

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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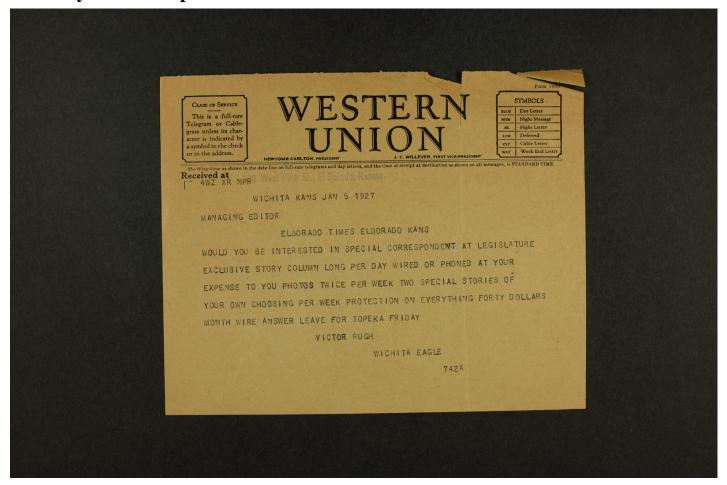
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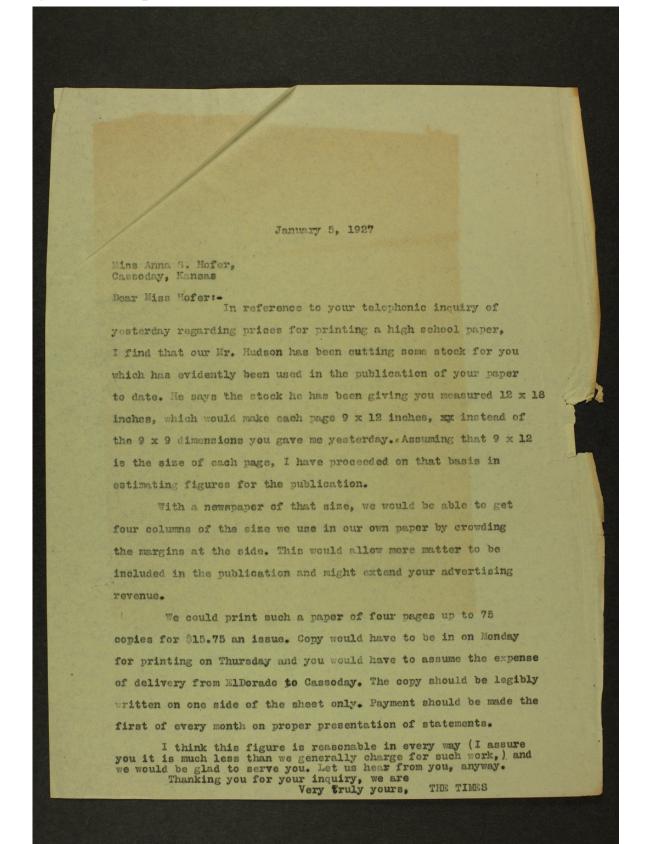
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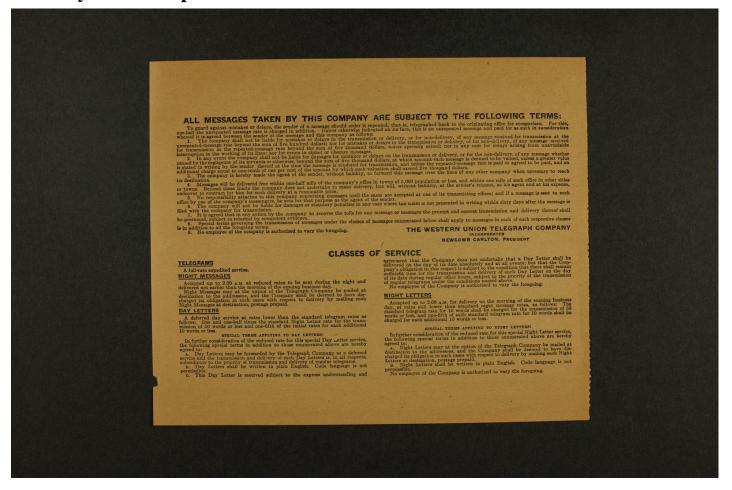






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NEW YORK . CHICAGO . TORONTO . SAN FRANCISCO . AKRON . WASHINGTON

WM. H. RANKIN COMPANY

CANADIAN PACIFIC BUILDIN 342 MADISON AVENUE New York



January 6th, 1927.

Publisher, Times, El Dorado, Kan.

Dear Sir:

We are contemplating a three-month campaign for the General Cigar Company on the Wm. Penn Cigar, and in preparing our estimates for this campaign, which has some special features, we find that your rate card is not clear on several points.

The campaign we contemplate consists of two 200-line display advertisements a month, for which it is easy enough to estimate the cost from your rate card.

In addition to this, we intend to run thirty single line bold face liners a week - ten on three separate days. This makes a total of 120 lines a month of the bold face liners. We wish to run these liners five on the first page of your paper at the bottom of the page or at such places as your make-up man cares to place them, and five in your column of personalities and local brevities.

The campaign, designed to run three months, may be repeated another three.

We have not been able to make out clearly from your rate card the cost of these liners and we wish you would give us the figures on them you telf. In short, what is the cost in your publication of single line liners similar to the one shown in a proof we are sending you?

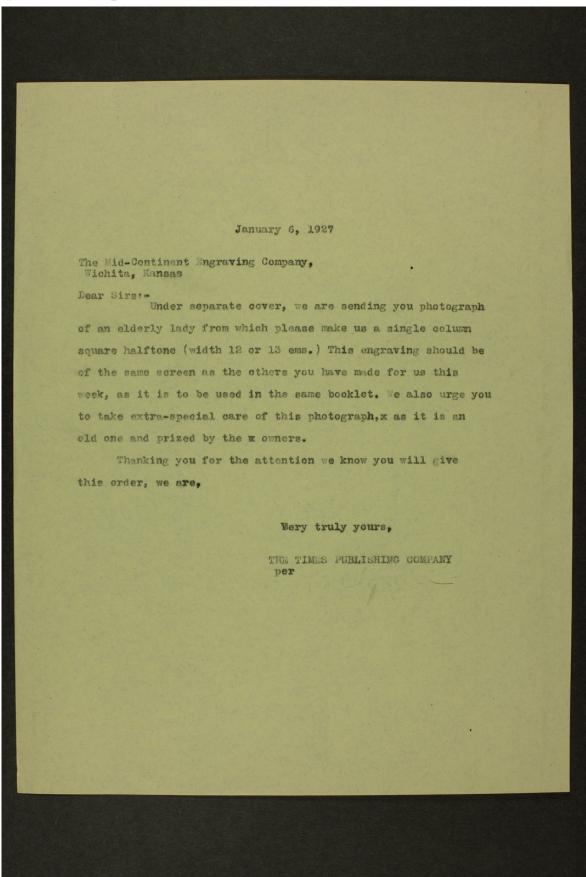
We wish to obtain this information as rapidly as possible in order that we may include your newspaper in making up our schedules on Wm. Penn.

Very truly yours,

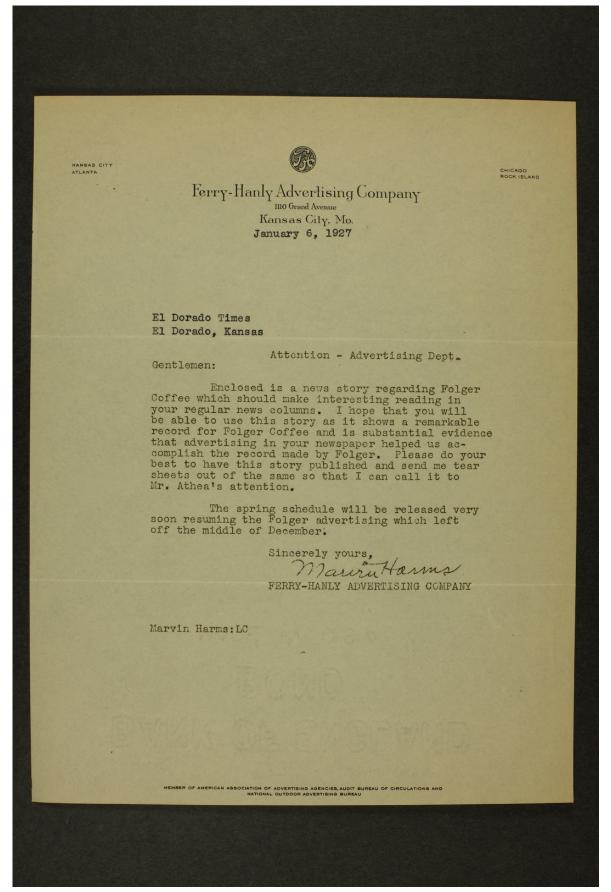
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January 7, 1927

The Cassoday State Bank, Cassoday, Kansas

Dear Sirs: Enclosed you will find copy of your bank statement with proof of publication attached.

We noted in setting up this form that there was evidently a mistake in addition under the head of liabilities and concerning the items "undivided profits" and "interest." We took the liberty of making a correction and so set it up on the form. If you find this correct, you may change your figures in ink before forwarding the form to the State Bank Commissioner. If our action in this respect has not been right, return the form and we will publish the statement without additional charge. Our sole purpose, however, was to serve your bank in what we conceived to be a minor error.

Assuring you that we appreciate your business and are always glad to help you, we remain,

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY per



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Managing Editor

PHILADELPHIA DETROIT
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THE KANSAS CITY KANSAN

ARTHUR CAPPER, Publisher

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

MEMBER
AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS

1/7/27

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, Eldorado Times, Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

The Kansas City Kansan will be moving into its new building about January 30. We think it is one of the best little newspaper plants in this part of the country.

You may remember the circumstances under which The Kansan was founded. The metropolis of this great state had for years struggled along without a daily newspaper, overshadowed and submerged by papers published in a sister state. The enterprising citizens of Kansas City, Kansas, finally decided that the situation was unbearable and that the civic, business, educational and religious interests of the city demanded a daily newspaper. It was upon their insistence that I consented to establish The Kansas City Kansan. Citizens committees canvassed the city for subscribers and solicited the business men for yearly advertising contracts. The paper was literally founded by the public-spirited people of Kansas City, Kansas. The first issue appeared Jamuary 31, 1921, and the child has grown in stature and in grace ever since that day. It has succeeded beyond my expectations. It has remade city. expectations. It has remade Kansas City.

In celebration of its sixth anniversary $^{\mathrm{T}}$ he Kansan is moving into its new building and gives three cheers in the form of a special edition. If you feel so moved I would be mighty glad to have you join in the cheering. I will appreciate anything you may care to say for publication in this edition.

Frater ally yours, Capper

P. S. Please address your answer to me in care of The Kansan. - A. C.

THE ONLY DAILY NEWSPAPER IN THE LARGEST CITY IN KANSAS-123,000 POPULATION

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THE Kansas City Kansan announces the occupancy about January 31, of its new home, a strictly modern, well equipped newspaper and publishing plant erected for The Kansan and publishing plant erected for The Kansan and provided by newspaper men who have inspected it to be one of the most complete and convenient medium sized newspaper plants in the middle west. The building and its equipment are estimated to be worth about \$750,000. With The Kansan's announces.



Little Civic Spirit.

Many of the men who had tried found a paper in Kansas City Kansas were men of ability in their profession and either had made conspicuous successes before trying the Kansas City Kansas feld or achieved successes after the Kansas City Kansas failure.

The causes which led to the failure of local newspapers were pointed out to be: First, a lack of unified civic spirit due to the fact that Kansas City Kansas had been made up of a group of small cities which had consolidated in name and government without consolidating in purpose and in vision for the future; and, second, that Kansas City Kansas had for so many years been regarded as a suburb of the larger city, Kansas City, Mo., just across the state line, that its citizens had grown accustomed to thinking of their city as an adjunct to the larger city.

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Up to K. C. K.

The Chamber of Commerce group went again to talk to the senator. Their faith in their city and their enthusiasm were so strong that the senator began to renew his interest. It was a poor business proposition, he said, but if the people of Kansas City Kansas were as much in earnest as their representatives believed they were ——? Senator Capper made the Chamber of Commerce group a proposition: If a guaranteed number of subscribers could be obtained and a guaranteed amount of advertising could be signed up for the first year, Senator Capper would establish a daily paper. His terms, the committee thought, were "pretty stiff." Senator Capper agreed with them, but pointed out that he would expect to have to put in an additional \$100,000 (which he eventually did—and more) and that unless the citizens wanted that paper enough to meet the conditions, they didn't want it enough to support it after it should be established.

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With Bailey at their head the members of the Chamber of Commerce organized to meet Senator Capper's terms. They organized a wartime drive with teams and speeches and parades and house-to-house soliciting. Patriotism—patriotism for the home town—was the slogan in the drive. Both men and women worked in that drive, the men "selling" the idea to business men not yet sold, the women writing orders for subscriptions.

Since The Kansan was founded in 1921 every store building on Minnesota avenue, the principal shopping district of the city, either has been rebuilt or has had a new front installed; a handsome memorial structure has been built; the business skyline has risen to the skyscraper class and almost two entire blocks of new buildings on both sides of the street have been added to the downtown district.

Past Experimental Stage.

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The lineage of national and foreign advertising in The Kansan indicates that advertising agencies
and their patrons thruout the
United States have learned the
name "Kansas City Kansas," and
have learned that it is a city in
its own right and a valuable field
of potential buyers.

With the exception of The Kan.

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With the cooperation of The Kansan the merchants of Kansas City Kansas have set out to put their town on a level, in its retail selling, with the level it had previously atteined as an industrial center.

The building and plant which was equipped in 1921 and which promised to be adequate for The Kansan for many years has been outgrown a long time and all departments of he paper have been occupying cramped and crowded quarters for two years or more. The moving into the new building is pointed to by citizens not only as an evidence of the paper's expansion but its permanency and as an evidence that the

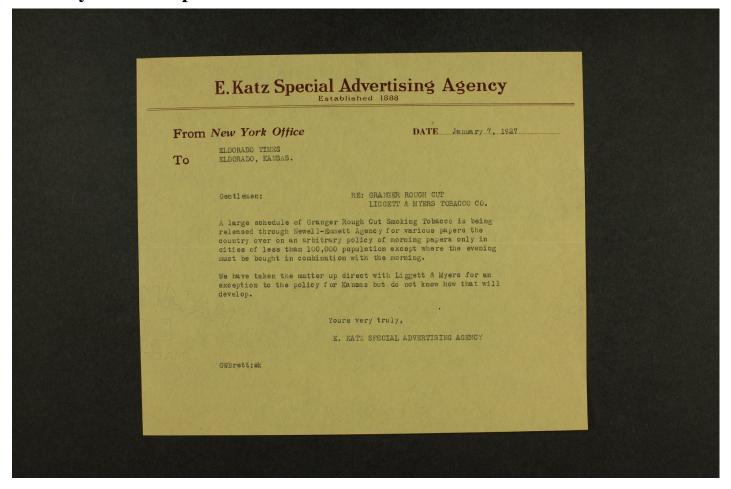




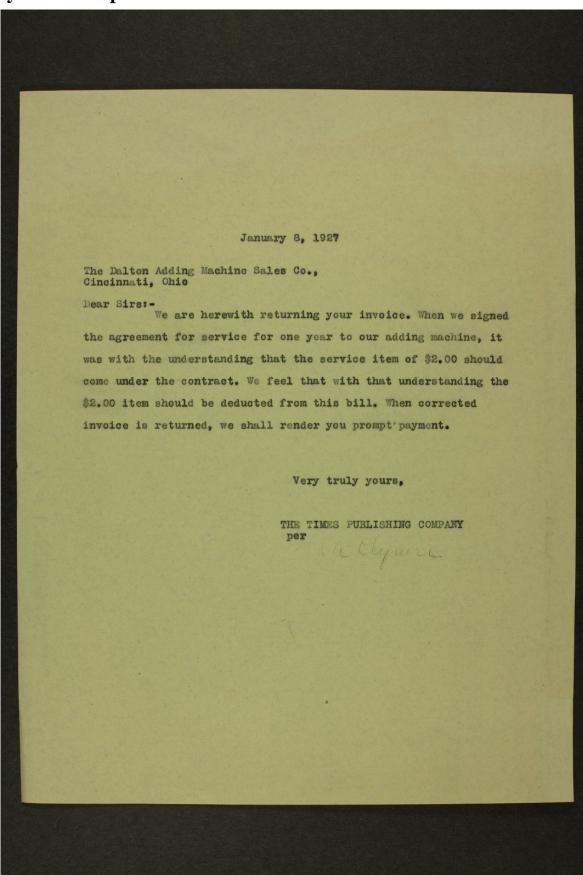














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E. Katz Special Advertising Agency

Established 1888

From New York Office

DATE January 8th, 1927.

To

TIMES, El Dorado, Kan.

Gentlemen :-

We sent you yesterday orders from the Corman Co. Agency for Dillingham Plant Juice advertising.

This agency just recently took over the account and they plan to run a consistent campaign over a period of months and to continue after that time if sales warrant it. Included with the order was a letter that they would like very much to have you send out to the local drug stores.

They are very frank in stating that it is not obligatory but state that they would like to have this cooperation in view of the fact that results mean more advertising, and they think that such a letter will help materially in getting a certain amount of cooperation from the druggists.

The agency would also like to have a list of druggists in your city. Will you please send this to us, and we shall turn it over to the agency. If your order also included a questionnaire for certain information to be obtained from one of the local druggists, will you please arrange to send this to us also?

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

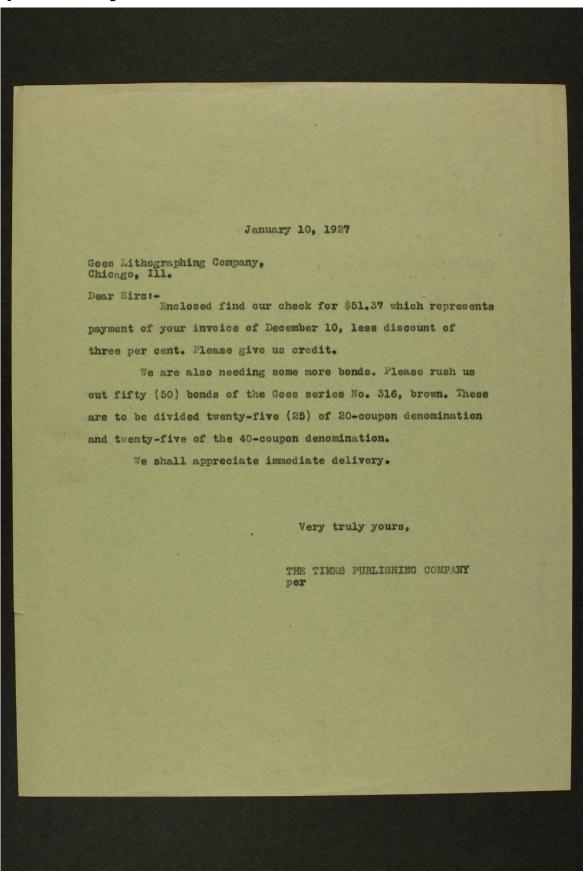
Yours truly,

E. KATZ SPECIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY.

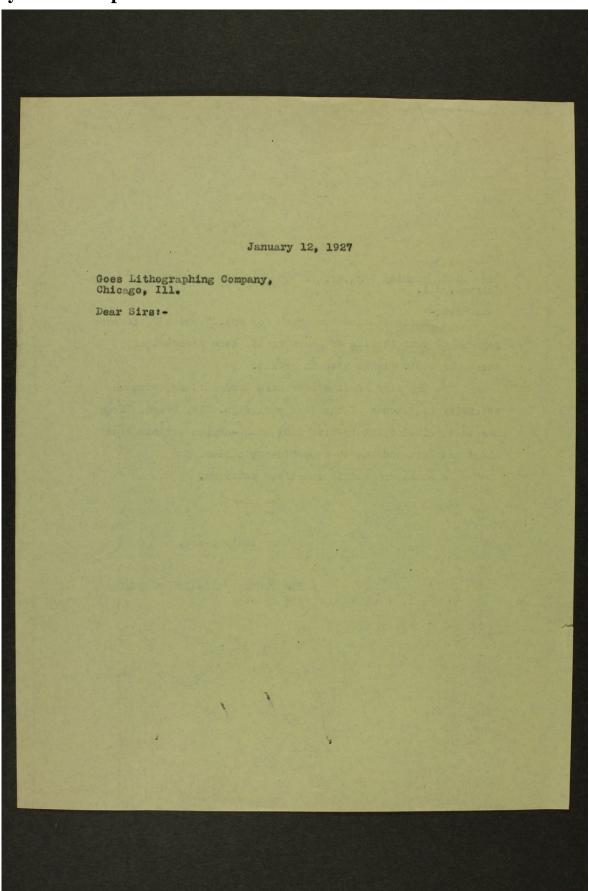
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January 10, 1927

Wm. H. Rankin Company, New York City

Attention Mr. L. Miller

Dear Sirs:We are very glad to reply to your request for our rates on bold face liners for the Wm. Penn schedule.

Our rates for bold face lines are 20 cents each. This would make \$24.00 for 120 lines. However, our schedule provides a discount of 10 per cent for 100 lines on contract to be used within any specified 30 days. Deducting 10 per cent, or \$2.40, would leave the net amount of \$21.60. This is further subject to your usual commission.

We wish to call to your attention that we permit no advertising of any nature upon our first page. These rates quoted are at run of paper rates positions. However, we have no restrictions upon the inside news pages and would be careful to place these liners wherever you would rather have them.

If you favor us with the order, the lines will be set in bold face, 6 point type. Our columns are 12 ems wide.

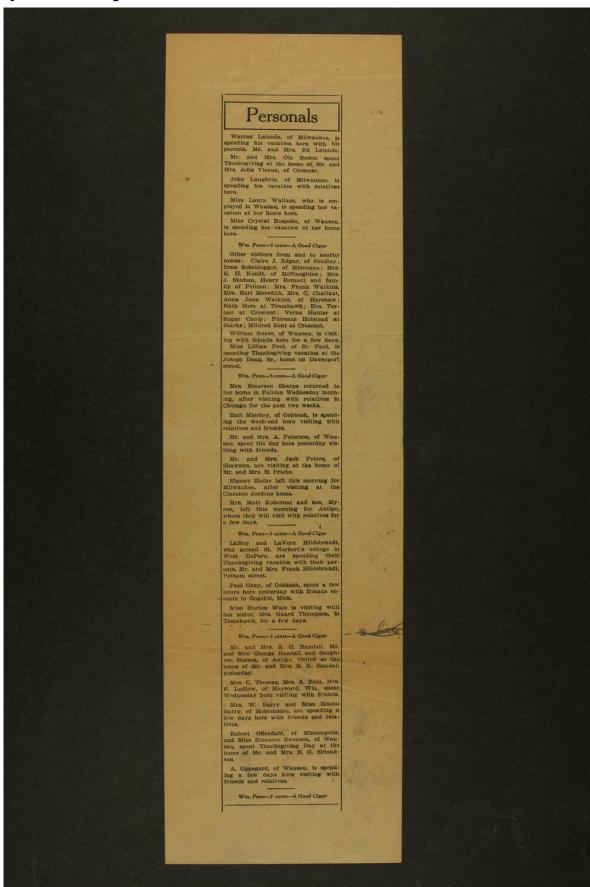
You already have our rates for display of 3 cents per agate line or 42 cents per inch.

We shall be greatly pleased to receive your order, and will give it our most careful and painstaking attention. Thank you for your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY per

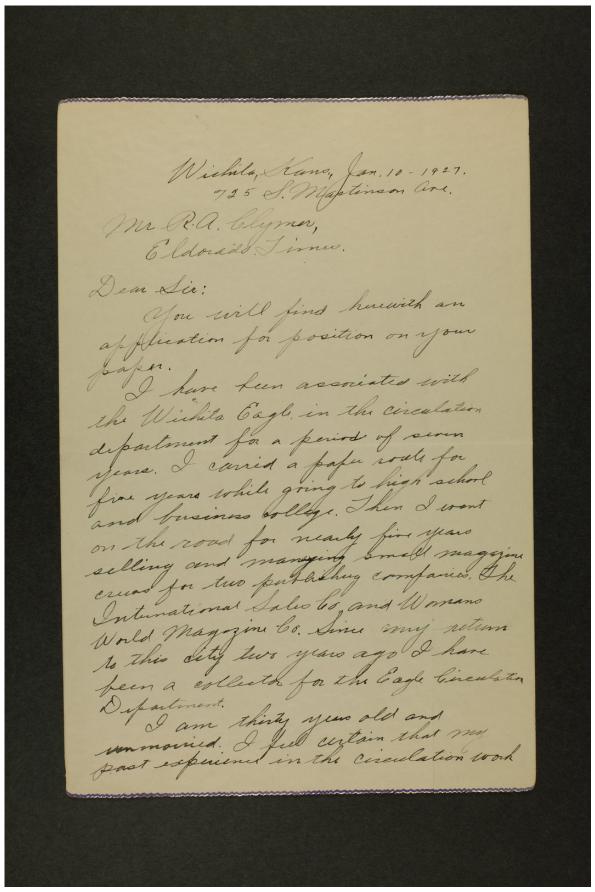




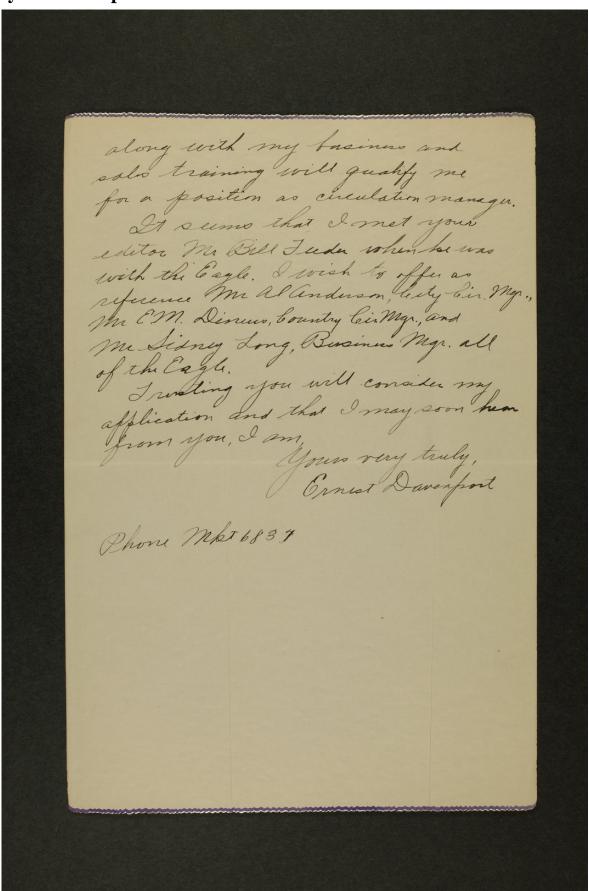




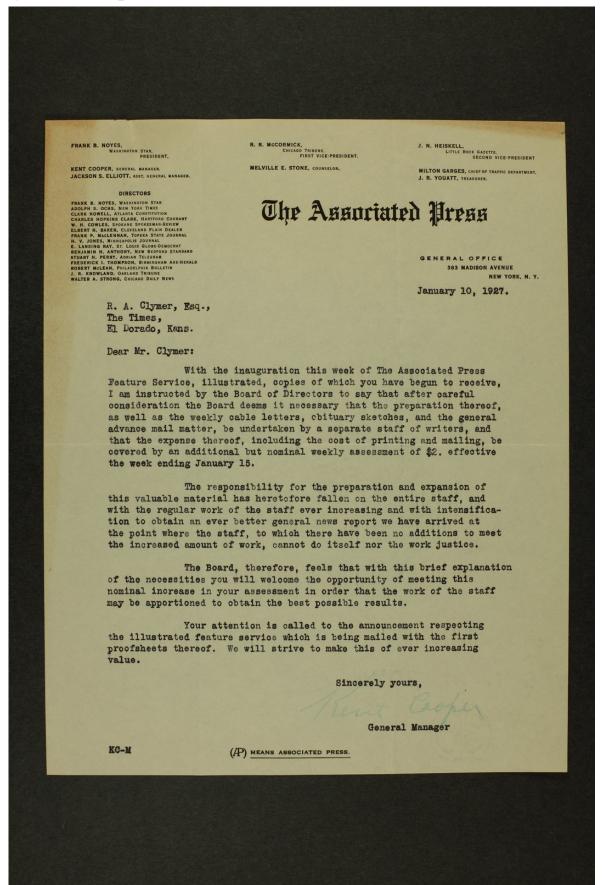












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Announcing ~

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FEATURE SERVICE

In response to a growing demand from members that THE ASSOCIATED PRESS establish a special feature service, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Teature Service, illustrated, to be mailed three times a week

to be mailed three times a week, has been inaugurated. Proof sheets are being mailed.

Two separate services will be is-

Two separate services will be issued—one for morning newspapers, the other for evening newspapers. Certain portions of the copy will be supplied to ALL members while certain other portions will be supplied exclusively to the morning or evening field, as the case may be.

INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE WILL BE:

- (1.) Daily columns, for every day in the week, on such topics as Sports, Women, New York, Movies, the Theatre, Styles, etc., each to be illustrated.
- (2.) One-time-a-week columns devo-ted to such subjects as Art, Music, Literature and Washington topics, each to be illustrated.
- (3.) A column of news briefs for filler use.
- (4.) Daily feature stories of a general human interest or news nature, 300 to 400 words, illustrated with picture layouts.
- (5.) Daily illustrated short news feat-
- (6.) Daily short stories, 50 to 150 words, not illustrated
- (7.) Biographical sketches of prominent persons, illustrated with 1 column portraits.
- (8.) Once-a-week feature stories from foreign fields.

DO YOU WANT

MATS

of Illustrations?

- ¶ You have been notified of the inauguration of the ASSOCIATED PRESS FEATURE SERVICE, and of the editorial assessment to cover.
- ¶ Mats of illustrations in each week's service sent to you, are available to member newspapers at an assessment of \$4, a week, to cover cost of manufacturing and mailing.

If you want the MATS fill out the attached Post Card and mail it.

Only new and original stories will be used. A special staff of feature

Separate Staff

news writers lo-cated at strategic points throughout the world will de-

vote their entire time to the development and preparation of material for this service.

You have already received singlecolumn and two-column mats of Art Heads which can be used in connection with the daily "col-

Your special attention is called to the make-up of the Feature Service copy which is prin-

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ted in large type, double leaded, on proofsheets of convenient size; text as

well as heads being set in 12-em measure, suited to convenient and quick mechanical reproduction.

A variety of heads are offered, each in newspaper head type, and written for their greatest utility. This is done as a time saver for

The feature stories in each mailing will be released on the day specified or at any time thereafter.

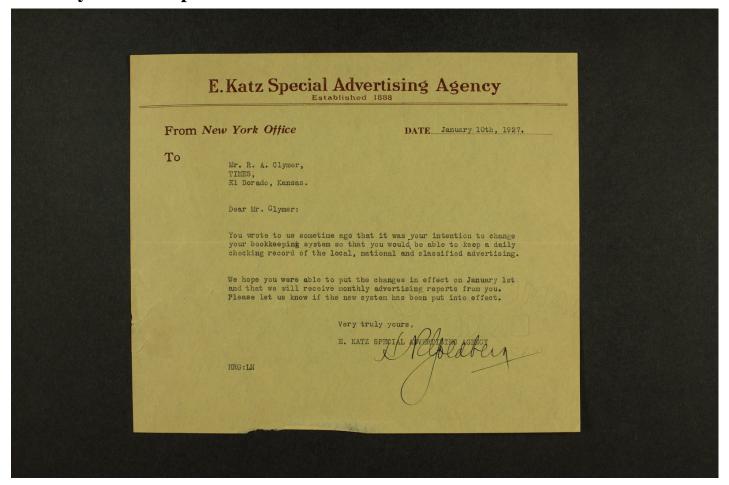
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Feature Service replaces in a broad way what has been known as our General Mail or Supplemental Mail Service, including the obituary sketches, the weekly cable letters, general advance mail matter and mail features.

The Associated Press

KENT COOPER, General Manager

New York, January 12 1927







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E.Katz Special Advertising Agency

Established 1888

From Detroit Office

DATE Jan. 10, 1927

To TIMES El Dorado, Kans.

You are on the schedule to receive the AllBran schedule of the Kellogg Company. Wr. Freeman, the advertising manager, writes as follows:

"You will be glad to hear that Kellogg's All-Bran established another new sales record during 1926. This is a real tribute, not only to the merit of the product and the Kellogg sales force - but to the newspapers of America which have consistently formed the backbone of All-Bran advertising."

"During 1927, we expect to beat the excellent sales record established in 1926. Your publishers can be of great assistance, both in the matter of giving good position to this advertising, and in cooperating with the Kellogg sales force from a merchandising angle."

"We will thank you to write your publishers, suggesting that they get in touch with the district sales manager whose name and address is listed below, advising him as to the ways in which they are prepared to cooperate with him, as in sending out letters or broadsides to the trade, etc."

Yours very truly,

A. H. Blomberg

AHB:VF

Mr. E. W. Rice, Kellogg Sales Co. 408 Land Bank Bldg Kansas City, Mo.



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January 11, 1927

Mr. S. A. Long, Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Long:
We have listened with interest to the tale that Mr. Clark E. Brown had to impart.

With our usual promptness and efficiency in such matters, we have communicated with the mayor and the city commissioners and have received permission to erect a temporary stand at the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue--our most important business street intersection.

Upon that stand, upon any day you select, you may fit the wooden limb upon the shrinking form of your local lady friend.

The Municipal Band will play "Leggo That Dog." All prisoners will be released from limbo. The mayor will preside, the Boy Scouts will carry said limb, the lagy will be attended by the W. C. T. U. and the Order of Kamelia, a Jewish rabbi will offer prayer and the fire department will make a practise run. If you care to have us do so, the stores will be closed, schools will be dismissed and all hands will march to and fro upon the pavement chanting "The Idylls of the King."

Out of delicate compliment to you, we shall endeavor to have the Kansas Gas and Electric Company suspend service (perhaps Bob Timmons can help us on that,) and you can have the streets lighted by Delcos. If you take advantage of the present cold snap, there will ne enough natural frigidaire for everybody.

We want to be of service and this opportunity appeals to our generous natures. If any changes or additions in the program will be pleasing to you, just notify us. We stribe to please.

Attached to this sheet is a paragraph which appeared in The Times in its issue of November 24, 1926. If you haven't seen this before, it will probably appeal to you.

Come over some time--whether you fit the limb or the limb continues to have fits.

Yours,



