

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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January 14, 1931

Mr. Glenn Condon,
Director of Public Relations,
Skelly Oil Company,
Tulsa, Okla.

My Dear Mr. Condon:-

I appreciated very much your kind words regarding my editorial of January 2. Believe me, it is always a pleasure to say something of kindness about your company, for I have a very high regard for it and the fullest faith in its future. While we of Eldorado regret the loss of the men and women who will leave our community, we believe the future will be fraught with welfare for Skelly and that we will profit indirectly by its expansion.

We are all very much saddened here today over the death of Mr. Pielsticker. No death in recent years has occasioned such genuine and widespread sorrow. I know his passing is a big blow to your company.

Under separate cover I am sending you papers containing the editorial for which you asked, and also two copies of today's issue showing our treatment of Mr. Pielsticker's death. Please watch for them.

Very truly yours,



Leading Newspaper in Western Kansas

Member Associated Press

The GARDEN CITY DAILY TELEGRAM

Published Every Day Except Sunday

The Garden City Publishing Company

E. F. EWING, Editor

Garden City, Kansas

Mr. Rolla Clymer

January 14/31

Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

Your letter relative to oil tariff has been received and, as a director of the local chamber of commerce, will say that we took favorable action on the matter some two weeks ago; I also have had an article or two editorially in the Telegram.

I have an application for aplice as reporter on the Telegram from Raymond Derr; believe he was employed by you for a tie. Can you give me scandid statements as his excellencies and defects, of course, to be considered confidential. Thanks in advance.
How is the Local News - especially short local - unheaded?

Very truly,

E. F. Ewing
E. F. Ewing

January 15, 1931

Mr. E. F. Ewing,
Garden City, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Ewing:-

I want to thank you for your letter and also for your efforts in behalf of the oil tariff. I feel it is one of the most important subjects now before the state, affecting the prosperity of every area.

You have asked me concerning Raymond Derr. He worked for us for a number of months, and is personally very likable and obliging. I believe he would fit well into your needs as a reporter of short, unheaded items. One of the chief fault we found with his work was that he found it difficult to write a story, especially the lead. We needed a general reporter who could go out, cover stories, write them up and turn them in ready for heading with little, or no, revision. All of Derr's longer stuff required considerable editing. We were paying him \$30 a week at the time, and felt that amount was too much considering this weakness in his ability. I hope you will consider this information confidential, as you suggested. I have a high regard for Raymond and would like to see him located where he could do his talents justice.

Very truly yours,

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January 15, 1931

Mrs. Clarence H. DeLong,
Emporia, Kansas

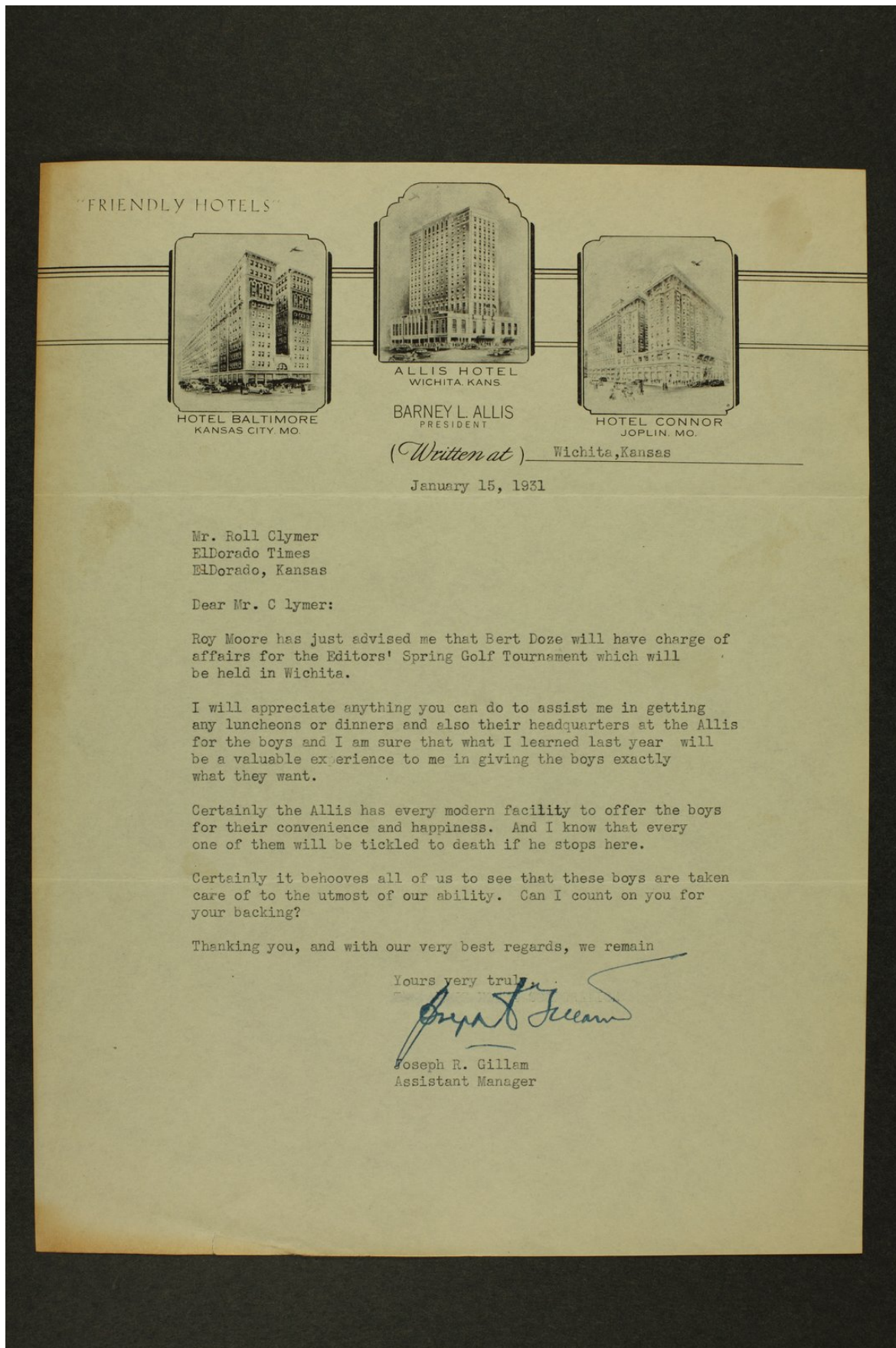
My Dear Mrs. DeLong:-

Following receipt of your letter today, I made inquiries of Mr. John F. Hughes, who is the superintendent of city schools. He informed me that there will be a possible vacancy or two in the primary grades here at the end of the current school year. He said he would be glad to give your daughter consideration, provided she has had a minimum of two years' experience to conform with the rules laid down by the local board of education.

I think this is the information you will need primarily. If you care to do so, either you or your daughter may write to Mr. Hughes at any time. I shall also be glad to put in a good word. I hope Miss Dorothy will be able to qualify under the provisions as stated.

Very truly yours,

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CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

January 15, 1931

Imperial Type Metal Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed find bill lading covering shipment of old type metal which we have consigned to your house. We wish the credit accruing from this shipment, under the rates you allow for such material, to apply against the account we now owe you. As soon as shipment arrives, please render an accounting and we will square off whatever balance remains by our check, less only the freight on the new metal for which we have already been charged.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

January 15, 1931

Mr. Howard W. Harrington,
Director Public Relations
Phillips Petroleum Company,
Bartlesville, Okla.

My Dear Mr. Harrington:-

I believe we neglected to send you a copy of the paper of last week concerning the complimentary program the "Phillips Flyers" are to give our town. However, one was mailed to Mr. Cunningham. I am herewith enclosing tear sheet so you may see for yourself. I greatly appreciated your fine visit here and hope you may come again soon; also am trusting that the complimentary program will be successful from your standpoint.

I am also enclosing a letter received today from our special national advertising representatives, in which they say our paper has been left off the list for the Phillips schedule. I am wondering if you could do anything to keep The Times on that list for both schedules. If so, you know we will greatly appreciate it. If not, no extra damage done. Please return the Katz letter for my files when you are through with it.

Thanking you for all favors and assuring you of our continued regard, I am

Very truly yours,

January 15, 1932

Mr. Roy R. Moore,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Roy:-

I should like to favor Gillam and the Allis Hotel in the spring, as you suggest. However, the Wichita hotel situation may be as touchy as newspaper matters are there. I feel it would be would to leave it to Doze, but think it is wholly proper to mention the Allis matter to him. You may write him and I shall speak to him when I see him, which may be in a short time.

How are you, anyway, old scout? I expect to be in Topeka the last of this month for Kansas Day and the Press Association gathering.

A tough break for us in Pielsticker's death, don't you think? He was one of the finest ever and I shall never cease to miss him.

Sincerely yours,



January 15, 1931

Mr. Hugh J. Powell,
Coffeyville, Kansas

My Dear Hugh:-


Your good letter reached me here today, via Wichita. I want to thank you for the efforts you are making in behalf of the oil tariff and also am deeply conscious of the favorable help Harold McGugin now renders, and the larger aid he will be in the future.

I am glad you broached the subject of broadcasting. I don't believe it has been considered. The association has used a large majority of its funds for helping in the drive on Washington, retaining only enough for conduct of the Wichita office, and even eliminating all forms of paid advertising. I am going to Wichita tomorrow to confer with Mr. A. E. Ritchie, president Kansas division, and Mr. John Franklin, secretary, and will take your letter with me. If there is any favorable reaction I shall let you know at once.


I hope I may be able to see you in Topeka on Kansas Day and at the Press Association meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT
From THE CRAWFORD COUNTY RETAILERS ASSOCIATION Inc.
PITTSBURG, KANSAS



The facts on which this report is based were obtained from apparently reliable sources and, in response to inquiry, are communicated in strict confidence. Neither the actual verity nor the correctness of the information on this sheet are in any manner guaranteed.

For Merchants Ass'n Credit Bureau, Eldorado, Kansas. Date Jan. 16, 1931

Name William O. Dano

Dano, William O. is about 50 years of age. Married. Wife's name is Irma. Wife is only dependent. Has one grown son. Resides Harrington, Kansas. Occupation unknown.

Record file since 1926. While here resided at #7 4th Street Circle, 1705 S. Olive, 113 W. 3rd, 415 S. Broadway, 304 W. Park, 115 W. 3rd, 108 W. 3rd and 305 W. Park. While here operated a printing shop and printed the Want Ad. Office was located at 115 W. 3rd Street. Was in business a short time.

Does not own real estate. Lived in rented property. Has no other source of income besides his earnings.

Furniture Store reported riksy for credit rating in 1928. Out of business now. Furniture Store reports all dealings were satisfactory. Owes nothing at present. Made application with Industrial Loan Association for loan in October 1928 amount \$1125.00 payable in one year. Made monthly payments promptly when due. Owes nothing now. Electric Shop reports H/C \$150.00 date of purchase February 1928. Still owes \$50.00. Would not sell for credit. Printing Shop reports H/C \$250.00. Took him over three years to settle account. Would not sell for credit again. Garage reports H/C \$10.00 in 1928. Still owes \$4.69 which he has filed for collection with this office. Balance \$4.69. Motor Company reports H/C \$174.73 in 1929. Balance \$174.73. Have been unable to get payment on account. Would not sell for credit. Motor Dealer filed for collection an account of \$5.60 October 11, 1929. Paid October 16, 1929. Took bankruptcy November 24, 1930. Assets \$5,662.00, Exempt \$3600.00, Liabilities \$3,523.31.

To: Eldorado Credit Bureau
Eldorado, Kansas.

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

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 1931 JAN 17 AM 11 16

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GEO H MORRILL CO..

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

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

COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Eldorado, Kansas

6xerzx Jan. 17, 1931

Geo. H. Morrill Co.,
157 W. Harrison St.,
Chicago, Ill.

What about barrel F-68 news ordered January tenth? We are
about out. Wire answer.

The Times

prépay and charge



HAROLD MCGUGIN
MEMBER ELECT
30 DISTRICT KANSAS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Corfeysville, Kansas,
January 17, 1931.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
Eldorado, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Clymer:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter which I wrote to Mr. A. S. Richie and Mr. John M. Franklin of Wichita to-day.

It occurred to me that since the railroad men are getting such splendid results from their programs over K.G.G.F. that it would be a wise idea for the oil men to use the radio to help arouse public interest in their behalf.

Mr. McGugin made a speech on the present oil situation over K.G.G.F. on December 23rd. We have had many favorable comments, also many requests for the speech.

Should you decide to use the radio as a publicity medium and we can be of any service to you in obtaining speakers and arranging programs, we shall be only too glad to serve you.

Sincerely yours,

Nell Bird McGugin
Mrs. Harold McGugin.

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Coffeyville, Kansas,
January 17, 1931.

Mr. John M. Franklin,
918 Brown Bldg.,
Wichita, Kansas.

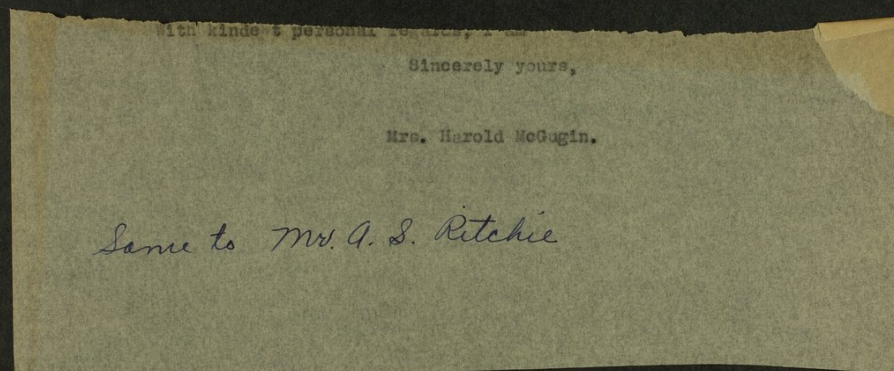
My dear Mr. Franklin:

In view of the fact that the railroads have obtained such marvelous results from their broadcast over the radio, I am wondering if it would not be a splendid plan for the oil people to use the radio as a publicity medium. The Kansas oil territory could be covered by the use of the Wichita station and K.G.C.F. at Coffeyville.

The railroads have been using one speaker and some times two a week for several weeks past. Mr. McGugin opened the program with the first speech, December 1st. We have had many, many comments from a very wide territory on it. He also made a speech on the oil situation over K.G.C.F. December 23rd, on which we have had a world of favorable comments and many requests for a copy of the speech, some of which came from Colorado.

Of course, I wish this to be treated as merely a suggestion on my part, but in my opinion, the radio is the very best

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January 17, 1931

Mr. Joseph R. Gillam,
Assistant Manager Allis Hotel,
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Gillam:-

I shall certainly be glad to put in a good word for the Allis Hotel as headquarters at the time of the editorial tournament. Will speak to Burt Doze about it as soon as I see him, which should be shortly. I remember with a great deal of gratitude and satisfaction the fine way you took care of our crowd here last spring, and shall not be backward in spreading my opinion of your ability in that regard.

Very truly yours,



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El Dorado, Kansas, January, 17th, 1931.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
El Dorado, Kansas.
Dear Rolla:--

In thinking over the newspaper men I knew in Kansas, and for whose opinion and judgment I have a high regard, I have placed you among the three highest, and for the reason that I would like to have your honest, unbiased, sound judgment on a matter of concern, I am dropping you this line. I am planning and thinking of attempting to sell such a column as the enclosed sample. Can it be done? Is there a chance for such stuff? I am not soliciting you at all, only desire your judgment and counsel. You have observed my attempts along this line, and doubtless have a better opinion and idea than can possibly be entertained or arrived at by another. Perhaps I should not ask you for your opinion on such a matter, but my estimate of you is such that I feel confident in doing so. I am not asking for anything extended nor that will entail any time or discussion on your part. I just ^{want} ~~want~~ to know how this effort and essay in the game looks to a seasoned and experienced newspaper man. I write it instead of bringing it over to you, so that you may have the sort of an opportunity I would want, if looking over a matter that was in my line to form a judgment on.

When you have looked it over, just tell me on the phone or any way you wish, what you think of it, and any suggestion that you may have relative to it.

Truly,

E. W. Gault

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LUNSFORD, BARNES & COMPANY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

WILLIAM H. MOBERLY, C.P.A.
RESIDENT MANAGER

WHEELER, KELLY, HAGNY BLDG.

WICHITA, KANSAS

KANSAS CITY
PIONEER TRUST BLDG.
TULSA
EXCHANGE NATL. BANK BLDG.
NEW YORK
50 BROAD STREET

January 18, 1931

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
The El Dorado Times,
El Dorado, Kansas.

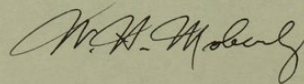
Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith two copies of agreements
for final settlement of your tax case for the calendar
year 1929.

These agreements fix an additional assess-
ment of \$55.70 for the year 1929, or approximately \$80.00
less than that originally assessed by the Examining
Agent. While the settlement agreed to is not as good
as claimed in our protest, it is possible that this is
the best settlement that could be obtained without a
lengthy and expensive controversy through the channels
of the Board of Tax Appeals.

The conferee at the office of the Agent in
Charge is especially anxious to get this case completely
closed at the earliest possible date, and I agreed to
forward this agreement to you with my recommendation
that it be signed and returned to his office in final
settlement of this case.

Yours truly,



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January 19, 1931

The Railroad Building & Loan Association,
Newton, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

I am herewith sending you certificates for
fractional shares of stock for David and Catherine
Clymer, which I wish you would please re-issue.

Very truly yours,



January 19, 1931

The Brown-Crummer Company,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

I am herewith sending you coupons from three bonds for collection upon February 1 and 15. If you wish, you may hold them all until February 15 and make remittance in one check.

Very truly yours,



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THE WEEKLY REGISTER
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THE AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATION

THE IOLA DAILY REGISTER

By CHAS. F. SCOTT
IOLA, ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS
Jan. 19, 1931.

R. A. Clymer,
ElDorado,
Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Are you still getting the A.P. pony service? If you are, I'd appreciate it if you would tell me in a word or two just what it amounts to, how it comes and what you have to do to it to get it in shape to put on the Linotype hooks.

Sincerely,

Angelo C. Scott

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No. 110165 THE BROWN-CRUMMER COMPANY
INVESTMENT SECURITIES
WICHITA, KANSAS

DATE 1-20-31

COUPONS
MISS CO ARK. GRASSY LAKE 8-1-28 DUE 3-1-31 1 27.50

We acknowledge receipt of the above described securities for collection. We will present them for payment, remitting to you promptly upon receipt of funds.

If for any reason prompt payment is not made by the municipality, we will advise you. It is understood that we hold these securities for your account and subject to your order and they may be withdrawn at any time by you. It is further understood that we are to have the right, at our option, which may be exercised at any time before withdrawal of the securities, to pay you the amount due thereon, and thereafter such securities shall be our property.

This collection service is entirely gratuitous and no agent of the company is authorized to vary the terms of this receipt. \$ 27.50

THIS RECEIPT IS ISSUED TO

R. A. CLYMER,
EL DORADO, KANSAS.

THE BROWN-CRUMMER COMPANY
BY [Signature] AGENT

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No. 110164

THE BROWN-CRUMMER COMPANY
INVESTMENT SECURITIES
WICHITA, KANSAS

40279

COUPONS

BROWN CO TEX. BID #1 2-15-23 DUE 2-15-31 2 @ 27.50 55.00

DATE 1-20-31

We acknowledge receipt of the above described securities for collection. We will present them for payment, remitting to you promptly upon receipt of funds.

If for any reason prompt payment is not made by the municipality, we will advise you. It is understood that we hold these securities for your account and subject to your order and they may be withdrawn at any time by you. It is further understood that we are to have the right, at our option, which may be exercised at any time before withdrawal of the securities, to pay you the amount due thereon, and thereafter such securities shall be our property.

This collection service is entirely gratuitous and no agent of the company is authorized to vary the terms of this receipt.

\$ 55.00

THIS RECEIPT IS ISSUED TO

R. A. CLYMER,
EL DORADO, KANSAS.

THE BROWN-CRUMMER COMPANY
BY C. J. H. 2 AGENT

January 20, 1931

Mr. Angelo C. Scott,
Iola, Kansas

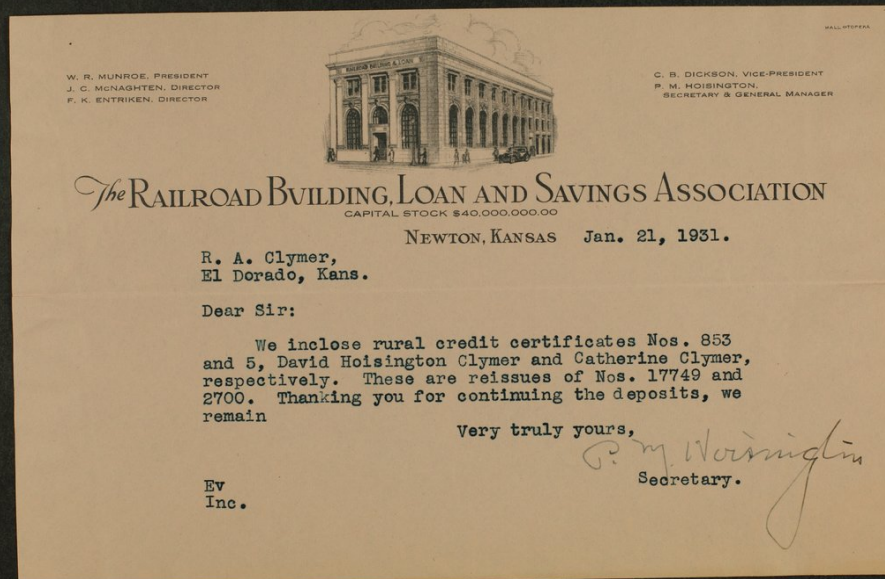
My Dear Angelo:-

We get the pony A.P.P. report in three takes. They come about 12:30, 12 and 2, by telegraph. We have to copy them for the machines, but it is a small chore. The city editor does it easily along with his other work, and I have done so when sitting in at the desk for him. We are close enough to Wichita that we supplement the service by overhead, if we wish, eiether by phone or wire, on any particular story. We are out nothing save the tolls. The A. P. is even now sending us some market stuff overhead, taking it off the printer. While the pony is hardly enough for a paper like ours, still the leased wire is too much--and with no middle ground service available (except a proposed telephone take which would be a nuisance,) we have felt satisfied to stay with the pony. I have no intention of changing the service, either.

Hope this is what you want. The service costs about \$20.00 a week.

Yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence





10000-6-30

Form 1883 Rev. 8-30
(For use in connection with Uniform Domestic Straight Bill of Lading adopted by Carriers in Official Southern and Western Classification Territories, March 15, 1922, as amended August 1, 1930.)

3rd SHEET

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

RECEIVED subject to the classifications and tariffs in effect on the date of the receipt by the carrier of the property described in the Original Bill of Lading.

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from Colorado Times

the property described below, in apparent good order, except as noted (contents and condition of contents of packages unknown), marked, consigned, and destined as indicated below, which said company (the word company being understood throughout this contract as meaning any person or corporation in possession of the property under the contract) agrees to carry to its usual place of delivery at said destination, if on its own road or its own water line, otherwise to deliver to another carrier on the route to said destination. It is mutually agreed, as to each carrier of all or any of said property over all or any portion of said route to destination, and as to each party at any time interested in all or any of said property, that every service to be performed hereunder shall be subject to all the conditions not prohibited by law, whether printed or written, herein contained, including the conditions on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to by the shipper and accepted for himself and his assigns.

Consigned to Loem Bingham Son Mfg Co (Method street address of consignee—For purposes of notification only.)

Destination Kansas City State of Mo County of _____

Route _____

Delivering Carrier _____ Car Initial _____ Car No. _____

| No. Packages | DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES, SPECIAL MARKS, AND EXCEPTIONS | *WEIGHT (Subject to Correction) | CLASS OR RATE | CHECK COLUMN |
|--------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | <u>Edl 8 Printers Rolls</u> | <u>110</u> | | |
| 1 | <u>Shap 3 1/2 x 2 Printers Roll</u> | <u>50</u> | | |
| | | <u>160</u> | | |

Subject to Section 7 of conditions, if this shipment is to be delivered to the consignee without recourse on the consignor, the consignor shall sign the following statement:

The carrier shall not make delivery of this shipment without payment of freight and all other lawful charges.

(Signature of Consignor.) _____

If charges are to be prepaid, write or stamp here, "To be Prepaid."

Collect

Received \$ _____ to apply in prepayment of the charges on the property described hereon.

Agent or Cashier. _____

Per _____ (The signature here acknowledges only the amount prepaid.)

Charges Advanced. \$ _____

*If the shipment moves between two ports by a carrier by water, the law requires that the bill of lading shall state whether it is "carrier's or shipper's weight."

NOTE—Where the rate is dependent on value, shippers are required to state specifically in writing the agreed or declared value of the property.

The agreed or declared value of the property is hereby specifically stated by the shipper to be not exceeding _____ per _____

Per [Signature] Shipper. _____

Per [Signature] Agent. 3

Permanent postoffice address of Shipper _____

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THE IOLA DAILY REGISTER

By CHAS. F. SCOTT
IOLA, ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS
Jan. 23, 1931

Dear Rolla:

Thanks for your letters and your marked copies. I think you are doing exactly the right thing in Eldorado although I confess I hardly see how we could follow suit. There are times when in this little town of 7,000 (and with no daily top head story on oil news) we simply COULDN'T fill our front page with only 500 words of telegraph to help out the local copy. At least we think we couldn't. Perhaps if we had to we would find that we could.

My figures are correct on salaries. As one evidence of it--during the past fifteen years, NOT ONE person has left the Register to take a better job somewhere else at a higher salary! Whether this is to be construed as a compliment to the humanitarian ideals of the employer or a reflection on the Register's business management, I don't know.

Sincerely,

Angelo C. Scott