

#### **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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June 27, 1929

Mr. George P. Dickey, Wichita, Kansas

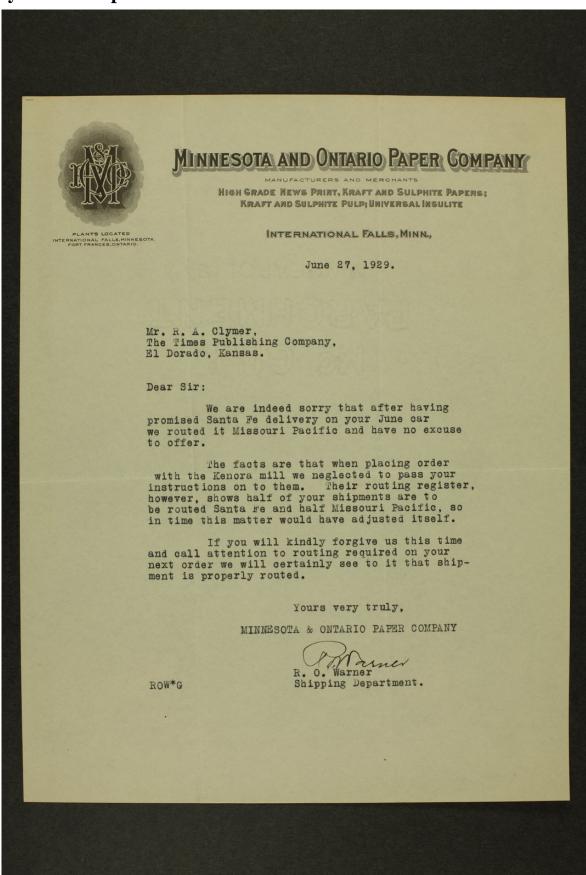
Lear Mr. Dickey:
I am sorry the clerk was negligent in
filling your order for oil and gas lease records the other
day. We carry this form in stock at all times and will be
more than glad to care for your needs. Your order for twentyfive is going forward in today's mail and the statement is
herewith enclosed. These records sell for ten cents each in
small quantities, but we have made the price \$2.25 for your
order today. If you could use 400 or 500 of them, we could
bring the price down around five or cents cents each. At
any rate, we shall be glad to care for what you need and will
be grateful if you will pass the word along among other operators that we have the form for sale here.

Thanking you for this business and trustengthhat we may be privileged to serve you again, we are

Very truly yours,

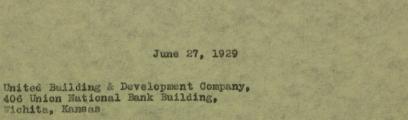
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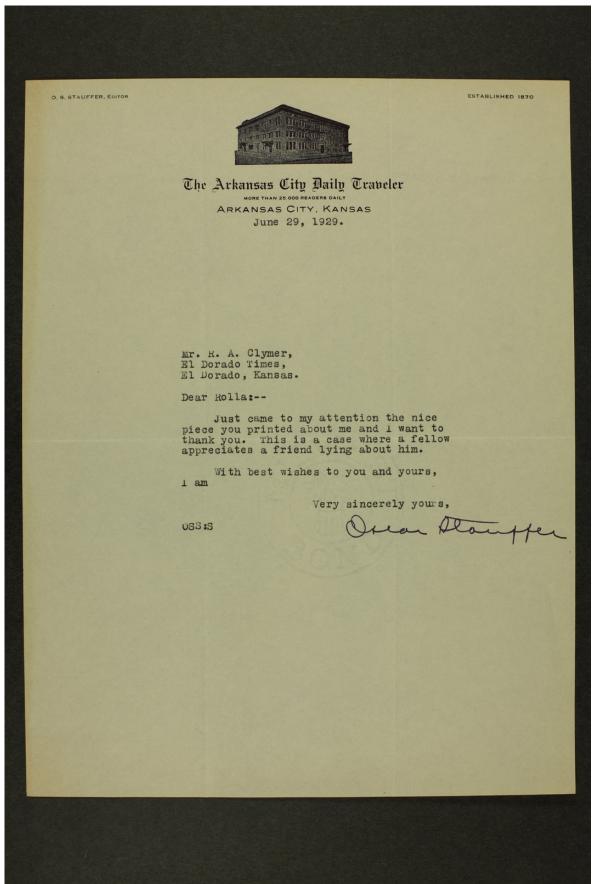
The undersigned regrets that neither he nor the advertising manager were in the office today when your telephone call came. The clerk quoted you the proper rate for advertising in our paper--42 cents per column inch. This is a flat rate and is not affected by the volume of advertising done within any period. We are enclosing our rate card, which will give you full information concerning our publication.

We shall be very glad to be favored with the business you have in mind for us and you will find that we shall give you complete cooperation and service along with it. Please call upon us when you are ready and we will devote all of our facilities to your requirements.

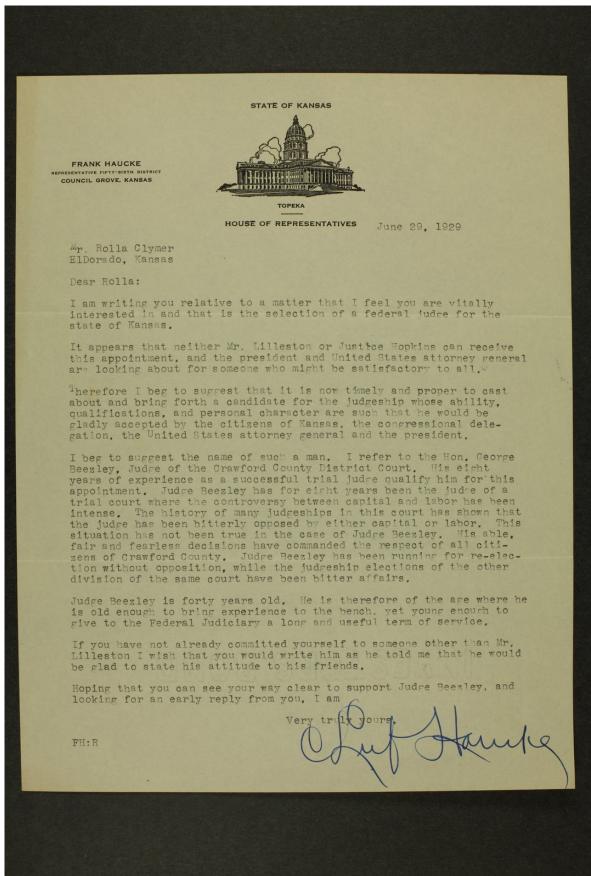
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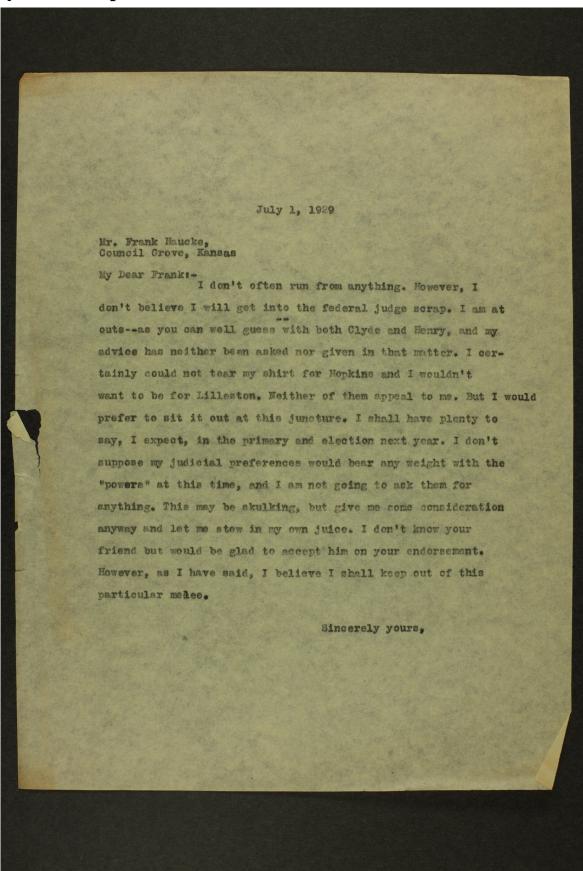








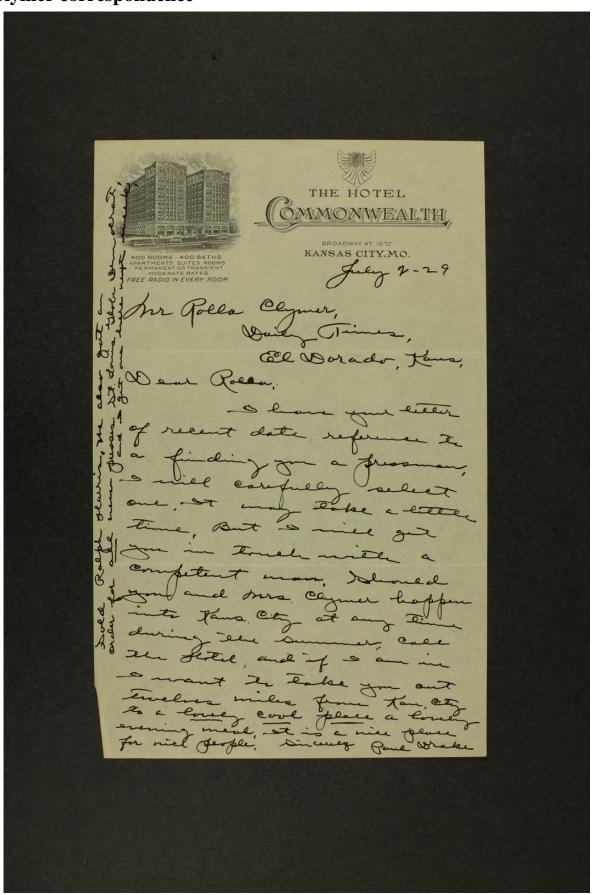




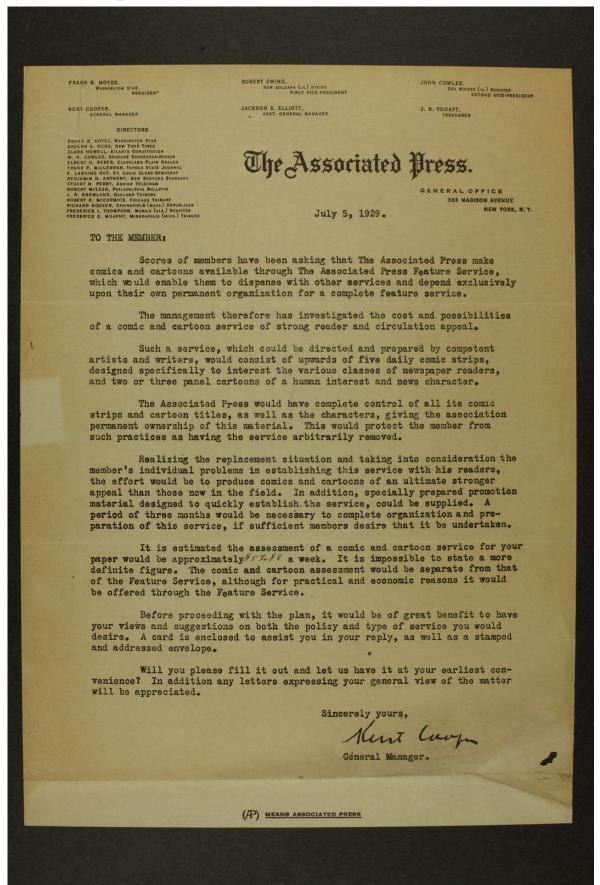


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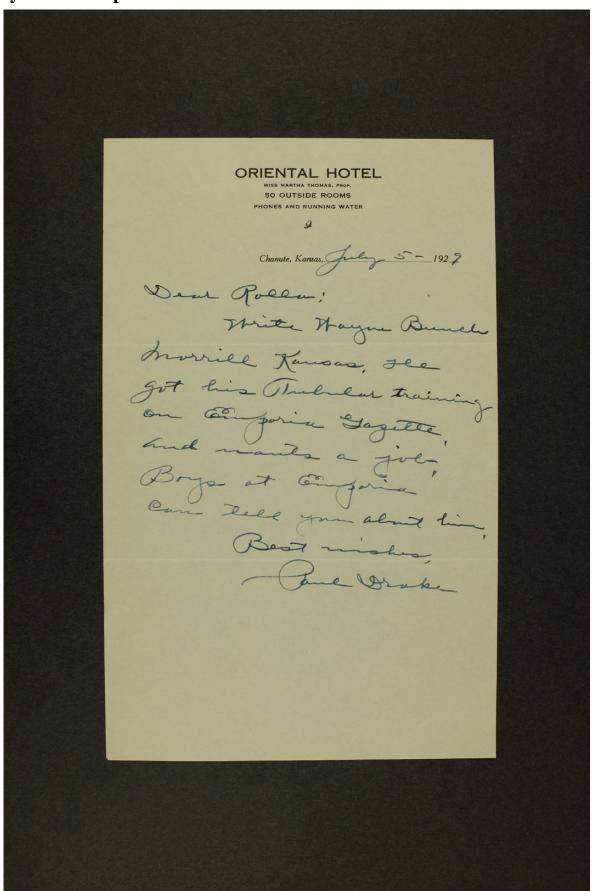




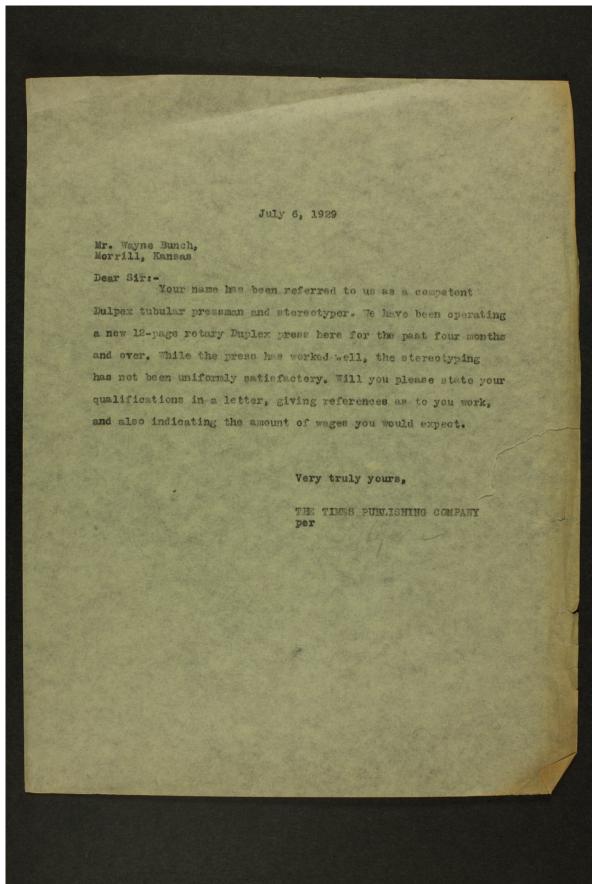




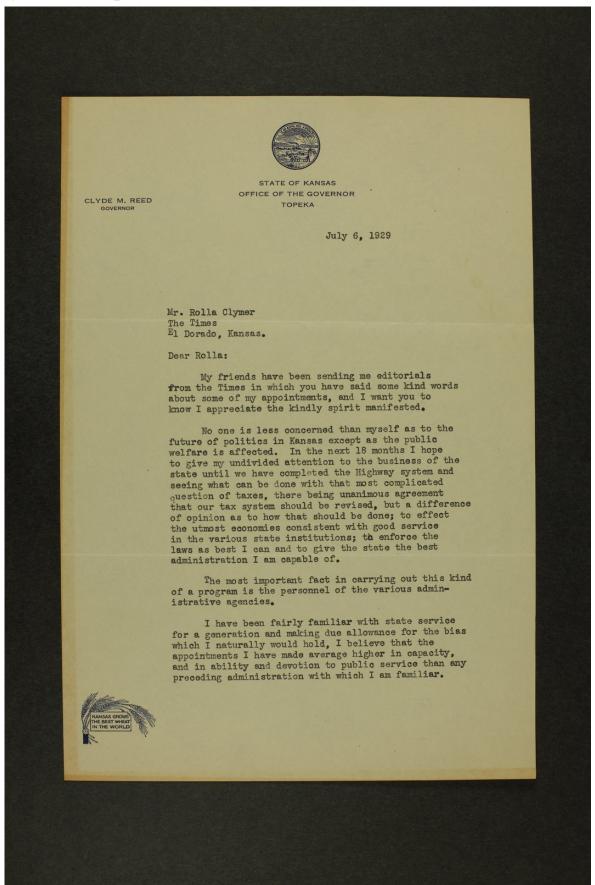




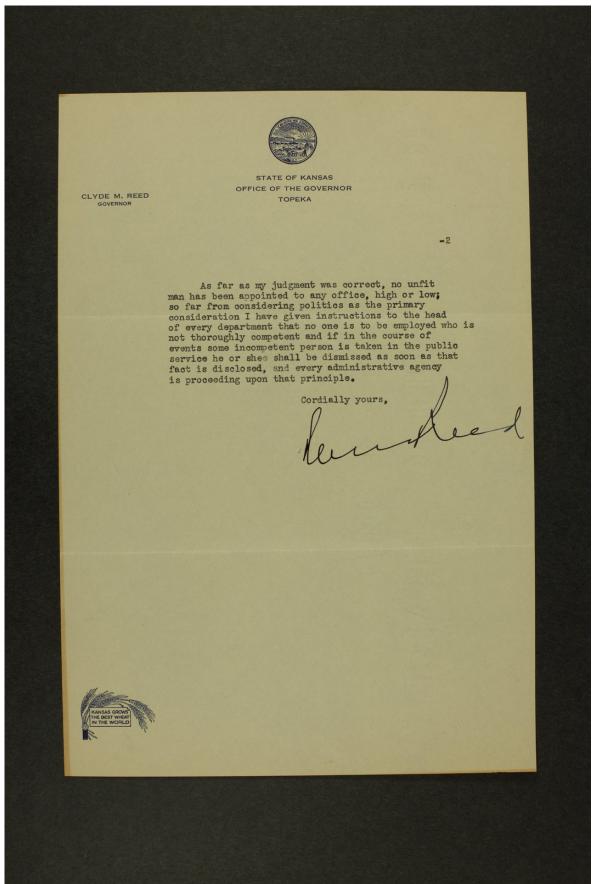




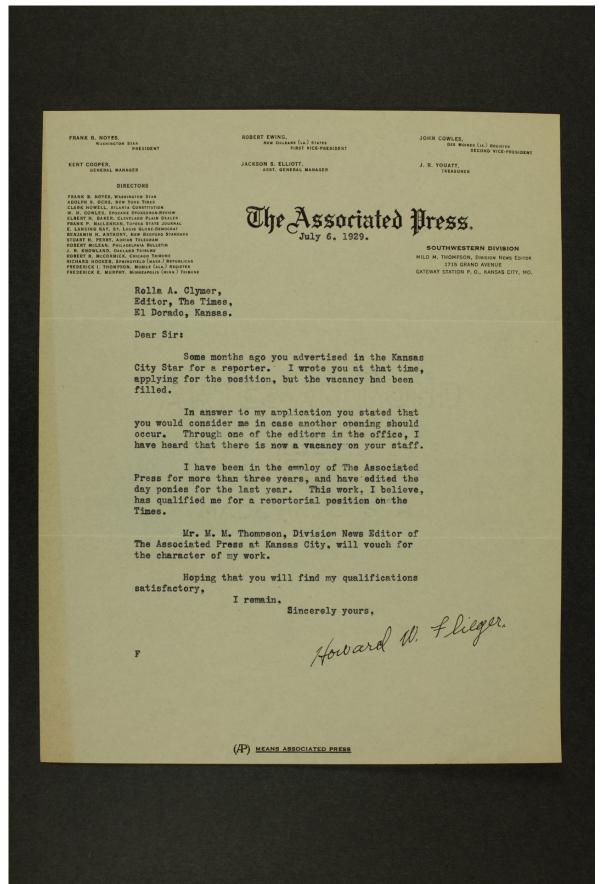




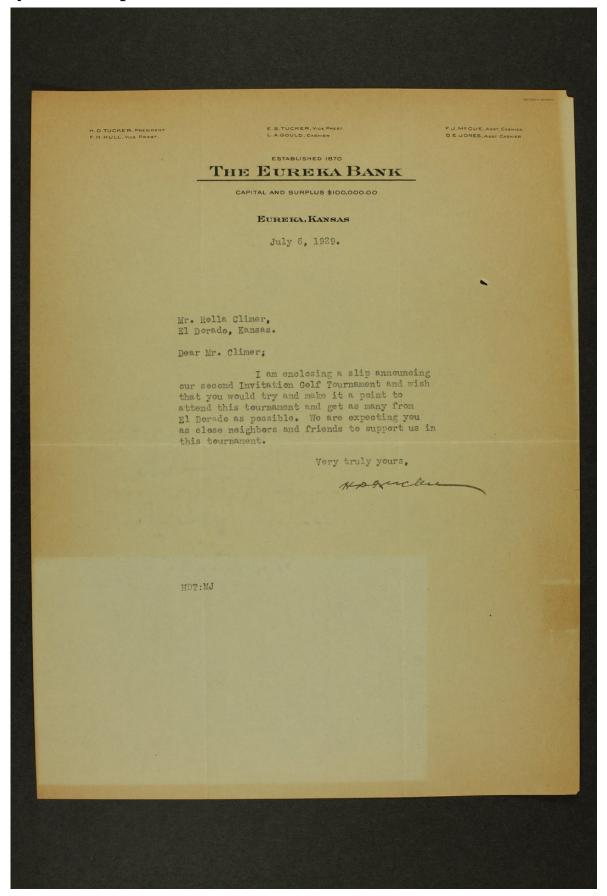














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## The Morrill Weekly News

WAYNE BUNCH, Editor-Publisher
Morrill, Kansas

July 7, 1929

R. A. Clymer, ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry regarding my qualifications as a Duplex pressman-stereotyper, I helped in the stereo department for about five years while working on the Emporia Gazette's press, and believe I am thoroughly competent to handle both tubular and flat casting, toll mats, as well as run the press.

You may write Mr. Hughes, manager; Sanford Rice, pressman; Tom Yearout, stereotyper on The Gazette for references.

Also, would not be adverse to helping anywhere in the shop if stereotyping did not take all my time. Was a country printer before I went to work on Gazette, and can qualify as line operator, job printer-pressman, floorman, etc.

In regard to wages -1 suppose you do not pay as much as larger shops. How does \$40 sound? I would be willing to let that adjust itself after a tryout.

I left The Gazatte six months ago and bought The News. Have found that I am not enough of a salesman to make anything on a village weekly. Have had my "fling," and want to go back to work. Would need a little time--week or two--to dispose of this.

Yours truly.

Wayne Bunch Morrish, Kansas.



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Standard Oil Company, Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:With reference to the enclosed statement, will say
that I have never received the goods ordered--a gallon of
mineral oil. The order was placed about May 30. After waiting
for nearly a week, and receiving no satisfaction from inquiries
at your local station, I purchased a gallon of the oil from a
local drug store. The oil from your company never has been
delivered to me, probably because of a wrong address. My residence is at lool south Denver Street, and not at lol9 as you have
it listed on your statement.

Inasmuch as this shipment has gone astray, I will ask you not to send me the oil at this time. When I have used up the supply I have on hand I will place an order with you for a 5-gallon can of the oil, and hope we will have better luck in making both ends meet next time.

Please cancel the statement.

Very truly yours,



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ARTHUR D. GRAY, M. D. TOPEKA, KANSAS

GENITO-URINARY DISEASES
AND UROLOGY

July,9th.1929

Dear Rolla:-

I have your letter of June, 27th., and am glad that you were pleased with the book but think you overestimate the gift. I first saw it on old Prof.Dunlaps desk in Lawrence and thot of you when I looked thru it. I had some difficulty in locating a copy, --in fact tried to get hold of one for you last Christmas, -but have never had any luck until I took the matter up personally with Dick Hall and he finally got the one I sent you, somewhat shopworn but readable. Personally, I think it is a darn interesting book. You have it with my love and best wishes and we can't be paid back in money for that.

I am glad to report that I am very well indded,—better than I have been for over a year. I had a very bad attack about two weeks ago and seem to have passed a galstone, or some other obstruction from my bile duct, and since then have been a different person. It "busted loose" just in time as I was pretty sick and they were talking operation. However, I really believe that my whole trouble this last eight months was really in my gall bladder and I am now out of the woods.

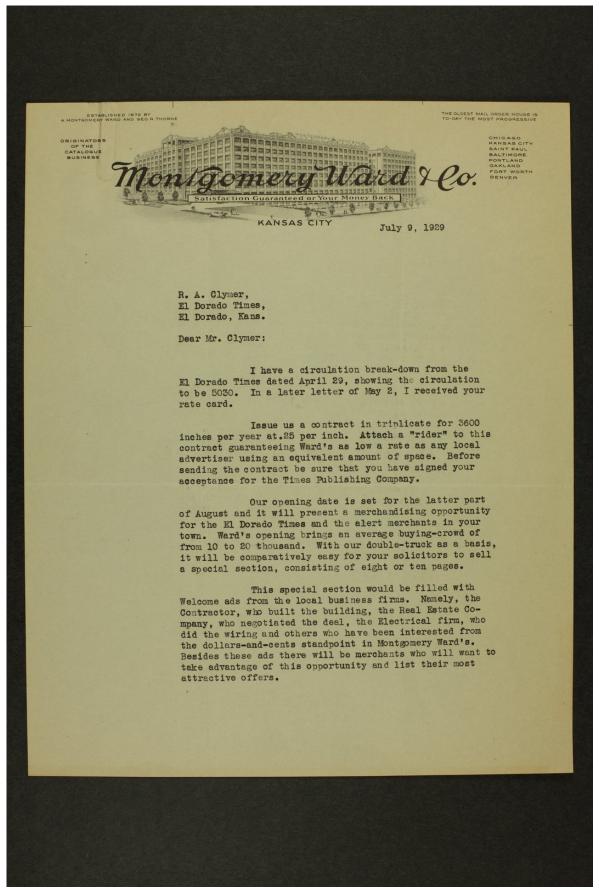
We are all well altho Edith minds the heat.
We expect to leave by auto for Park Rapids, Minn., Aug. 17th.
to be gone three weeks. This is the first time since
we have been married that we have, kids and all, started
out on a definite, prearranged vacation so we are looking
forward to it.

I hope the "whoops" are coming along that that the children keep their food down. Thats the worst complication of whooping caugh in my opinion.

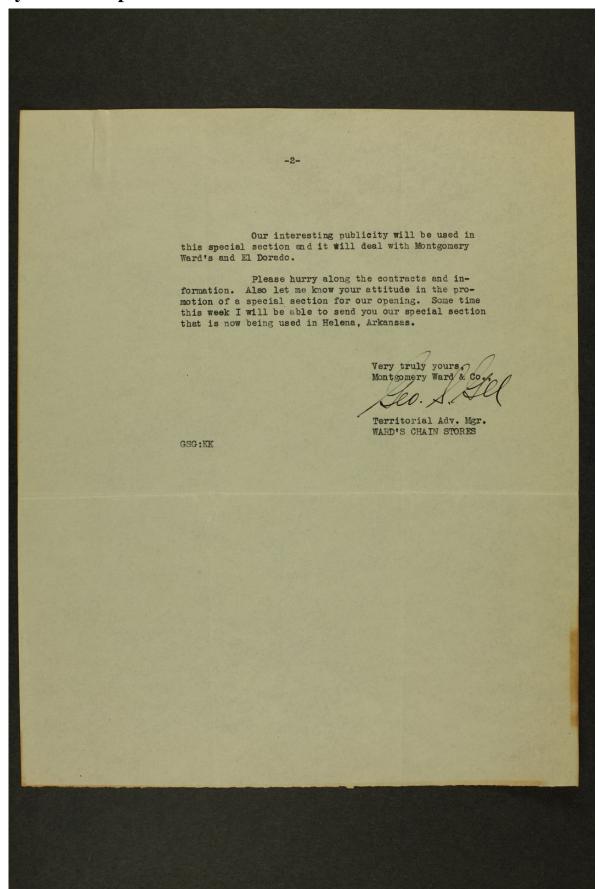
It is too darn hot to ask anybody to go on the raod these days but we still talk about your all coming up for a few days. If you can stand the heat, we will be glad to see you any time before we go away and if you can't do that, maybe we can arrange it for early in the fall after we return. Love to all.

In haste,











### Rolla Clymer correspondence

Clarksville, Arkansas July 10, 1929

Managing Editor The Republican El Dorado, Kansas

Dear sir:
 I am interested in obtaining a place on the staff of the Republican, either as a reporter or desk man.

I have had several years successful experience in newspaper work and my experience in editorial rooms has been obtained on the following papers: Charlotte (N.C.) News, Concord (N.C.) Tribune, Hattiesburg (Miss.) American, New Orleans Times-Picayune, and the Arkansas Gazette of Little Rock. I am now editor of a weekly paper where I have been for several months but I desire to reenter the daily field. In addition to the work on the papers mentioned, I have been correspondent for the United Press and International News Service. I also did free lance work for one year and was correspondent for several of the leading papers of the Catolinas and Georgia.

I have had experience in writing news stories of all kinds. On two of the papers I had the city hall and courthouse beats and covered all the courts. on the others I did general assignment work and also wrote features on local subjects for the Sunday edition. My desk experience has been obtained by my having a combined street—desk place. I can handle either the state, city or telegraph news desk.

While I prefer a place as desk or assistant desk man, I would be glad to consider one as reporter. I have done newspaper photography, am familiar with a Graflex camera and could combine that work with that of a reporter if it is desired.

I am 27 years of age, married, a protestant and a college trained man. I prefer to obtain a place where I could make a permanent connection, and as I am familiar with newspaper work in a city about the size of El Dorado, I would tike a place in such a city.

The last paper on which I worked in a city near that size was the Hattiesburg American where my salary was \$40 per week. Since then I have been on the staffs of the Times-Picayune and Arkansas Gazette. The matter of the starting salary, however, is of secondary importance if there is a chance for advancement when worth has been proven. I believe that the matter of salary can be settled to the satisfaction of both.

I could report on short notice and bring references from the Arkansas Gazette and other papers where I have worked. I could also send you a photograph of myself and copies of some of the features I have written.

Trusting to receive a favorable reply, I am

Very truly yours,



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Montgomery Ward & Company, Kansas City, No.

Attention Mr. Geo. S. Gel, Territorial Advertising Manager

Dear Sirs:
"e have received your request for contract covering 3600 inches of advertising in our paper for a year at special rate of twenty-five cents per inch, which we take great pleasure in furnishing you herewith in triplicate, as requested. Please note provision embodied in the form to meet your requirements guaranteeing this rate to be as low as that of any local advertiser using an equivalent amount of space.

We have dated these contracts August 15. You may change that date if you wish. The contract will not be in force as far as we are concerned until the date of your first insertion. Moreover, we will not strictly hold you to the provision of using the 300 inches monthly. Our only concern is that you use the entire 3600 inches within the twelve months' period stipulated. The contract can be renewed from year to year, without formaility, if you so desire.

We are very glad of the near date of the opening of the Ward store here and will cooperate to the best of our ability. The building seems far advanced and you should not be delayed long in getting into it. You may be assured that we will do our best to issue a special edition along the lines you have suggested. Please do not forget to send copy of the Helena, Arkansas, paper you mentioned. The Larned (Kansas) Tiller & Toiler recently had such an edition and we failed to save our copy. If you can get us one of them we shall also be obliged.

We will do our best to issue a creditable edition of this sort. However, previous efforts along this line have not met with enthusiastic response on the part of local merchants. Perhaps we can get them to see the matter differently on this occasion and we will use all our influence to that end.

If there is any other way in which we may help, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

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July 10, 1929

Mr. Hugh J. Powell, Coffeyville, Kensas

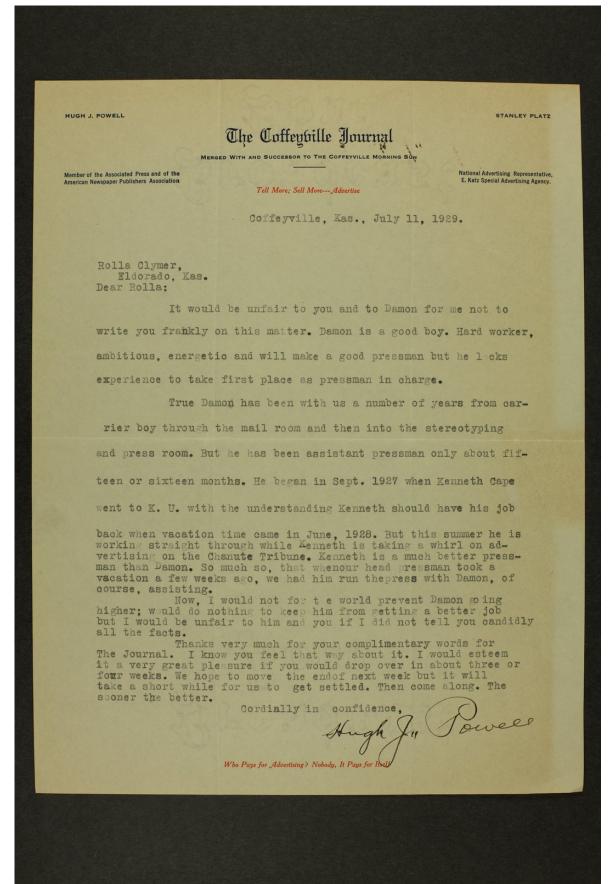
jim it.

Damon Mountford, who says he has been working for you for eight years, came to see me Sunday with regard to a job in charge of our press and stereotype room. I was well impressed with his appearance and conversation. We have had some difficulty with making plates and Nountford's two years experience of doing the casting for you appeals to me. I notice that you usually have a good bunch of plates. The boy says he is ambitious to try his wing and take on a job of larger responsibility, incidentally earning more money. I want to ask your opinion of him, if you think I would be justified in turning over our press to him. He would have a pretty good assistant—a fellow who is about a half to a two-thirder. If Mountford can carry the load in a level-headed and competent way, I feel sure the two of them could handle our work all right. We need the help in the stereotype room, but of course I wouldn't want somebody in charge of the press who might

I shall be grateful for a frank reply. I want to get to Coffeyville some time to see your grand new building of which I have heard so much. I certainly wish you increased success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,







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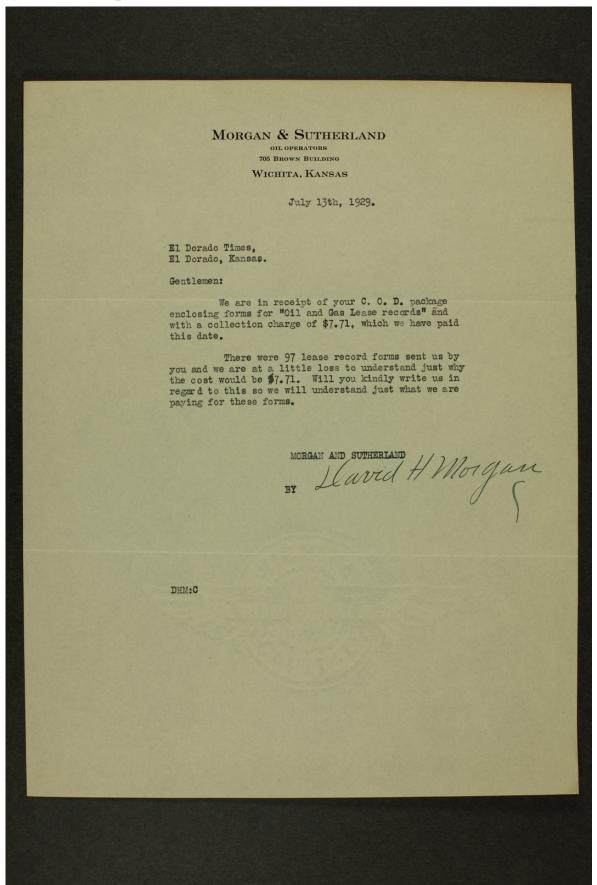
July 12, 1929

Mr. Glen Condon, o/o Skelly Oil Company, Tulsa, Okla.

My Dear Glen:-Denny and his bunch have finished their work blocking acreage in Western Kansas and are willing to release the story to me, provided it is all right with Tulsa. Mr. Pielsticker did not want to take the respansibility because of the fact that this land is all tied up with the big gas deal. The story has been printed in piece-meal form by papers at Hutchinson and elsewhere in Western Kansas. It is a whale of a story from my standpoint, if the entire project can be outlined in one story, the huge block of acreage, the pipe line deal, and all. If it is ready for release, I should be glad to have the information from your office. If you will provide the facts, I will write my own story. Or, if you would prefer, have one of your assistants write the story and we will publish it -as is. Anyway, I should like very much to have it and will appreciate anything you do toward getting it for me.

Sincerely yours,







## **Rolla Clymer correspondence**

July 13, 1929

Kansas Inspection Bureau, Wichita, Kansas

Attention Mr. H. A. Blinn, Branch Mgr.

Dear Sirs:
This is to notify you that all of your recommendations made in your letter of April 30, 1929, and subsequently by inspector, for the improvement of fire prevention on premises of The Times Publishing Company and adjoining building have been carried out in detail..

Two open brush type motors have been enclosed, per your suggestions. Storage of gaseline has been limited and safety cans have been installed. Excessive storage of baled waste paper has been eliminated. This paper is being hauled out twice each week now, and for some weeks past, and is limited to not over five bales on the premises at any one time.

Four new fire extinguishers have been installed, in basement, main floor and upstairs, as per your suggestions and those of the inspector who last was here.

Layer of heavy sheet metal has been placed between stereo-type furnace and partition, according to your instructions. New oily waste can has been placed for use on main floor.

The new electrical installation has already been inspected and passed muster.

As soon as convenient, we should like to have an inspector go over our place to see if everything we have done meets your approval. It has been our earnest desire to have our plant protected in every way against fire hazards, so that the condition will meet the most searching strutiny of your bureau.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY



