

#### **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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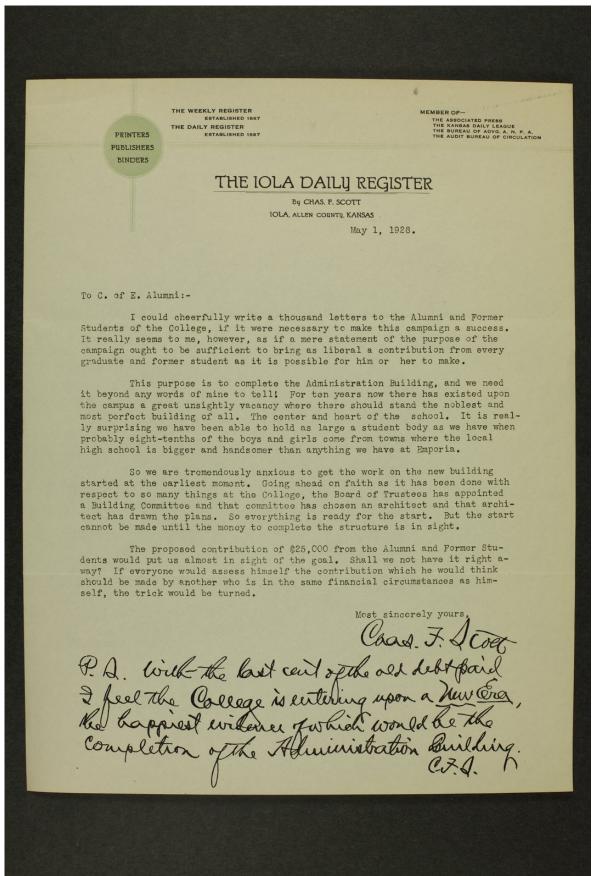
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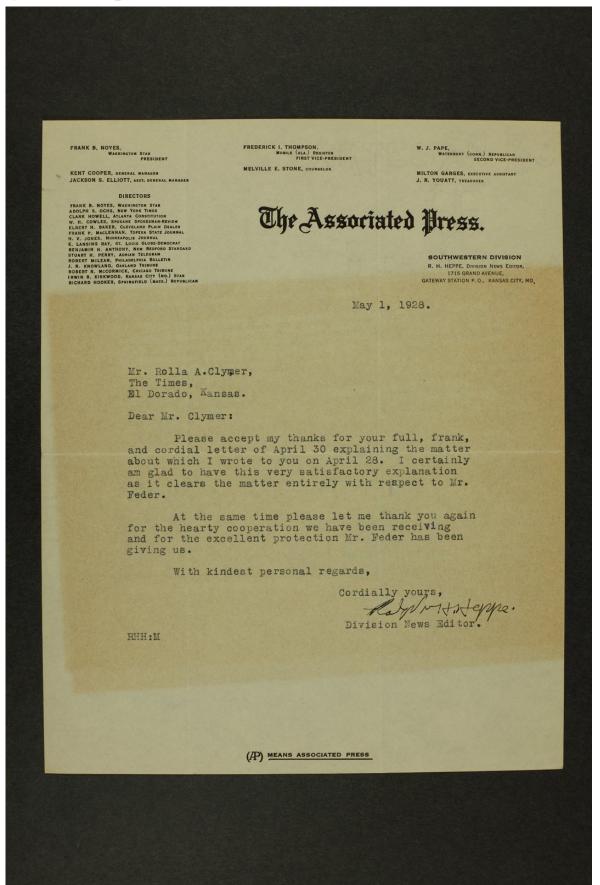
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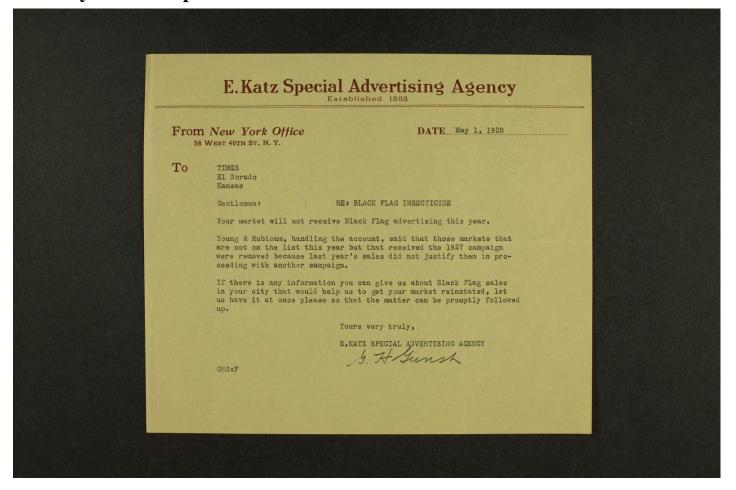




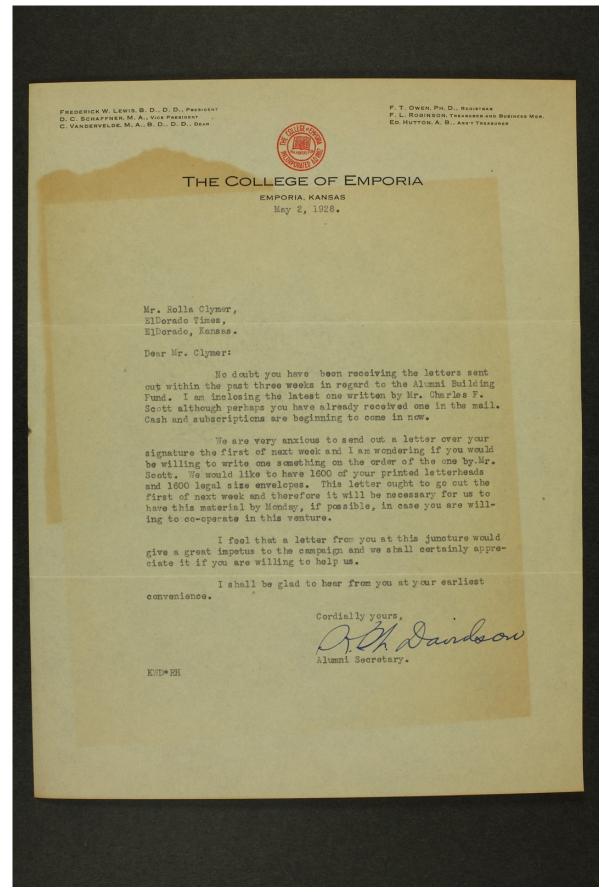




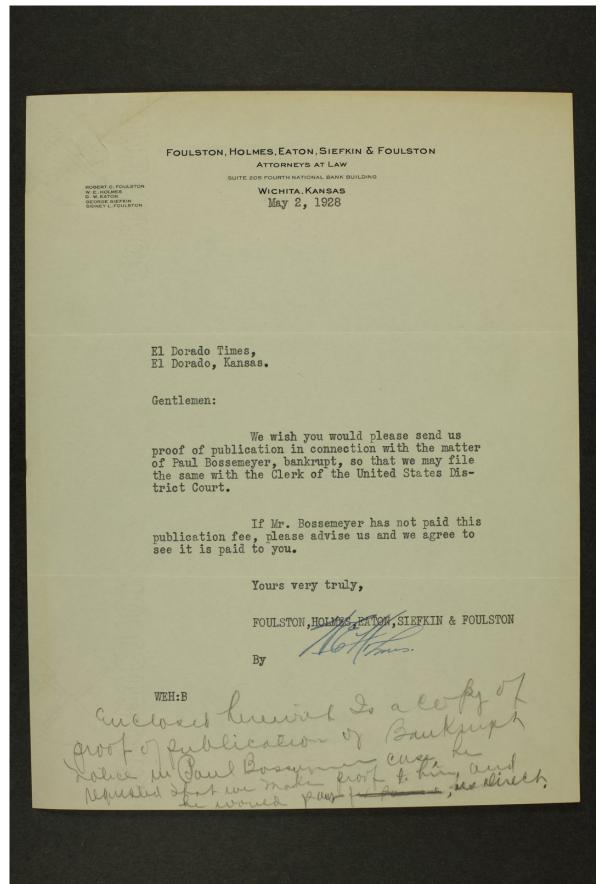














#### Rolla Clymer correspondence

The Topeka State Journal

May 3, 1928.

Mr. Rolla W. Clymer, Publisher Daily Times, Eldorado, Kansas.

My dear Rolla:

Am tremendously anxious to get as much information as possible regarding political conditions in various sections of the state. Wish you would take just a few minutes and tell me about things in your county.

How do you analyze the governorship contest? Who appears to have the lead? Who is second? Has there been any material change in recent weeks, and who has benefited and who has apparently suffered?

Wish, too, you would tell me something about legislative matters. Who are the probable candidates for the house and senate in your county and senatorial district? Please give me names and addresses and business of both Republican and Democrat candidates and some line about each as to their probable leanings toward conservative or extreme legislation.

Hate tremendously to bother you, but must annoy someone every now and then and in view of the fact that your judgment and knowledge of local conditions always appeals to me, have picked you as a victim. Will greatly appreciate an early letter from you. And if can serve you any time, do not hesitate to call on me. Best personal regards.

Very sincerely,

"Dutch"



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ROGERS, ARKANSAS

May 3, 1928.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,

El Dorado, Kan.

My dear Mr. Clymer;

It has been some little time since I have afflicted you with a word from me, but you are going to have to suffer again in a day or two.

I understand your good minister the Rev. Young has gone from you and that your church is again vacant. If this is true, I should like to suggest a man for you that I regard very highly, and one I believe would fill the bill there. The man I would suggest is the Rev. F. J. Stowe, pastor of the Maywood Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma C ity, Okla. Stowe has been at Maywood for seven years, and was at Blackwell eight years. He is regularly educated, with M. A. degree and theological course. He is a man that wears well and does constructive work. He wrote me some little time ago that he might be willing to consider work over this way if something good was open. There is nothing open here that would suit him, so thought El Dorado mightmy and that he might suit you.

I write this with suitable apologies for I know that the committee will have hundreds of names before them. It seems most ministers are hunting fields these days. There is such an unsettled condition in the church generally. With this in mind, a man like Stowe who has staying qualities is to be desired.

I have thoughtso many times of the two busy years I spent in El Dorado. They were fruitful years in experience for me, and I pray that I may have done some good while I past that way. There are some people there that are among God's salt of the earth. I thought a lot of George Ramsey, but he so quickly left us.

No doubt your children are big enough now to get into all sorts of mischief. They will keep you busy for some years to come. I trust both they and Mrs. Clymer are well and that the children have brought fullness to your life that you never knew before. Our children are both in school. We can trust them when they are asleep, but have to watch them when they are awake. Betty is entirely well from her trouble with the leg. Her nerves are improving all the time. We think she will grow up in good health.

With good wishes to all the people there, I am,

Sincerely, Poft L. King



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To C. of E. Alumni:-

Those of us who attended the College of Emporia in the days when Stuart Hall stood know that our school life centered about that building. O yes, we had Anderson Memorial Library and other structures that afforded us means for contact, but "Old Stuart" was the center and shrine of our scholastic endeavors. Carved above its main entrance in living stone were the words, "Via, Veritas, Vita," and they had then-and still have, though vanished--a powerful influence in our lives. The Gothic spire of Stuart Hall reaching heavenward symbolized our College for us. Through the fleeting years it shines as a beacon ever summoning our better selves to worthy fields of endeavor.

More than a dozen years ago, Stuart Hall was ravaged by flames and passed as a material entity. Since that time, our College has been without a main building, has been minus a hub for the manifold activities of its whirling wheel. It is a great pity that so many of our graduating classes have been forced to go through C. of E. denied the utility and satisfaction that would arise from a commodious, well-arranged, handsome Administration Building. Something vital has been lacking in the finish and completeness of their college days because they were without this boon.

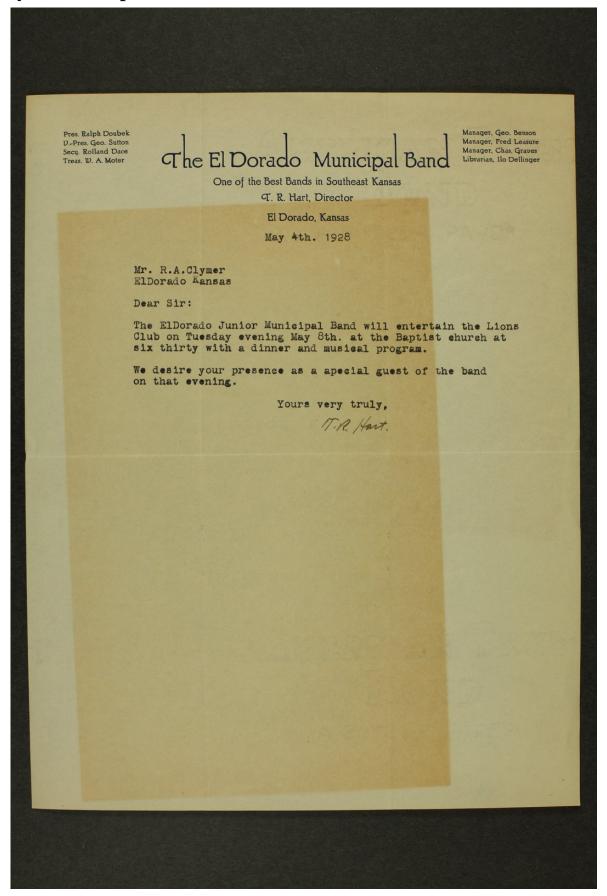
C. of E. needs an Administration Building more than any other adjunct just now. The Board of Trustees has appointed a Building Committee, the architect has been chosen and the plans drawn. Everything is ready for a start. But the work cannot be undertaken until the money is in sight.

Alumni and Former Students have been asked to give \$25,000 toward this work. If they contribute that sum, the amount necessary for the new building will be nearly raised. It seems plain that those of us who profited so greatly by our training at C. of E., and whose lives have been enriched and blessed by her spiritual influence should not fail now to give until it hurts that this much-to-be-desired project might be realized.

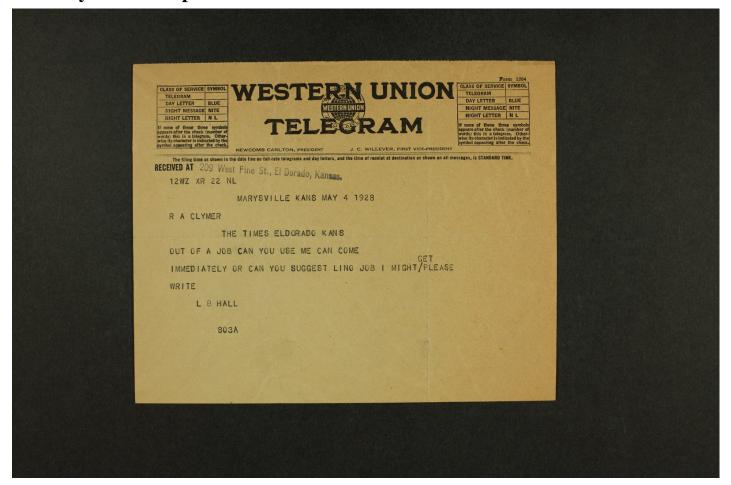
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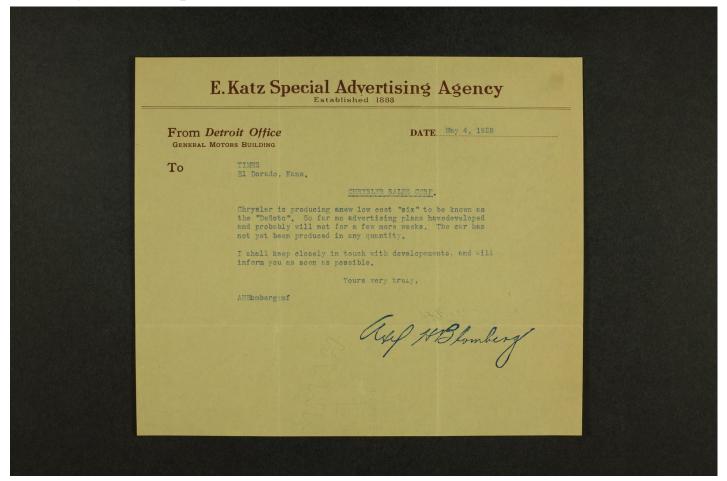




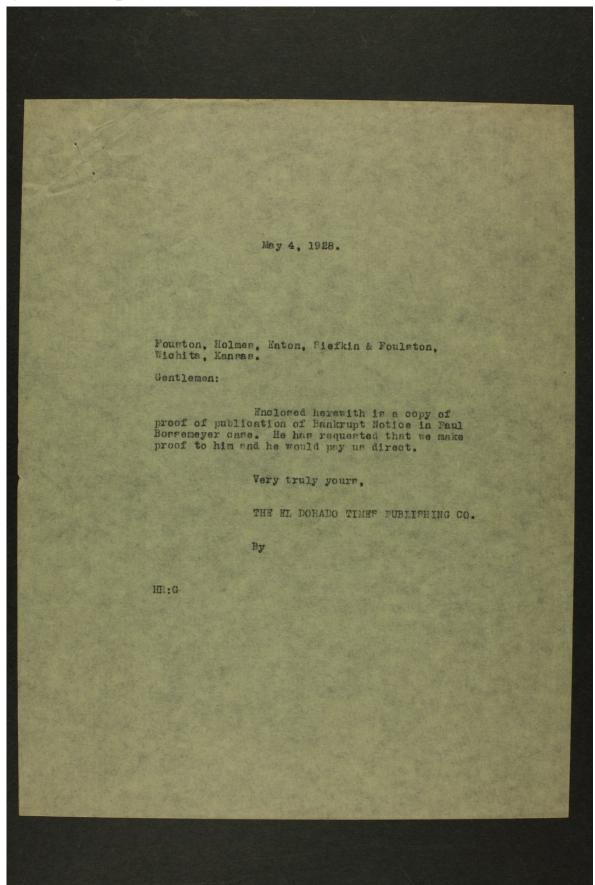














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#### Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 7, 1928

Dear Dutch:
I think Clyde Reed has the edge for the Republican nomination for governor in Butler County. While I am supporting Scott, I would put Reed first just now. I believe Scott is in second place. Don't hear much on the Democratic side but believe Ed Hackney has a good chance in this county. There has been no material change here in recent weeks but I naturally think the Scott position has been improved.

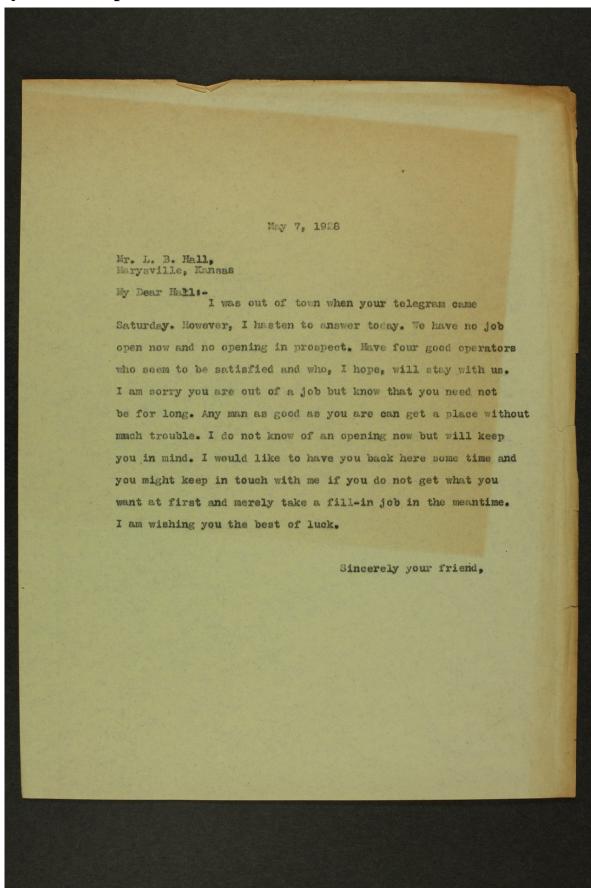
Only two candidates are out for the house and those are the former incumbents-Stella Haines from the 53rd and C. M. McCaughan from the 52nd, or north half of the county. Karl M. Geddes is running for re-election as senator and is opposed within his own party by J. W. Kirkpatrick, who is a jeweler here. Kirkpatrick is a fine fellow, has many friends the county over and will have strong support. I wouldn't care to say now that he will beat Karl but he will make a stiff race of it. J. D. Joseph, of Whitewater, cashier of the Bank of Whitewater and formerly senator from this county, is unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

Very truly yours,

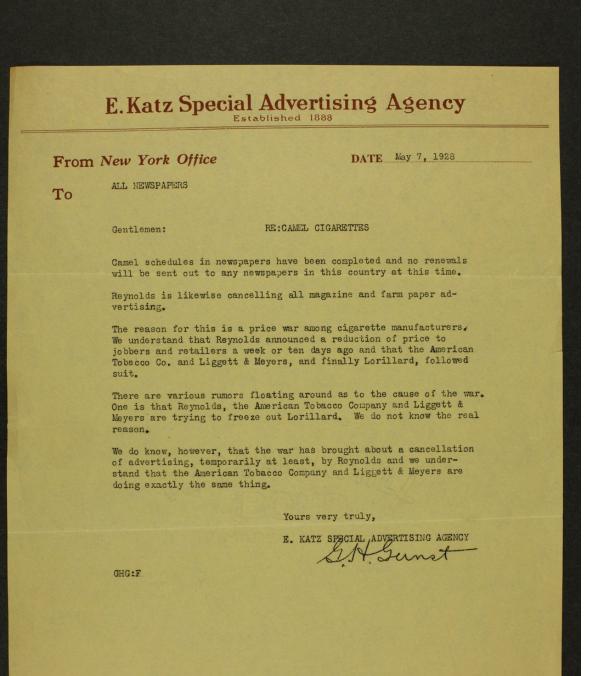


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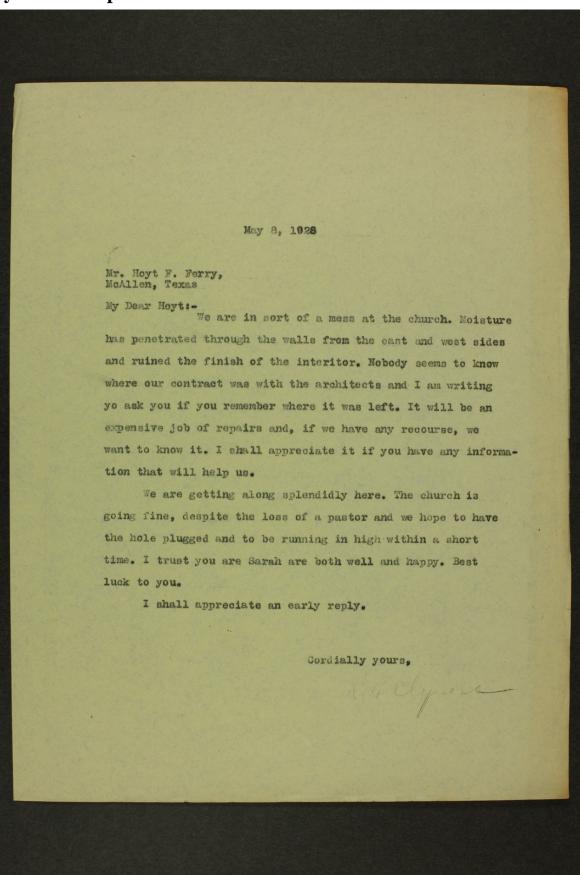
















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SALINA, KANSAS May 8, 1928

Mr. Rolla Clymer, The Times, ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:-

Congratulations upon your elevation to the vice-presidency of the Kansas Editorial Association. I had hoped to attend the Emporia meeting, and if I had done so would have been more than glad to have voted for you. Unfortunately it rained, and it was difficult for me to get over.

Now I come to another matter. As you know, when Senator Capper went to Washington he made me vice-chairman of the committee that is trying to raise \$15,000 for a development and publicity fund for Kansas. We still are about \$4,000 short of our goal. Daily newspapers of the state have contributed about \$4,000 to the fund and practically all of them are represented. Someone told me that you did not feel like contributing until the Wichita newspapers had done so. Marcellus Murdock has made a subscription, although not as much as the basis on which the other newspapers have made their donations, but Henry Allen still is out, although we have hopes that he will join us.

As you know the subscriptions have been made on the basis of \$60 for each cent of national advertising rate. If you do not feel like subscribing upon this basis whatever amount you felt you could give would be appreciated. As a matter of fact, we need the newspapers worse then any other business or profession, for the reason if we cannot sell them on the advantages of this program it is not very likely that we will be selled to interest the other business, men of the state. that we will be able to interest the other business men of the state, who should have less reason to believe in the value and effectiveness of advertising than we should have.

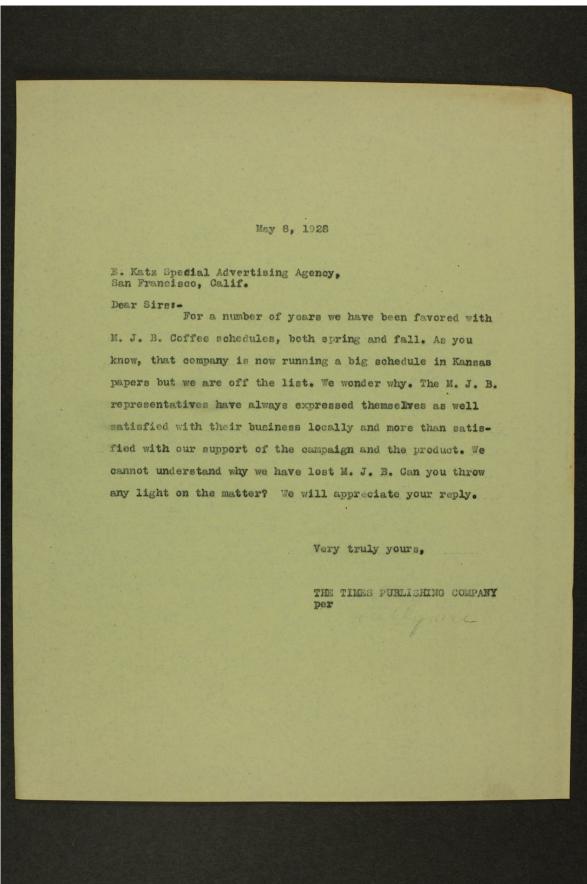
Having had jobs of this nature yourself you will understand how much I dislike to write this sort of a letter, but I hope it will persuade you to subscribe so it will not be necessary for me to bother you about this matter again.

With personal regards.

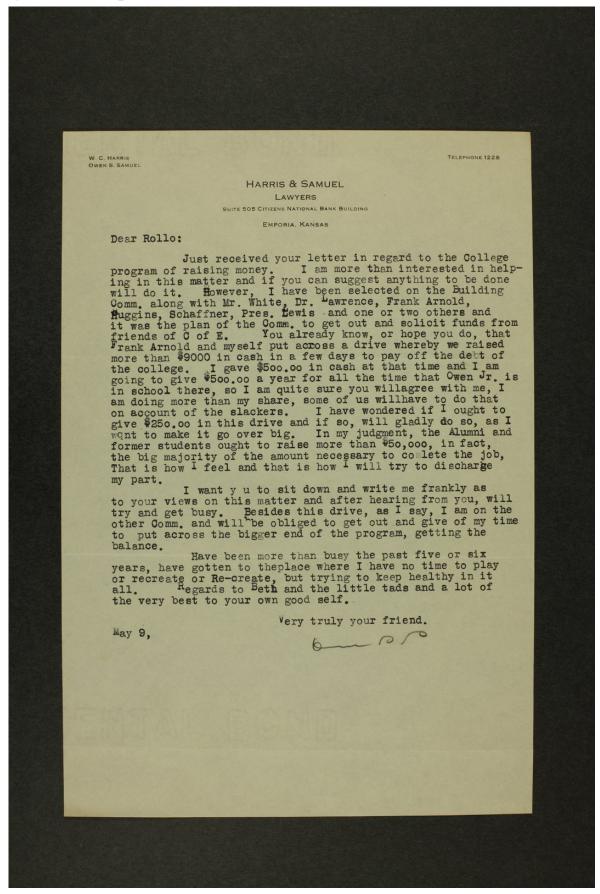
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Sincerely F. Bar General Manager, THE SALINA JOURNAL

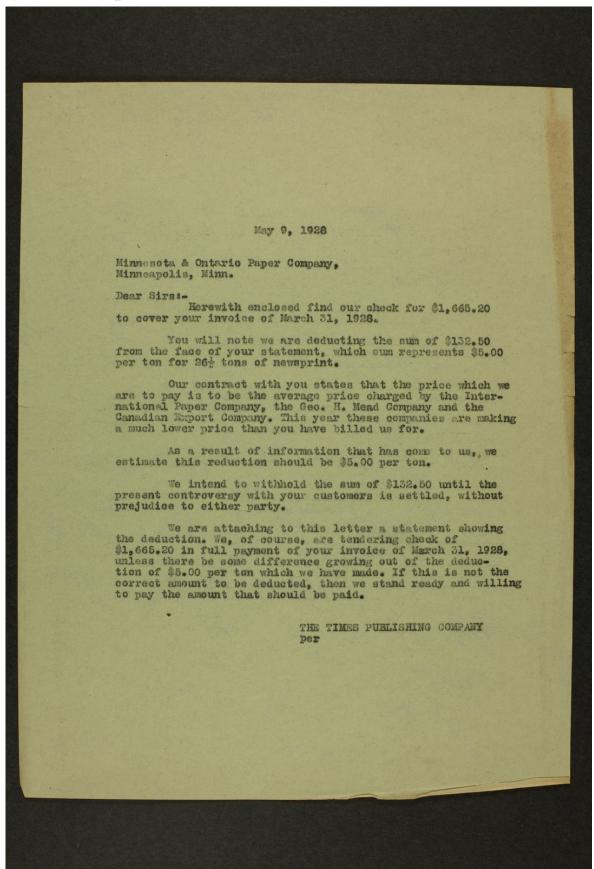




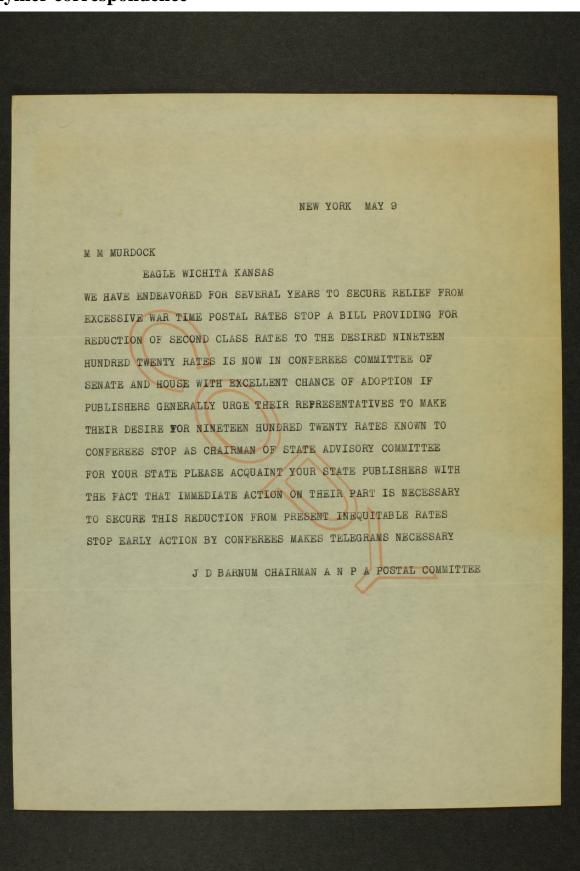




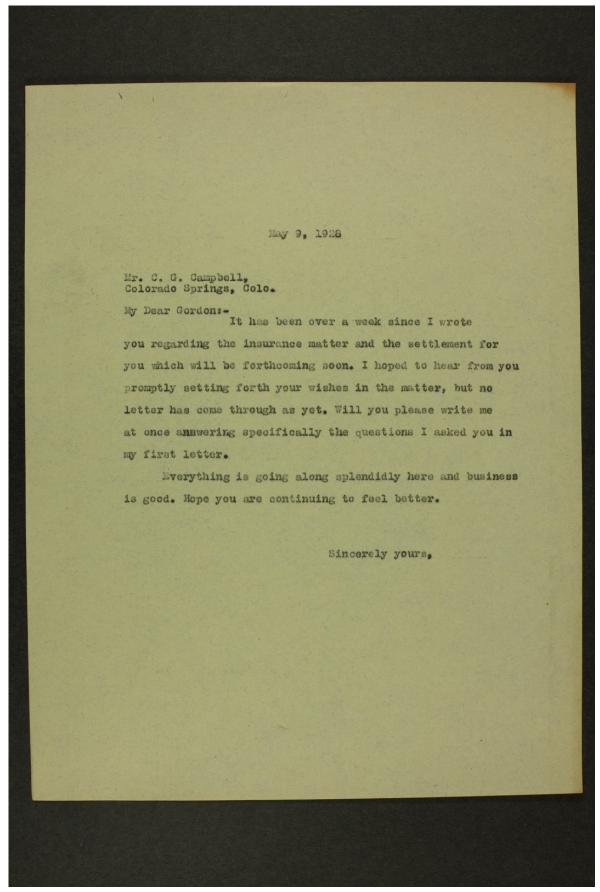




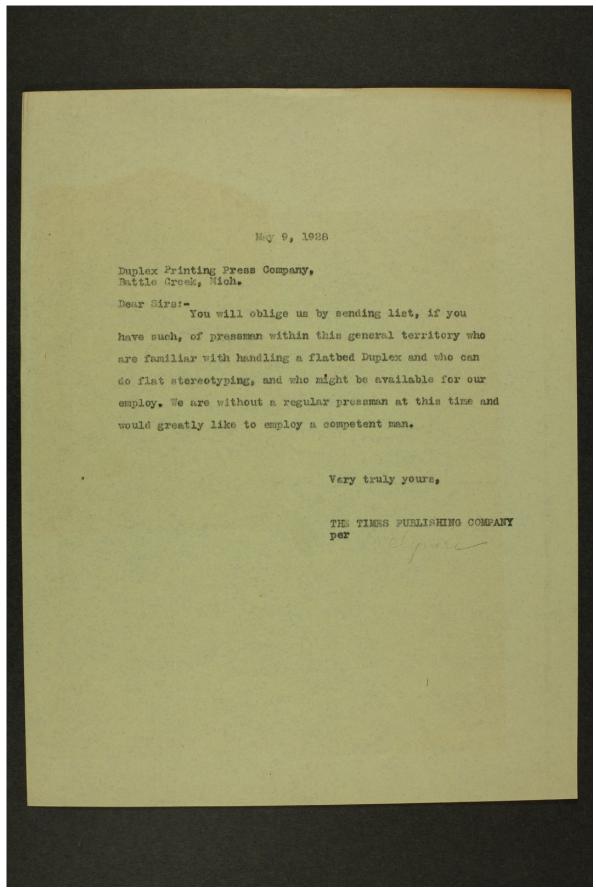




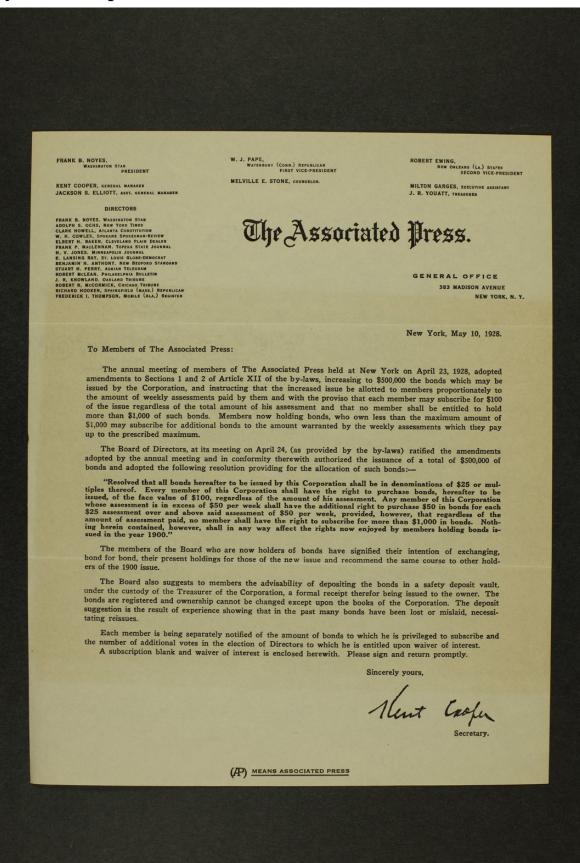














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#### The Michita Eagle

WICHITA, KANSAS

MARCELLUS M. MURDOCK, PUBLISHE

May 10, 1928

Mr. R. A. Clymer, The ElDorado Times, ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Your letter of April 23 came while I was down East. This is the first opportunity I have had to answer it.

Here's what information I have that may help you.

A small group of us held a meeting with Backus last Friday in Chicago. We ragged for hours but did not succeed in getting Backus to grant us a reduction of \$5.00 or at least \$3.00 a ton. He claimed to have evidence that contradicted our testimony about the International and other basic mills having reduced the price of newsprint by the freight allowance method. He promised to look the matter up again and later let us know what he is going to do.

I think that he will grant us something and will date it back to the beginning of the year but I don't know what this sum will be.

Some three, four or five of the customers have been holding out \$5.00 a ton, sending the balance and permitting the mill to apply that amount on account. Backus is charging us interest on this amount held out. Among the fellows doing this that I recall are: The Oklahoma City Oklahoman, St. Louis Star, Muskogee Phoenix, Wichita Beacon and Wichita Eagle. Some of the rest of the fellows that attended the meeting at Chicago may follow that example but I am not sure. The advisability of your doing it, of course, is something that you must determine.

I hope this information will help you some.

On the speech making proposition, which you incidentally mention in the last part of your letter, of course I was away on the date you mention but frankly

average of \$500 a ton



