

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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August 4,
1919.

Siegrist Engraving Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Please send us two quires
of No. 77 Seco Fabric, using the stock die
W 06, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

THE EL DORADO REPUBLICAN,

PER _____



August 5,
1919.

Siegrist Engraving Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Please send us 100 cards, for
Dr. Anna Perkins, the plate for which we are
sending you under separate cover. The cards
are to be size No. 40.

Very truly yours,

THE EL DORADO REPUBLICAN,

PER _____.

August 5, 1919

Van Patton, Inc.
New York City

Dear Sirs:-

In reply to your query, will say that Maxwell advertising on the issues of April 22 and 29 was inserted in accordance with instructions rendered us by Mr. E. R. Green, of the Auto Tire & Supply Co., who had told us to go ahead with the entire Maxwell schedule, and that his company would bear its share of the expense according to the original proposal.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per
Managing Editor

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August 6, 1919

Mayor L. W. Clapp,
Wichita, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

Inasmuch as it is currently reported that Bert C. Wells, of Eldorado, is being considered favorably for the position of city manager of Wichita, I would like to add a word in his behalf.

Mr. Wells is distinctly big city calibre. His work in Eldorado has been above criticism. He came to this town when Eldorado was in the throes of a wild oil boom. Scores of city improvements became imperative needs at once. The city was swamped with demands for sidewalks, sewers, paving, water extensions and all the material equipment that a growing city requires. Everything had to be done at once. Through it all Mr. Wells kept his head. He worked smoothly with the city commission, and as a result, Eldorado has emerged from its first boom rush with all the outward paraphernalia of a large city, with no serious lacks in its equipment, and upon a substantial financial basis that enables it to take care of its obligations easily. This feat in city building, which is all the more pronounced because of the factor of haste that made it insistent, is largely to the credit of Mr. Wells.

Personally, I dislike to see Mr. Wells leave this town. City affairs have been conducted so efficiently under his management that Eldorado would like to keep him. It will be extremely difficult to fill his place. But I feel that he

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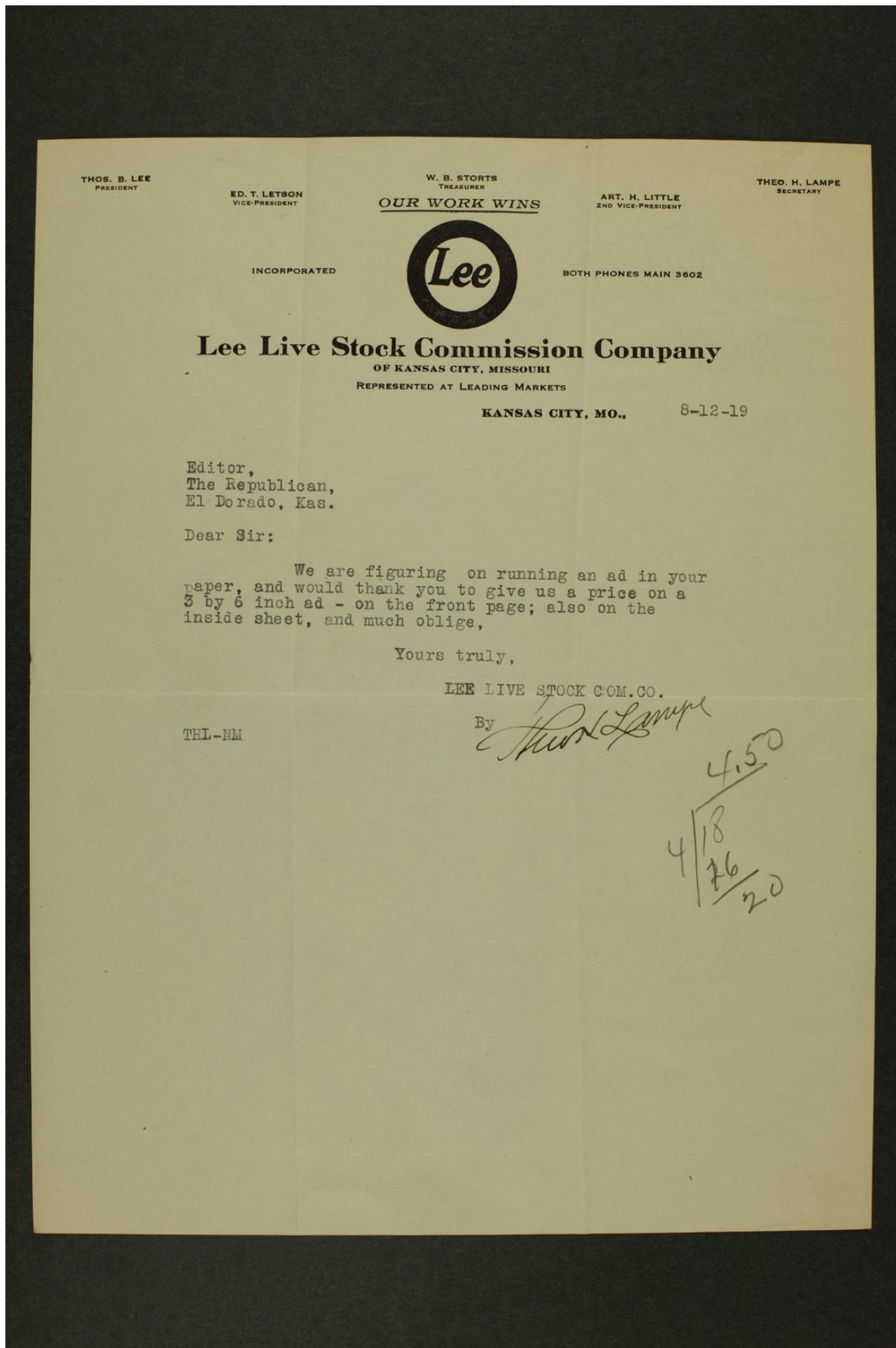
is big enough for a bigger job, and that if he is selected for the Wichita position he should take it. Both Mr. Wells and Wichita would profit by such a step.

Mr. Wells has little "front," is not bombastic, and is not being boosted upon some inspired wave of personal advertising. He is a plain, plug citizen who takes his job seriously and who saws wood all the while. Moreover, he has shown imagination and foresight in planning ahead for Eldorado and at no time has he overshot the mark. This ability to progress conservatively is one of his most appealing assets, in my opinion.

I shall be pleased to have you consider my judgment of Mr. Wells at this time when Wichita is seeking for a man to fit into her ideals of civic growth. He has been tried and has been found worthy. I think he would make a most worthy successor to Mr. L. R. Ash.

Very truly yours,

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August 12, 1919

Barnhart Bros. & Spindler,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

We would like to dispose of the Optimus cylinder flatbed press, which we purchased from your house during the spring of 1918. We do not have enough business for it to justify keeping it. We believe that by installing a large job press we would be in better position to handle our class of business profitably. Is there any way in which we could turn back this press to your house without sustaining too much of a loss? We will be glad to hear what you have to say in the matter.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per
Managing Editor



August 16, 1919

Kansas City Paper House,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

Please send us one ream Resolute Ledger 19x24-34 and
three thousand (3M) No. 63 round cornered cards, Drexel assorted.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per

Managing Editor

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August 16, 1919

Barnhart Bros. & Spindler,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

Please send us the following:
1-point brass rule No. 1001, hairline face
50 pieces 14 picas ~~xxxx~~
20 pieces 8 picas
75 pieces 4 picas
75 pieces 1½ picas

Also, 1 spool No. 27 round wire for Boston No. 4
1 dozen spring tongue gauge pins.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per
Managing Editor



FORM 8-9001a-AKMO

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Topeka, Kansas, August, 19, 1919

ElDorado Republican,
ElDorado, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

We are returning, herewith, your statement in the amount of \$249.00 and would request further explanation concerning items indicated on statement which do not appear to us as justified.

The change of copy on proofs necessitating 10 hours machine composition is no doubt due to the fact that this directory was delayed about 30 days, we understand for the reason that you did not have stock on hand.

The item of over time may also be a result of the above mentioned delay. We can see no reason for a charge covering extra folding or extra hand corrections. It is our understanding that this is covered in the quotation in contract.

The delay mentioned above, so far as we can learn, is by no means chargeable to this Company.

We wish to call your attention to our contract with you in which you agreed to furnish directories complete within 20 days from date on which copy is delivered to you.

Kindly advise us concerning this with the return of your statement at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Rolla Clymer
DIRECTOR MANAGER.

RMW:LJ



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August 20, 1919

Mr. R. W. Woolfolk,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter questioning the validity of certain charges on our bill for printing the Eldorado directory and hasten to reply.

Regarding the first item under scrutiny, that of changes in copy on the proofs, will say that our linotype operators took the copy as it was given them and set it. Then the new slugs were slipped into the galleys of standing matter and the proofs drawn. These were submitted to the local office, and when returned, numerous changes had been written in, such as "rural" for "oil," "residence" out or inserted, and the like. None of these was presented on the original copy, and to insert them called for a vast amount of machine and hand work. We felt that this was additional matter other than covered by the contract, and believe that it justifies an additional charge.

As to the item regarding the overtime for folding, this seems to have been the result of a verbal conversation between your local manager and our foreman. The foreman says that Mr. Nichols told him to go ahead and get the book out in a rush at the finish and he would tend to the extra expense. Mr. Nichols says that his remark must have been misconstrued. We were late with the book, but the foreman would not have gone to this additional expense without some such suggestion.



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My personal opinion is that there was a misunderstanding in this instance.

I feel that the charges made for changes on the proofs are fully justified, and that we should be paid for this service. As to the second item, you might inquire of Mr. Nichols concerning the circumstances.

We are not inclined to be arbitrary about this bill. We fully appreciate the handsome business that your company has awarded us in the past, and have no intention of overcharging you in the slightest. We understand fully that the contract calls for the delivery of the book within twenty days. At the time the book was in the house, we experienced a great amount of labor trouble, and were threatened by a strike or tieup by the local typographical union for several weeks. This naturally disorganized our force and slowed up the work. Again, when we had the book on the press, we found that the Central-Topeka Paper Company had sent wrong size stock on two-thirds of the amount shipped. We wired at once for new stock to replace the other, but it was a full week before the proper stock arrived. These delays were not within our power to prevent.

We trust that the matter may be adjusted without difficulty. We feel that both disputed items are justified, but have a disposition to meet you half way. We are returning our statement and shall be glad to receive further suggestions from you after you have heard our explanation.

Very truly yours,

Managing Editor



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August 20, 1919

Western Newspaper Union,
Wichita, Kans.

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed you will find form for J. C. Hoyt & Company. We want five thousand (5M) of these, size 14 3/4x5 cut out of 16-pound Hammermill, blue. Cut and punch the stock only. Punch per copy. Do not print or perforate. We will appreciate quick service on this order.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per

Managing Editor



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Type Barnhart Brothers & Spindler High Grade Printing Machinery, Material and Supplies

Fred Cornell
Manager

Both Telephones
Main 795

710-712 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City, Mo. [

August Twenty-two

1919.

The Republican,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Gentlemen:-

ATTENTION R. A. CLYMER.

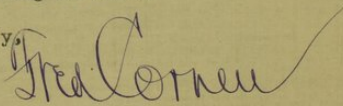
Some way or another your letter of the 12th got stuck in the bottom of the pile of correspondence on the writer's desk and I have just reached it.

At the time this inquiry came in I put it to one side thinking that I might get in mind some one who would be glad to get a quick delivery on a press like yours.

Right now as we are nearing the close our fiscal year we wouldn't want to accept the return of any piece of machinery, but we have no doubt but that you can turn this within a reasonable time. It is too bad that you have reached that conclusion for one of course has to sacrifice on the sale of any machine which has been used -- even though as in this case the press is probably as good as new. It is possible that the help problem is a factor in this -- that you find it easier to get a man who can secure good results with the platen than to find and hold a skilled job cylinder pressman.

We are going to keep this in mind -- Downing will too-- and if we hear of anything which may be of interest will write, or if a real emergency arises we would call you on the Long Distance.

Yours truly,



FC/M

Rolla Clymer correspondence

August 22, 1919

Graham Paper Company,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

We would like to know your price on envelopes made from 20 lb. Endurance Bond, plain, to match enclosed sample, size about 4x7, so that letterhead can be folded once and inserted. Do you carry these in stock, or would this have to be a special order? If special order, how much above regular stock prices would the cost be? Please give us quotations in 1000, 3000 and 5000 lots. We will appreciate an immediate reply.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per

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August 25, 1919

Kansas City Paper House,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

We are today returning two quires of 20x30 gray-back blue carbon paper, which was improperly wrapped, and damaged in shipment. Will you please see that we are furnished with two other quires of undamaged stock. This was included in our mail order, date of invoice August 21.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per

Managing Editor



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August 27, 1919

Kansas City Paper House,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed find copy of job, of which we want five thousand (5000) sheets, 14x5 inches, out of 16 lb. Hammer-mill blue, punched according to copy, and punched and out only. We will appreciate rapid service on this order as it has been delayed in our office.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per

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CLASS OF SERVICE	
Telegram	
Day Letter	
Night Message	
Night Letter	

If no class of service is designated the message will be transmitted as a first-rate telegram.

COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

DAY LETTER PREPAID

Bonnet-Brown Sales Service
223 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Ills.

W.Dorado, Kans.
August 27, '19

Have you classy designs women's evening and afternoon
gowns, latest models, larger than shown on service.
September sheets will not do. If so, rush a dozen
mate parcel post special delivery.

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223 W. JACKSON BLVD.
TEL. WABASH 8400-8401
PRIVATE EXCHANGE ALL DEPARTMENTS

The BONNET-BROWN CO.

ADVERTISERS
ILLUSTRATORS
ENGRAVERS

Chicago AUGUST TWENTY-SEVENTH,
NINETEEN HUNDRED
NINETEEN.

The Republican,
El Dorado,
Kansas.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your telegram of even date.

We have no designs such as you request
in Women's Evening and Afternoon Gowns
of the latest models.

If you can use them in a week or ten
days from now, we will be glad to get
some out special.

Regretting our inability to serve you
promptly in this instance, we are,

Yours truly,
BONNET-BROWN SALES SERVICE.

BY 

TR:MGB.

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Monthly from
Statement of

**Barnhart Brothers
and Spindler**

Babcock Cylinder Presses
Superior
Copper
Mixed **Type**
Printing Material of Every De-
scription; Electric-Welded Chases

Kansas City, Mo. 9/4/19

El Dorado Repu blican
El Dorado, Kansas

Memo Statement of #43 Optimus Press deal.

BALANCES DUE FOR PURCHASES IN											
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.

To Account Rendered

4/1/18	1 Babcock Optimus #43 set up	\$2975.00
	1 22x28 Poster Chase	9.50
		<u>2984.50</u>

Cash paid	656.50
Mortgage and 24 notes of \$97.00 each #7399-7422 -6%- dated 4/10/18	2328.00
	<u>\$2984.50</u>

Notes held by Babcock Co.

Their statement enclosed
showing 7 notes unpaid \$679.00

Int. from 4/10 to 11/10/19	64.50
	<u>\$743.50</u>

2984
2984.50
77.00



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Sept. 10, 1919

Burrell Engineering & Equipment Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Attention
Mr. Loughborough

Dear Sir:-

We wish to thank you for your order of advertising received yesterday, and will secure copy from the Walnut Valley Times and insert advertisement in space of five columns by six inches for one week, beginning next Monday, September 15.

We regret that our job department has not been able to turn out our new issue of rate cards effective September 1. However, in lieu of a card, will inform you that we make only monthly contracts and that our rate for a minimum of 500 column inches monthly is sixteen (16) cents per inch. Rate for minimum of 400 column inches monthly is eighteen (18) cents per inch. We have found this arrangement of rate fixing much more satisfactory to all concerned than any other method we have tried. It has been in effect for more than a year past.

We have informed both Captain Hall and R. G. Olson, who arrived today, that we stand ready to serve your company in a publicity way at all times, and will certainly do our part in welcoming you to Eldorado and helping you to become fully established here. Today we are running a first page story concerning Mr. Olson's arrival.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your advertising order and trusting that the quoted rates will prove satisfactory, we are

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

DAILY AND WEEKLY
W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
W. E. HUGHES, MANAGER
EMPORIA KANSAS

September 13, 1919.

Dear Rolla:

Here is a letter that may interest you. I wonder how you are getting on. I am coming down in a week or ten days and I shall see you then.

Truly and sincerely yours,

W. A. White



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DAILY EVERY EVENING EXCEPT SUNDAY

WEEKLY EVERY THURSDAY

The Fort Scott Tribune-Monitor

THE TRIBUNE-MONITOR COMPANY, FORT SCOTT, KANSAS
BY GEO. W. MARBLE

September 12, 1919.

Mr. Wm. Allen White,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:-

If you have come in touch recently with the publisher of a good, live daily who wants to sort of cut loose and turn the responsibilities of detail management over to a thoroughly competent man, will you please advise me promptly either by wire or mail.

I am making this inquiry voluntarily on behalf of Mr. Ray B. Duboc, who was with me as advertising manager until he volunteered in the army. He has come back a first lieutenant. I held his position for him, but he wants something involving more responsibility. I have been trying for several days to reconcile myself to throw down the reins on the Tribune and turn it over to him, but I can not do that for a year or two. Mr. Duboc is a young man of very extraordinary ability as an all-round newspaper man. He is one of the best writers I have known, is competent in perfecting organization and working out advertising and circulation development. I have never met a man I would trust more confidently with the management of the Tribune. Added to his other unusual qualities is a fine faculty for making friends among business men and making himself and the paper of service to them. I can guarantee him to anyone wanting a newspaper manager. He'll have to have a good salary, but he'll be lots cheaper to any newspaper needing constructive and efficient oversight than a low-salaried man.

Mr. Duboc is in a position to consider taking an interest in a proposition that appeals to him, or to consider purchasing.

There is certainly some newspaper in the Kansas field that is in need of just such a man and it occurred to me that you might be able to suggest some proposition with which I might put him in touch.

Yours very truly,

Geow Marble

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Sept. 13, 1919

Meyer-Both Company,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sirs:-

Under quotations of your letter of August 29, will say that you may send us mats included in your Sheets Nos. 3 and 4, Series ME 24, issue of September 15. We also would like the following individual mats: Nos. 316, 317, 318 and 319, women's wear.

We are not now in a position to use your complete service for which you made a contract offer of \$130 per year. We might, however, be interested in a proposition for a half service, us to be allowed to order a certain number of mats from your sheet each month. If you have such a proposal to make, we would be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per
Managing Editor

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Sept. 18, 1919

Dakota Advertising Agency,
Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Dear Sirs:-

We are herewith returning advertising order, copy and check for advertising of Dr. Doran as the same does not correspond with our rates. Our price for this class of advertising is thirty cents per column inch, less fifteen per cent commission. If you care to adjust your check to conform with these figures, we will accept the order.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN



Sept. 24, 1919.

Siegrist Engraving Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Please send us 100 cards and plate
for each of the following:

W. Lyndall Phillips

Style No. 11, Size 20 panel.

Mrs. W. Lyndall Phillips

Style No. 11, Size 200 panel.

and oblige,

Yours truly,

THE EL DORADO REPUBLICAN,

RMH_____

Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 2, 1919

Siegrist Engraving Company,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:- Please enter the following order for quick delivery:

5 quires Seco Linen (envelopes included) Style No. 73
paneled.

Die with initials "C. G. P." made in form shown on
Style No. 77

Embossing in blue in upper lofthand corner.

Be sure and send die with order. One die was missing
from recent shipment.

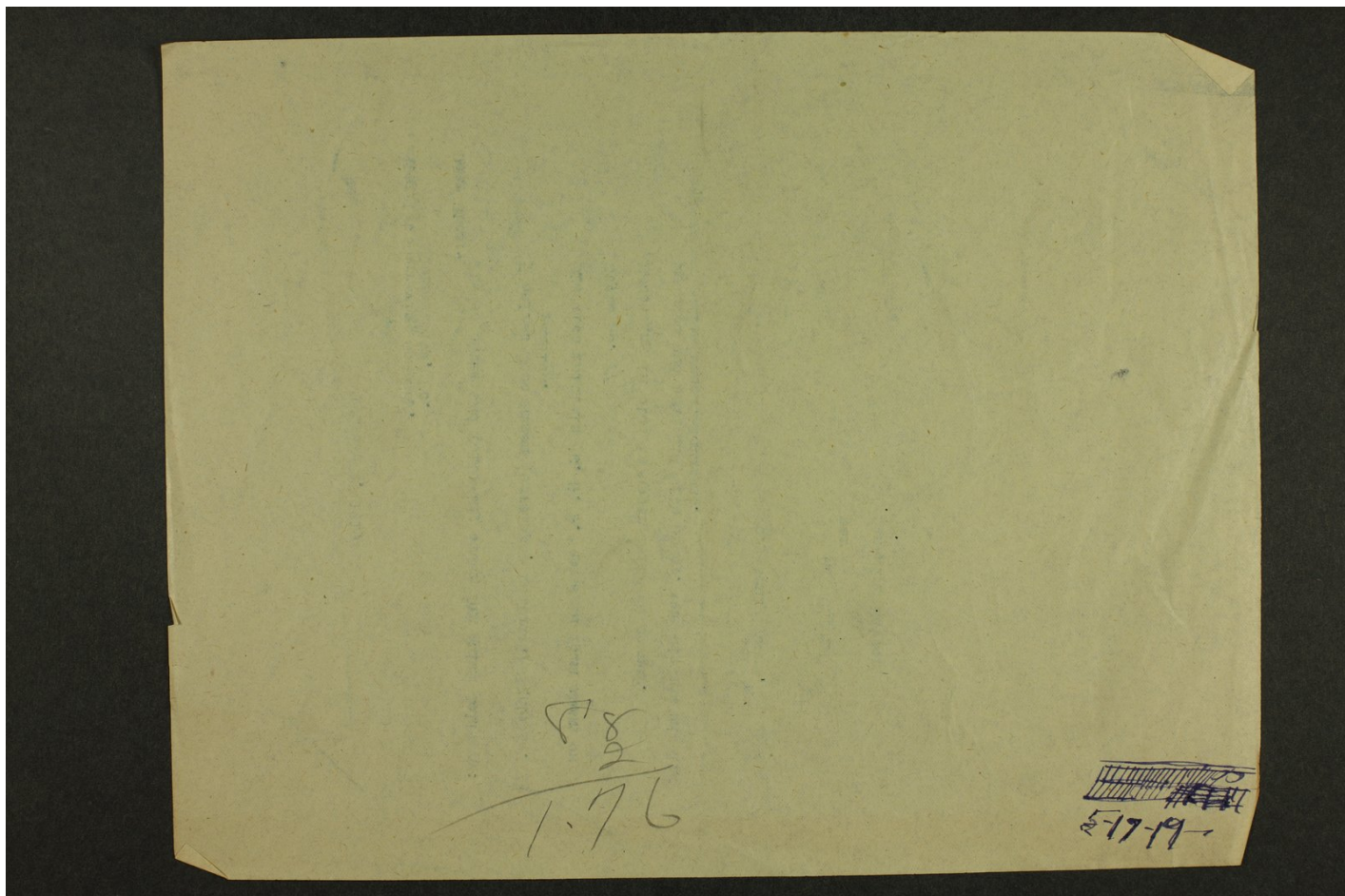
Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per

Managing Editor

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October 14, 1919

Siegrist Engraving Company,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

We are sorry to inform you that our customer refuses the order for stationery, initials C. G. P., which you delivered to us last Saturday.

If you will refer to our order dated October 2, you will see that we said: "Die with initials C. G. P., made in form shown on Style No. 77." This style was not used, and it is to the appearance of the monogram that the customer objects.

If our order was indefinite, it was because we had no other means to identify the form of embossing used.

We have removed the style we want from the permanent order sheet, and are enclosing it in this letter. This is the form desired. The other specifications as to paper and ~~position~~ position of the initials on the sheet, as well as the blue ink, were carried out according to requirements. Please return the sheet we are sending you, that our book may be complete.

Please see that this order is now finished according to our customer's desires. We will hold the rejected stationery, awaiting your instructions.

Very truly yours,

THE REPUBLICAN
per

Managing Editor

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STATEMENT

Topeka, Kan., OCT 14 1919

ELDORADO REPUBLICAN,

ELDORADO, KANS.

IN ACCOUNT WITH **CENTRAL-TOPEKA PAPER CO.**
Wholesale Paper
Nos. 221-223-225 Kansas Ave.

DATE	TERMS	FOLIO	CHARGES	DATE	CLASS	REF.	CREDITS
BAL. F.W'D							
JUL 3		373	39.03				
JUL 22		2006	15.30				
							<i>Error</i>
OCT 14	BAL.		54.33				

THIS ACCOUNT IS PAST DUE.
WE ASK THAT YOU KINDLY GIVE SAME
YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION,
YOURS TRULY
THE CENTRAL TOPEKA PAPER CO.