

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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KANSAS NEWSPAPER LEAGUE

An organization of newspapers to create a greater consumer demand and dealer interest for national newspaper advertisers in Kansas

W. D. SHANK, President

KANSAS CITY, Mo. January 12, 1933.

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TO ALL KANSAS DAILY NEWSPAPERS:

Acting on the advice of some, and opinion of others, I am planning now on being in Kansas City February first, to open an office for a KANSAS NEWSPAPER LEAGUE.

Realizing that a start has to be made before anything else can be done, I am opening this office with plans by which I am going to try and build a sound, economical and business getting organization for the Kansas newspaper publisher.

The main office will be started first in Kansas Citv, and later, as progress is made, offices in other important contact cities will be established.

There are two major reasons for a Kansas Newspaper League similar to other successful organizations in other states.

INCREASE NATIONAL ADVERTISING

This can be done through more research work, concentration on one market, cooperation of all publishers, greater agency and advertiser contact, self supporting house organ mailed to all salesmen working in Kansas and supplied to local Ing house organ mailed to all salesmen working in Kansas and supplied to local merchants by each member publisher over name of paper, special man for cooperation to be in Kansas at all times, new picture show and hotel hook-ups to get interest of visiting salesmen, plan to insure distribution for manufacturer, more thorough jobbing house and district salesman contact, prize window displays for advertised products, larger staff in Kenses and Kansas City than any other selling organization for Kansas newspapers, getting test campaigns, operating own cooking schools, everything cleared through Kansas City to insure follow through and prompt attention etc.

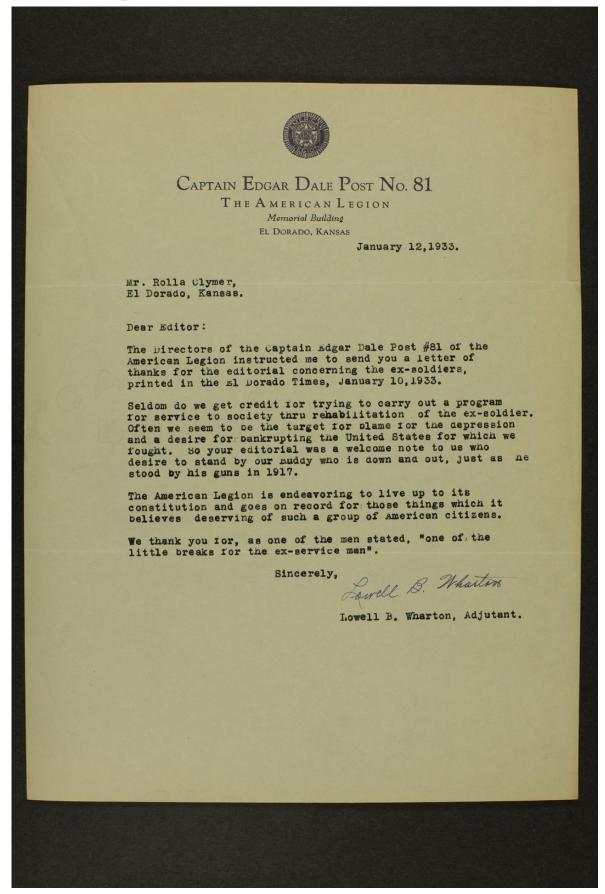
Another is:

Less cost of representation, with ultimate plans for publishers that want to share in on profits, no extensive traveling to secure new papers and hold old ones, no large expensive offices, no large entertaining accounts, less expense all around with greater efficiency and production.

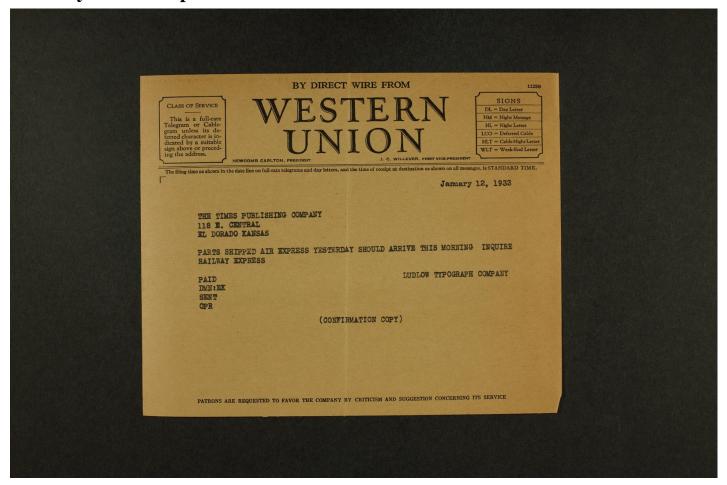
If the Kansas publishers will give me their kind consideration and support, a strong organization can and will be built, that will yield profitable returns.

The Kansas City address will be announced later in another letter after my arrival in that city. Until then any mail can be addressed to me at 251 E. Tipton Street, Huntington, Indiana.

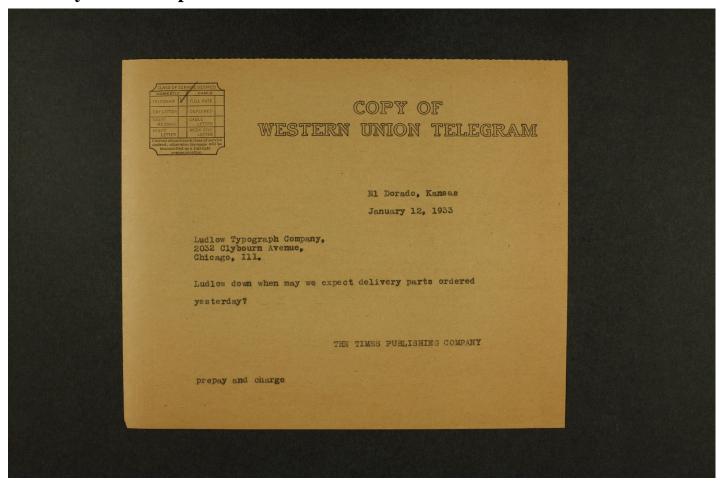




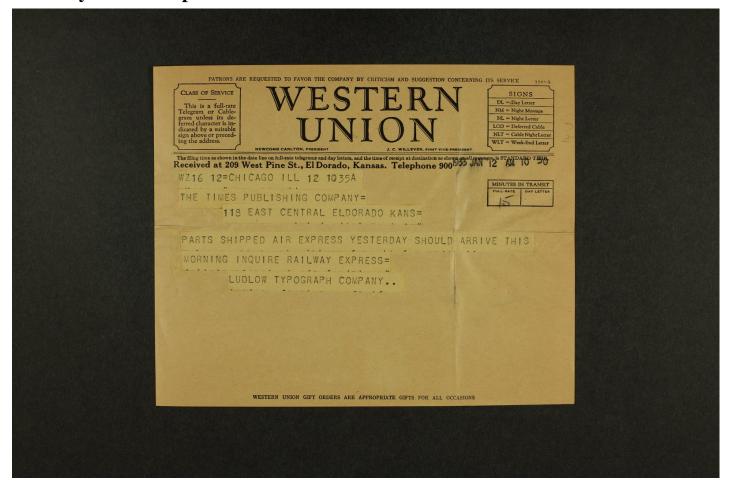




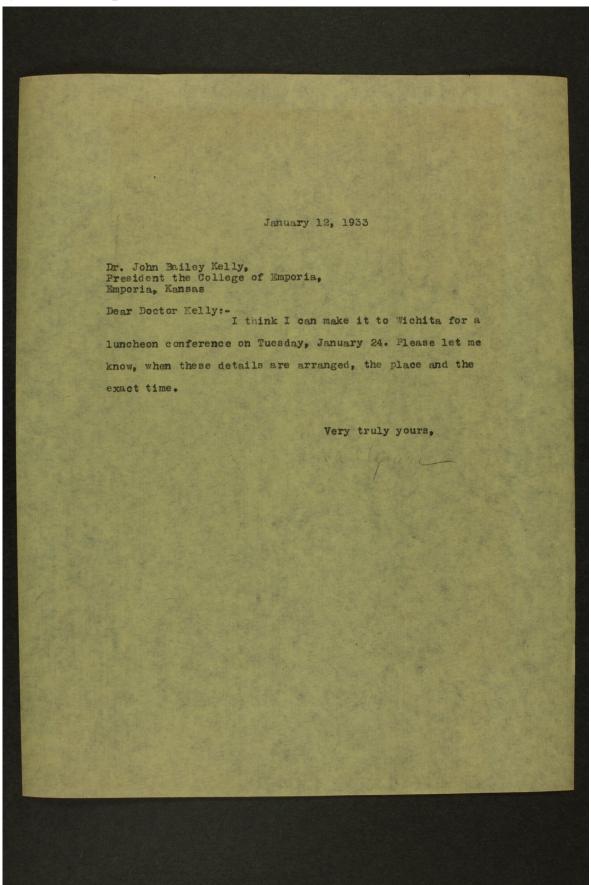




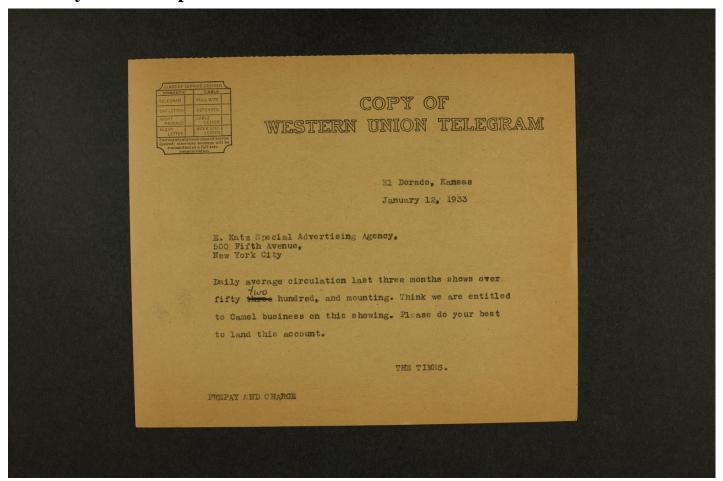




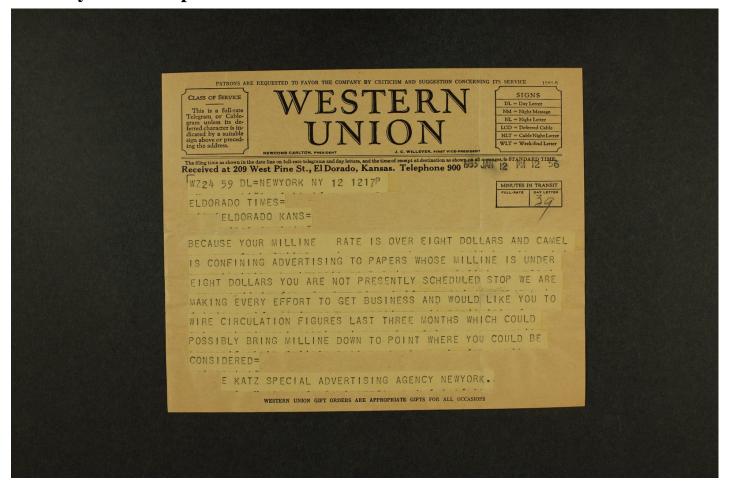




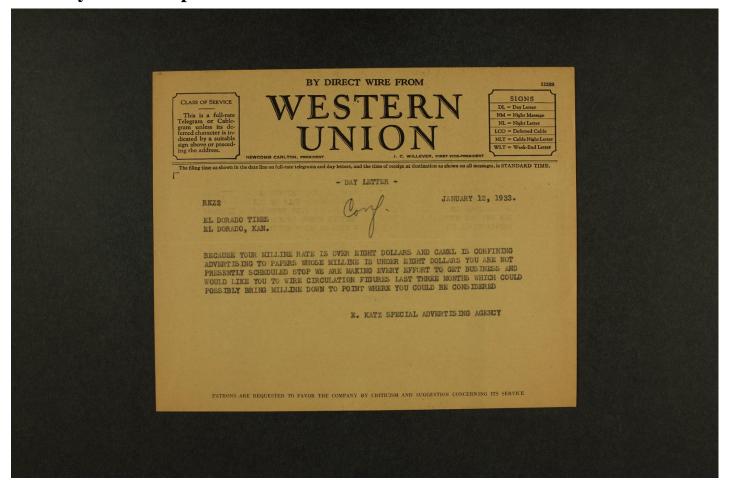




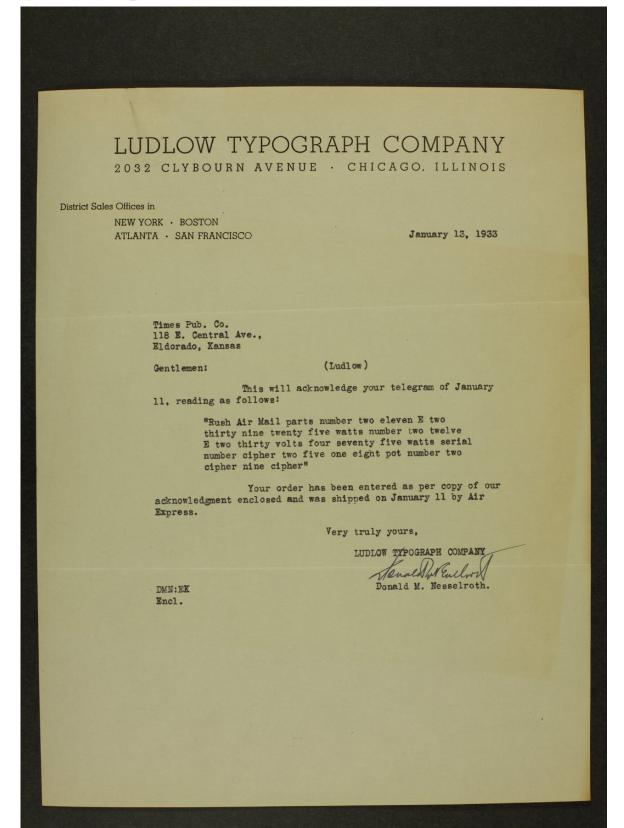




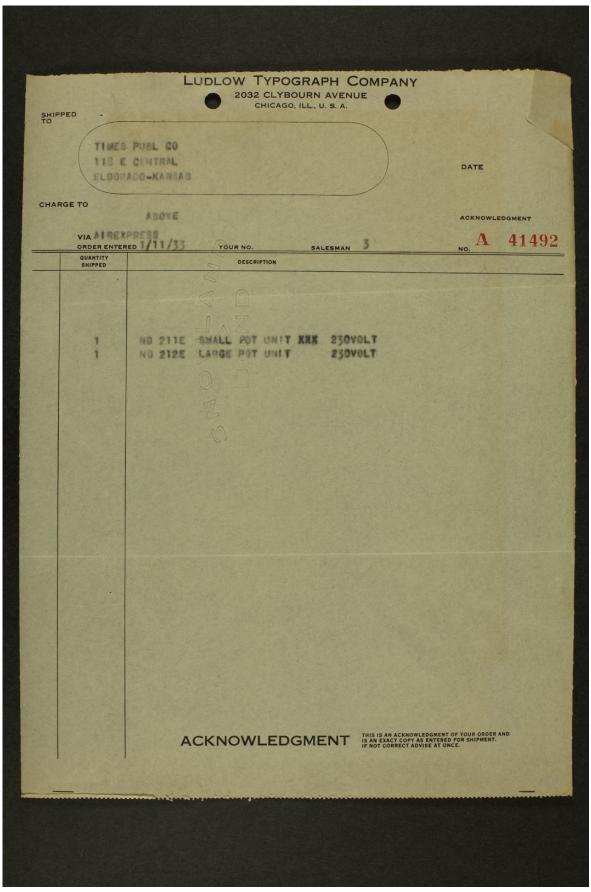














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Wichita, Kansas, January 13, 1933.

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Eldorado, Kansas, Dear Sir:-

As one interested in the production of oil, you are no doubt familiar with the many things which now threaten the interests of the independent producer of oil and particularly the land- and royalty owner. The interests of the landowners and independent producers are in common, and they have interests which are distinctive and not in common with other phases of the industry.

The Kansas legislature is in session and many bills are now being presented affecting the rights of this group. Thus far there has been no organization definitely representing these interests.

Recently the nucleus of an organization was formed in Wichita, of which Mr. E.B. Shawver was elected President, Mr. T.C. Johnson, Vice President, Mr. Eben Pyle, Treasurer and Mr. Paul H. White, Secretary. The organization is protective in its nature and formed along lines similar to those used so effectively by the landowners of Texas, and is known as the "Kansas Oil Producers and Landowners Association".

You will readily agree that a few working together will be relatively ineffective, while an association of those having common interests can build an organization and wield an influence which will effectively protect their interests. It has been said that "eternal vigilane is the price of liberty, and if effective work is to be done no time is to be lost, and an organization comparable with the problems and the plans must be builded.

You are known to be vitally interested in these problems and because of that interest and your outstanding leadership in your community, you were elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for this association for your district. A meeting of the association to perfect the organization of the association and to outline ways and means for the immediate protection of the common interest has been called at the Allis Hotel in Wichita for next Wednesday, January 18, at 1 o'clock P.M.

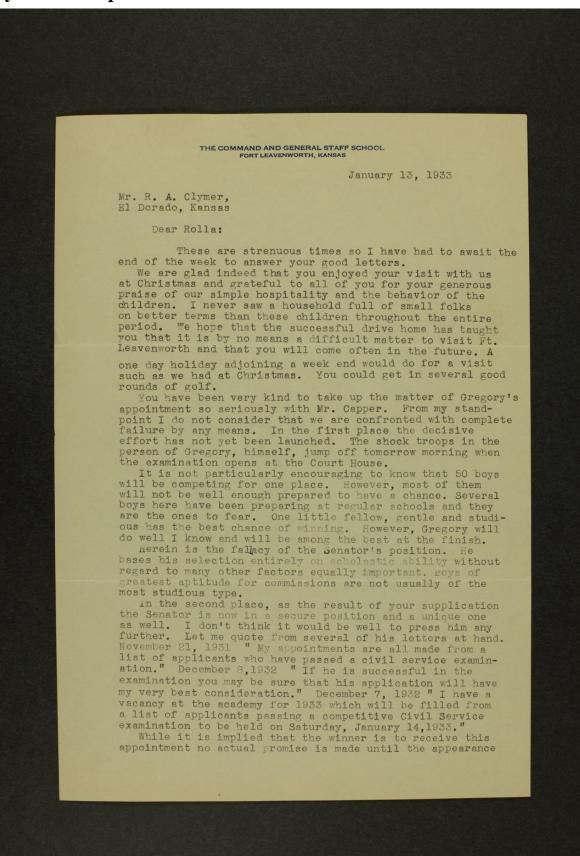
The fact that oil has declined from \$1.12 to 50¢ per barrel, and that movements are already under way among certain pipe line purchasers to power prices still further and to saddle off on the landowner and producer the cost of transportation from well to refinery, presents a definite problem which



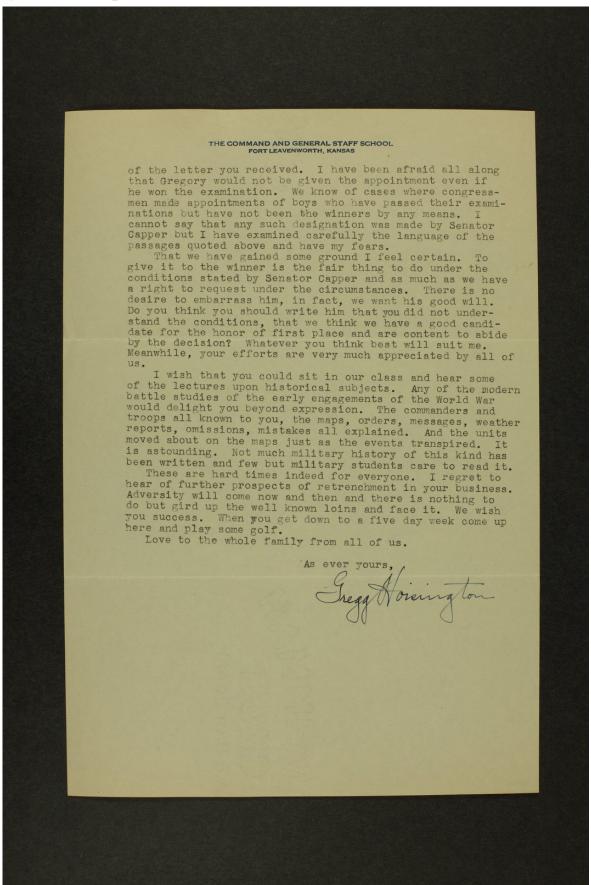
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immediate and coordinated action. The further fact that the legislature is in session and the introduction of hostile legislation is imminent, makes the need for immediate action imperative. We are enclosing herewith a blank form of membership application, together with a list of the elected directors. We feel certain that after considering the matter you will join with us by signing the former and by agreeing to serve as a member of the latter, and thereby assist us in the formulation of protective measures which will do more for the Kansas oil producer and landowner than could be done in any other way. The Wednesday meeting is a luncheon and we are particularly anxious that you be present in person to learn, first hand, of the problems which face us and to assist directly in completing our organization. Will you please let us have the signed membership pledge and a statement of your willingness to serve an our Board of Directors, by return mail. Very truly yours, KANSAS OIL PRODUCERS AND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION , President. PHW.

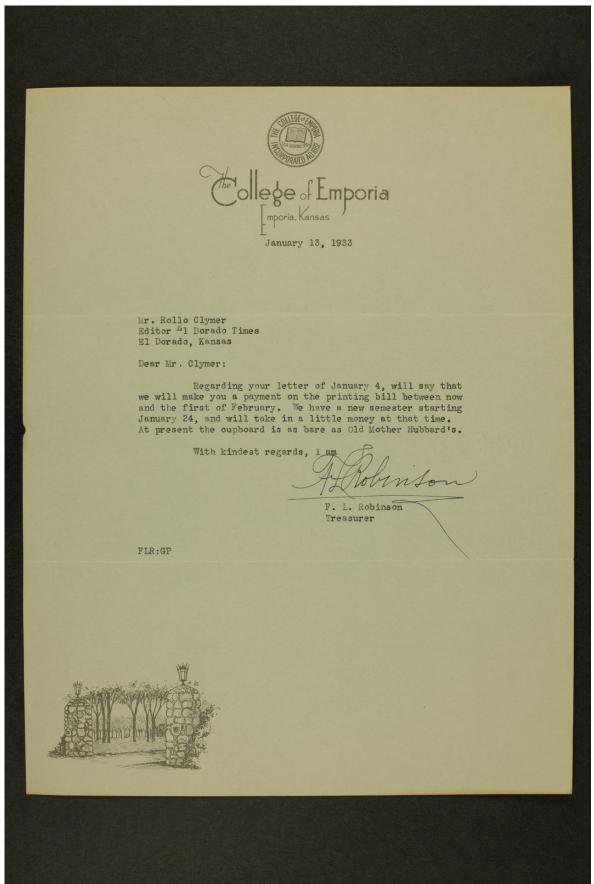




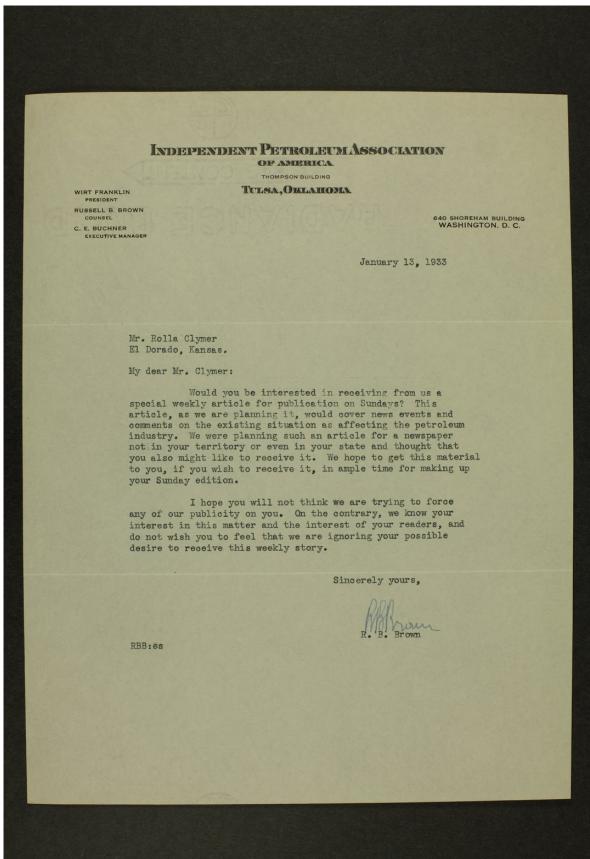




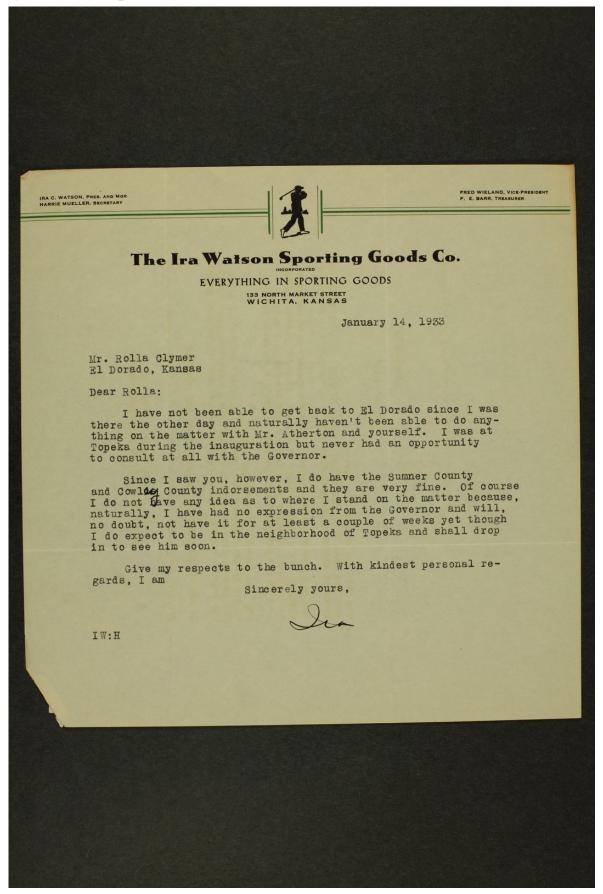




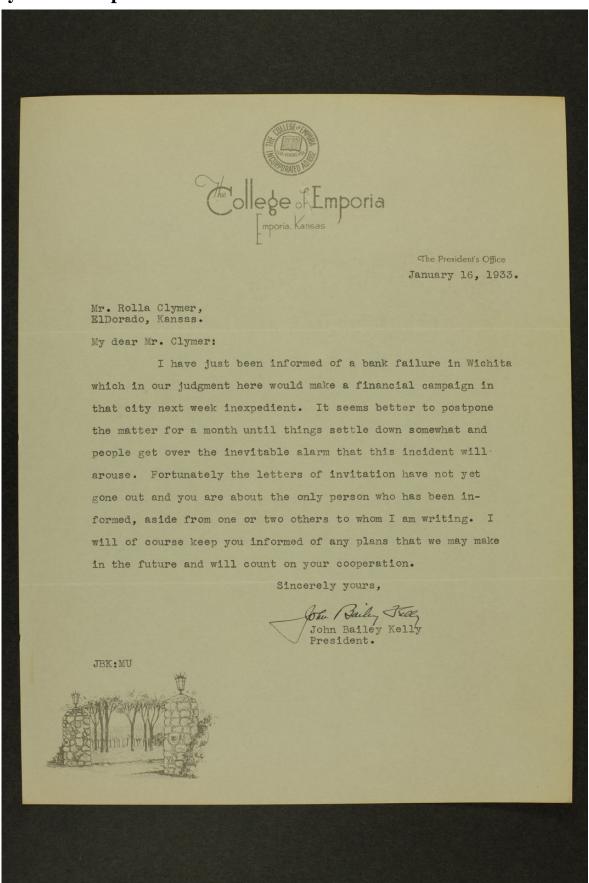














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January 16, 1933

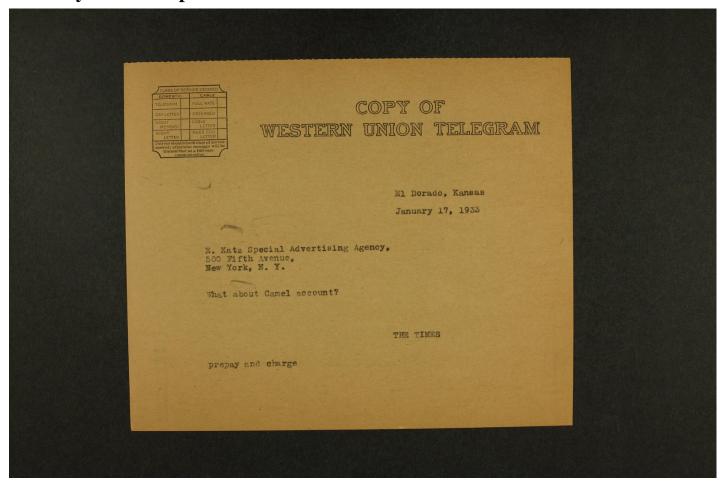
Mr. Russell B. Brown, Washington, D. C.

I should like to have the weekly article you mention in your letter, but we do not publish a Sunday edition. If you could send it to us for a Saturday release we would be very glad to get it. And please don't ever try to apologize for "trying to force" any of your publicity on us. I want all of it I can get. I think you know how deeply interested in the work you are doing and our readers have been pretty well trained on oil tariff stuff. They expect me to give a lot of it to them--and the more the merrier. So send along anything you can and be sure we will use all of it some way and that none of it will find the waste basket.

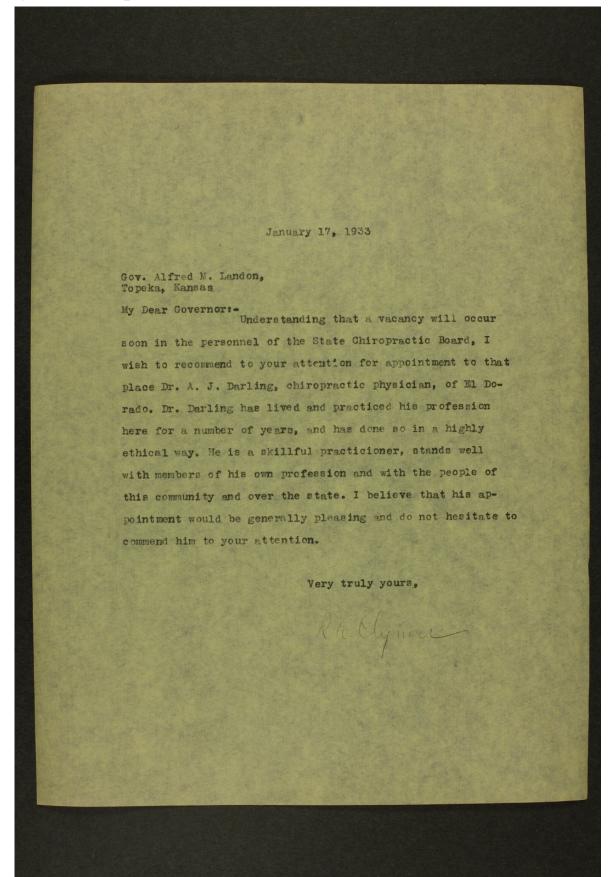
I have been glad to hear from you in several ways, and was interested in the report of your work. I realize you are rendering valuable service to the cause in Washington, and am relieved to feel that our affairs there are in such capable hands.

Very truly yours,











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January 17, 1933

Governor Alfred M. Landon, Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Governor:
I assume that the state legislature will
pass an income tax law and that during the next few months
the proper machinery will be set up for the administration of that act and the collection of the tax.

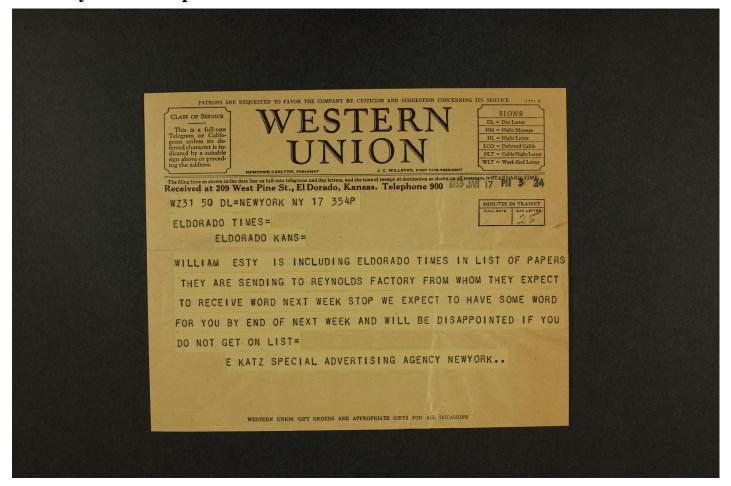
When it comes time to make appointments for whatever new bureau or commission is established for that purpose, I desire to ask that you consider carefully the application of Mr. Frank E. Lichlyter, of El Dorado.

I know of no man who would fit better into the personnel of a new taxing bureau or who would be able to render more valuable service to the state. Mr. Lichlyter, render more valuable service to the state. Mr. Lichlyter, who is a graduate lawyer and asmitted to the bar, served for ten years in the office of the county clerk of Butler County, and for six years of that time was the clerk. In that capacity he supervised all assessment work of the county and had complete charge of the tax rolls. Besides being deeply grounded in tax matters, with a clear and thorough understanding of them, he is a highly careful and competent executive. Moreover, his legal training has given him a much sounder background than that possessed by the average accountant. Personally he is reliable and trustworthy—an able and all—around good man wherever you might put him. might put him.

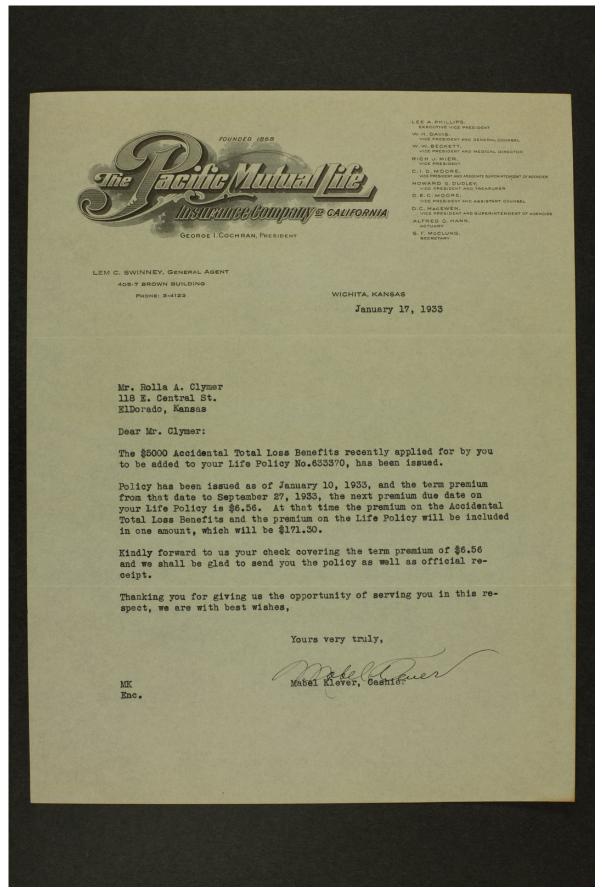
Mr. Lichlyter would be able to step into the income tax department competently from the start. I feel sure he is the exact type of man to whom you will want to entrust the affairs of this important state sub-division, and I take a great deal of pleasure in commending him to vou.

Very truly yoursm

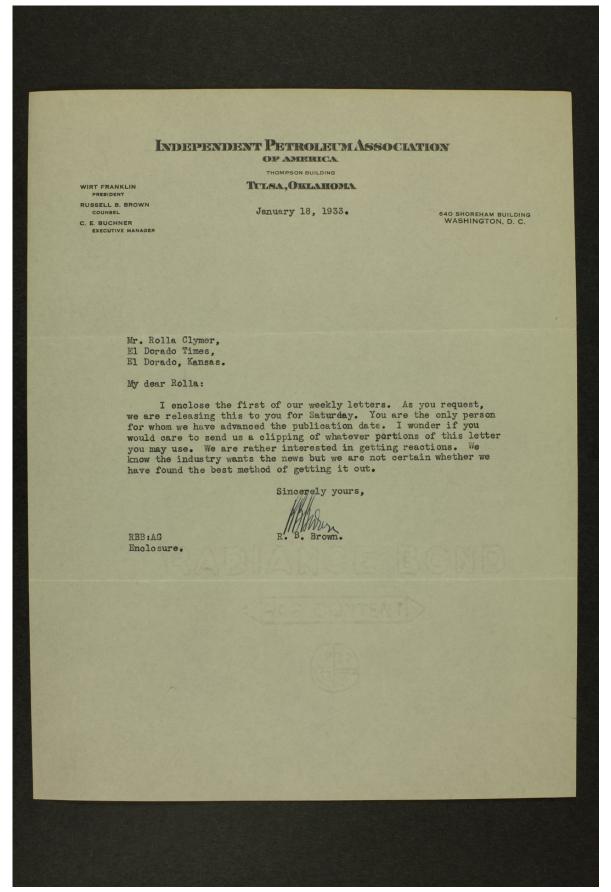
















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THE DIANA OIL COMPANY EL DORADO, KANSAS

January 18, 1933

To Stockholders of The Diana Oil Company:

The annual meeting of The Diana Oil Company stock-holders was held at the company's office, 115 west Fifth Street, El Dorado, Kansas, on January 16, 1933. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A committee of three stockholders, C.M. McCaughan, R.E. Sluss and Geo. L. Wolfe, was appointed to examine the proxies and reported 88 per cent of the stock represented in person and by proxy at the meeting.

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Upon motion duly seconded and carried the secretary
was directed to cast the entire vote for re-election of the previous members of the board of directors for the year 1933. They are:

C.C. Shelden, O.J. Connell, A.J. August, R.E. Sluss, C.M. McCaughan,

K.M. Geddes and L.L. Bennett.

A financial statement showing receipts and disbursements during the year 1932 was read and approved as read. Following

is the financial statement as presented:

Capital Stock	S	\$75000.00
Cash in Bank	1402.95	
Corporation Tax	100.00	
Income for year 1932		926.77
Investments	73000.00	
Office Equipment	50.00	
Office Expense	123.00	
Misc.&Trav. Expens	se 126.66	
Profit & Loss	1124.16	
	\$75926.77	\$75926.77

Then followed a general discussion of the Company affairs which were acknowledged to be in excellent condition.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

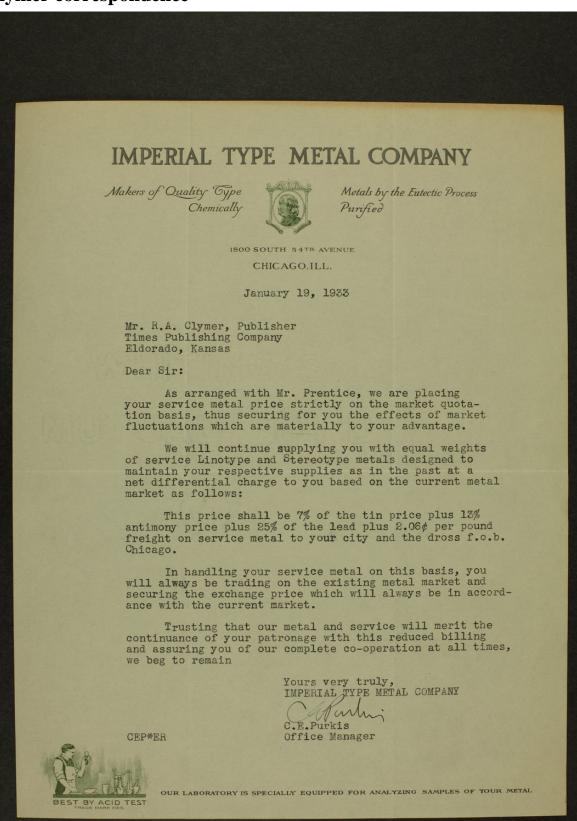
Following the stockholders meeting the directors met and elected the following officers: C.C. Shelden, President; O.J. Connell, Vice-President; C.M. McCaughan, Secretary-Treasurer. M.M. Buist was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Very truly,

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THE POTTS-TURNBULL COMPANY

DIERKS BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE
And GENERAL
ADVERTISING

Subject

Date January 19, 1933.

ElDorado Times, Eldorado, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

The Sterling Radio Company, one of our clients, is desirous of giving their dealers some additional newspaper support in the next few months, but have been unable to do so, due to the fact their advertising budget has been considerably reduced. We believe we have a plan which will, with your cooperation, enable them to give their dealers the additional help they need and at the same time will give you a real bargain offer.

They have placed at our disposal a few Majestic Refrigerators which we are authorized to offer you in exchange for a similar amount of advertising with no deduction for agency commission or discount. These refrigerators are new and in their original factory boxes, and as you no doubt are familiar, are exceptionally well made and contain probably more features than any other refrigerator that sells for less than \$300.00.

You have your choice of either a Model 245 at \$177.50; a Model 255 at \$211.00 or a Model 275 at \$233.00, as shown in the folder with a cross above each. Each refrigerator is complete, and may be unboxed, plugged into a convenient socket and operation begins immediately.

This refrigerator would make an ideal gift to the family or a relative, or could be used in connection with a subscription or lineage contest. The basis of exchange on this refrigerator would be on your regular rate, in accordance with the enclosed agreement which, if satisfactory with you, should be filled in, signed and returned to us in duplicate. As soon as confirmed the refrigerator will be shipped to you promptly f.o.b. Kansas City. We will place space orders against it to the amount of the price of the refrigerator which you choose. This space is to be used within one year on any product the Sterling Radio Company distributes. There will be no agency commission or discounts for you to pay. It is a straight trade deal and will be treated confidentially.

Trusting to hear from you promptly regarding this, we are

Very truly yours,

for POTTS-TURNBULL COMPANY

E.R. Hanslip:L.



