

#### **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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### Alpha Xi Chapter of Siama Chi

New House Campaign

October 12, 1929

HEADQUARTERS: 616 Reliance Building Kansas Citp. Mo.

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Mr. R. A. Clymer, Eldorado, Kans.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We must have money at once. In reliance upon the subscriptions made by you and other loyal Sigs the committee has entered into a contract for the new house. The old house has been removed and construction is under way. By the time this reaches you the cement will be poured for the first floor and everything ready for hurrying the completion.

Under our contract payrolls must be met monthly and materials partially paid for as used. Any delay in payments will mean a delay in prosecuting the work, and even a short delay may put us into winter weather and throw the completion over until spring. Every month of occupancy in the rented house means that much less rent to be applied on the new home.

We beg you not to allow a little inconvenience to yourself now to interfere with the success of the whole movement. We feel that all subscriptions should be paid at once, even if some subscribers have to borrow the money to pay them.

It has been a tremendous job to put this thing across. It is being put across in a way most creditable to the fraternity and the chapter. Please don't add to the burdens of the committee by delaying longer. We need your check by return mail to meet pressing obligations. The work mustn't stop!

Yours for Sigma Chi,

trans to Woodbury For the Executive Committee.

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#### THE HERINGTON TIMES

PUBLISHED THURSDAY
CIRCULATION 1850
BY BERT HARRIS

HERINGTON, KANSAS

October 14, 1929

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rollo: --

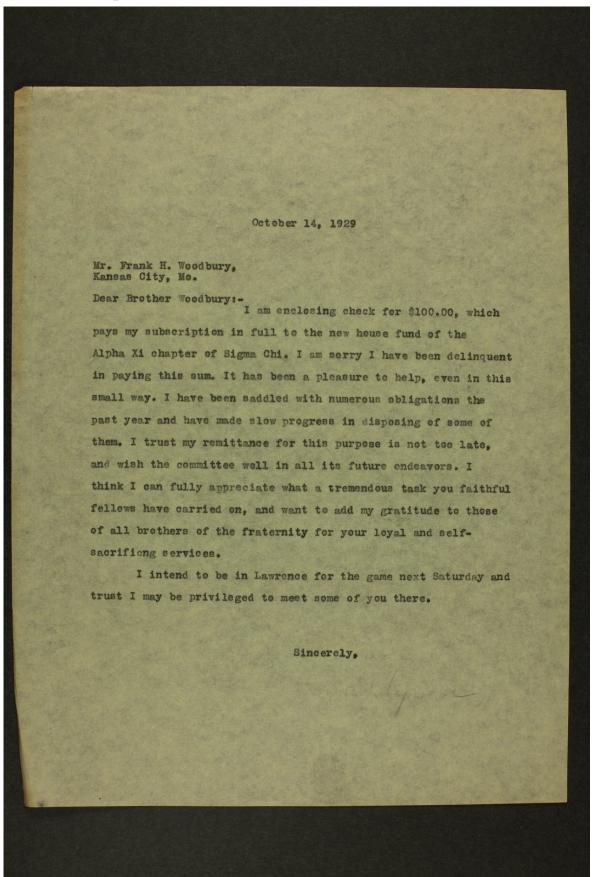
I presume you noticed the dirty crack art

Carruth took at you in Saturday nights Journal in
his "Weeping Willow" department. Inasmuch as we
are doing away with the "ringers" and that five of
the six flights were won by newspaper men--men who
really run newspapers--his comment is rather rankling.
He took a crack at the association last year but Doss
said he didn't seem to proud to partake of the refreshments and never offered to pay any dues, etc. He
doesn't belong to the association and contributes in
no manner whatever to its success or failure. The
charge that the meetings have developed into intensive
contests for golden treasure is as you know ridicultous.
No one knew until Saturday afternoon at Pratt what the
prizes were and where they were to be placed.

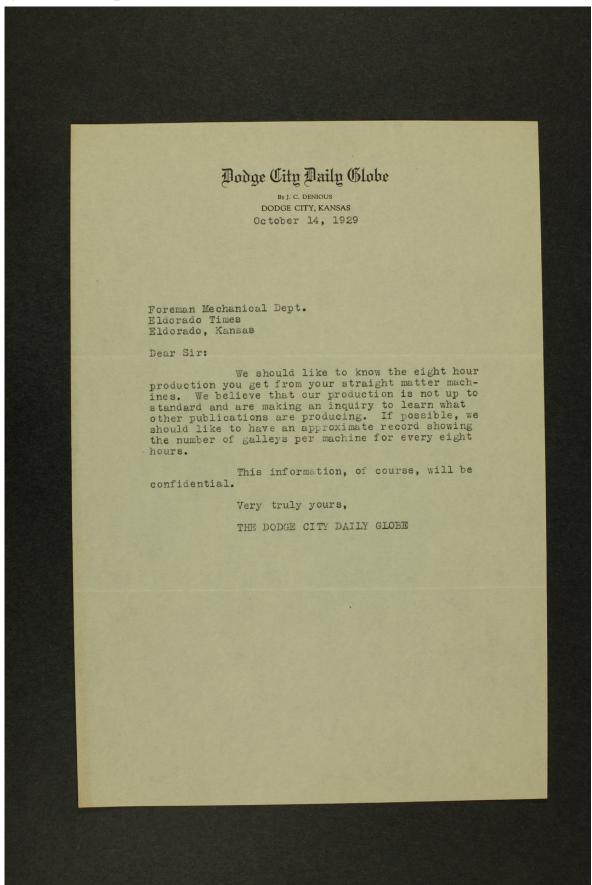
This is his home town and he has a brother in business here so I am passing the matter up to you if you see fit and think it wise to take a little cuticle from around his gall stone.

Yours very truly,











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October 15, 1929

The Globe, Dedge City, Kansas

In reply to your letter, will say that our daily production of straight matter from three machines is ten full gallies of eight point solid, set on a 12-em slug, on the average. There are days when our machines exceed this output, but we figure ten gallies on the average and it enables us to handle our volume nicely. We never go to overtime for regular issues of the paper; occasionally, a flood of job work or the requirements of a special edition will necessitate some overtime. Last week, we published a 40-page paper on Thursday, having regular 8-page and 10-page papers every day for two weeks previous to that time, and had only 39 hours of overtime, all told, including ad composition and make-up.

We trust this information will be treated confidentially.

Very truly yours,

THE ELDORADO TIMES
By Composing Room Superintendent



#### Rolla Clymer correspondence

October 16, 1929

Mr. V. C. Taff, Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Taff:Delay has been made in answering your recent
letter pending arrival here of Mr. R. K. Evans, who has copy
of contract for advertising done for Holmes Motor Company
in our paper during April, May and June in his possession. Mr.
Evans will be here in a day or two, but we hasten to give you
the information for which you asked.

Enclosed you will find itemixed statements of advertising done, one for V. C. Taff Motor Company in the amount of \$49.00 and one for the Holmes Motor Company in the amount of \$24.00.

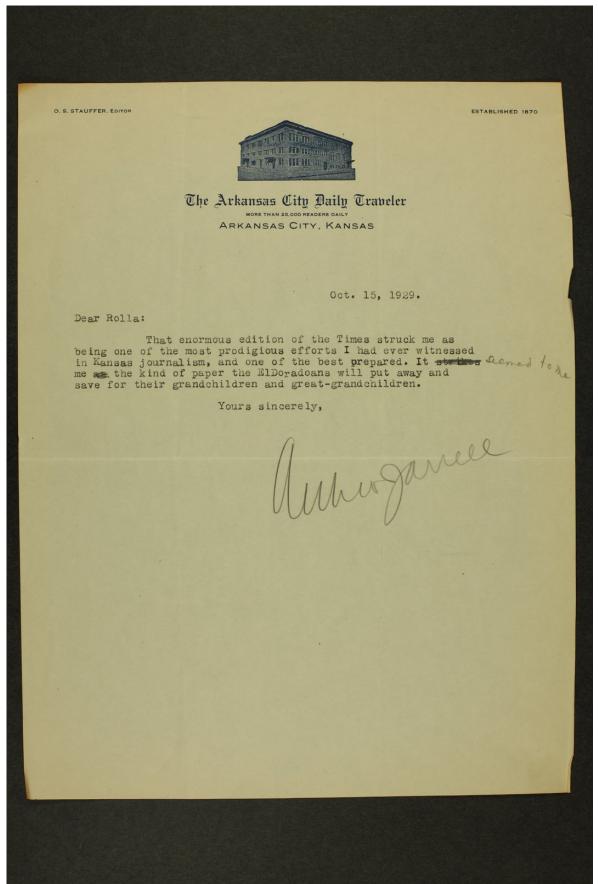
Tear sheets are also enclosed showing the advertisements as they appeared.

The contract was signed in the name of the Holmes
Motor Company by yourself. The advertising was done in good
faith and the contract carried out in the same spirit. We feel
we should be paid for our services and intend that we shall be
paid.

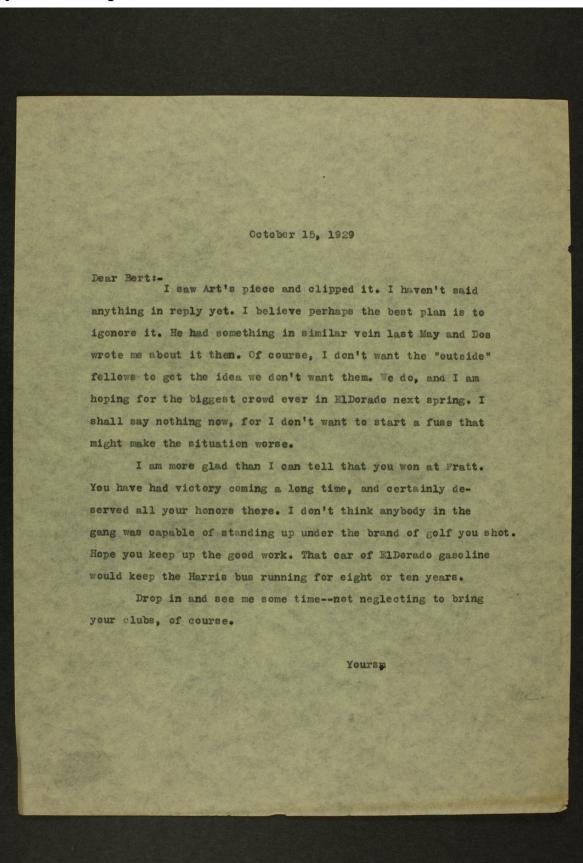
Trusting that these enclosures will clear up any doubt in your mind as to the advertising and hoping to receive remittanc to cover promptly, we are

Very truly yours,
THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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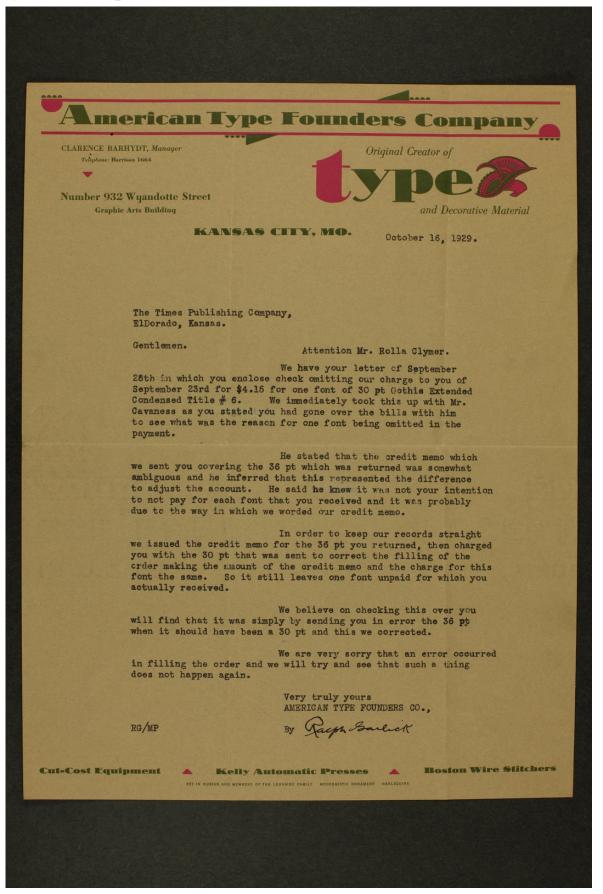














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October 16, 1929 Mr. Carl Brown, Atchison, Kansas My Dear Snort:- The Globe has quit coming to our office and I am bereft. It is like a bottle of Peruna to tone me up for the day. If it is money you want, all right. If you want to swap checks in exchange, still all right. But don't deprive me of The Globe's society. Please speak to the circulation minions, will you, and see that my daily life-saver comes along. I wish you were here for the Kafir Corn Carnival now under way. I would certainly let you hold the Queen's hand. So long, old scout. I don't get to see you half often enough in this busy life. Yours,



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John Carlson, Kansas City, Kas.
Art Rellhan, Smith Center, Kas.
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Wm. Beezley, Kingsley, Kas.
Ward Magill, Wichita, Kas.
Floyd Tilford, Wichita, Kas.
Harry Dockum, Wichita, Kas.
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Kenneth Adams, Bartlesville, Okla.
John G. Somers, Newton, Kas.
Holmes Meade, Topeka, Kas.
Ivan Dibble, Topeka, Kas.
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Frank Denton, Arkansas City, Mo.
Paulen Burke, Fredonia, Kas.
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John B. Henry, Lawrence, Kas.
Roy L. Douglas, St. Joseph, Mo.
Dix Teachenor, Kansas City, Mo.
W. M. Beall, Clay Center, Kas.
Chas. L. Faust, St. Joseph, Mo.
Arthur D. Futlon, Cleveland, O.
Robert Sowder, Madison, Kas.
Lee F. Brady, Kansas City, Mo.
Wm. L. Butler, Kansas City, Mo.

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

Dear Brother Clymer:

We are happy to receive your nice letter of the 14th together with your check for \$100 which pays in full your subscription to Sigma Chi's new chapter home. Such fine promptness in responding to our collection appeal certainly is mighty gratifying to the committee members, and we all appreciate it a lot.

Having paid in full you are of course entitled to delivery of the debenture bond, but inasmuch as these will not be ready for issue until a little later we hope you will bear with us until that time. The committee is bending all its energies on construction problems into the committee of the co just at present and has postponed all other matters.

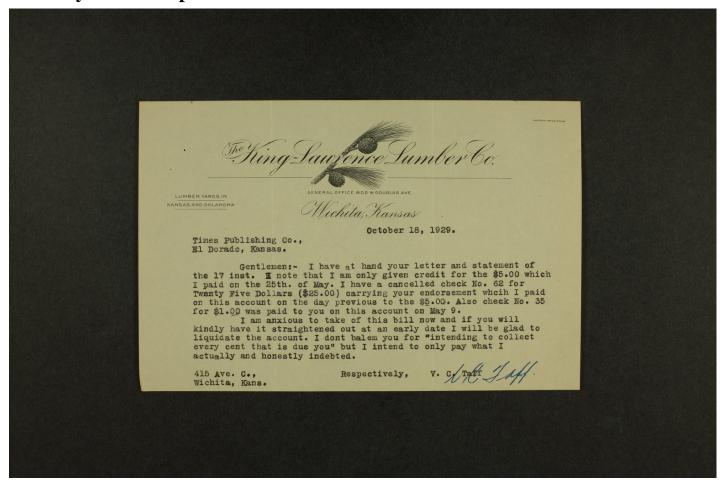
Quite a few of the Sig alumni plan to be in Lawrence for the game this Saturday, so those of us who are there will welcome a chat with you. Incidentally, the Sig house is at 1633 Vermont in temporary quarters while construction is in progress.

Again thanking you for the letter and check, I am

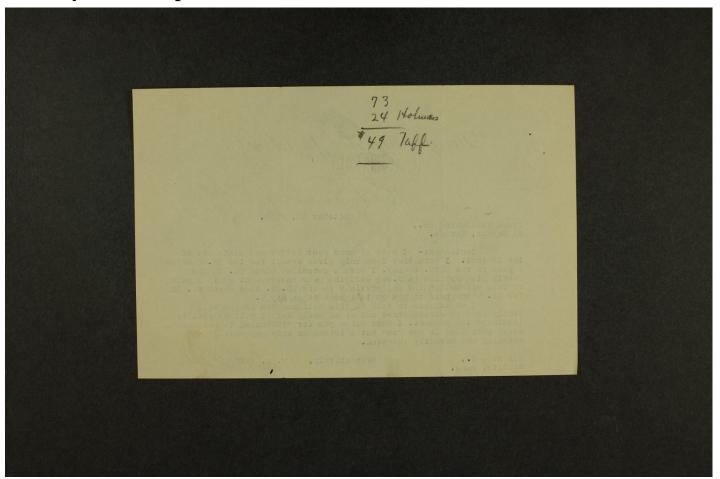
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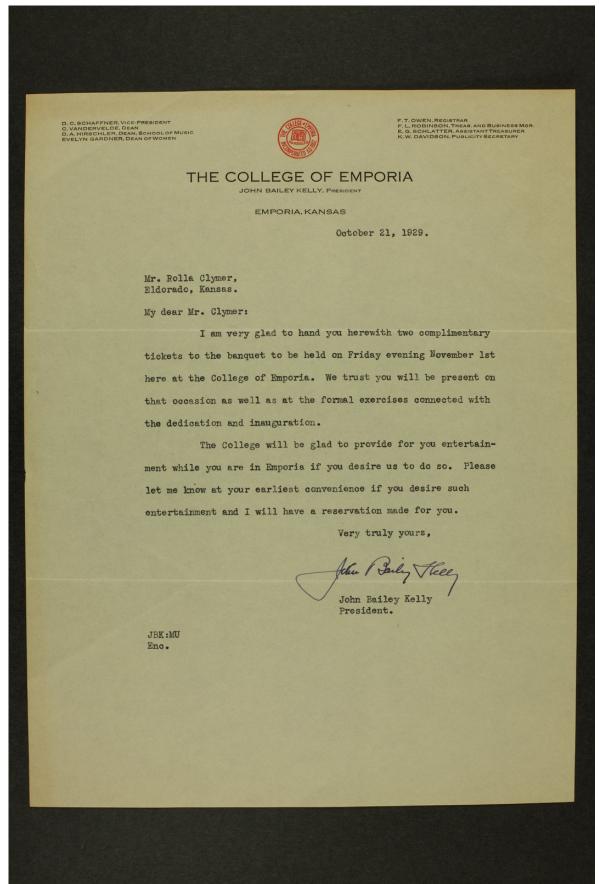




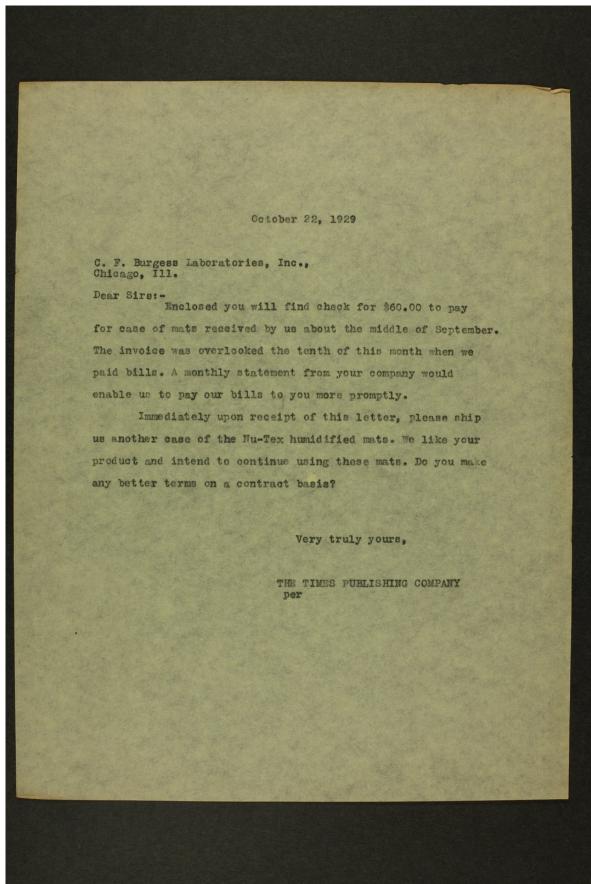




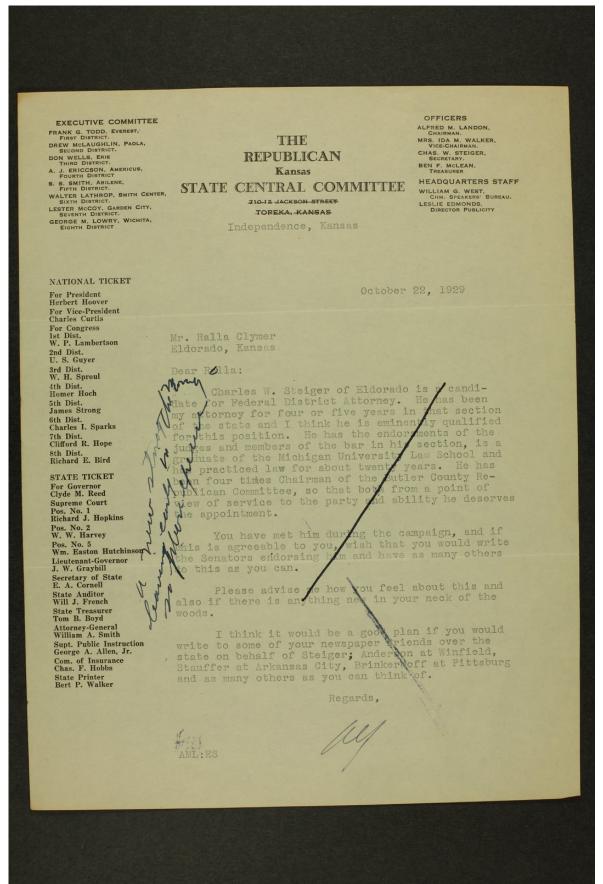




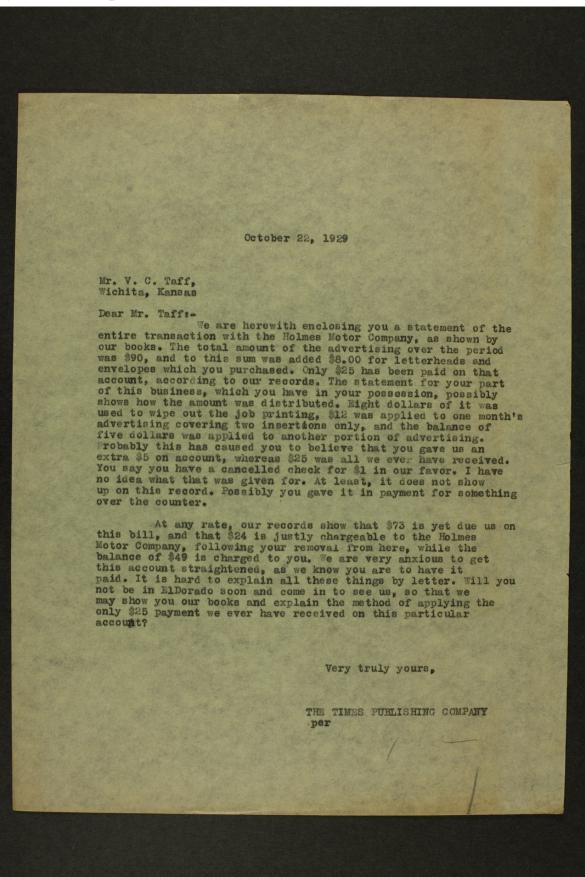




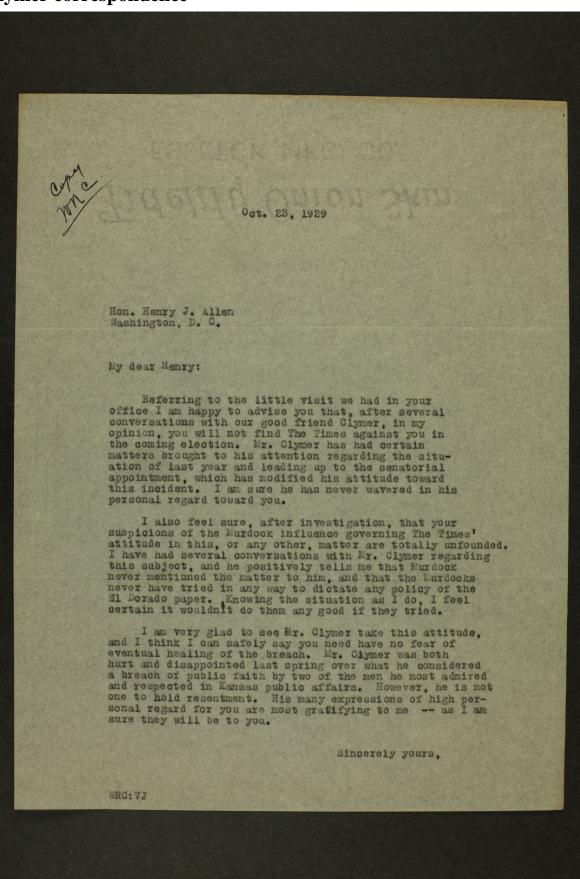




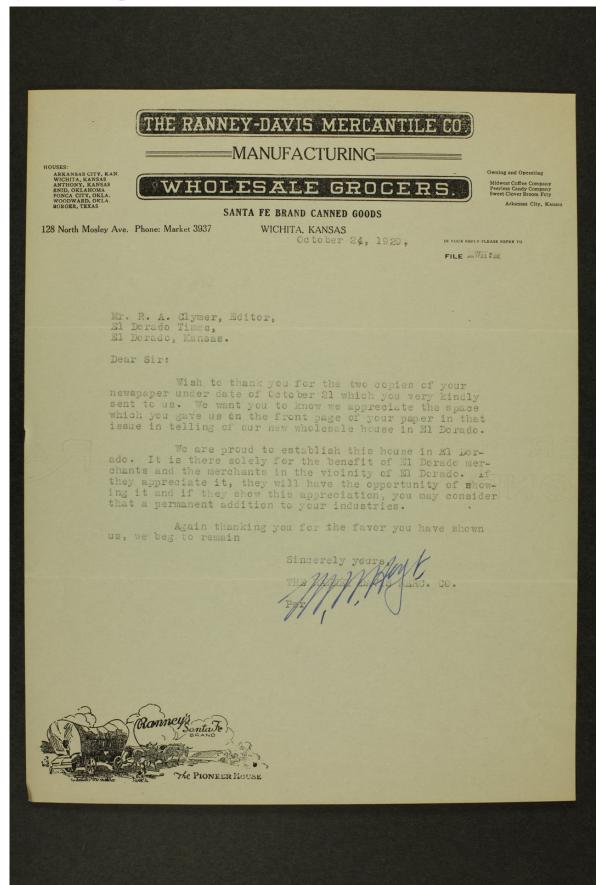




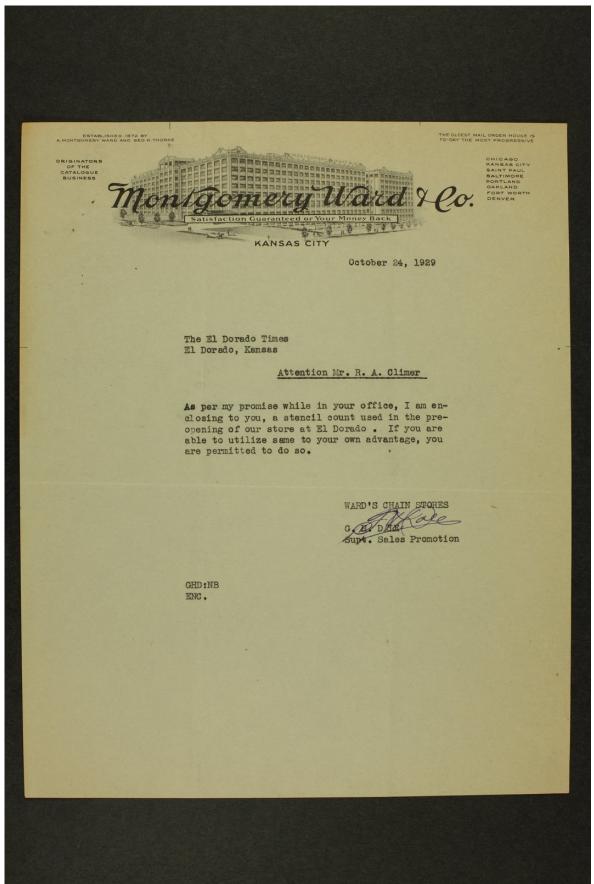




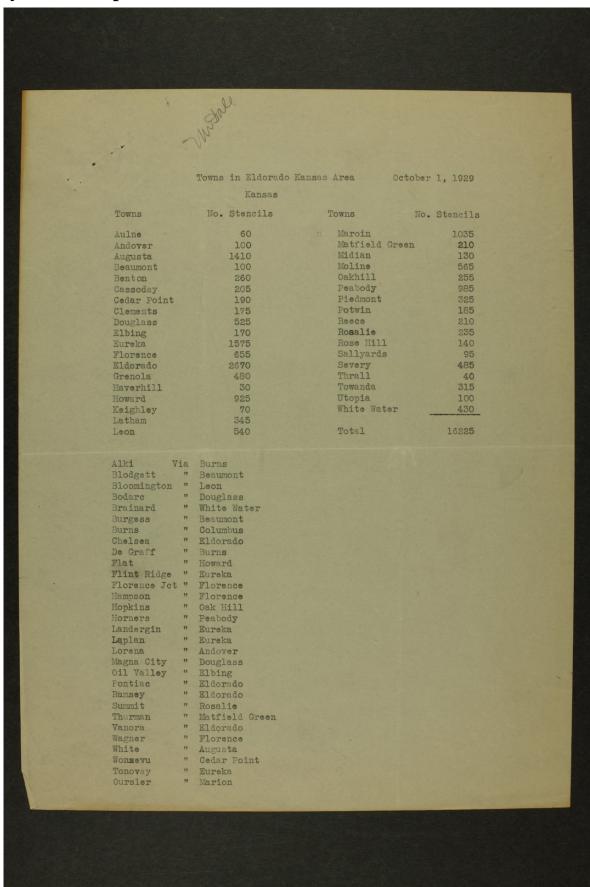




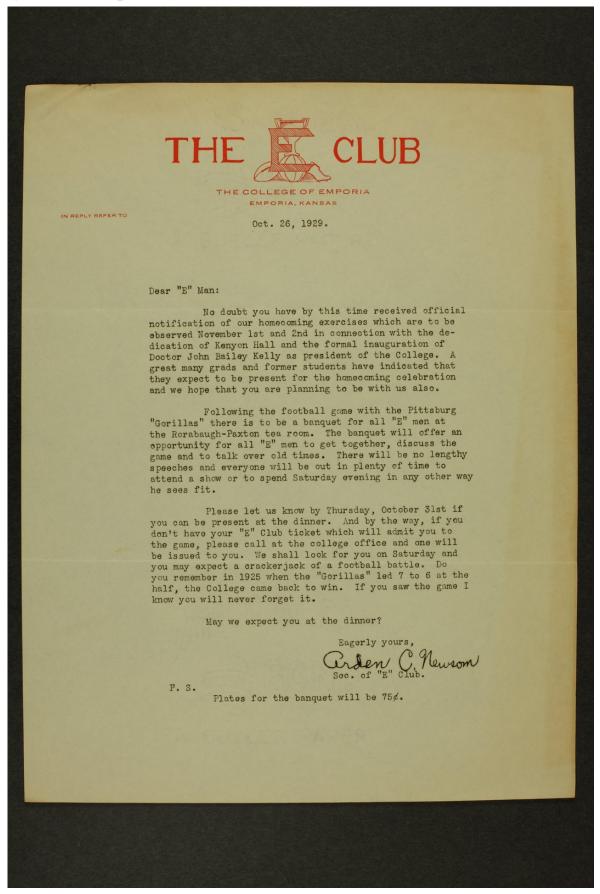




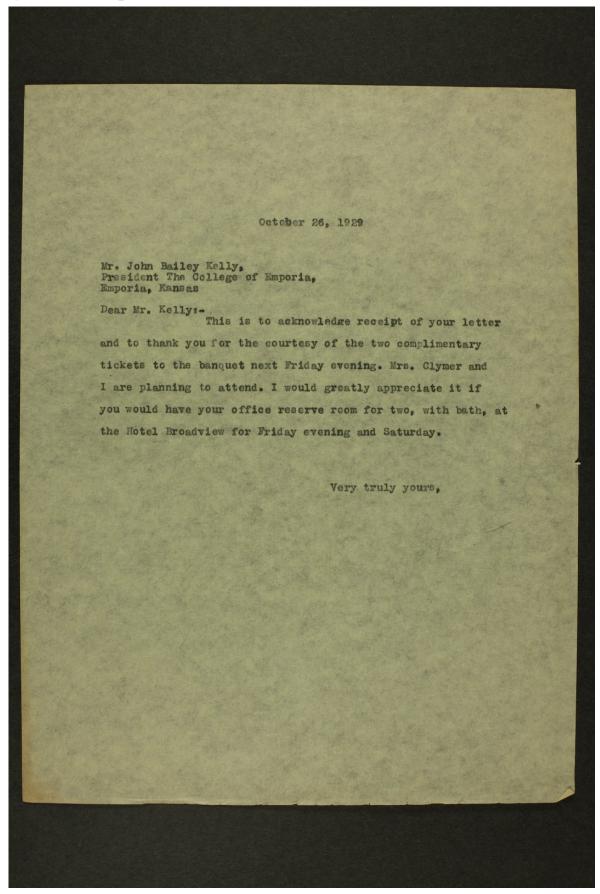














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C.F. BURGESS LABORATORIES, INC. ENGINEERS CHICAGO

STEREOTYPE MAT DEPARTMENT

October 28, 1929

The El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Attention: Mr. R.A.Clymers

Dear Mr. Clymers:-

This acknowledges receipt of your letter and check dated October 22nd, for which we thank you. We have placed through an order for additional mats.

We do not make any deviation from our price schedule for quantity purchasing. In this way we place all newspapers, regardless of how large they are, or how small, on the same plane. It has never seemed right to us for a small newspaper to pay more for their mats than a larger newspaper who are in a position through their size and the quantity of mats which they use, to purchase in much larger quantities, thereby securing special consideration when it comes to price.

We prefer to furnish mats humidified, for we believe that we are in a position to humidify mats satisfactory, even more satisfactory than the average newspaper plant, therefore discourage ordering mats in large quantities, but endeavor to get the newspapers to order either their mats a case of two at a time, as they may need them. We have standing orders where we ship a case a week, others a case every two weeks, and some of the larger papers get theirs six cases every two weeks. In this way they have a shipment constantly going forward, insuring them with mats in the best condition for their use.

Furthermore, we believe that our price of 12¢ for the Nu-tex mat is as low as good business practice and quality will permit.

Believing the above to be the information you desire, we

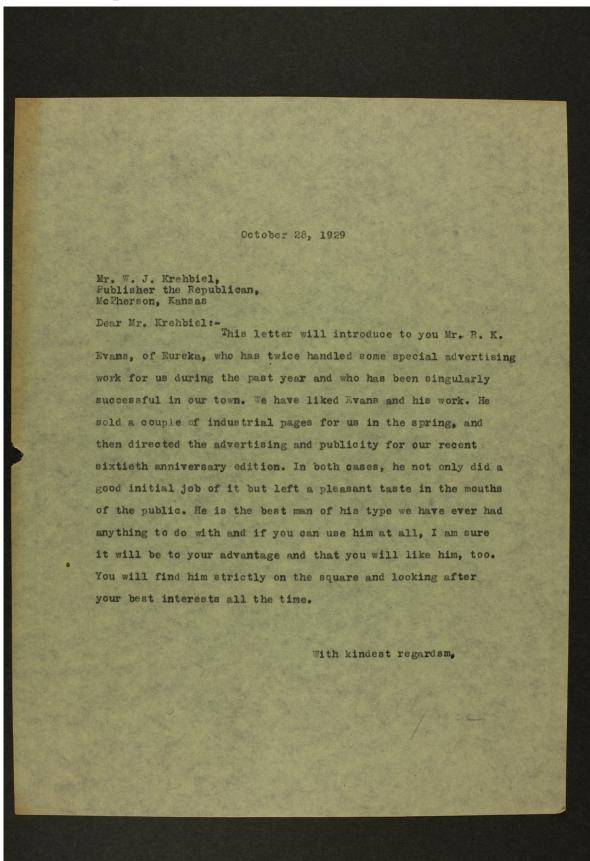
are.

Yours very truly,

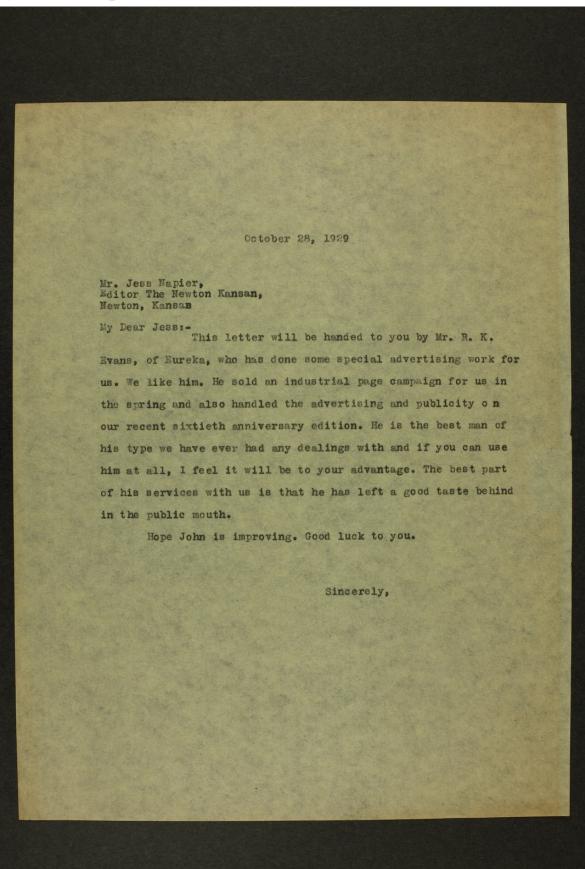
C.F. BURGESS LABORATORIES, INC.

D.T.Stephenson











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October 28m 1929

Columbian Title & Trust Company, Topeka, Kansas

Attention Mr. W. J. Estes

Dear Sirs:-

We wish to acknowledge the favor of a query from your local representative, Mr. Cecil Cox, regarding the advertising rate to apply on copy from three to ten inches in length (single column, we presume,) appearing twice weekly on a contract covering a six months' period.

In reply, will say that this volume of advertising is to small to earn any reduction from the regular open rate of 35 cents per column inch. Our rate card provides on contract a minimum of 1200 inches yearly, for which a rate of 32 cents per inch is charged. If your company can find use for our columns to the extent of 100 inches per month, we shall be glad to give you the benefit of this reduction.

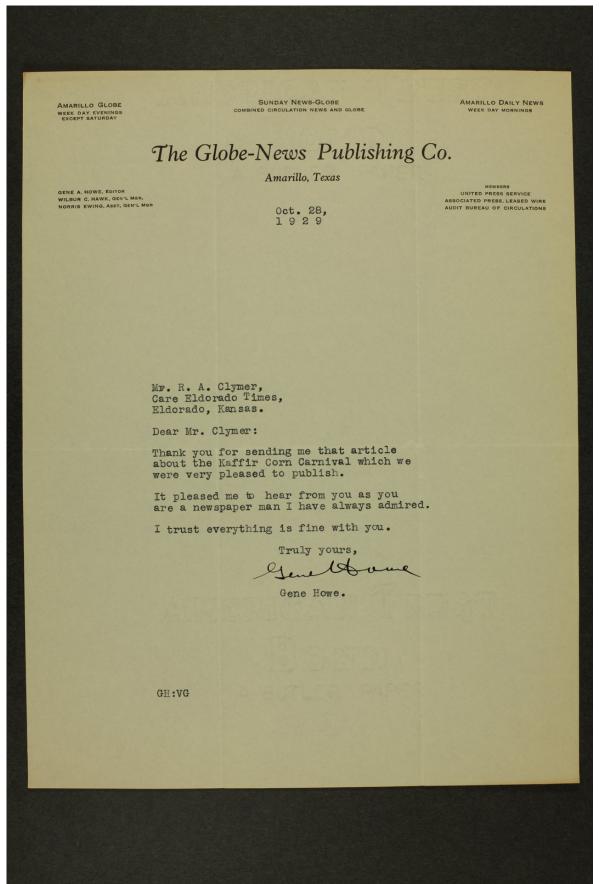
We also beg to acknowledge receipt of copy for a  $4 \times 10^{\frac{1}{2}}$  inch advertisement to appear in our edition of Tuesday, October 29, for which we thank you.

We hold ourselves in readiness to serve you in any way possible and will be greatly obliged for any business you may have to offer us.

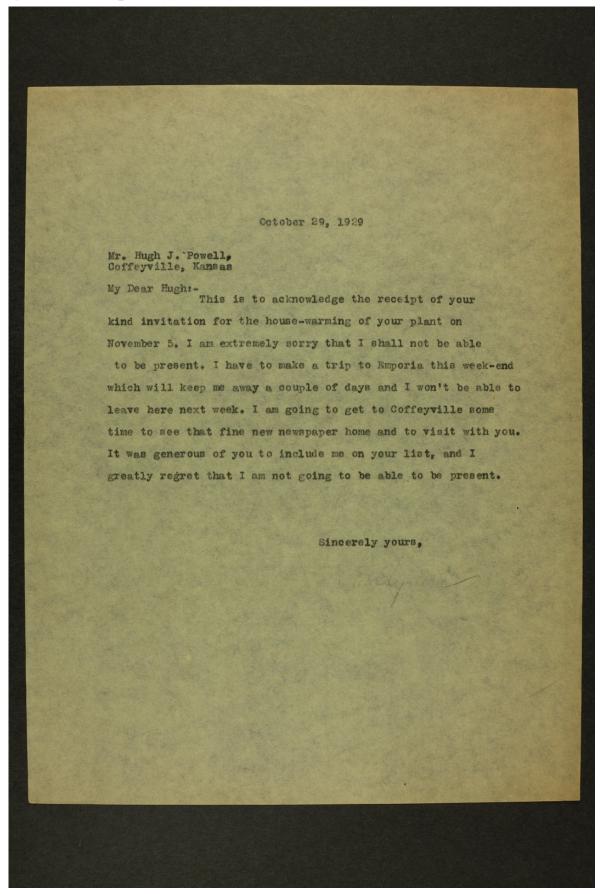
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THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY per



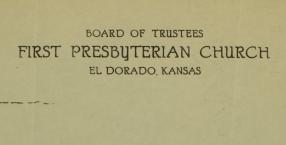








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October 29th, 1929.

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, 1001 S. Denver, El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Member:-

We respectfully call your attention to your pledge or the balance of your pledge to the building fund of the Presbyterian Church.

Through your co-operation last May we were enabled to pay off half of the debt on this building on November 1st. Your pledge card reads that you will make another payment. If you can see your way clear to make your payment in full, it looks possible that we may enter the new year with our new church building out of debt.

The committee will call on you November 1st, or a day or so later.

Ryspectfully,

A Gllsberry

Amount - \$250.00