

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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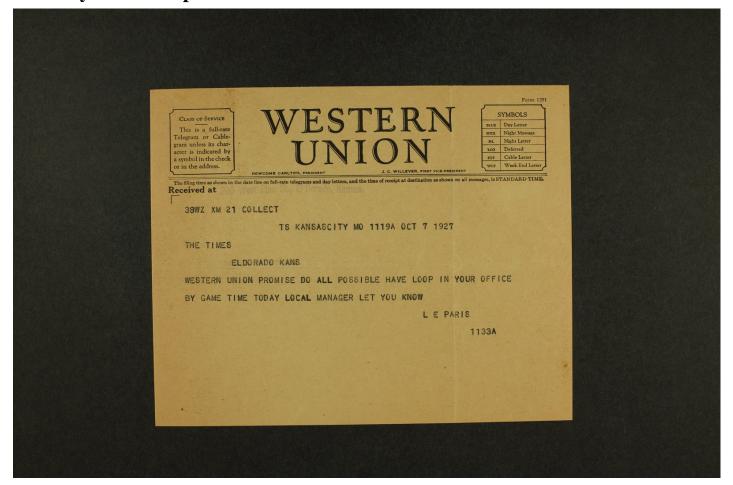
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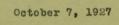
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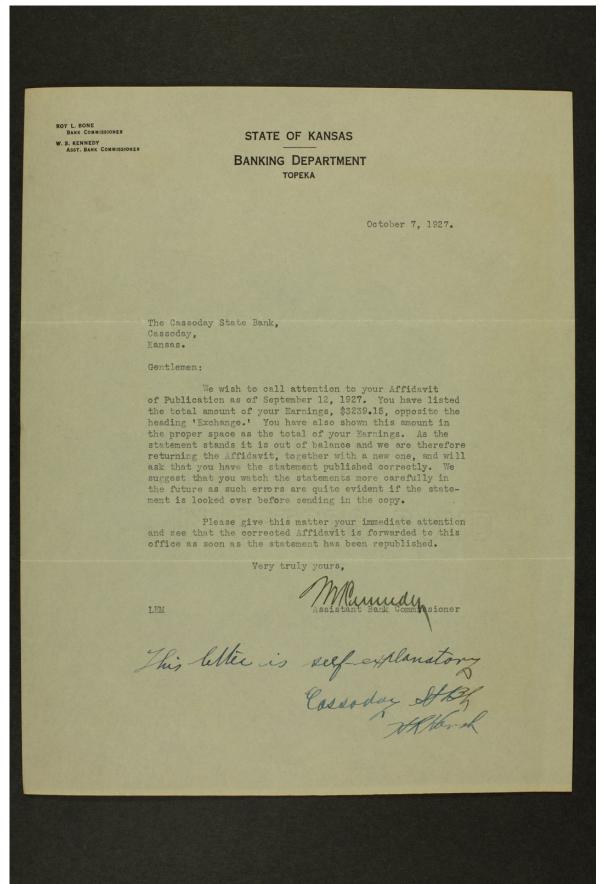


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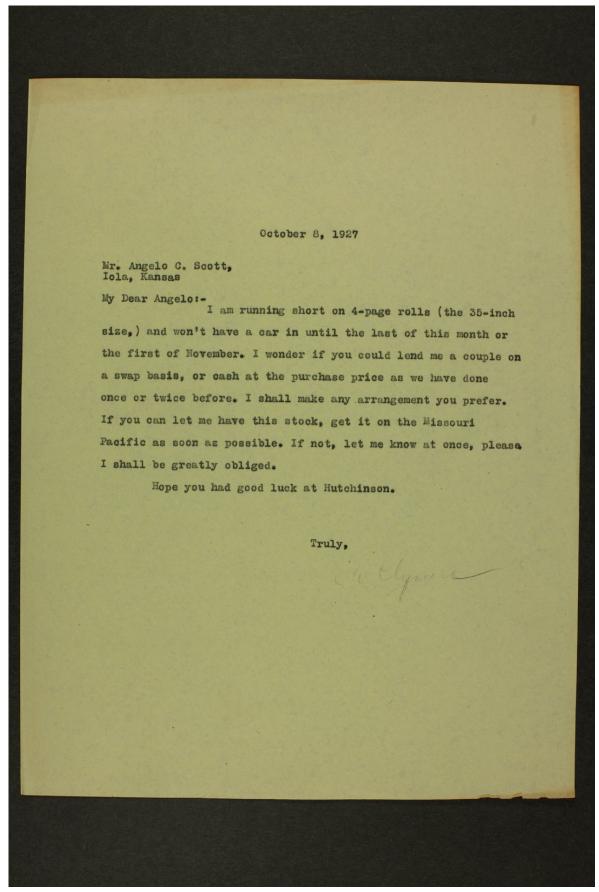
As a guest of the Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company on the Backus-Brooks special through Northern Minnesota and southern portions of Canada the forepart of last month, I can say I was most pleasantly entertained. It was the finest and most pretentious trip of the sort I have ever had and the experience was profitable in every way. I was agreeably impressed with northern railroads and the service rendered. The equipment for the special train was a matter of marvel and the excellent and efficient way in which the train was handled and all matters of transportation directed a wonderful testimonial of your railroad company's operating system. I came home to an inland state with a deep and abiding respect for the North and its resources, and the very excellent railroad systems which operate in that portion of this continent.

Very truly yours,

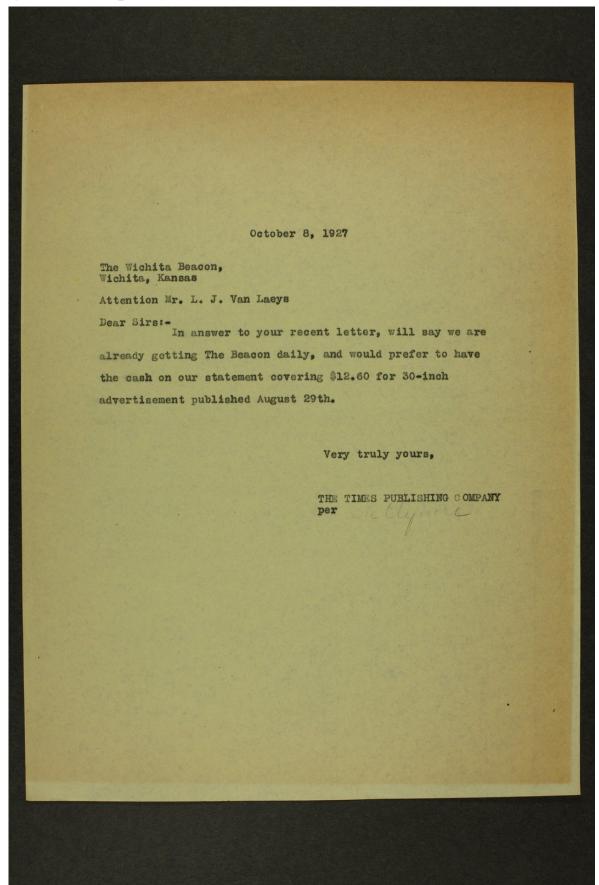




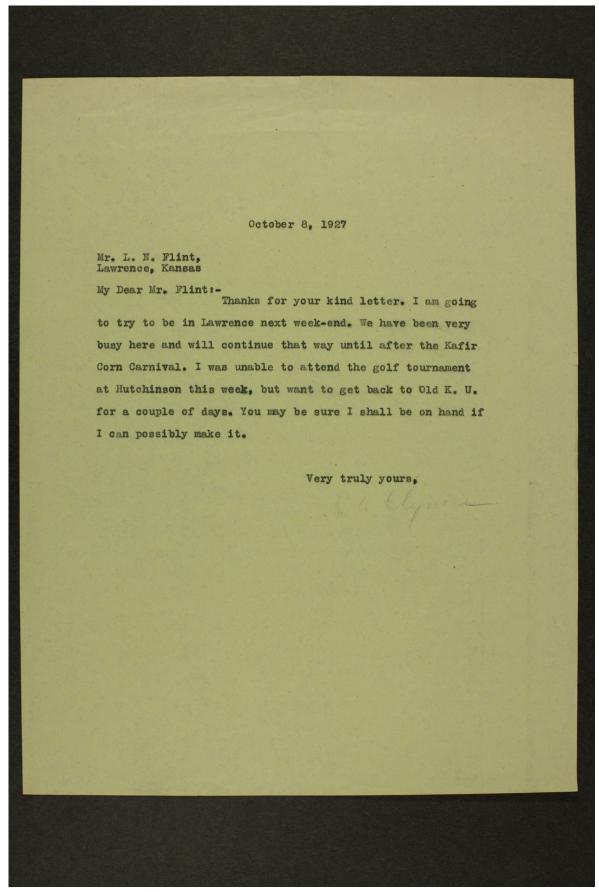














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October 10, 1927

Loomis Potts Company, Kansas City, Mo.

On September 23, 1926, we received a due bill from you good for \$75 in accommodations with the Aladdin Hotel of Kansas City, in exchange for advertising. It happens that we have not used any of the credit that has accrued to us from this account, but one of our employees wishes to be in Kansas City over the coming week-end. It was noticed today that the due bill is good only for a year from the date specified above. Will it be possible to get an extension on this due bill for use at this time? We should be pleased to have a prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

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By CHAS. F. SCOTT IOLA, ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS October 10, 1927.

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

Dear Rolla:

We are able to take care of you very comfortably right at this time on four page rolls. I have put two of them on the Missouri Pacific freight which leaves here at four o'clock this afternoon, and I presume you should have them by about the time this letter reaches you.

I am enclosing an invoice covering the cost of them. It is immaterial to us whether you choose to pay for the paper or return it at a later date.

I had a wonderful time at Hutchinson—won a beautiful leather Gladstone bag as winner of the second flight, traded it to father for a \$45 set of matched Burke wood clubs, which he won as runner—up in the consolation of the first flight and we both are quite happy. I'm sorry you weren't able to be there.

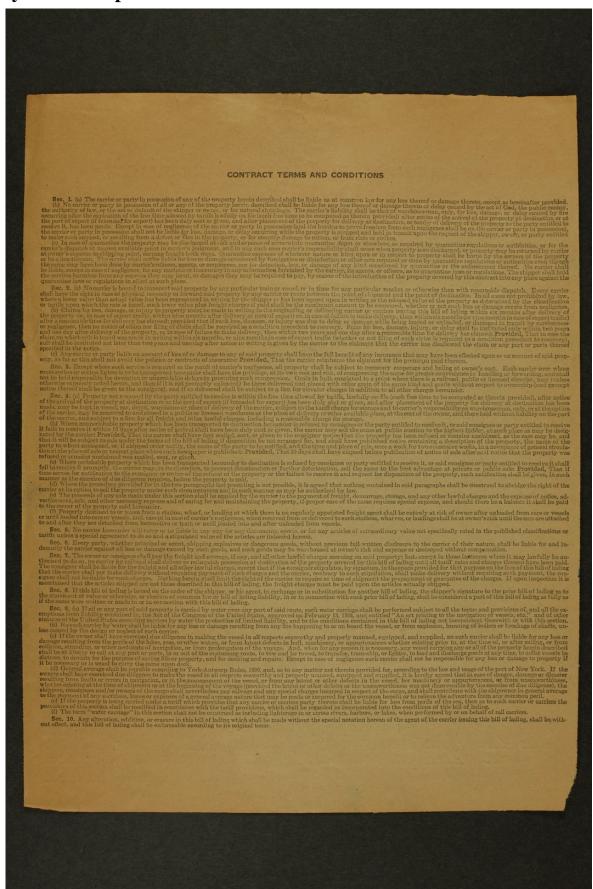
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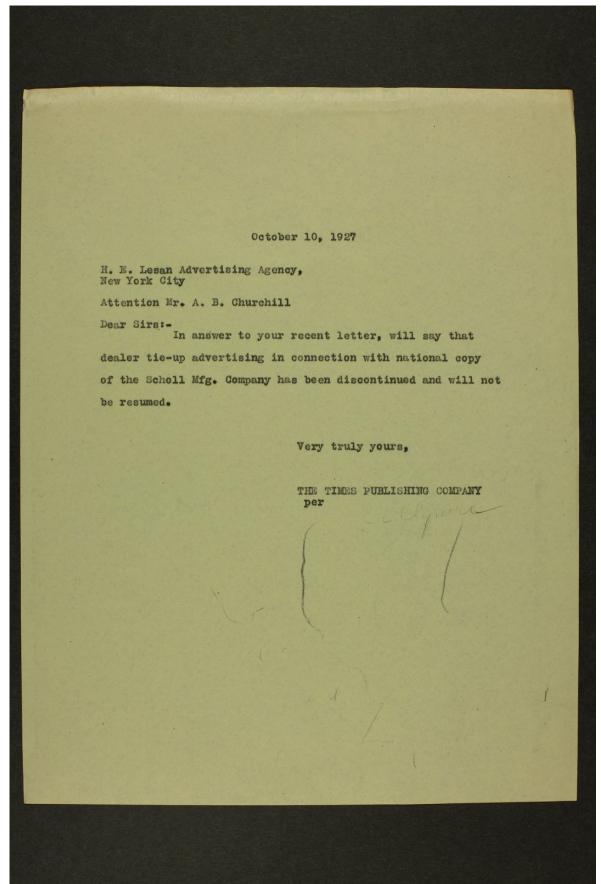


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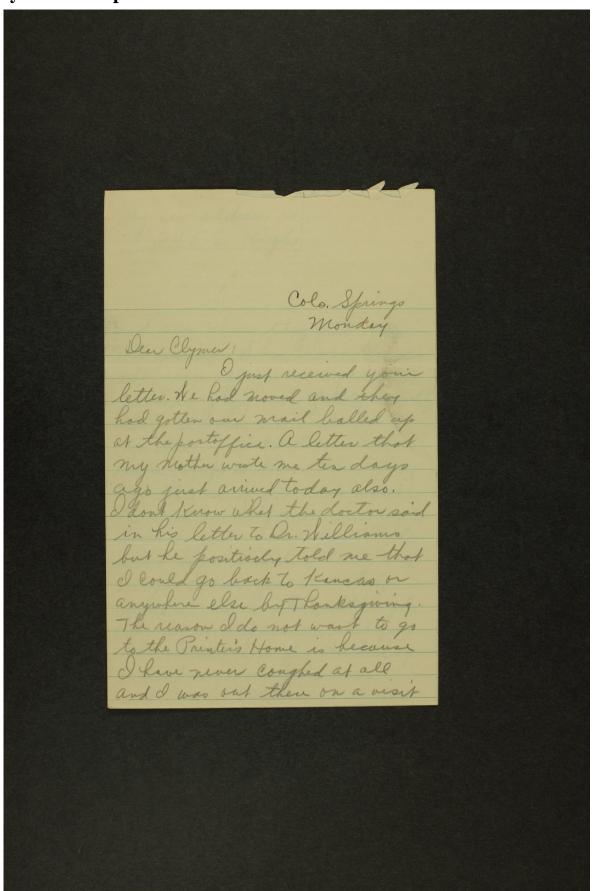




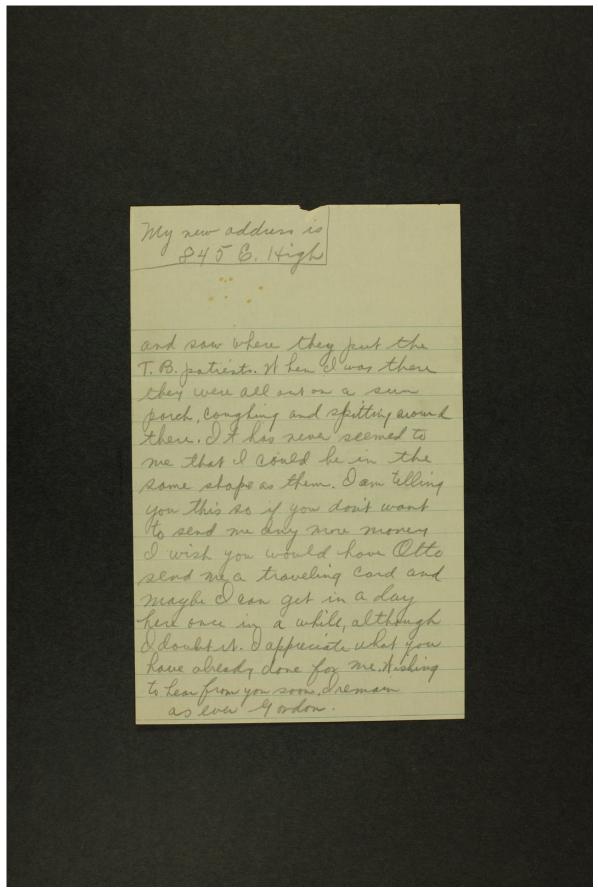




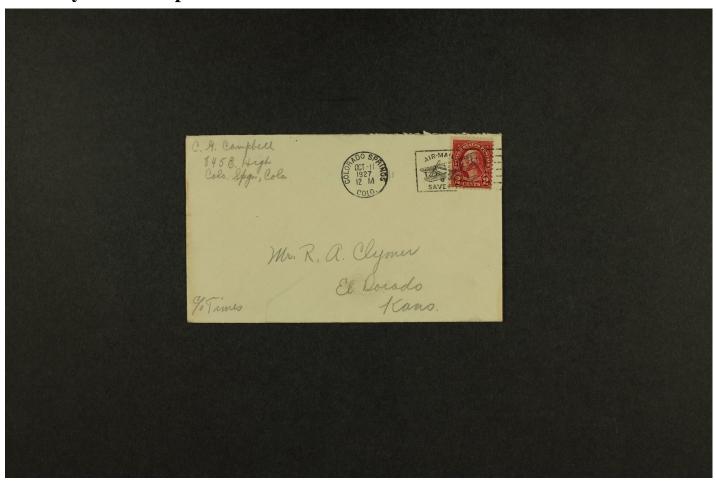




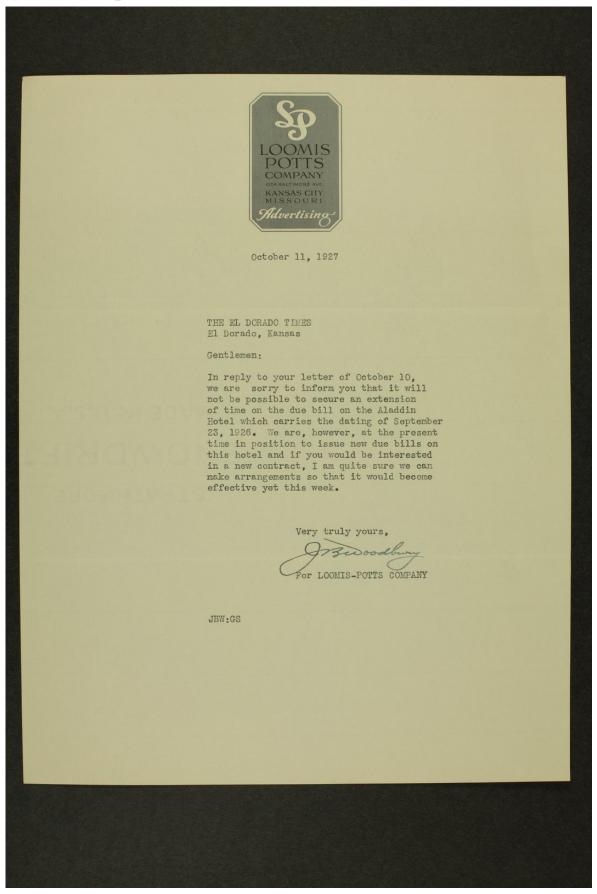




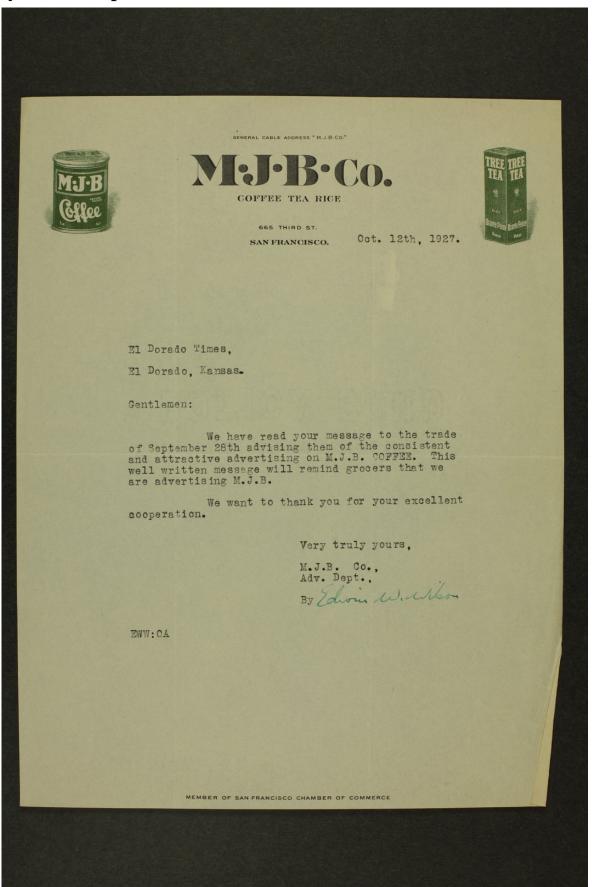




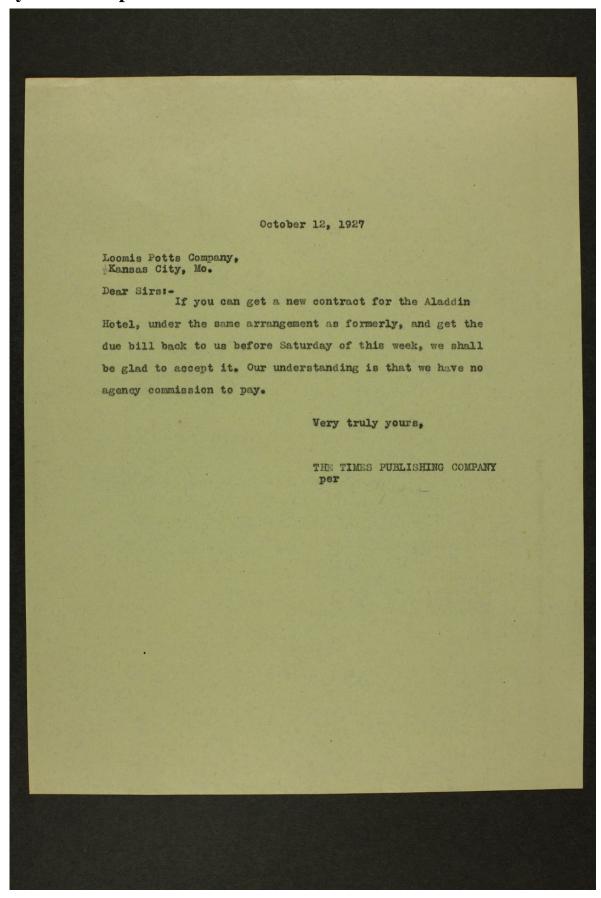




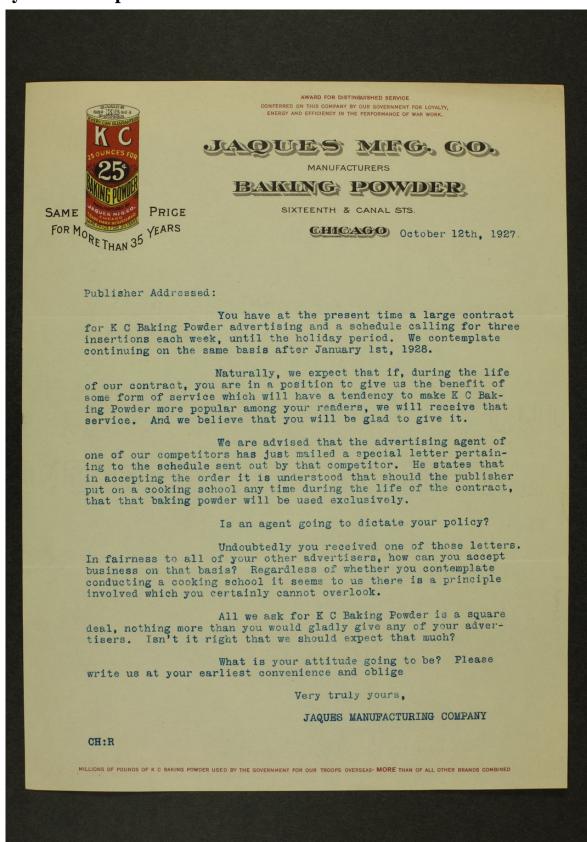














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October 12, 1927

Mr. A. C. Scott, Iola, Kansas

I appreciate your kindness in sending two 35-inch rolls to us so promptly. They arrived here today and will take care of us, I feel sure, until our next car. I am herewith sending check to cover, according to your statement. This will end the transaction and will save shipping two rolls to you at a later date. I shall be glad to return the favor any time I can.

You and your Dad certainly had a fine haul at Hutchinson.

I wish I could get into the inner circle of Ali Baba and the

Forty Thieves some time, but I never have won anything at a
golf tournament that I cared about. I am now trying to revamp

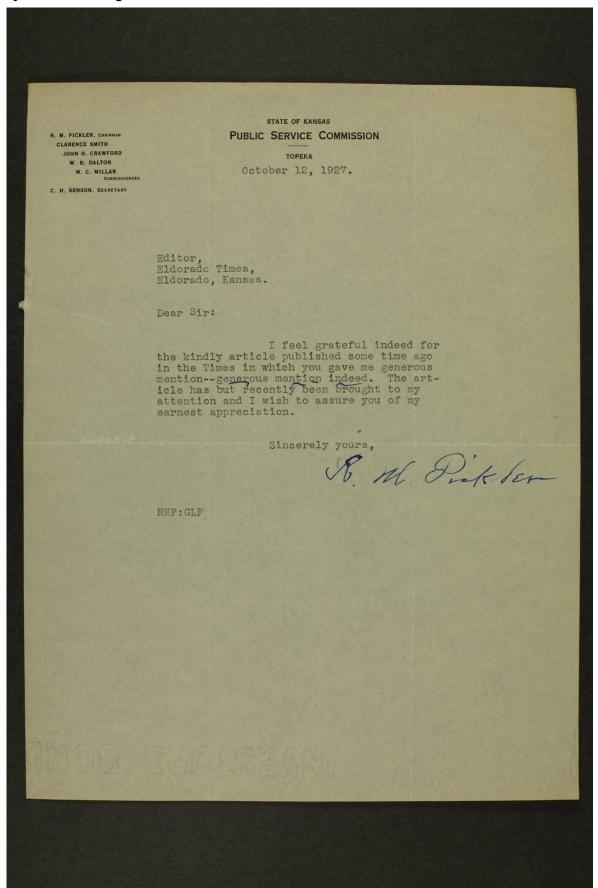
some of my cups in order to have a trophy for our terrapin

race here next week during the Carnival. I wish I could have been
with you at H. I am sure you fellows had a splendid time.

Please call your dad's attention to the enclosed marked article.

Truly yours,







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Mr. H. F. Ferry, McAllen, Texas

My Dear Hoyt:
I was genuinely glad to get your good letter a
few days ago. It had been long since I heard from you direct,
though mutual friends who have seen you have told much concerning you and your situation at McAllen, and I also have seen the pictures Kirk took while there. I really feel that we have kept in touch with you. I was also glad to have a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Horn when they were here a few months ago.

We have been having queer seasons here. We had little summer and it came at inopportune times. We had fifteen inches of rains with many floods in August, three weeks of extremely hot weather in September and then heavy frosts and almost wintry squalls. The weather the past two days has been extremely unpleasant with high winds, rains and sharp edges to the temperature. We have had a furnace fire for two or three weeks. The sudden changes are hard on the human frame, and many are now entertaining colds and flu. I am among the number and feel miserably with a head cold today. Both our kids have the same ailment, but are otherwise in good health. Dave had a bad accident when he fell into the rear wheels of a moving stripped Ford in August but no bones were broken and he has now recovered He will bear some scars as a result of the accident.

Your father's death was a personal loss to me. I had always considered him a close friend. He failed to understand my viewpoint regarding some of the articles I had to run in the paper concerning court affairs in which you were involved, but it made no difference--at least with me. I always liked to talk with him and wished that I had known him sooner and better. It is always hard for a young and an old man to get together as often and in such a way as to do them both the greatest amount of good. It was hard for him to be taken so sudden; and yet that must be an excellent way to meet the end. I saw Your father's death was a personal loss to me. I had and yet that must be an excellent way to meet the end. I saw him the day after his death--and he looked as if he were asleep. There wasn't the slightest mark of care upon his face. His skin had a natural color, the little natural wrinkles were there in the fold of his face and it was hard to believe that there in the fold of his face and it was hard to believe that his spirit had flown. The funeral service was a beautiful one of comfort and hope. Dr. Templeton paid a great tribute to your father's life. I crowded into the house in order to hear all of it, and certainly wished you could have done so, too. It would have lightened your bereavement, I know. Roy and your Aunt Laura were splendid. I was especially struck by the



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fine womanly bearing of your aunt. The entire service was in the best of taste and properiety and a fitting close to such a life as your father had lived. Dozens of his old friends were there and I know he would have been over-joyed to see them and to know the fine affection they bore him. And, as you have so pertinently suggested, perhaps he didx know.

Betty and I are greatly chagrined over failing to thank you for the grape fruit last winter. We simply had our signals crossed. She thought I had written you and I thought she had done it. Thus, we both missed a bit. At this late date, I want to say they were about the finest stuff we ever ate and we are looking forward to the day we can take the kids, drive to Texas and see some of these growing in their native haunts. I don't know about Nat. He shall have to speak for himself.

I had a nice trip in September. Was a guest of the big company that sells us news print and traveled on a special train for a week through a large area in Canada. Came home by way of Minneapolis and Chicago. It was the first trip of the sort I had had in years and was a real treat to a landlubber like me.

Betty's folks have returned from the Orient, arriving here last week. Colonel Hoisington had a severe attack of sickness in Seattle but is recovering and we hope he will regain his health entirely in a few months. Margaret will stay at home for the present. Doesn't know what she will do in the future, but seems to have the lure of the Orient in her blood. Evidently it gets those who stay there long enough to feel it.

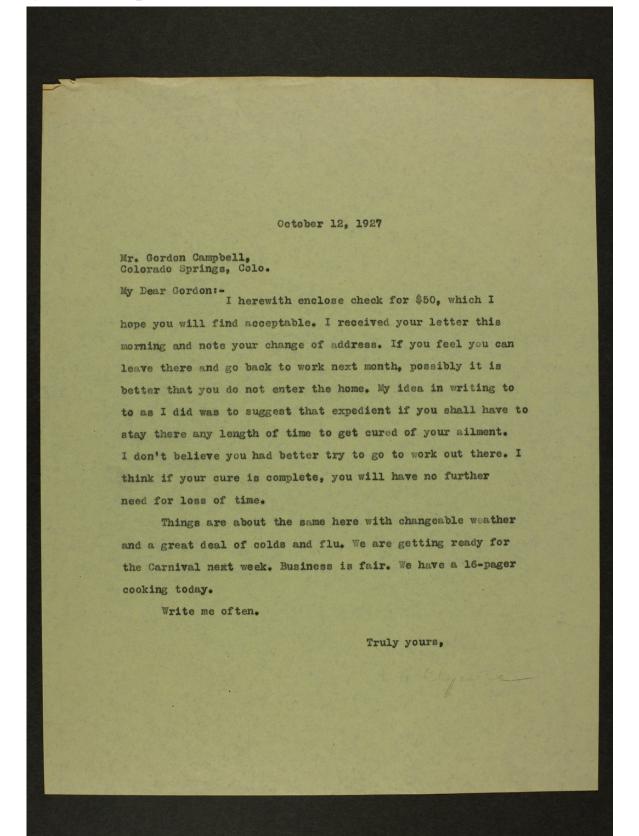
I shall forgive you for the onions this time, but don't mention the matter again. That guy who raises them on such a large scale ought to be engaged in bootlegging, or some other noble and useful professions.

Wisvonsin beat the tar out of K. U. last Saturday and I don't know whether we have a team or not this year. I may get the see the K. U.-Aggie game Saturday. That ought to shed more light on the situation at Lawrence. C. of E. has another fine time. The local highs are good but green. They will win and lose some games this year. I look for Wichita to heat them this week-end.

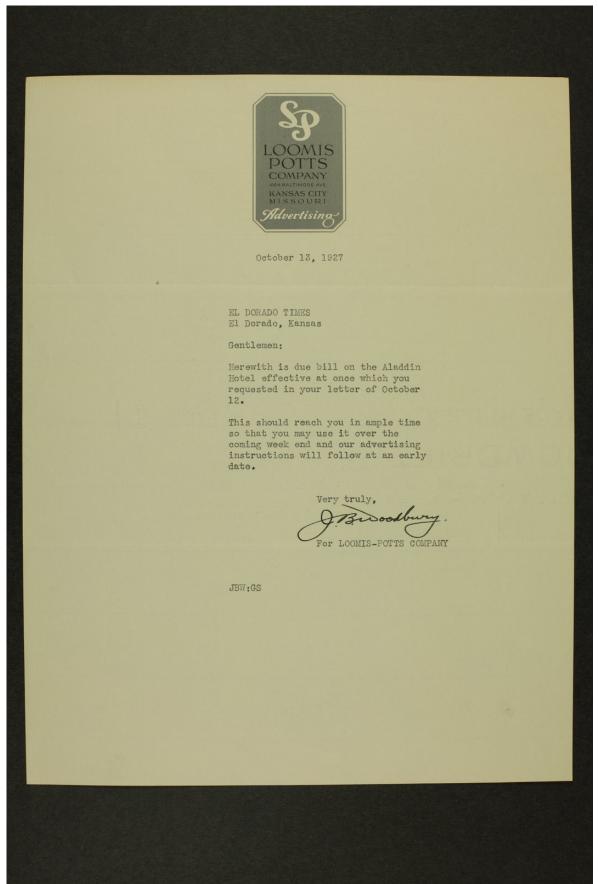
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Sincerely,



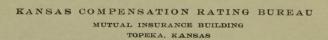








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S. C. SOUTHARD, BRANCH MANAGER

October 13, 1927

J. C. Hoyt and Company, 208 West Central Avenue, El Dorado, Kansas.

Attention Mr. O. E. Coon:

Dear Sir

Re: Times Publishing Company, El Dorado, Kansas.

We have for acknowledgment your letter of October 12th.

We regret very much that we cannot advise you just why the rate of this risk was increased from .485 to .568 in as much as we do not have any record of the previous rating for as you know this Bureau was not organized until July 1st, 1927 consequently we are not in a position to discuss rates promulgated for any risk prior to that date. We can say, however, that the rate of .568 was calculated using a basic or manual rate of 57¢ which as you know was ordered by the Kansas Insurance Commissioner to apply on newspaper risks subsequent to June 30th, 1927.

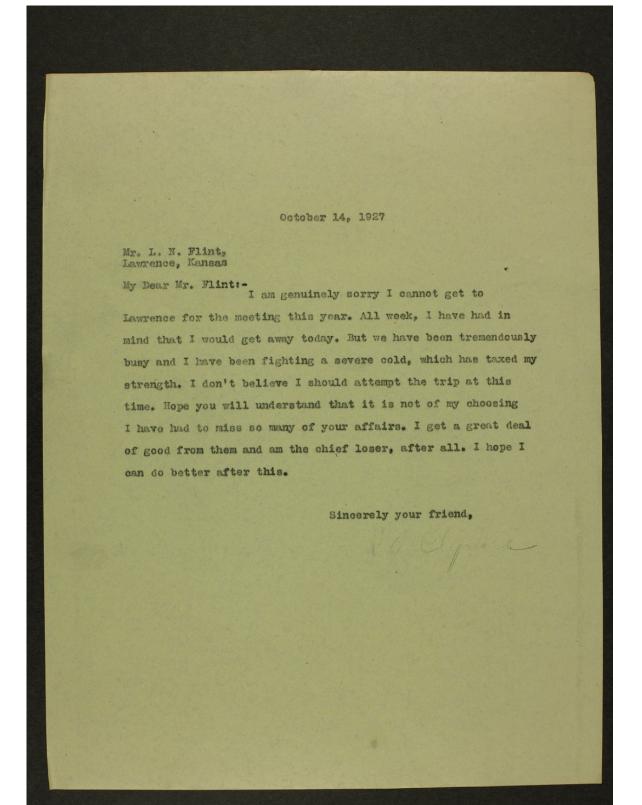
The rate which we have published is slightly under manual and could be further reduced if you can get the assured to place additional guards on his machinery thereby eliminating some of the charges which have been assessed as a result of a Bureau inspection. We would suggest that you get in touch with the Phoenix engineer and have him go over this assured's plant and make recommendations to this end. The Bureau is not permitted to make such recommendations, however, we are sure that your Home Office will be glad to render their assured's this service.

Yours very truly,

Manager.

C. C. to Charlton Insurance Agency, Lawrence, Kansas.







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October 14, 1927

Jaques Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill.

In answer to your letter, will say we have received no business from any agent which obligates us in any way regarding promotion of the product advertised. We try to give all our advertisers a fair deal. We publish what we consider a good newspaper for our community, we charge an honest rate on an honest circulation. We help in the merchandising campaigns of various products, as we can. Our obligation rests there. We have not promised to advertise any one baking powder if we should conduct a cooking school—and will not accept business that way. You may rest assured on that point. As to the cooking school plan, we tried this venture out twice several years ago. No particular products were advertised. Since then we have turned down all proposals along this line.

We understand there is keen competition between various manufacturers, but that is none of our concern. Our paper is open to all on the same basis. We have no policy of exclusion or monopoly, and do not intend to tolerate such.

Very truly yours,

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