

## 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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A. B. C. & WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CODES

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL BLDG.

CLEVELAND, OHIO USA

May 16th 1929

Times Publishing Co  
Eldorado Kans

Gentlemen:

On March 5th we sent you our order #2505 calling for 50 Books Form B-462 to be delivered to our Production Department at Eldorado. We have never received your acknowledgment or invoice and are wondering if you have received our order and made delivery of the books.

If these books have been delivered, will you kindly send invoice to us promptly.

Scientific Refining

THE NATIONAL REFINING CO

*S. A. White*  
Purchasing Agent

HRA:DD  
CC: Eldorado Kans

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### E. Katz Special Advertising Agency

Established 1888

From *Kansas City Office*

DATE May 16, 1929.

To

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

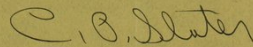
Jerry Gunst of our New York office and I are planning to call on you within the next week or two for the purpose of developing some new accounts which you are not carrying.

Will you make up a list of the advertising that is running in neighboring towns that you are not carrying and that you think you are entitled to because of the products advertised having adequate distribution in your city. Also find out, if possible from whom your local retailers purchase the products in question, whether through a local jobber or distributor, or through Wichita, Kansas City, St. Louis, or some other point.

Mr. Gunst and I plan to visit all of our Kansas papers for the same purpose and will let you know definitely at what time we will arrive in your city.

Very truly yours,

CPSlater  
HM





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THE MUNICIPAL  
UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA  
WICHITA, KANSAS

May 16, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

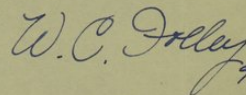
Would it be possible for you to use a picked student of journalism during the summer on your paper? Salary is not so much a point as is getting actual experience on a newspaper.

I believe you would not only have an opportunity to render service to these young journalists, but would get some good work from them for your paper as well.

If you find that you can use such a student in your plant, won't you kindly write us as soon as you can and let us know the type of work you will have for him. We will then try to pick the student most suited to your needs and have him interview you within the next ten days.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,



W. C. Folley  
Director of Journalism  
University of Wichita  
Wichita, Kansas



May 17, 1929

Standard Printing Ink Company,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sirs:-

Immediately upon receipt of this letter, please ship us one barrel of rotary news ink for Duplex tubular press. Your last barrel was delayed in reaching us and put us to a great deal of inconvenience, so we will ask that you ship this barrel promptly.

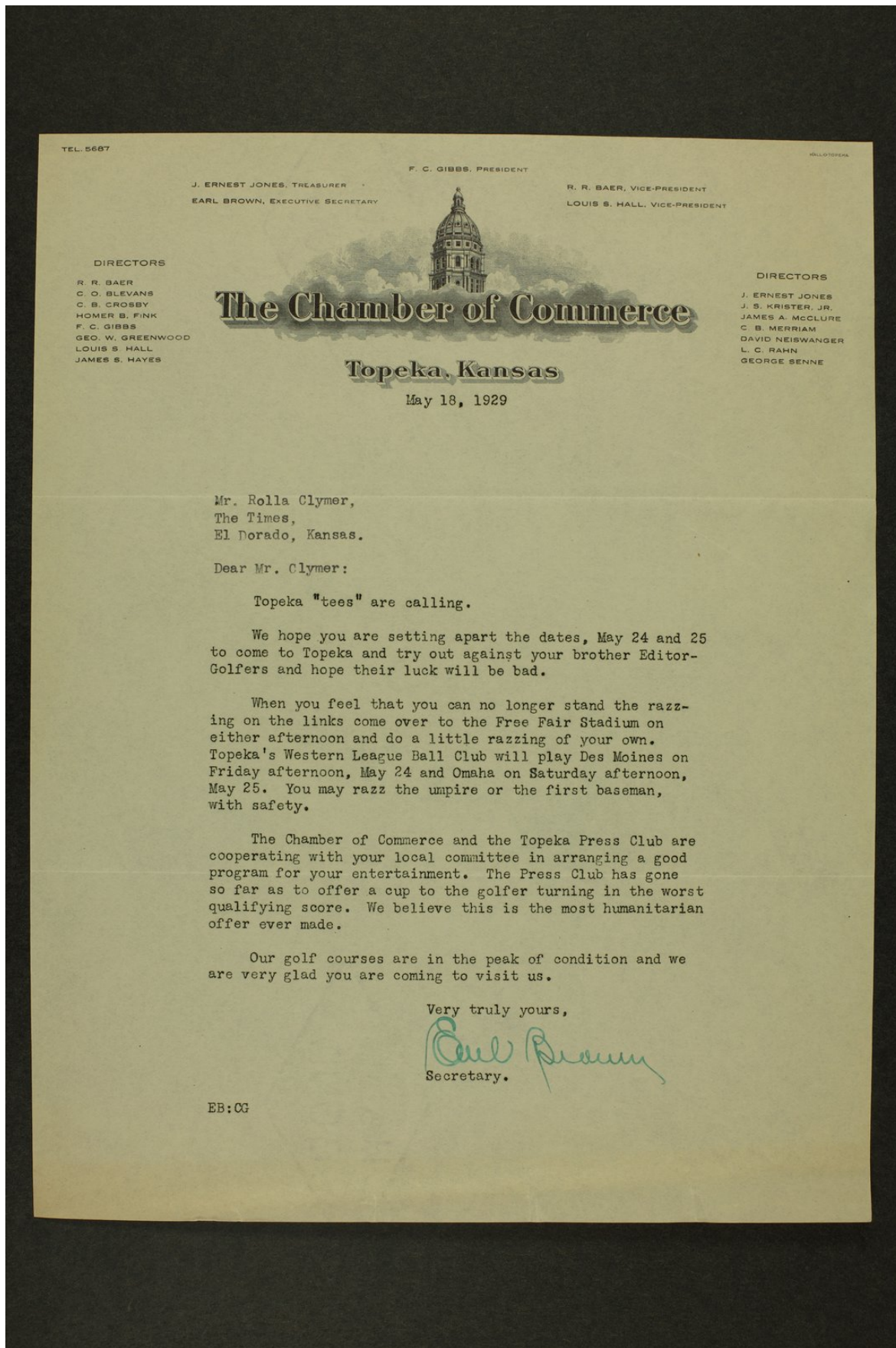
Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per

*Rolla Clymer*



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Sunday May 19. 29.

Dear Rolla - Am enclosing a clipping  
from this mornings Los Angeles Times  
thought it might be of interest  
to you. I have been out here  
a couple of weeks. Can hardly  
believe it. California looking mighty  
fine right now, lots of tourists  
coming and there will sure be  
some thing doing when the Shriners  
and the Elks get out here  
Am in hopes you have every thing  
in shape and going good.

Yours Very Truly

C. H. Pattison

124 N San Marino San Gabriel California





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May 20, 1929

Mid-Continent Engraving Company,  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

Pursuant to telephone conversation this morning, please make us four each of sig electros for the enclosed signatures--E. L. Hogue and Sidney Blakeman. These are for use on coupons of Kansas bonds--and we are herewith enclosing a sample of these coupons showing you the small amount of room available for these electros and giving you an idea of the size they will have to be. You may have several days on this order, as we shall probably not get to running the bonds until the first of next week.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per



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PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201-S

<p><b>CLASS OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.</p>	<p><b>WESTERN UNION</b></p> <p>NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT</p>	<p><b>SIGNS</b></p> <p>DL = Day Letter NM = Night Message NL = Night Letter LCO = Deferred Cable CLT = Cable Letter WLT = Week-End Letter</p>
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The filing time as shown in 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.

Received at 209 West Pine St., El Dorado, Kansas. Telephones 900 and 901 1929 MAY 20 AM 7 55

WZ5 14 NM=GREELEY COLO 19

R A CLYMER=

TIMES PUB CO ELDORADO KANS=

NEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A LOAN FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS

TROUBLE EXPLAIN LATER=

GORDON.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR ORDER.

THE STANDARD PRINTING INK CO.

ESTABLISHED 1885



1638-1648 PROVIDENCE STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

May 20, 1929

The Times Publishing Company,  
El Dorado,  
Kansas.

We acknowledge receipt of your order No.

for the following:

1 barrel of Rotary Tubular News Ink Dated May 17, 1929

Thanking you and assuring you the above will have our immediate attention we are,

Very truly yours

THE STANDARD PRINTING INK CO.

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## WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

AG 201 Res. (5-20-29)  
Clymer, Rolla Anderson

May 20, 1929.

SUBJECT: Assignment.

THROUGH: The Commanding General Seventh Corps Area,

To: Captain Rolla Anderson Clymer, Spec-Res.,  
1001 South Denver Street,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

1. The records of this office show that you accepted reappointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps effective April 1, 1929, without eligibility for assignment, active duty, or promotion in time of peace.

2. Under the provisions of paragraph two, letter of this office of February 7, 1929, (A.G. 008 O.R.C., 2-7-29) you will be carried as remaining in the Branch Assignment Group, but have been relieved from specific assignment therein.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Charles Smith,  
Adjutant General.

Adjutant General.

ORC-201-Clymer, Rolla Anderson. 1st Ind.

May 23, 1929. -To: Captain Rolla Anderson Clymer,  
Spec-Res., 1001 South Denver Street, Eldorado, Kansas.

T. K. S.



ORC-201-Clymer, Rolla Anderson. 1st Ind.

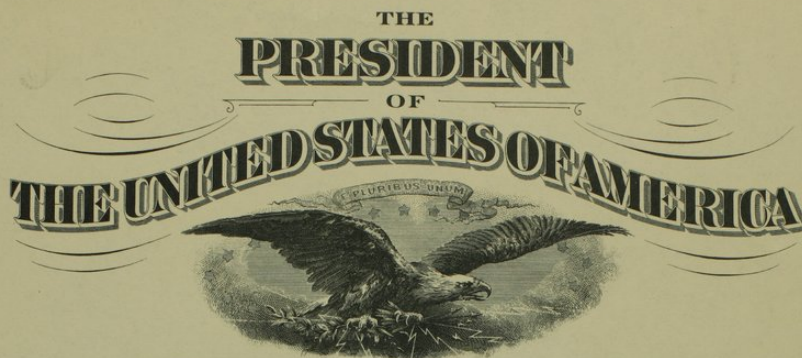
May 23, 1929. -To: Captain Rolla Anderson Clymer,  
Spec-Res., 1001 South Denver Street, Eldorado, Kansas.

T. K. S.

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*To all who shall see these presents, greeting:*  
*Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity*  
*and abilities of* Rolla Anderson Clymer  
*I do appoint him* Captain, Specialist *in*

### The Army of the United States

*such appointment to date from the* first *day of* April  
*nineteen hundred and* twenty-nine *He is therefore carefully and diligently to*  
*discharge the duty of the office to which he is appointed by doing and performing all*  
*manner of things thereunto belonging.*

*He will enter upon active duty under this commission only when specifically*  
*ordered to such active duty by competent authority.*

*And, I do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command*  
*when he shall be employed on active duty, to be obedient to his orders as an officer of his*  
*grade and position. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time*  
*to time, as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of*  
*America, or the General or other Superior Officers set over him, according to the rules*  
*and discipline of War.*

*This commission evidences an appointment in the Army of the United States under*  
*the provisions of sections 37 and 38 National Defense Act as amended, and is to continue*  
*in force for a period of five years from the date above specified, and during the pleas-*  
*ure of the President of the United States for the time being.*

*Done at the City of Washington, this* twentieth *day of* May  
*in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* twenty-nine *and of the*  
*Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and* fifty-third

*By the President:*

*W. D. A. G.*  
*Adjutant General.*





May 20, 1929

Western Lithographing Company,  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

Please send us the lithographed stock for Kansas  
bonds (green ink) as follows:

Twenty sheets face of bond, with filing

Forty 20-coupon sheets.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per

*Rolla Clymer*



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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should mark class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

COPY OF  
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

ElDorado, Kansas  
May 21, 1929

Gordon Campbell,  
Greeley, Colo.

No position to make loan now. Sorry.

THE TIMES

prepay and charge

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Latham Kaus

May 21, 1929

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

I am sending my weekly gathering of news from Brownlow neighborhood. This budget seems a little more lengthy than at some other times and I have ventured to write a little story as related by W. G. Ward to a gathering of Farm Bureau women. Similar items which I have formerly written in recent years have never found space in the Times neighborhood news columns but your recent editorial "Intelligent Work of Farm Women" gave me courage to make another attempt, with the hope that it may be printed. I have spent most of this morning in arranging these items and it is a trying task. And when any of these news items are stricken out it is more than a disappointment - it is an offense. As your oldest correspondent in point of time given to the work I feel justified in saying I may not continue to stand for such injustice. If you do not want this kind of material in my items, will you please tell me what you do want as news? Don't let me use up time which is needed for home duties in writing news which you do not want and can not use, please. I think the Times is a wonderful daily and your editorial upholding it so far exceeds I wish you continued success so far as I am concerned. Sincerely Mrs. C. O. Kennell.



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ENGRAVINGS PREPARED ONLY ON CONDITION THAT THEY REMAIN IN CUSTODY OF THIS COMPANY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MANUFACTURING ORDER

THE WESTERN LITHOGRAPH AND OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY  
FIRST AND TOPEKA AVENUE

WICHITA, KANSAS. May 21, 1929

The El Dorado Times,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

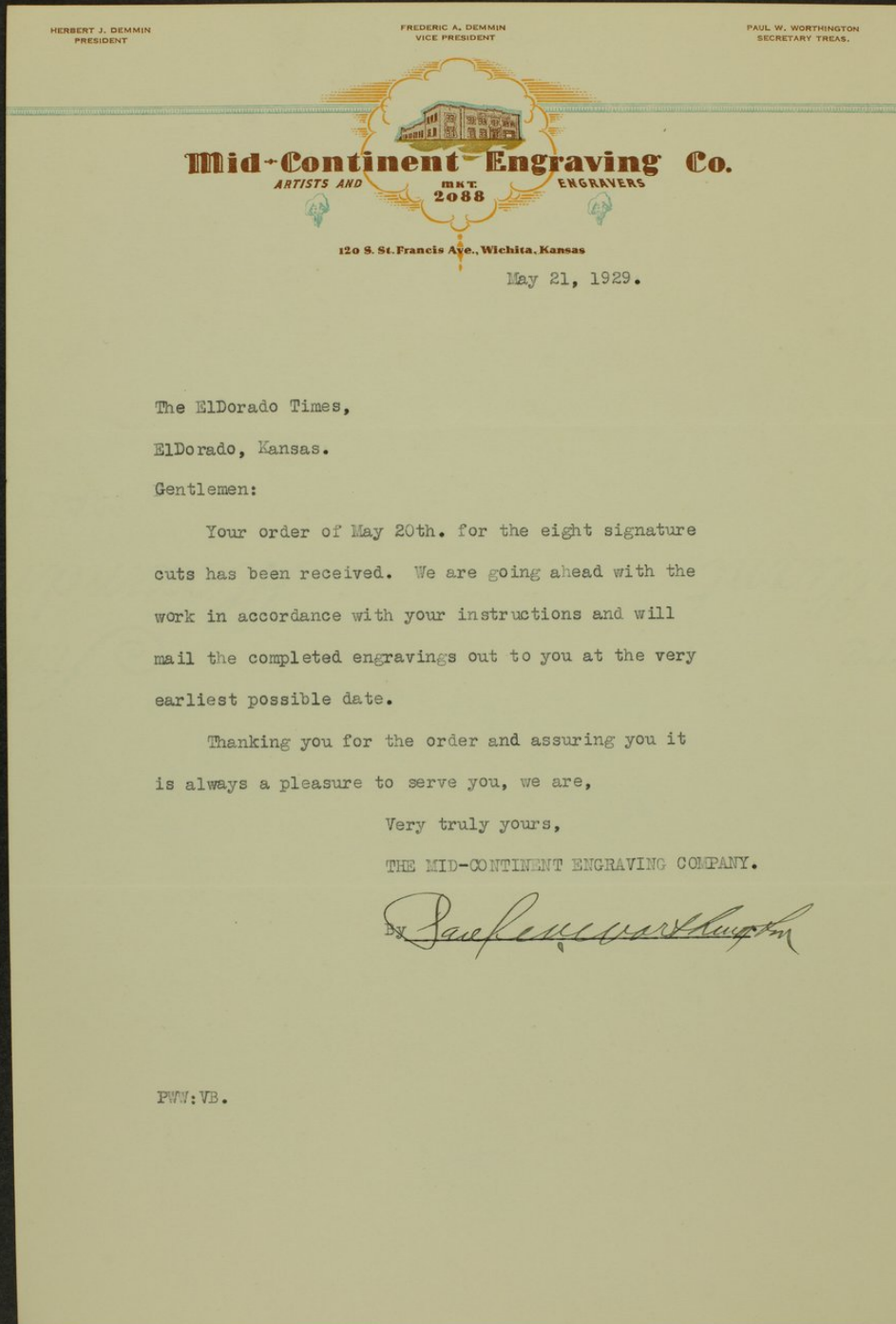
CUSTOMER'S NUMBER SALESMAN Mail

WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUED ORDER, WHICH WE HAVE ENTERED AS FOLLOWS. IF INCORRECTLY ENTERED IN ANY PARTICULAR, PLEASE INFORM US AT ONCE, RETURNING THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT WITH DETAIL

20 Sheets face of bond, with filing  
40 20-coupon sheets

THE WESTERN LITHOGRAPH AND OFFICE SUPPLY CO.  
Herman H. Cast,  
Vice-President.

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May 21st, 1929

Continental Casualty Company,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Please issue one of your Golfer's combination policies as described in your advertising folder M-1048-A to R. A. Clymer, El Dorado, Kansas, effective as of today noon.

Pending receipt of the policy we are considering the company bound on this coverage.

Trusting the matter will have your usual prompt attention, we are

Yours very truly,

J. C. HOYT & COMPANY

By

O. E. Coon

✓OEC/L  
CC: R. A. Clymer



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 21, 1929

Mr. William Rollo,  
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Rollo:-

Enclosed find check which, we hope, will partially pay your expenses for your trip to Eldorado last Saturday. We are very grateful to you for your coming and for the many helpful suggestions which you gave to us all. We feel that your visit here was of genuine benefit to us, and we greatly appreciate the kindly interest you showed in our situation. If it is ever in our power to return the favor at any time, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

*Rolla Clymer*





May 22, 1928

Duplex Printing Press Company,  
Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

Please send us one roll of thin backing paper  
for use on mats.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per *Rolla Clymer*

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**POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES**  
CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT  
114 N. MARKET STREET  
WICHITA, KAN.  
1912  
TELEPHONES MARKET 1913  
1914

STANDARD TIME  
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

TELEGRAMS  
TO ALL  
AMERICA

CABLEGRAMS  
TO ALL  
THE WORLD

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless otherwise indicated by signal in the check or in the address.

BLUE	DAY LETTER
NL	NIGHT LETTER
NTE	NIGHT TELEGRAM
LOO	DEFERRED
NLT	CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END LETTER

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CLEVELAND OHIO MAY 24 1929

MANAGING EDITOR

126 ELDORADO TIMES ELDORADO KANS

PLEASE AIR MAIL PHOTOGRAPH OWEN OBERST USED MAY 22 WITH CUTLINES EXPLAINING WHY NEW TRIAL

NEA SERVICE

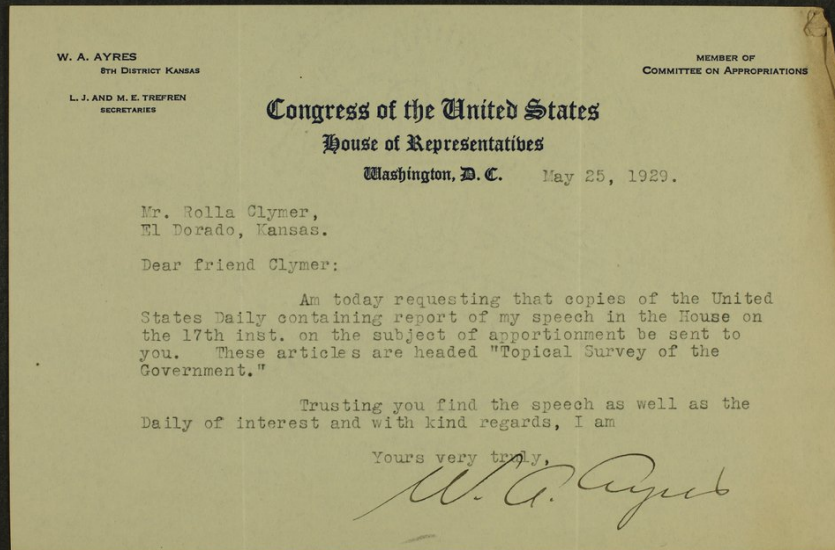
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mail

PHONE NO. 22  
TIME CALL PLACED. 20  
TIME TELEPHONED. 12  
MAY 24 1929  
PHONED BY Jessa Stanford  
REC'D BY city mail



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G. POLK CLINE

NELLIE CLINE

CLINE & CLINE  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

LARNED, KANSAS

May 26th, 1929.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:--As I seem to be the only living democrat left in Kansas and the only woman in the world who voted for Al Smith and admits it and you seem to be the only man in the republican party who is willing to admit in a loud voice that maybe there are a few men in the republican party like Sinclair and Clyde Reed and Henry Allen who are not quite perfect, I wondered if you would care for or have any use for a couple of articles I have written. Since my father's death I don't have anyone to talk politics with so I just explode in this manner once in a while, but have an awful time getting the editors to publish my articles for it seems I was born a democrat and can't seem to get it out of my system (or my writing), and while Kansas ought to be smart enough to know that the farmer ought to vote for the party that will permit him to buy his machinery in the same market where he sells his grain and visa versa, they continue to vote the republican ticket, due no doubt to our solid phalanx of republican editors, ~~and they~~ <sup>who</sup> don't seem to want democratic articles.

However, if you will pardon a personal reference to myself, I served one term in the Kansas legislature under Henry Allen, and we just couldn't



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G. POLK CLINE

NELLIE CLINE

CLINE & CLINE  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

LARNED, KANSAS

seem to agree on anything. He wouldn't let me have my way about anything and came out to my county and urged the people to let me stay at home the next election. I took a lot of pleasure in writing him afterwards that I had carried every precinct.

Well, this a much longer letter than I intended it should be, and I shall not be offended in the least if you don't print my articles but wish you all kinds of good luck in trimming "Henery."

Sincerely,

Nellie Cline.

*Nellie Cline*

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 27, 1929

Mrs. C. V. Kennell,  
Latham, Kansas

My Dear Mrs. Kennell:-

I was gone for three days last week and your letter of May 21 just reached my attention this morning. I am sure you found the item to which you refer in the printed column of your correspondence last Friday. The sub-editor, who looks after the correspondence as it comes in, tells me that he never cuts your copy. I am sure that he doesn't, for it is far too valuable for us too eliminate. It sometimes happens in a busy newspaper office that a linotype operator turns two pages of copy for one, or hops over a paragraph, and the omission is not caught at the proof desk. There are various accidents which happen to copy, try as hard as we can to avoid them. I know you will understand this condition and will realize that we never willingly blue-pencil your fine grist of news. We know how hard you work to get it and only wish that we had more of it, for no better matter goes into our paper than from your pen. Indeed, we thank you for your always loyal efforts in our behalf. Mr. Feder and I plan to drive to Latham sometime soon; we may bring our families along and, at any rate, will stop for a neighborly chat with you and others of our good friends in that vicinity.

Sincerely yours,





May 27, 1929

Mid-Continent Engraving Company,  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

Please make and submit to us for approval of our customer a single column design ~~xxmt~~ with the word "ElCo" centered in a diamond-shaped outline. The enclosed rough pencil sketch will give the idea. The "E" and the "C" are to be in caps; the "l" and the "o" in small caps. This is to be used for a trademark signature in advertising.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
per



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May 27, 1929

Mrs. Eugenia C. Harrison,  
Beloit, Kansas

My Dear Mrs. Harrison:-

When I wrote you a couple of weeks ago, I told you I had lost the portfolio containing my manuscript at Hutchinson or Newton. However, I found it in my traveling bag hidden under a flap yesterday. So today I am sending you a copy of what I said at the conclusion of my address in memory of Mr. Harrison at the Hutchinson meeting, and also two of your clippings which I had pinned to sheets of paper and which I had used in the course of my remarks. I wanted you to see what I said about your husband and am glad the missing manuscript turned up.

Very truly yours,





## Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 27, 1929

Mr. C. H. Pattison,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

My Dear Charley:-

I got your letter with the enclosed clipping today and was glad to hear from you. Things are going along in good shape here. The statement showed excellent profits for the first four months. We have our new equipment working nicely and it has proved a big help. I have paid everything except the electrical bill; the Kansas Gas & Electric Company still does not have its difficulties settled with the General Electric. That bill will be about \$2,000--possibly a little less. I also owe \$150 for painting and will spend about \$100 for plumbing. We had a good bank balance, so talked it over a couple of weeks ago and made a 5 per cent dividend. We have \$7000 on hand, which should be enough to care for everything. A little later on, I shall start to pay off what we owe Alice. We are getting out of this expense in good shape, I think. Really, it is much better than I had expected. Things were going so well that I took three days off last week and attended the editorial golf tournament at Topeka. Had a good time and came home feeling fine. That will constitute my summer vacation.

I hope you get along well and enjoy California. As soon as I get all the bills in, I shall give you an itemized account of what we spent. I shall draw it up for my own satisfaction, anyway, and it will be no trouble to take a copy for you.

Sincerely,



Geo. A. Clark  
President

Capital \$40,000

Member American Association  
of Title Men

Phil. A. Gray  
V.-Pres.

### The Topeka Title and Bond Co.

Member Kansas Abstracters  
Association

O. P. McClintock  
Sec'y and Treas.

(INCORPORATED)

Bonded Abstracters  
New England Building

Phone 5132

Topeka, Kansas May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1929

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
El Dorado, Kans.

My Dear Clymer:

Have been thinking of dropping you a line to congratulate you on your stand politically and as to appointment of U. S. Senator, etc. Thought I might brush elbows with you when you were here last week, but missed you when I asked for you at the hotel. You had gone to the grounds to play golf.

It appeals to me that something drastic will have to be done if the party is saved from going into the ditch. If I ever get to El Dorado, will look you up. If you see Giles, say hello for me.

Yours truly,

*G. A. Clark*



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

El Dorado, Kansas.  
May 28, 1929.

R. A. Clymer,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I want to thank you for  
the "Woman's Home Companion"  
that I am receiving through  
your kindness.

We enjoy it very much. I  
am also pleased to know that  
you appreciate the effort I  
am putting forth, to send  
you the news from our  
community.

Again I thank you.

Sincerely

Nellie Putnam  
(Mrs. Samuel Putnam)