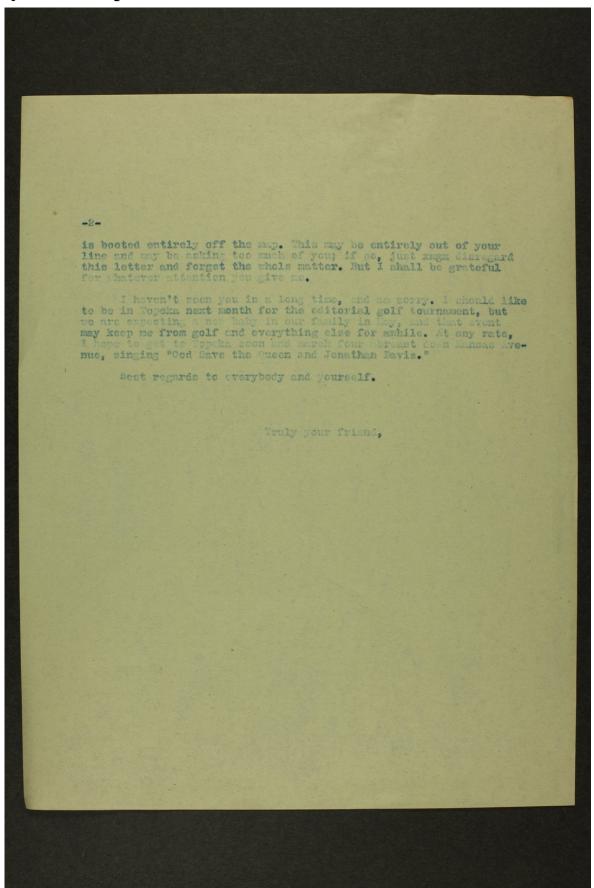
My Dear Billy:- I am writing to you because I know of nobedy else to consult in this instance.

For a number of years, The Times has always published the Southwestern bell Telephone Company's directories here. To have tried to give satisfaction under all cincumstances, and have had reason to believe that we were doing so. Testerday, however, like a belt from the blue, the local manager came in, said he was instructed to get new bids on the book, and reported that his directory supervisor had said we had one of the poorest-orinted and highest-criced directories in the state. I den't know as to the comparative prices, but I always thought our schedule was well in line with printing charges everywhere. I have looked over the last directory and can see nothing redically wrong with it from a crinting standard. The alphabetical list is not particularly good, it's true, but this is because several directories have been trinted from type standing and the slugs have a tencency to become masked down under successive printings, while it is impossible to line them up accurately when replacement slugs are east for corrections and changes. There is nothing in the last book to arrant the threat which was must to take the work away from us and give it to the commercial printing house in this town. If my prices are not in line, I shall be slad to make them so, and will go into the figures. But what I am writing you for today is to get someone to call off the dogs, if possible, and to relieve us from the onus of being outcasts and parishs.

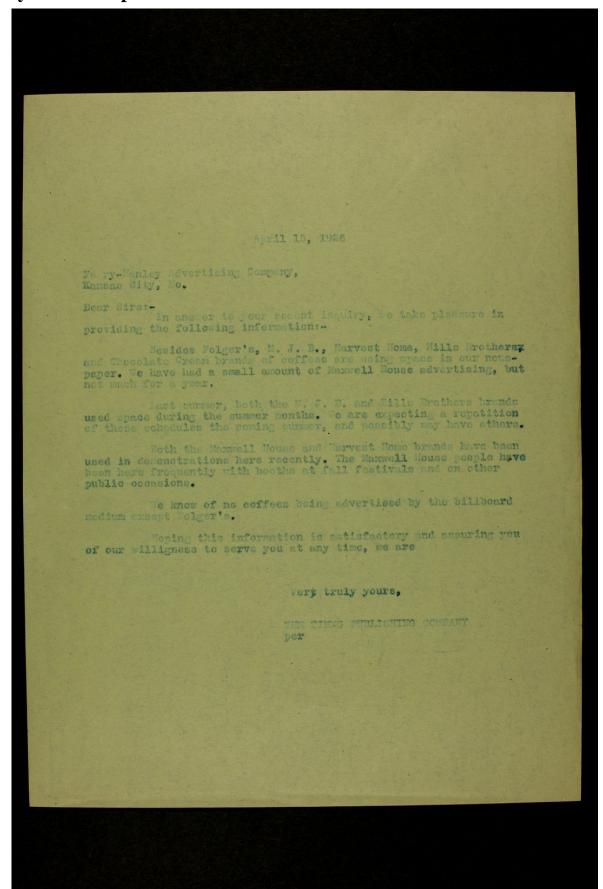
I have felt that The Times as a newspaper has given the telephone company the best of it here. We have given the company a lot of boosts, and have held out all kicks and compleints—some of them being pretty bitter in most years, expecially as regarding howls from the fire department. We do not expect to be handed anything in the way of printing just because of our friendly attitude, which we still expect to maintain under any circumstances toward the company. However, I felt and still feel just a little raw under what I considered an unjustified call-down.

rossibly you can do something for me, perhaps not. I should like to retain the directory business, but I want it on merit and do not want anything handed to me. I am not going to make any new figures until I talk to the directory supervisor who is supposed to be in Ellorado soon. But, in my need, I thought possibly you could go to someone in power in company affairs and tall them--if you believe it to be true--that The Times still retains a few shreds of respectability and would like to have some consideration before it

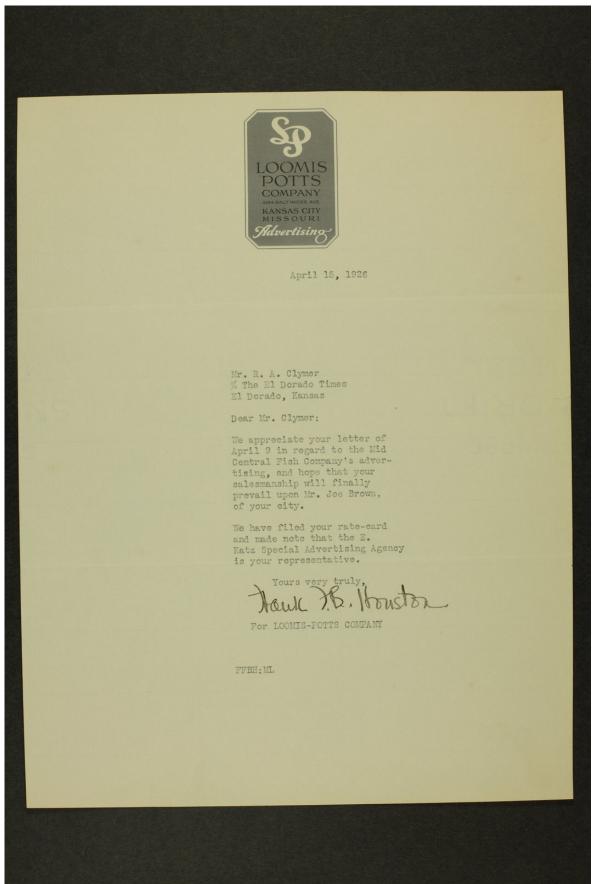




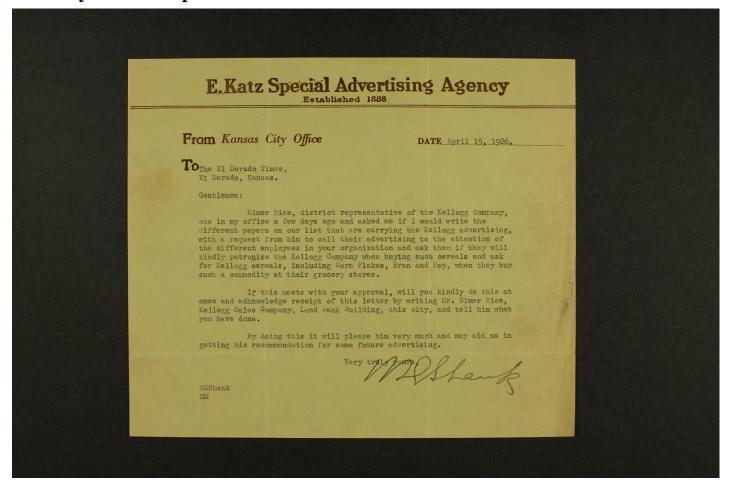




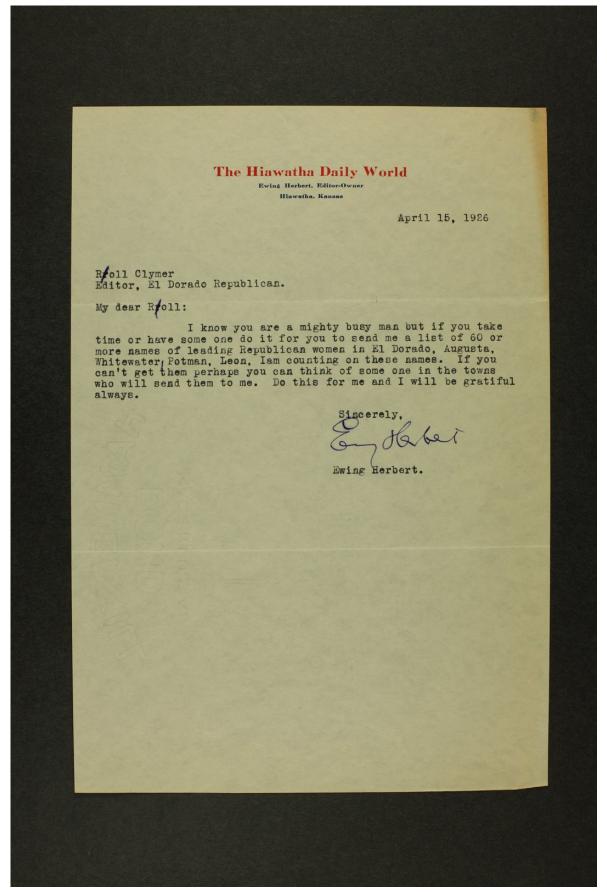




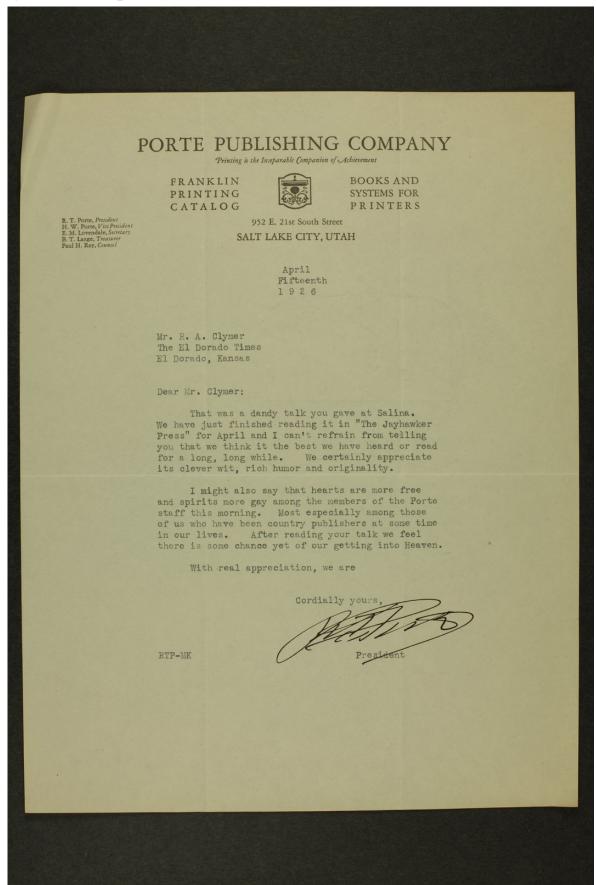














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CHESTER L. WISE WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA April 15, 1926 Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor, ElDorado Times, ElDorado, Kansas. My dear Mr. Clymer:-I am very sorry that it seems so difficult to get a definite line-up on this Lilley well. In one of my reports, I understood that they had a fishing job and then in your paper, you state the well is shut down, so I was at a loss to know whether the well was shut down on account of a fishing job, or on account of Mr. Gillespie's death. Now that the roads are better, and we are coming into better weather, no doubt we will get more accurate reports on this well. Thanking you for your kindness, and trusting you will keep me informed to the best of your ability, and with best wishes, I remain Very truly yours, Chist Rooms 501-502 Washington Trust Building, Washington, Pennsylvania CLW/BM



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THE HUTCHINSON NEWS

ESTABLISHED 1872

Every Evening Except Sunday

DOUBLE CIRCULATION
DOUBLE RESULTS
A SINGLE COST

The Hutchinson Herald
Succeeding
The Hutchinson Gazette
Every Morning Except Monday

#### THE NEWS COMPANY

W. Y. MORGAN, PRESIDENT

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS April 16, 1926.

Edigor Times, ElDorado, Kas.

Help, also assistance. We didn't mean that Rotary letter that way.

We are "host and hostess" at the "House of Friendship" and
the letter we sent to ElDorado and others sent to other towns,
where other Rotarians are assigned as "hosts and hostesses" didn't
mean what it looked like it meant. Wow! We have all the romms full
with two in the family car and a bunch in the basement while Blanche
and I are camped in the yard. Stop it. There are so many folks in the
world. We'll be "host and hostess" in the "House of Friendship" at
the State Fair grounds. Whatta life! Whatta life.

Hope the whole club will come -- to the "House of Friendship."
Whatta life!

Yours Truly and Rotarily,

Channing and Blanche Scott.



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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D. C. April 17, 1926.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,

The Times,

Eldorado, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Clymer:

as a candidate for postmaster. Your endorsement of him sounds good to me. You are aware, of course, that this appointment is made under Civil Service regulations, and that an examination must first be held to obtain the three highest applicants, who will constitute an eligible list. Until this eligible list is created Senator Curtis and myself have no part in selecting the postmaster. The Department will probably accede to our recommendations of we name a man from the eligible list. There is nothing we can do until we know who is on the eligible list. I should say this will take at least two or three months. I will be pleased to keep in touch with you. Like yourself, I am very anxious that there should be a harmonious understanding on this matter. Senator Curtis and I will be pleased to work with yourself and other leading Republicans with a view to bringing this about.

With kindest regards, I am

Very respectfully, Athm apple



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#### United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON RULES

April 17, 1926.

My dear Clymer:

I have your letter of recent date and note what you say in behalf of Mr. Songer.

Under the rules of the Department, Senator Capper and I will be limited in our consideration of applicants to the three highest who pass the examination and if a soldier is one of the three we will be required to give him preference.

I assure you if Mr. Songer passes the examination your recommendation will be given most careful consideration. It has been the policy of Senator Capper and I to write the chairman of the Republican County Committee in regard to various applicants for post offices where there was more than one certified and where we were not certain from the showing made which one should be appointed. Of course we want to pick out a good strong man and one who will give satisfaction to the patrons of the office and also one who will be satisfactory to the Republicans of the county.

I am glad you wrote me so fully and frankly.

Always glad to hear from you.

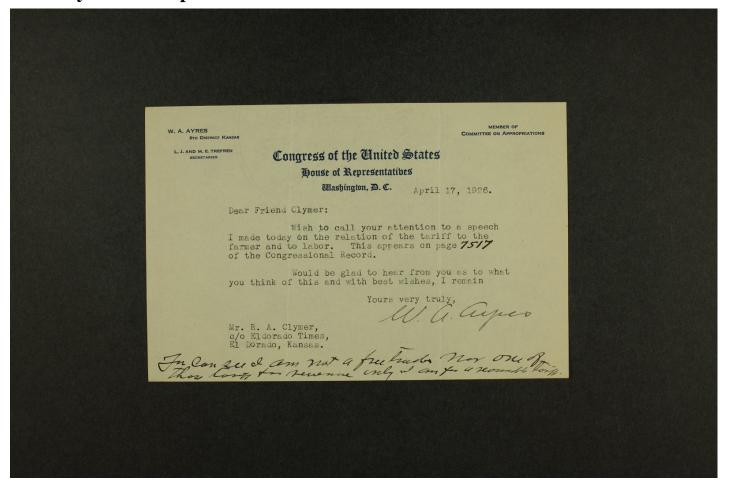
With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

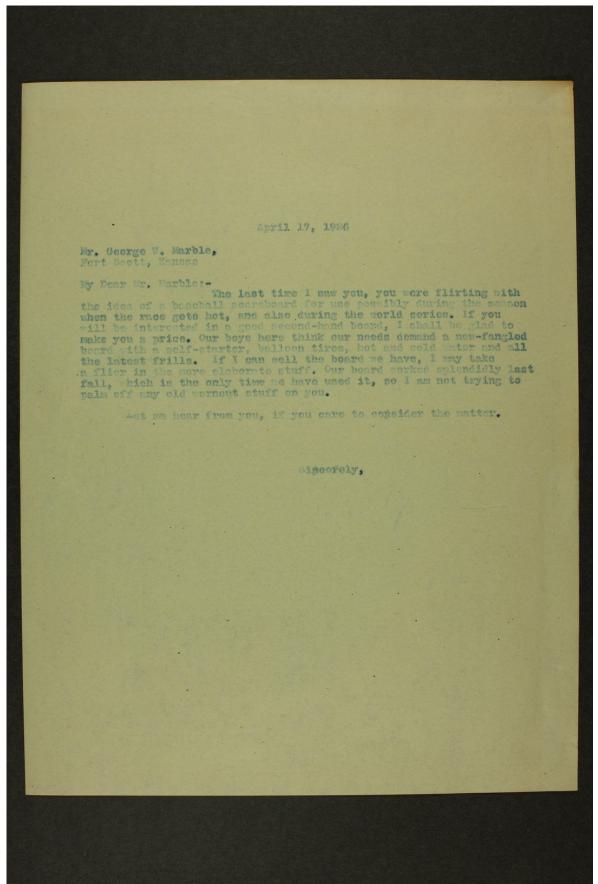
R. A. Clymer, Esq.,

El Dorado, Kansas.

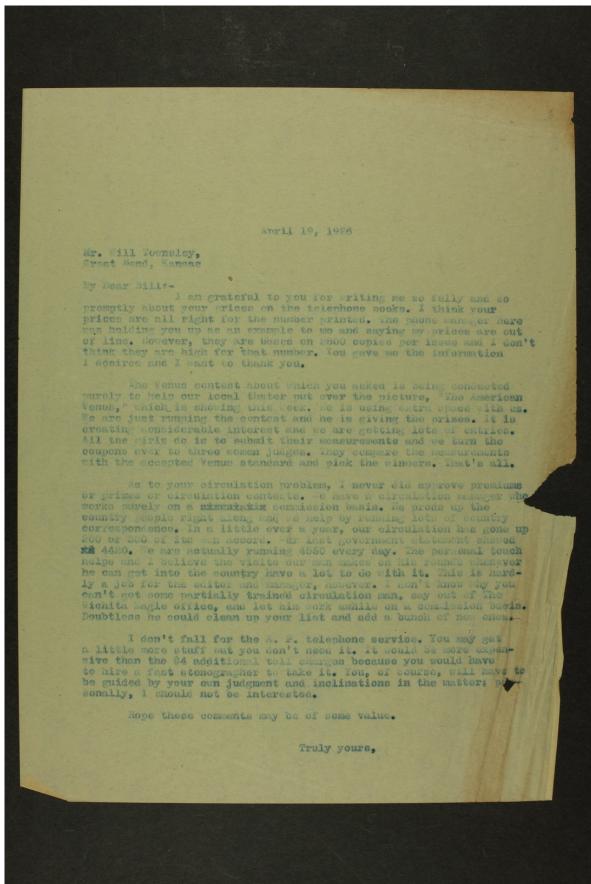




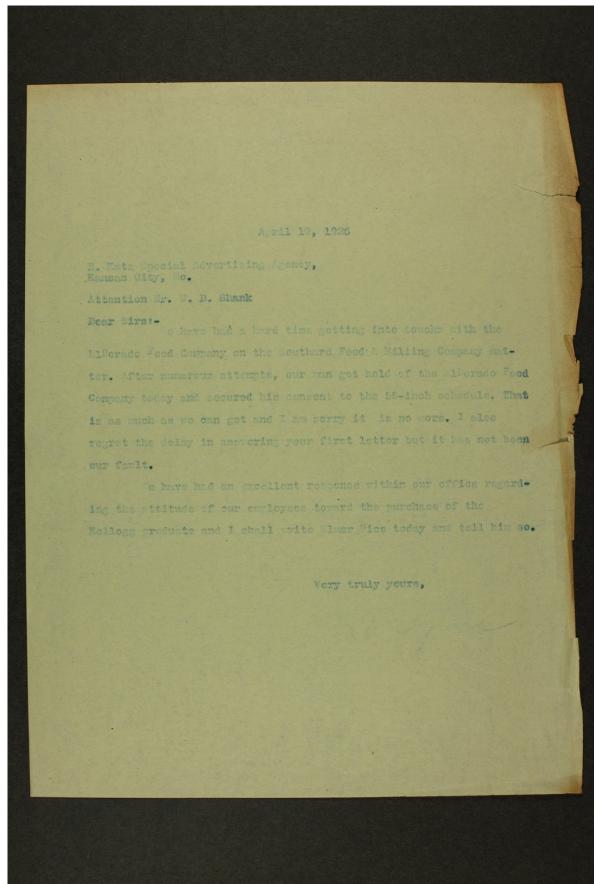




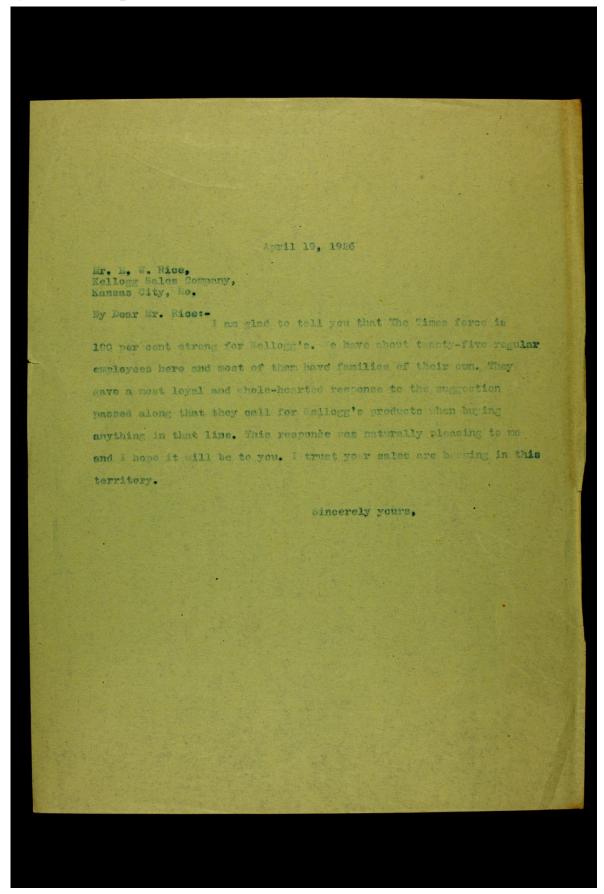




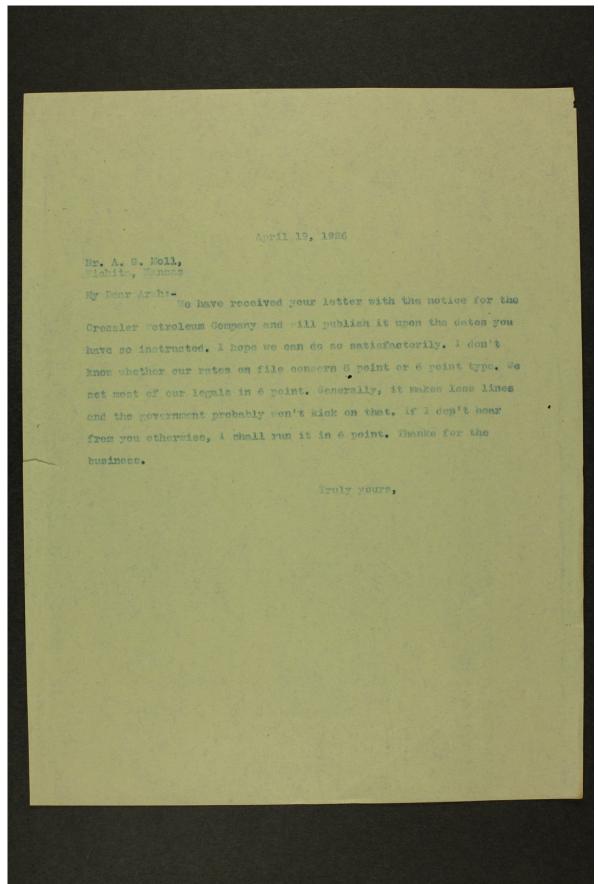




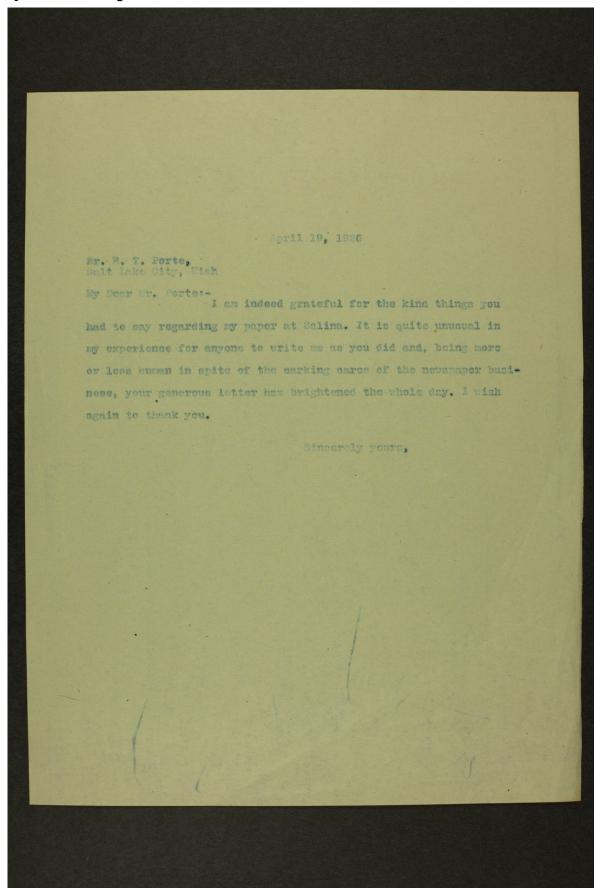




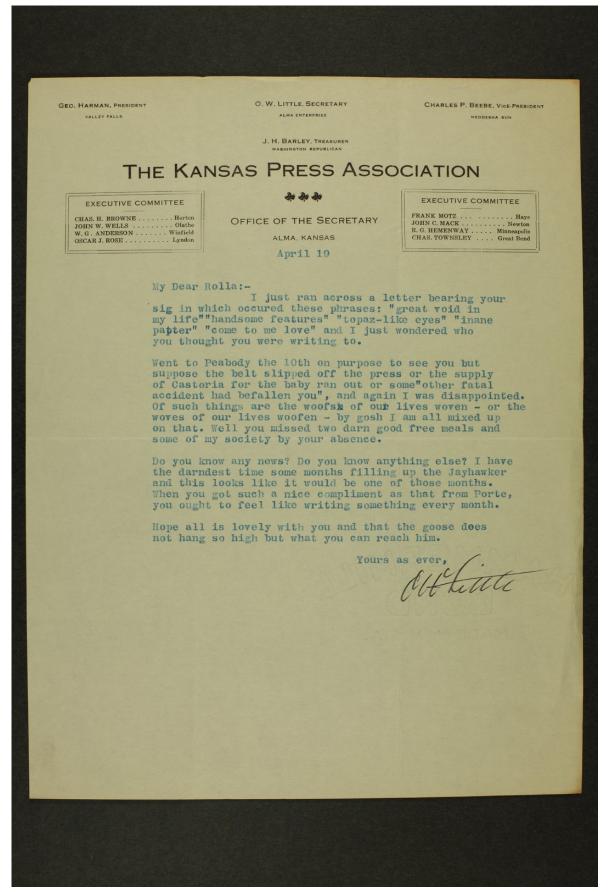








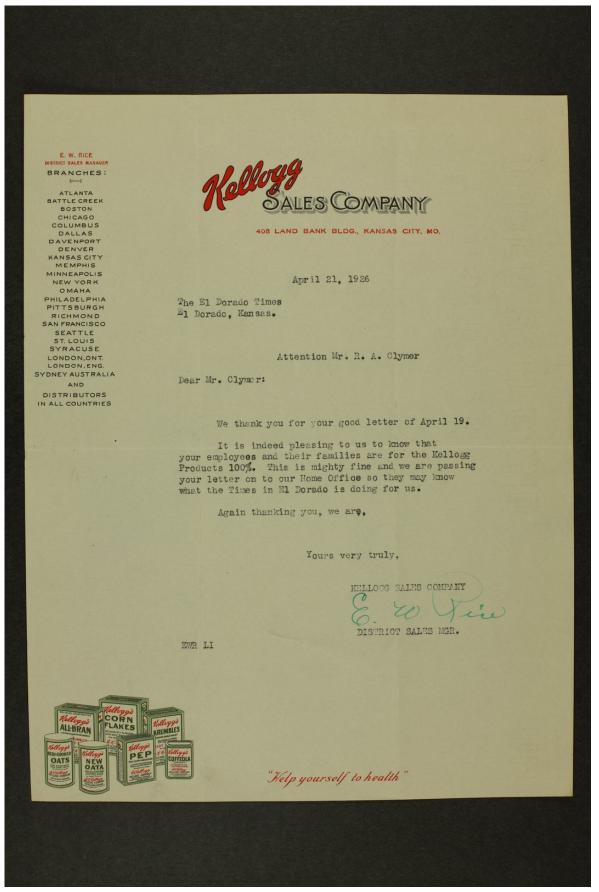




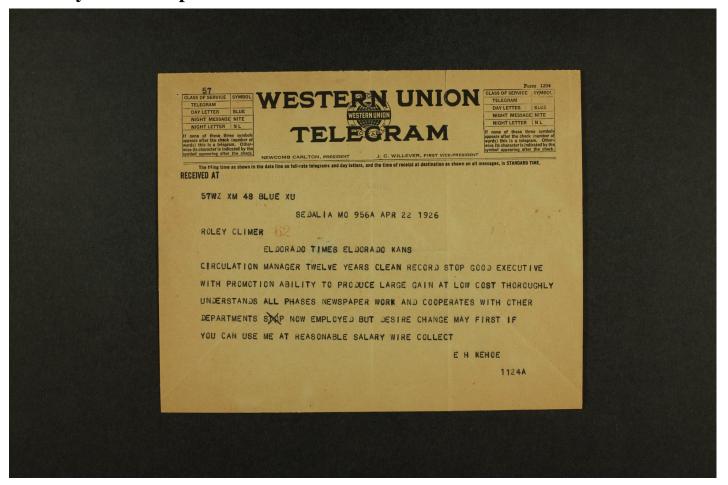


E. Katz Special Advertising Agency
From Kansas City Office  DATE April 20, 1926.  To ALL PAPERS:  Accept no further business from the J. O. Young Advertising Agency of this city unless cash accompanies order.  Also, under no circumstances accept any business from the Allison Advertising Agency, 1023 Planeer Trust Building, this city. We
are not extending them credit or agency commission.  Very truly yours,  WDShank HM

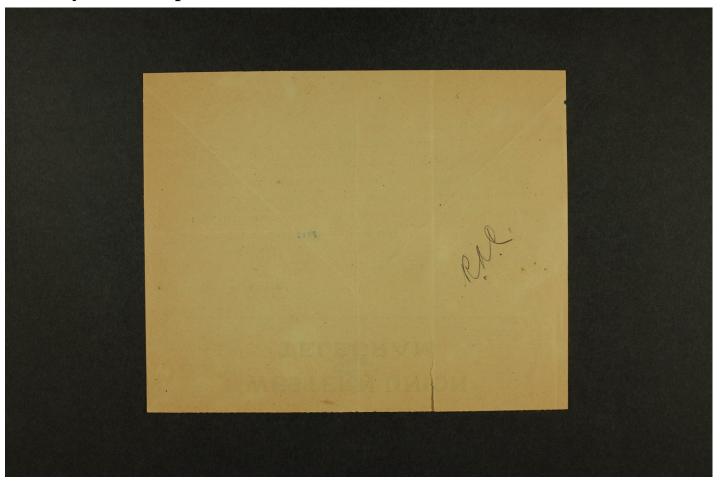




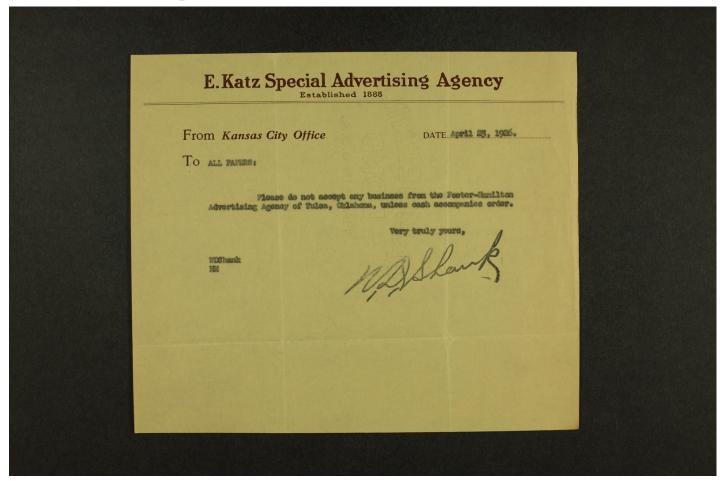




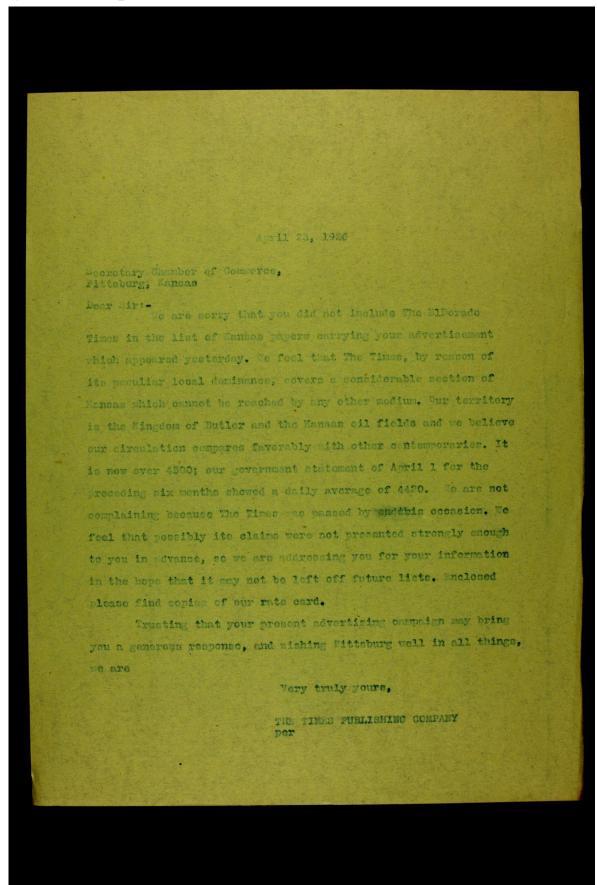














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DAILY EVERY EVENING EXCEPT SUNDAY

WEEKLY EVERY THURSDAY

#### The Fort Scott Tribune-Monitor

BY GEO. W. MARBLE LEASED WIRE SERVICE

Fort Scott, Kansas, April 24, 1926.

Hon. Rolla Clymer, Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Yours of the 17th relative to base ball score board was received today upon my return from the East. I contracted, while there for a Play-O-Graph score board for the world series. Will you tell me what you know about these boards? What kind is it you have for sale? And which is the better?.

I saw two on display at the A. N. P. A. meeting—
the Play-O-Graph and the Magnetic board. The Topeka Journal
and Wichita Eagle people told me they were well pleased
with the Play-O-Graph. "Doc" Moore has one at Pittsburg and
likes it. There is another one, the Star, used at Kansas
City and Huntington, West Va. and they are giving good
satisfaction. I think the price of all of them is about the
same. For your town a Play-O-Graph would be \$100 a year
with the priviledge to buy for \$500.

Yours very truly,

Geor Marble

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