

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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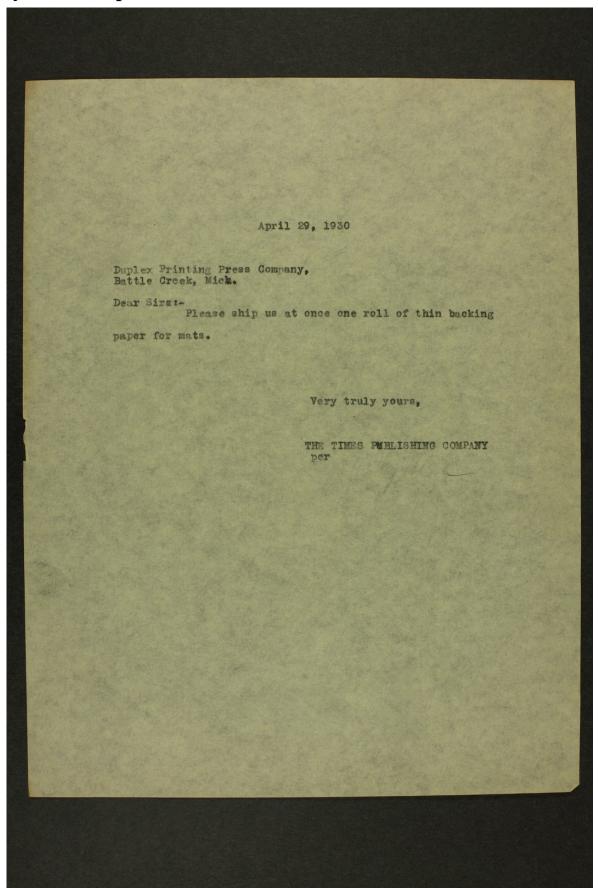
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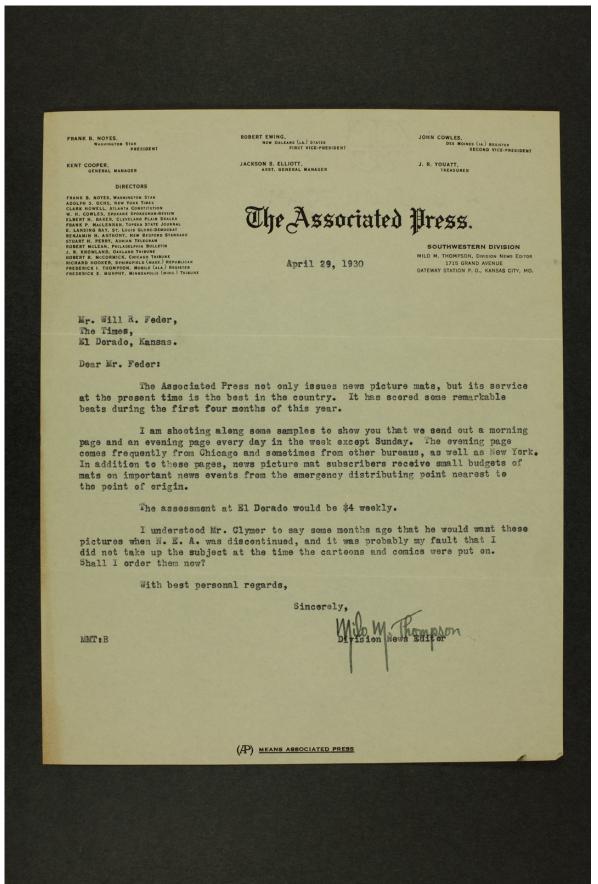
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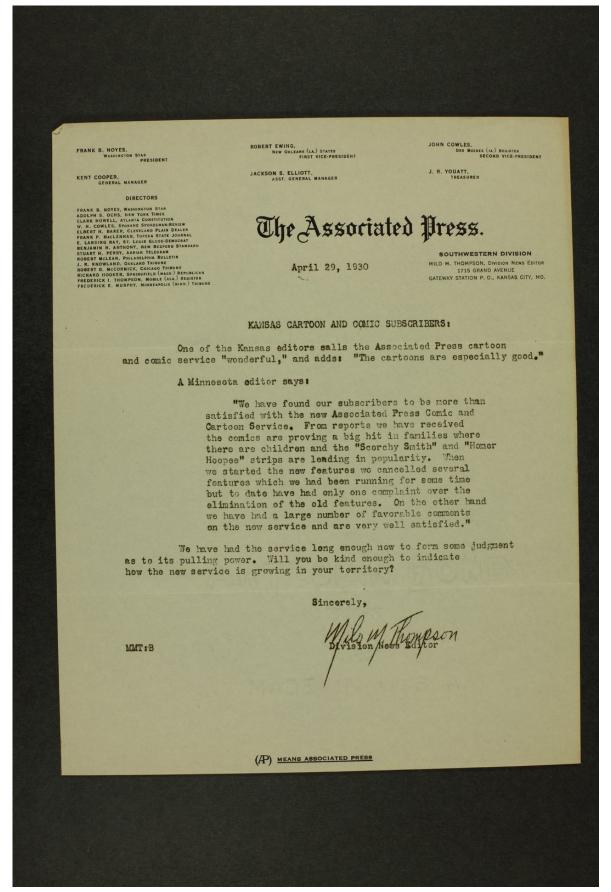




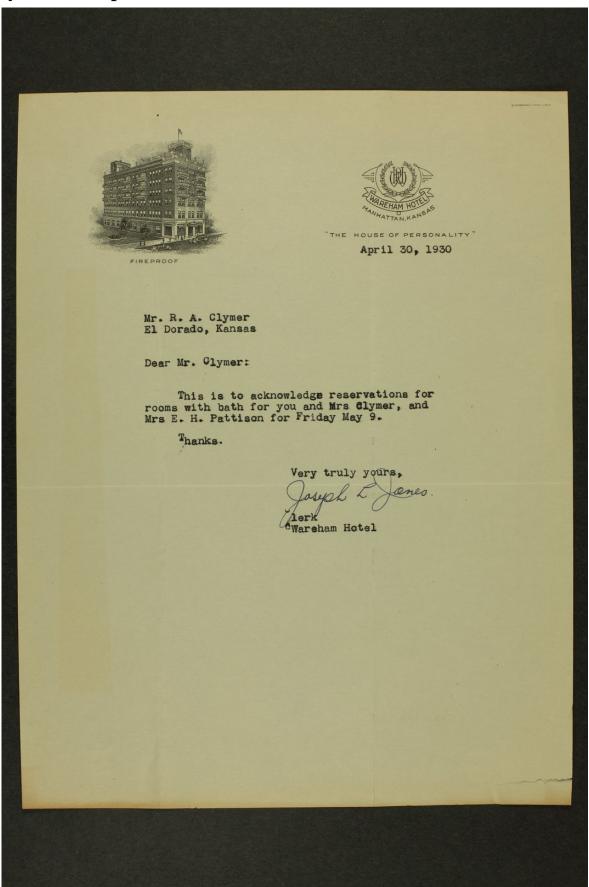














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April 30, 1930

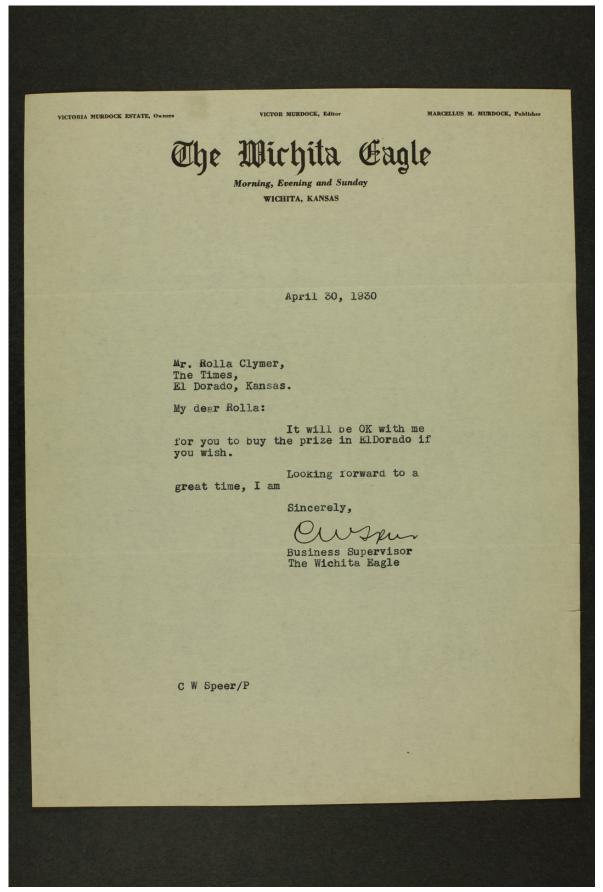
Mr. Charles F. Scott, Iola, Kansas

My Dear C. F.:
If there are any cockles in my hard old
heart, they were warmed indeed by the article about The
Times you published in your paper yesterday. I wonder if
you can imagine the pride with which I read those words of
yours, and then re-read them--knowing that you were wholly
sincere in all you said. I am sure this is the most generous
statement ever made about our paper, at least it is the
most satisfying to me. I wish I could publish it, but it
seems entirely immodest to think of doing so. At any rate,
I thank you from the bottom of my heart, old friend, for
this renewed evidence of your interest in me and mine--and
you have always been more than kind and generous.

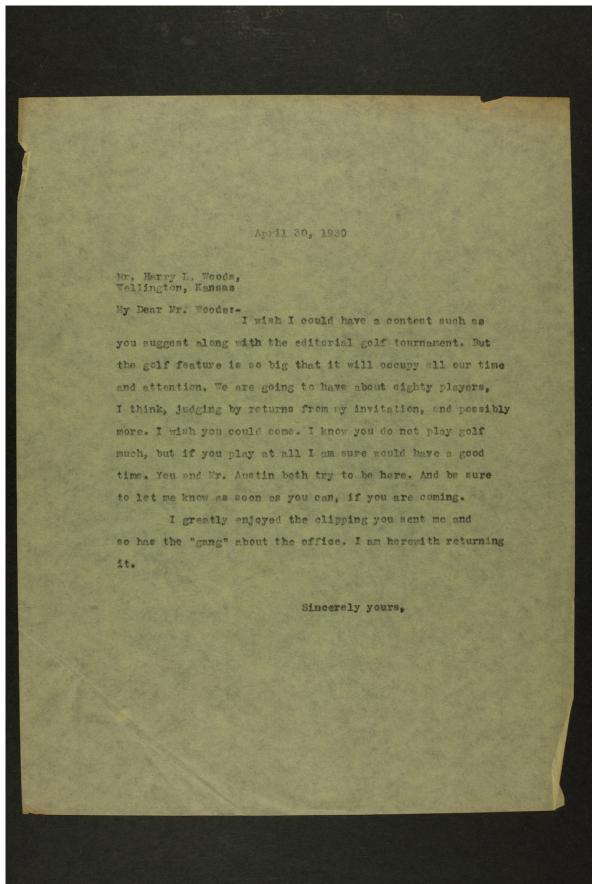
when are you and Angelo coming to ElDorado to try a few practise rounds before the tournament? Let me know a day or two ahead and Ix shall arrange entertainment for you.

Sincerely yours,











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Mr. Milo M. Thompson, Division News Editor The Associated Press, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Thompson:
Bill Feder has shown me your letter of
yesterday. Naturally I am interested in the expense attaching
to features and there are some parts of the Associated Press
assessment which I do not understand.

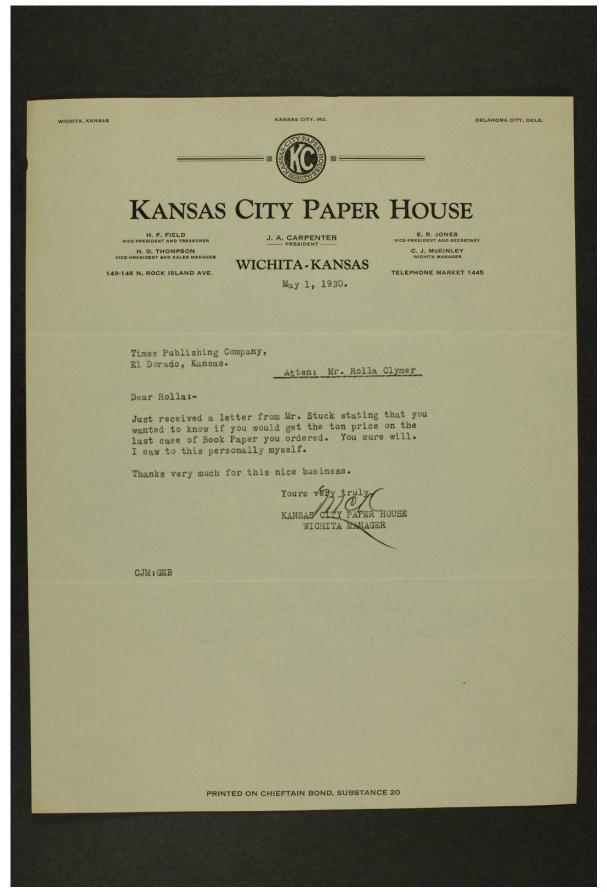
A year or two ago we were paying seventeen dollars and some cents weekly for the pony report, with no features. We finally asked you to send us certain portions of the feature service which entailed additional expense of four dollars a week running our assessment up to twenty-one dollars and a fraction At the time we cancelled M. E. A. last month, an additional ten dollars was placed against our assessment and we supposed the service we were then getting would be covered entirely by that extra expenditure. Now we find ourselves short the news pictures -- and it will require an extra four dollars a week to get them. We need them, too. But the original four dollars, the ten dollars for the main service and the four dollars for the pictures, if we take them, total up to eighteen dollars a week -- as against twelve dollars we were paying for the pony report of the N. E. A. This increase seems high, especially so since we are unable to use only a small amount of the matter sent us.



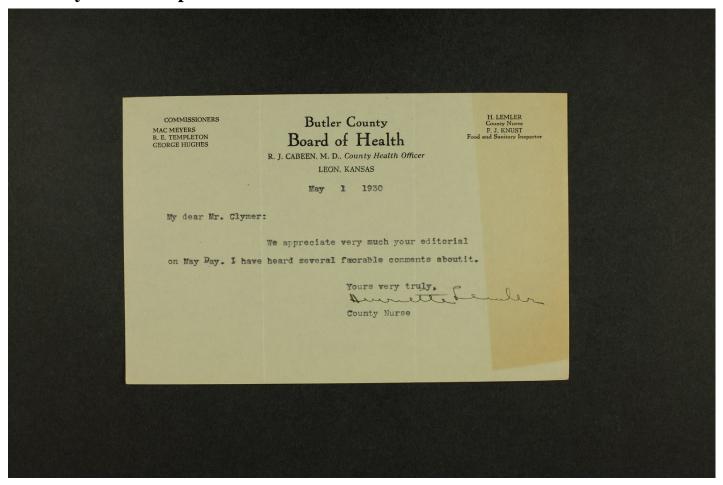
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Isn't there some combination service that will take care of all our needs -- cartoons, comic strips, panels, news pictures, serial stories, radio programs, etc .-- that we can have from the Associated Press at something nearer the figure we paid for the other service than at an additional expense of eighteen dollars? If I have misfigured in any essential, please let me know, and I shall also take it as a personal favor if you will set me straight on these matters. We want to concentrate entirely on Associated Press features. We cannot take two services, because of the expense and our inability to use any appreciable percentage of them. But, on the other hand, we do not want to add too heavily to our fixed over-Upon consideration of these matters, it may be that part of the original four dollars assessment I have mentioned was just an increase for the daily pony telegraph service. At any rate, you will know and I am asking you to write me ful ly and frankly when you have time. Cordially yours,











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FRANK B. NOYES.
WASHINGTON STAR
PRESIDENT KENT COOPER,

DIRECTORS

Mr. R. A. Clymer, The Times,

Dear Clymer:

ROBERT EWING.
NEW ORLEANS (LA.) STATES
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

JACKSON S. ELLIOTT, ASST. GENERAL MANAGER

JOHN COWLES,
DES MOINES (IA.) REGISTER
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

J. R. YOUATT, TREASURER

The Associated Press.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION MILO M. THOMPSON, DIVISION NEWS EDITOR
1715 GRAND AVENUE
GATEWAY STATION P. O., KANSAS CITY, MO.

May 1, 1930

El Dorado, Kansas.

Perhaps I can explain the question of assessment which puzzles you.

There has been no increase in your peny assessment, which, as you probably know, includes the general charge which is your contribution to the general service plus your share in the actual cost of the pony system plus your share of the cost of the Kansas state mail service. That, as you say, totals \$17 odd.

The supplemental services are divided into four parts: (1) the bare proofs of feature service pages; (2) the feature service mats, which include all illustrations, layouts, crossword puzzles, radio programs in mat form, etc., this completing the feature service preper.

Then there are (3) the news picture mat service, carrying spot news pictures and (4) the comic and carteon service.

You have been taking (1) and (2), (1) at \$1 weekly, (2) at \$3.50 weekly, a total of \$4.50 for features which, added to the \$17 odd made the \$21 odd to which you refer.

Then came (4) the comic and cartoon service which meant an increase of \$10 to you. You were still without (3) the news picture mats.

I suggest that, at \$18 weekly, the full Associated Press service is far superior to the full N. E. A. service which would cost you much more than that. It cannot be compared very well with the pony N. E. A. service you were getting for \$12. I doubt if N. E. A. with its present policy of converting all ponies to full service and requiring long term contracts, would have continued to serve you on the \$12 basis very long.

Let me know if I have made the figures more clear to you and if you want me to have the news mats sent for trial. You can, of course, drop them at any time if necessary.

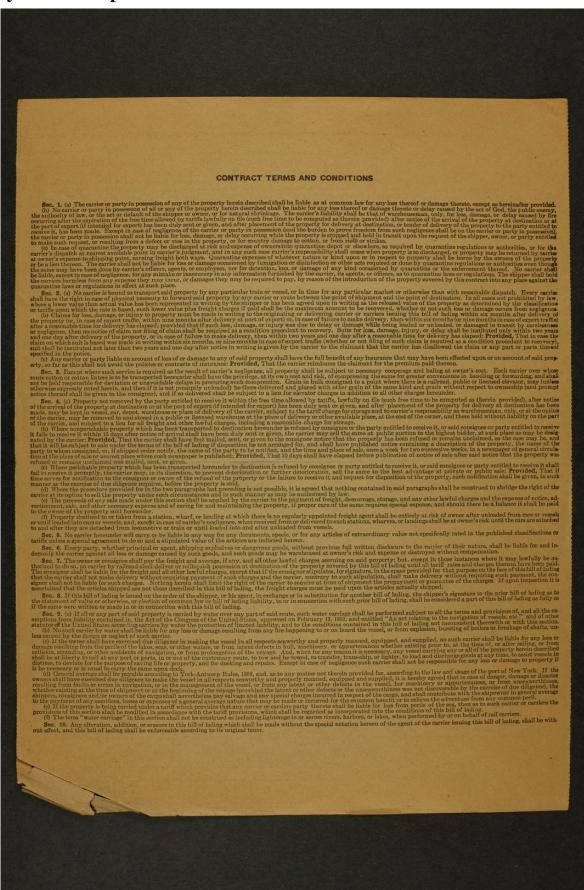
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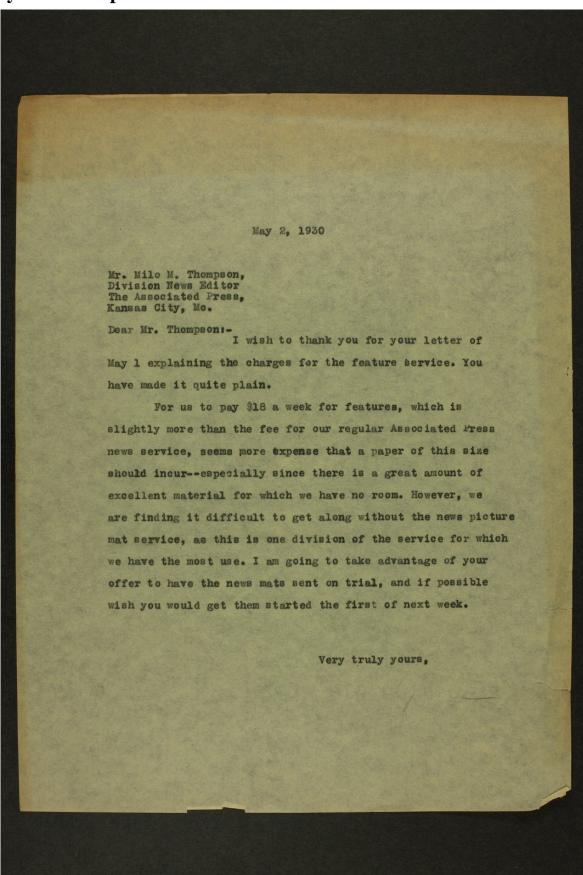


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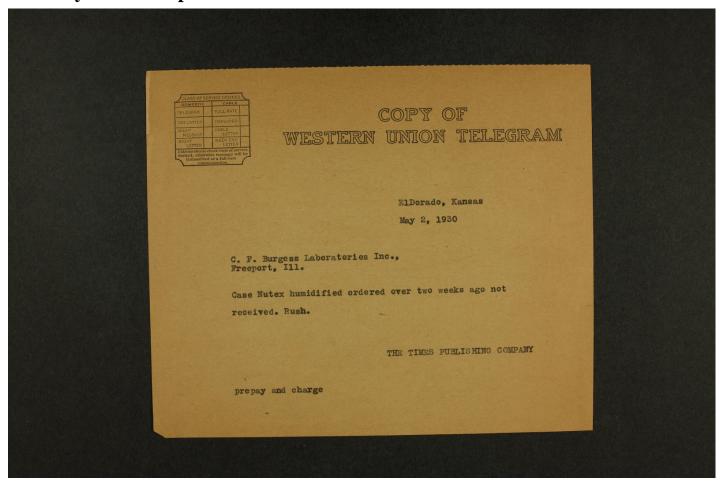




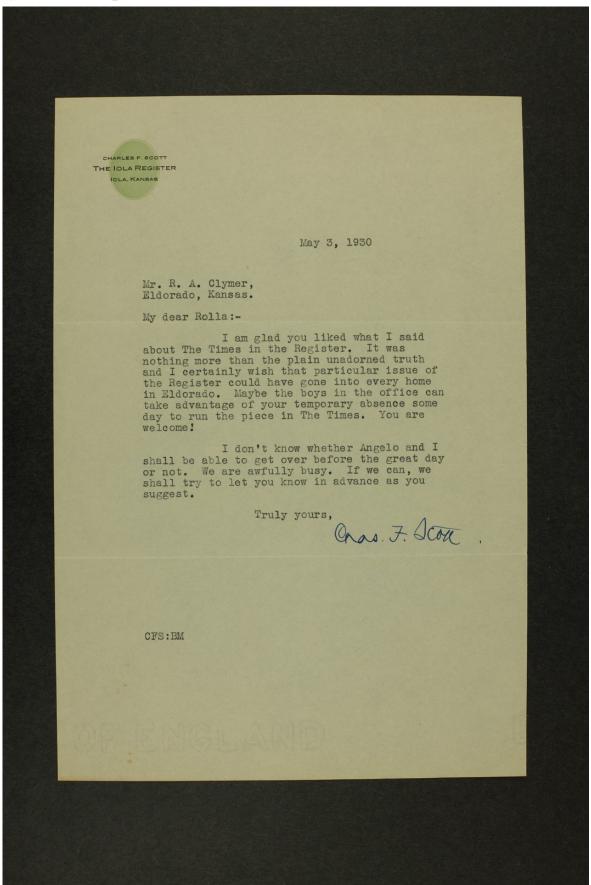




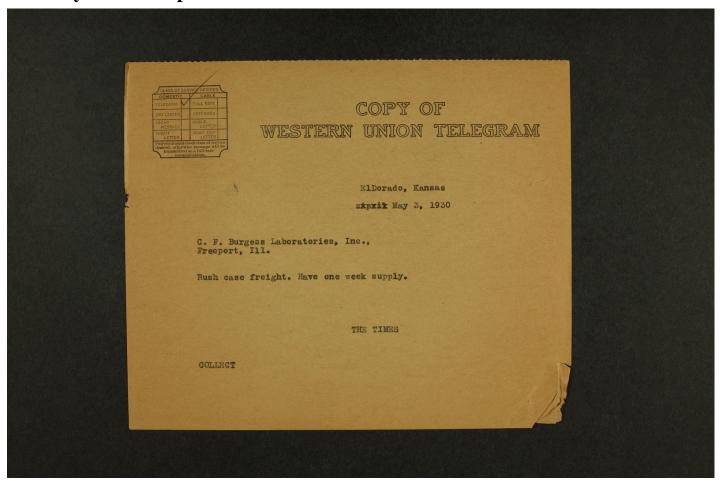




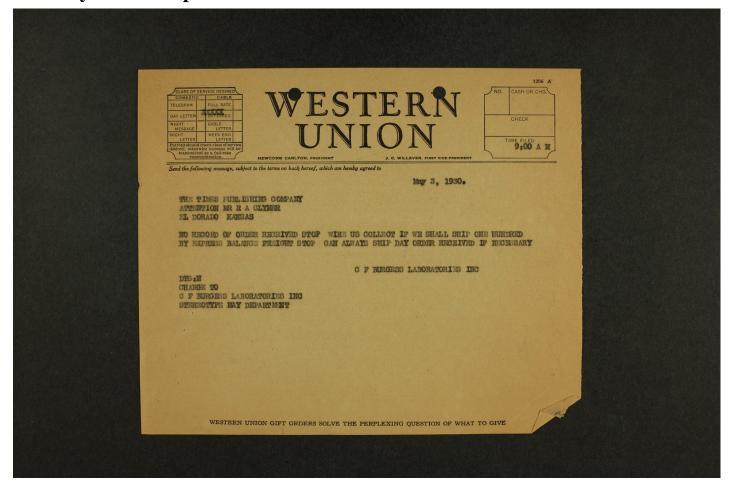




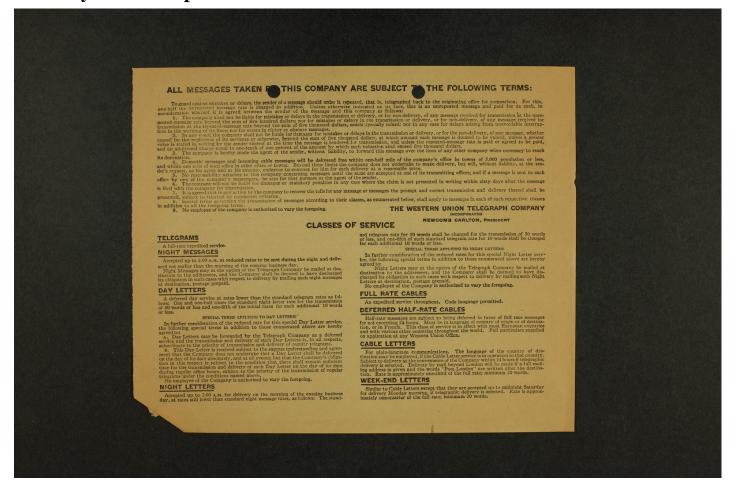




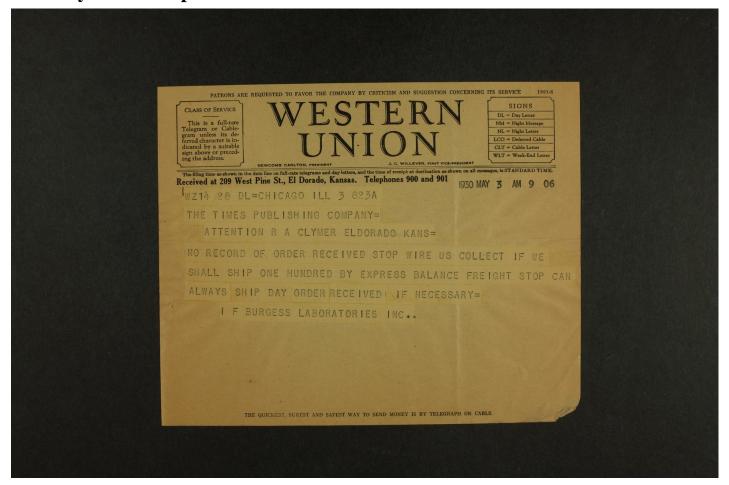




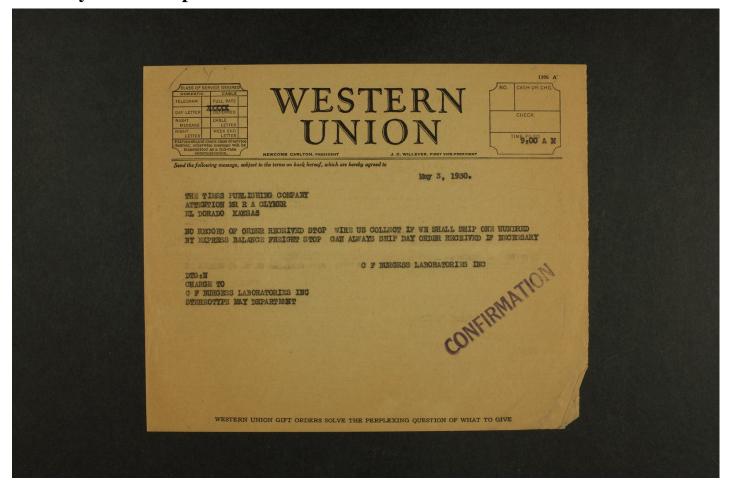




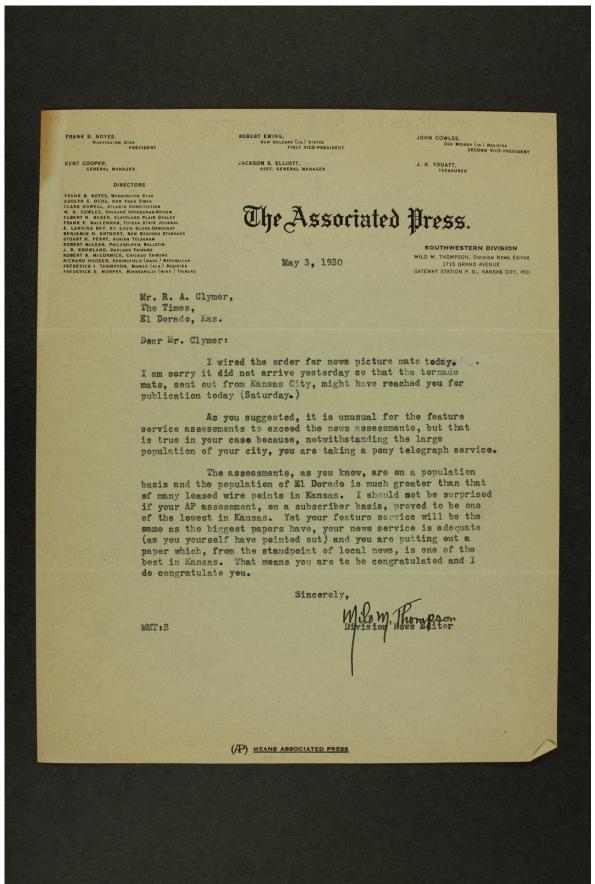














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May 5, 1930

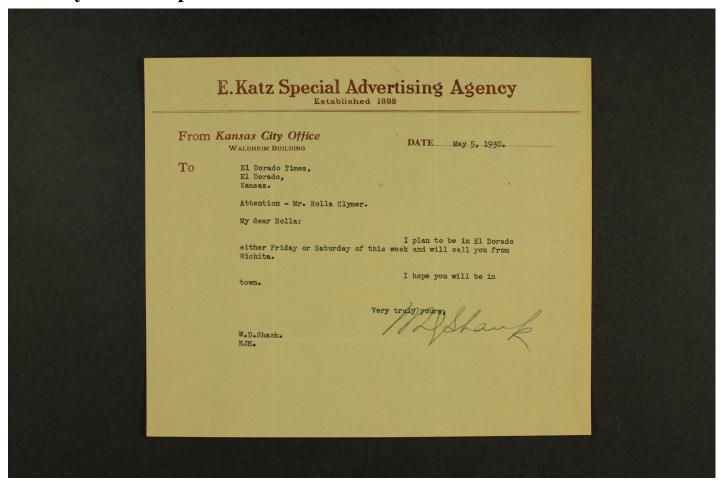
Mr. A. B. McDonald, The Star, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. McDonald:Here's some more evidence that might be
used in your very necessary and effective fight against
Brinkley.

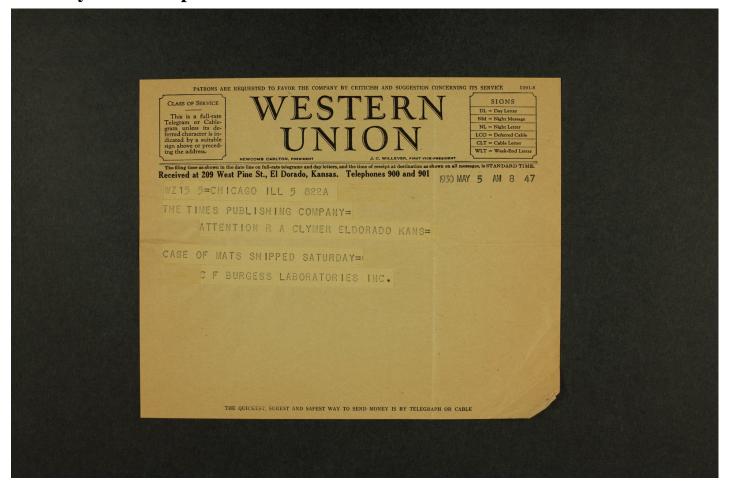
Mrs. E. E. Cooper, of 223 N. Residence Streets ElDerado, came to see me today. Her husband died at Milford a year ago--on May 6. He had become run down from an attack of the flu, heard some of Brinkley's stuff over the radio and went to Brinkley's place against his wife's wishes and advice. He arrived on Sunday evening and underwent an operation the following Tuesday morning--having paid cash in advance. He died in two weeks. The day of his death Brinkley advised him to get up and put on his clothes. If you wish to get the story in further detail, I can have one of the reporters here do so and send it to you. Mrs. Cooper is very bitter against Brinkley and is particularly enraged over an invitation in addressed to her deceased husband that came the other day inviting him to go to Milford and inspect the place.

Very truly yours,

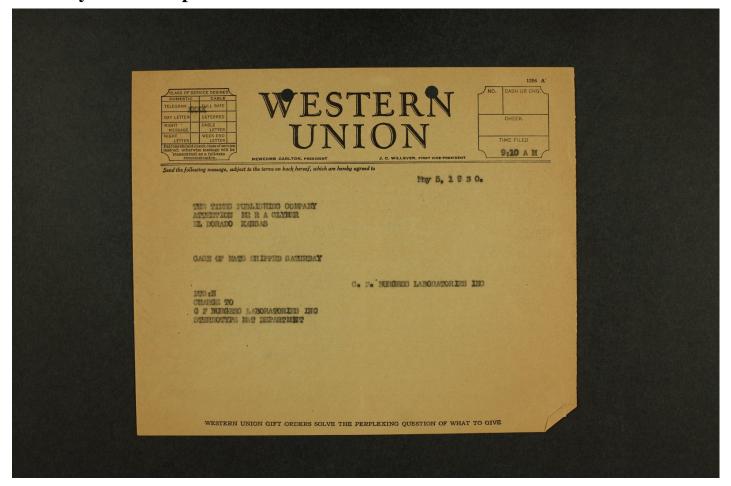




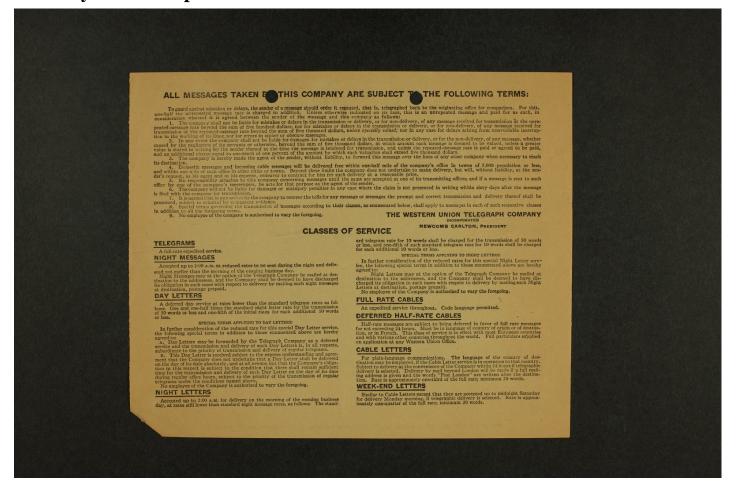




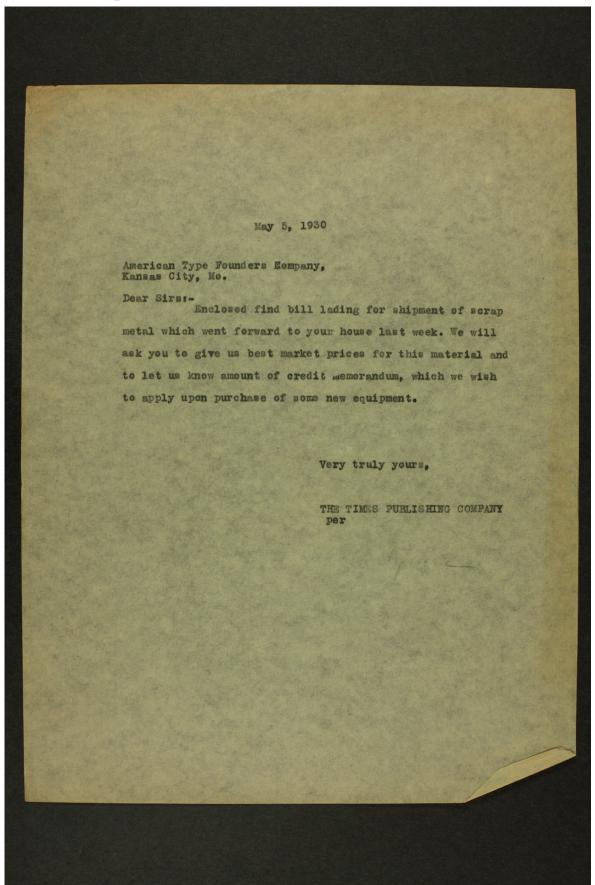














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May 6, 1930

Mr. E. W. Backus, President Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company, Minneapolis, Minn.

Vividly recalling the most enjoyable time
we all had as your guests on the last publishers' party
two years ago last fall, I am pleased to accept your invitatio
to be your guest on another similar occasion in June of this
year. I shall try to arrange my affairs so as to be in
Minneapolis on June 14 for the start, and suppose that more
detailed information concerning the outing will come along
at proper intervals. I am sure this occasion again will
strongly cement the bonds of relationship which exist between
your company and numerous publishers, both large and small.

Very truly yours,