

## 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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The Empire Companies  
Bartlesville, Okla.

March 10, 1927

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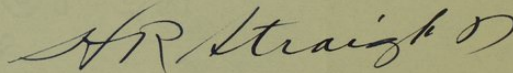
Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor  
The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I thank you for the courtesy to our organization shown in publishing on the first page of the March 4th issue of your valued newspaper the story relative to Cities Service securities prices.

The favor is consistent with your attitude of friendly interest in our company, which I assure you is appreciated by the management and the employees generally.

Sincerely yours,



Vice President and General Manager



March 10, 1927

Dr. L. T. Smith,  
Newton, Kansas

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Rev. Robt. L. King, formerly pastor of our church here but for three years with the First Presbyterian Church at Shawnee, Okla., has written me, asking me to present his name to the Newton church as a possible candidate for the pastorate there. In the absence of Colonel Moisington, I am writing you and you may pass it along to the proper persons--if you are not one of those to consider it. Mr. King was a good pastor here and a popular man but was not strong in the pulpit. He is young and vigorous, however. Since going to Shawnee, he tells me he has added 300 members to the church there. He dislikes Oklahoma and is anxious to get back into Kansas, if possible. Since going to Shawnee, his college has granted him a D. D., which title he now wears.

If you are interested in Dr. King, you may write him direct or consult with me.

Thanking you for your consideration of this matter, I am  
as always,

Sincerely,

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March 10, 1927

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sirs:-

Please ship us as soon as possible under terms of our contract a 50,000-pound car of news print, all of it in the size 70-inch rolls. Please confirm this order, informing us as to possible shipping date, and please route the car for delivery over the Missouri Pacific lines.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per *Rolla Clymer*

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March 10, 1927

Rev. Robt. L. King,  
Sharnec, Okla.

My Dear Mr. King:-

I have your letter regarding the opening at Newton. It happens that Mrs. Clymer's parents, the Hoisingtons, have gone to China, so that we are out of touch with what is happening in the church there. I shall pass your name along, however, with a letter to Dr. L. T. Smith.

If you have a desire to return to Kansas, I trust you may be permitted to do so. We should like to have you back with us here. Things are going along well, both for the church and in the community generally. At home, we have two youngsters and they keep us busy.

I am sorry I cannot write you more at length today but I am quite badly rushed. If you want me to do anything else for you, don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



March 10, 1927

Kansas City Smelting Company,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

Please ship us at once via Missouri Pacific freight  
one thousand (1000) pounds of linotype metal.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per

March 10, 1927

Miss Anna S. Hofer,  
Cassoday, Kansas

My Dear Miss Hofer:-

We shall be pleased to have your journalism class visit The Times office at any time. If you can, give us an idea as to when you expect to be here but come along, anyway.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Sir,

Latham Kans.  
March 10. 27

your letter of the 3rd received. Have been thinking I would see you in person this week but sickness in family detains me from coming. I certainly do take an offense at such a snitch up when I was not in the affair at all, your reporter was never authorized to publish no snitch stuff. by neither Sheriff nor the County Attorney for I have talked with all three of them Alva Vinson & Harlan Cotton were found not guilty of being drunk Ellis Brenner was the only one of the three who was drunk and had whiskey

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on him he had a fine to pay  
and out on two year parole  
our boys had to suffer the disgrace  
by being in his company you  
published the other statement now  
I feel it's up to you to correct it  
I feel it no fault of yours but  
your reporter I think they should  
know atleast who they are publishing  
hoping to see a correction of your  
first statement, yours  
Ralph Cotton

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March 11, 1927

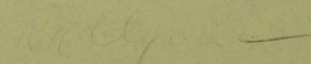
Mr. Ralph Cotton,  
Latham, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Cotton:-

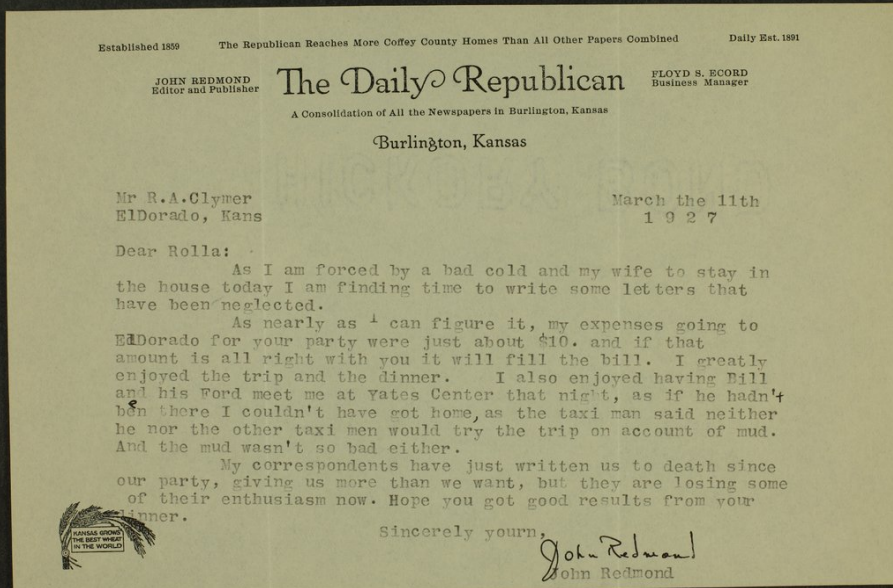
I am enclosing herewith a letter to you from Mr. Feder, our city editor, and also a clipping from today's paper. I trust both of these will clear up the unfortunate situation that has arisen. In the newspaper business we have to handle a lot of stuff that gives us no pleasure to publish. We always try very hard to get our facts straight. We would not intentionally do any one of our readers an injury. I have checked up this case thoroughly and feel that our reporter was not at fault. He is a most careful man and handles the most delicate matters with a great deal of discretion and accuracy. I believe that he was misinformed in this instance by the authorities, whoever they were, who told him about that story. But we are trying to straighten it out and I trust the article on the first ~~page~~ page of today's paper will clear you of unjust connection with an unpleasant incident. If it does not, we shall be glad to publish anything else that will help you.

I assure you that The Times wants to get along with the people of the county and never to publish anything that will do anyone a wrong. Whenever you are in town, I should take it as a personal favor if you would come to see me.

Very truly yours,



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March 11, 1927

The Piggly Wiggly System,  
Abilene, Kansas

Attention Mr. Elliot Belden, Advertising Manager

Dear Sirs:-

Two communications came to us in the mail today from Abilene, and I shall make one reply serve for both. One letter from Mr. Witt, assistant advertising manager, included a check for subscription, for which we thank you. The paper will go forward at once. It also included a questionnaire form, which we have filled out and herewith enclose together with copies of rate cards. They are self-explanatory. The cards printed in brown ink carry the local rate schedule and will apply to advertising of your store here. We are also sending a foreign rate card (the one printed in black) which carries specifications regarding mechanical requirements and other information which you may care to have. Disregard the display rate on the foreign card entirely, for that is designed to take care of all advertising placed through agencies and by the foreign representative. If this information does not suffice, tell us what you want and we shall gladly send it.

We are anxious to take care of your advertising in a first-class way, and want to conform with your requirements as to type faces and arrangements. We should like to have full warning beforehand in this regard, so that if our machines do not carry the proper size mats we can replace them, or if we need certain faces of display type we can procure that.

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I was greatly pleased to have the personal letter from you. I recall acquaintance at previous golf meets and elsewhere and trust that we may renew it. Your suggestion that we have a golf game at the time of your contemplated visit to Eldorado meets with my full favor, and you shall certainly be accommodated. We shall trust that the spring weather continues, for the truth is that none of the boys here have unslung their trusty warclubs at yet.

We have been glad to cooperate to some small extent with the United Stores Company representatives as they have come to Eldorado, and at all times stand ready to help. Your men have made good impressions here, and I feel sure that Piggly Wiggly is going to start off most auspiciously in this vicinity. We are glad to have you come to town and believe you have picked a live one.

Come to Eldorado as soon as you can, Mr. Belden, and we shall try to paint the town a mild pink for you, at least. If there is anything you, or any of your organization, wants in the meantime, don't hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,



O. S. STAUFFER, EDITOR

ESTABLISHED 1870



### The Arkansas City Daily Traveler

MORE THAN 25,000 READERS DAILY

ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

March 12, 1927.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,  
The El Dorado Time,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

In re: James Bunnell

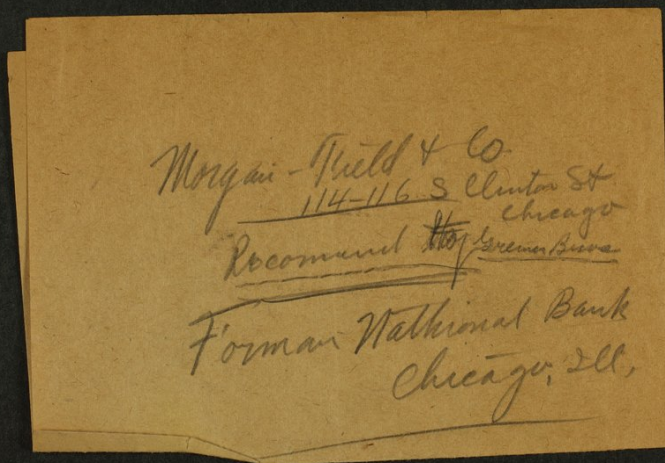
We are sorry to report that we were compelled to charge off an account of James Bunnell's last year of some thirty odd dollars. Some 12 or 18 months ago he took the bankruptcy law and it is therefore impossible to make any collection from him. Sorry to know of your loss in this but we all get them at times.

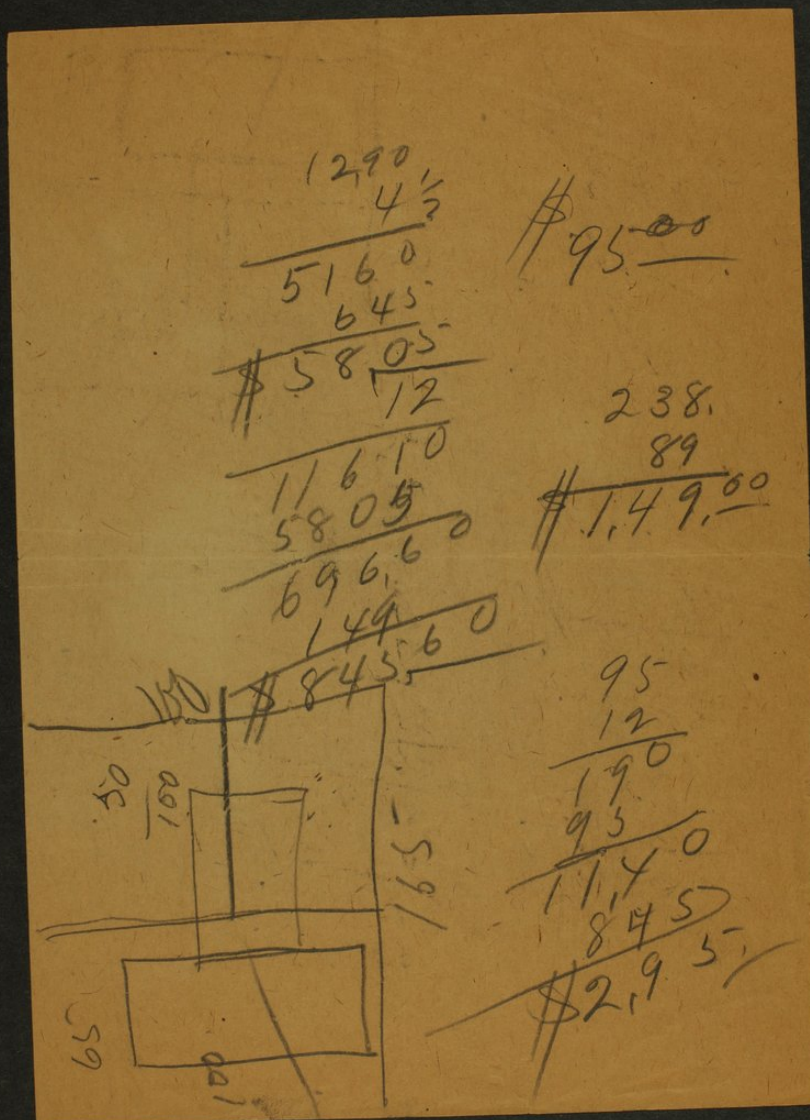
With kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours very truly,

*D. H. Gaur*

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### Hecker-H-O Company INC.

MILLS AT BUFFALO, N.Y. AND AYR, ONTARIO  
GENERAL OFFICES-GENESEE BUILDING  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

H-O OATS (HORNBY'S) REGULAR  
H-O OATS (QUICK) NEW STYLE  
BRAN-DANDIES (SUNNY JIM)  
FORCE WHOLE WHEAT FLAKES  
PRESTO CAKE FLOUR (SELF-RISING)

HECKER'S CREAM FARINA  
GRANDMA'S PANCAKE FLOUR  
OLD HOMESTEAD PANCAKE FLOUR  
HECKER'S CREAM BUCKWHEAT FLOUR  
HECKER'S CREAM SELF-RISING FLOUR

March 12, 1927

The Eldorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Att'n. R.A.Clymer

Dear Sirs:

Naturally we are pleased to hear that you will send out a letter to the trade informing them of the campaign on Sunny Jim Bran Dandies. Enclosed you will find a suggested copy for this letter. Please send it out just as soon as you receive the orders for the campaign and be sure that we receive a sample of the exact letter used. We are also sending you some small slips to be enclosed in these letters.

Your offer of display window has been turned over to our local representative, Seavey & Flarsheim Brokerage Company, 115-117 N. Mead Street Wichita, Kansas. They will get in touch with you to carry out this worthwhile bit of cooperation. We note that your solicitors will give us their sincere support endeavoring to obtain tie-up advertising.

Any assistance that you give us on these matters is going to be remembered and will be to your benefit.

Respectfully yours,

HECKER-H-O COMPANY, INC.  
Advertising Department

by *H.A. Pleuthner*

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**SAY IT  
WITH FLOWERS**  
ON  
BIRTHDAYS  
WEDDINGS  
ANNIVERSARIES  
GRADUATIONS  
ANY OCCASION  
by WESTERN UNION-  
Or by Florists Telegraph  
Delivery Association

# WESTERN UNION

Form 1501

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.  
99 West Pine St., El Dorado, Kansas.

SYMBOLS	
DL	Day Letter
NITE	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
LC	Deferred
CLT	Cable Letter
WLT	Week End Letter

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ROLLA CLYMER

ELDORADO KANS

RECALLING YOUR FINE HELP BEFORE IN EFFORT TO PRESERVE SHAWNEE  
MISSION AS STATE PARK KNOW YOU WILL BE GLAD TO  
LEND A HAND NOW PERIOD HOUSE HAS PASSED APPROPRIATION MEASURE  
AND GOVERNOR READY TO SIGN PERIOD WILL YOU USE YOU INFLUENCE  
WITH YOUR SENATOR PERIOD VOTE MONDAY OR TUESDAY PERIOD BEST  
WISHES

J C NICHOLS

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### The Wichita Eagle

WICHITA, KANSAS

MARCELLUS M. MURDOCK, PUBLISHER

March 14,  
1927

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
The El Dorado Times,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

My dear Clymer:

I just want you to know that I received your letter of January 17 regarding the work of the Nominating Committee of the Associated Press. Your suggestion and proffered support of me as a possible nominee is a fine compliment and I appreciate it.

Let me too thank you for the invitation to come over and see you. I surely must do that soon.


With best wishes, I am

Yours,


Marcellus M. M.

MMM:EK

336 GUEST ROOMS  
177 ROOMS WITH BATH  
RATES \$1.00 TO \$2.75  
DINING ROOMS



NEW  
MODERN  
FIREPROOF  
COMPLETELY  
REMODELED  
REFURNISHED



CIGARS & NEWS  
BARBER SHOPS  
STENOGRAPHERS  
LUNCH COUNTERS

H. G. STEWART  
MANAGER  
CHAS. SNELL  
AUDITOR

HOTEL KINGKADE  
HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

HOTEL BRISTOL  
249 S. BROADWAY

**HOTEL KINGKADE AND HOTEL BRISTOL**

WRITTEN FROM HOTEL KINGKADE  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

3-14-27

*El Dorado Times.  
El Dorado Kansas.*

*Gentlemen:*

*Please get out  
an MJB coffee letter to  
the trade something like  
the attached. And send  
six copies to me care  
this hotel. Also copies  
to Mr. Homer Iragier and  
Mr Harry Hinsley care McConnell  
Hotel. El Dorado Kansas.  
Mr Iragier & Mr Hinsley are  
both with our jobber The  
Theo Beecher Merc. Co.  
Yours truly,  
A. R. Stuart.*

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### E. Katz Special Advertising Agency

Established 1888

From *New York Office*

58 WEST 40TH ST., N.Y.

DATE March 14th, 1927.

To

Times,  
El Dorado, Kan.

Gentlemen:-

Re: SUNNY JIM BRAN DANDIES.

If you have not already received a letter from the Hecker H-O Co., you very likely shall within the near future. They are planning a campaign on their product, Sunny Jim Bran Dandies, and this letter asked for certain cooperation.

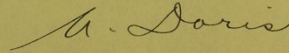
We saw these people in February and at that time this campaign was in the making but they were not ready yet to give out any definite information. It seems however, that some progress has been made and we know that they have sent such letters to some papers.

Cooperation is important to them and they want all that they can get. If you should hear from them, will you please let us know? The campaign as it is laid out, calls for 5,000 to 6,000 lines of advertising.

Yours truly,

E. KATZ SPECIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY.

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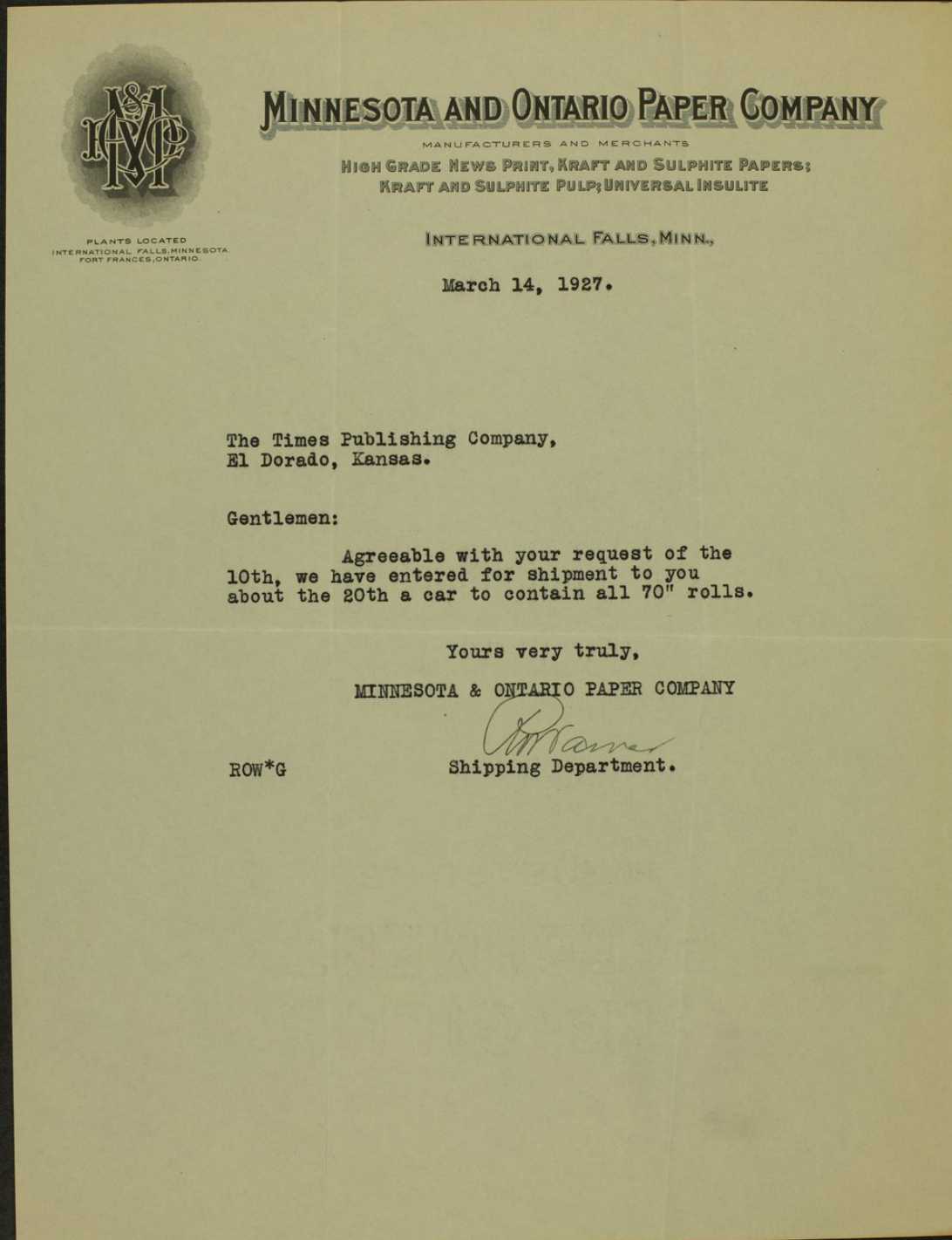
Mr. John Redmond,  
Burlington, Kansas

My Dear John:-

Here is your check. I am sorry you have been so modest in delaying so long to state the sum. It is certainly satisfactory with me the amount you named, though I fear it is hardly enough. I appreciate the favor you did us greatly, and will be glad to return it in kind if ever I am in position to help you. Hope evrything is running along all right with the paper. We have not been borthered with too much business so far this year.

Gratefully yours,

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THE COLLEGE OF EMPORIA

FREDERICK W. LEWIS, D. D., PRESIDENT

EMPORIA, KANSAS

March 14, 1927.

Mr Rolla Clymer,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:-

This is just to enquire whether or not you are using my Mid-week Worship. If you are I want to subscribe for your paper for the months of April and May in order to secure clippings to help me make up a prospectus. By means of this I hope to sell this feature to some of the larger papers in Kansas and adjoining states.

With very best personal wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Frederick W. Lewis*

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THE OTTAWA HERALD

R. A. HARRIS, Editor and Owner

OTTAWA, KANSAS

March 14, 1927

Mr. Rolla C. Clymer,  
ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

George Marble, president of our lately inactive Kansas Daily Newspaper Advertising Association, has requested me to issue a call for a brief meeting of the Association at Topeka Thursday afternoon of this week. He assumed that most of the members would be in Topeka for the Press Club dinner that day. Time and place of the meeting will be announced at Topeka Thursday. I hope that you can attend.

Yours very truly,

*Jack Harris*

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DRS. TRIMBLE & GRANGER  
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT  
OFFICE  
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
EMPORIA, KANSAS

OFFICE HOURS, 9:00 TO 12:00; 1:30 TO 4:00  
OFFICE PHONE 737

March 14, 1927.

Dear Clymer,

Harold Grant and I have seen by the papers that Coach Lindsey of Bethany College has recommended Carlson to take his place at Bethany. That will leave a vacancy at Eldorado and we want to suggest the name of a graduate of this year's class, Leslie Horn.

We realize that Carlson will probably have someone to suggest also, probably from Bethany, but if you think it would do any good we would be glad to put in a formal application, have the boy go down there, or any plan you would suggest.

Horn has played football four years, was captain this year, and has been an outstanding player all the time. He is a good clean liver and was a good leader. He has also played basketball for three or four years on the regular team. He is a shot put man in track but has been around the coach and team so that he should be able to handle such work fully as well as the average, especially when his knowledge of the other sports are considered.

We realize your coach down there will be a hard man to follow as he has had very good success but we are willing to put Horn up against any other man they might get from this year's graduates. They might want a man who has had experience and in that case we have some College graduates to mention.

If you think Horn has a chance and have any program to suggest, let me know.

From the way Grant talks, he expects to be here another year although he has not told me definitely. He will try to arrange Spring football practice in late March or early April. He loses so many by graduation this year he will have to build a new team and wants the help of the seniors to afford opposition for his new men. Any of your high school graduates, looking for a college where they will have a good chance at the team should surely consider us. A good high school player should make the squad the first year, get into a number of games the first year, and be a regular after that.

I traded my big house for a farm and then traded the vacant ~~house~~ lot as first payment on a six room bungalow. We are well satisfied with the deal although we want a different house in a few years.

*My family is well and I hope yours is too*

*Sincerely,  
George*



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March 14, 1927

Mr. Hugh Craig,  
Hiawatha, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Craig:-

I was pleased to get a letter from you, though we do not know each other personally. However, when a man goes to the trouble to write me a long letter in long-hand, stating his position reasonably and without abuse, I feel as if I knew him--even though we do not happen to agree.

Let me say that my present attitude regarding the McNary-Haugen bill is not influenced in the slightest ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ by political considerations. I have said editorially in the past and feel now that President Coolidge should not be a candidate for re-election because of the third term issue. I think he should drop out at the end of his present term.

I am deeply interested in the welfare of the farmers, for I realize that whatever affects the farmers' best interests will react surely to the welfare of us all. I heard Secretary Jardine's talk at Emporia last August and felt then that the McNary-Haugen bill would not solve this great national problem. However, I was led to believe after both houses of Congress passed it that possibly it was well to give it a trial. However, after reading and studying the President's veto message, I feel sincerely that it was a piece of legislation which was economically unsound and that the farmers, above everybody else, would have found it unsatisfactory. I believe it would have worked a great hardship upon the nation generally and would have wrought chaos and havoc without curing the evil it was intended to eliminate. And I am forced to feel now that many congressmen voted for it, feeling it was unwise legislation, but merely getting their vote on record in order to appear to be the farmer's friend--trusting confidently that they could afford to do this because the President had courage and wisdom enough to veto it.

I have talked to many farmers since the bill was vetoed and have yet to find a single one who was in favor of its passage and who thinks the President has done wrong. Every farmer I have approached has been of the intelligent, well-informed class. Frankly, I have been surprised at their reaction; nevertheless, this has been my experience. Doubtless there are many who feel as you do, but they have kept surprisingly quiet about it in this region.

I shall look up the reference you have given me in the Congressional Record and shall study it. I want to hear both sides of this important controversy.

I am glad you wrote and trust we may maintain contact with each other.

Sincerely yours,

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March 15, 1927

Mr. Jack Harris,  
Ottawa, Kansas

My Dear Jack:-

My wife is "throwing" a party the night of the seventeenth, so--even though you are unmarried, as yet--you may be able to understand why it is that I cannot be in Topeka on that date. You may take this as your assurance, however, that I will be "in" on anything of a x practical and reasonable nature that the boys decide to do regarding the resurrection of the Kansas Daily Newspaper Advertising Association.

Very truly yours,

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March 15, 1927

Mr. H. D. Thompson,  
Sales Manager Kansas City Paper House,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Harry:-

On March 5, we had a letter from you regarding over-shooting us on orders of Padsit Tabbings Cement. Here is the situation as it stands today:

On February 9, we placed an order with McKinley. That is the date of the invoice totalling \$5.29. This was shipped from Oklahoma City and when it arrived was smashed open and practically all of the cement was lost. We informed your house and you very promptly and very kindly sent us another gallon to take its place, and also forwarded a credit memo under date of March 1 balancing off the item of \$5.29.

We were billed for another gallon on March 4, (\$5.47) and today, under date of March 14, we get another invoice of a gallon at \$5.67. The tabbing compound for this last order has not arrived, however.

One gallon will be enough to take care of our needs for the present, so we are asking you to dispose of this third gallon if you will and give us credit for the invoice of the 14th.

Thanking you for your interest in this small detail, we are,

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Southwestern Division

Kansas City,  
March 15, 1937.

To the Kansas Members:

At the request of Mr. George W. Marble, State President, a meeting of the Kansas Associated Press Editorial Association is called for Thursday, March 24, at Kansas City. Purposes of the meeting, outlined by Mr. Marble:

1. To consider the matter of the canvass for proxies.
2. To discuss the illustrated feature service.
3. To consider any new business brought up by members.

The meeting will be held in the Hotel Muehlebach at 10 a.m. The bulletin board in the hotel lobby will give the meeting room.

It is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Sincerely yours,

RALPH E. HEPPE

Division News Editor.

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March 15, 1927

Governor Ben S. Paulen,  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Governor:-

I am interested in the candidacy of S. T. McIntosh, of Eldorado, for one of the places as commissioner on the state highway system. Mr. McIntosh is available and has the time to give to the office. He is deeply interested in the roads problem. He is a man of wide business experience and I believe would be of great service to the state in this capacity. Eldorado has no axes to grind in the roads matter, and Mr. McIntosh, if appointed, would go on the board with an open mind and with perfect freedom to act unrestrained by any selfish desires from this community. I commend Mr. McIntosh to your most favorable attention.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,