

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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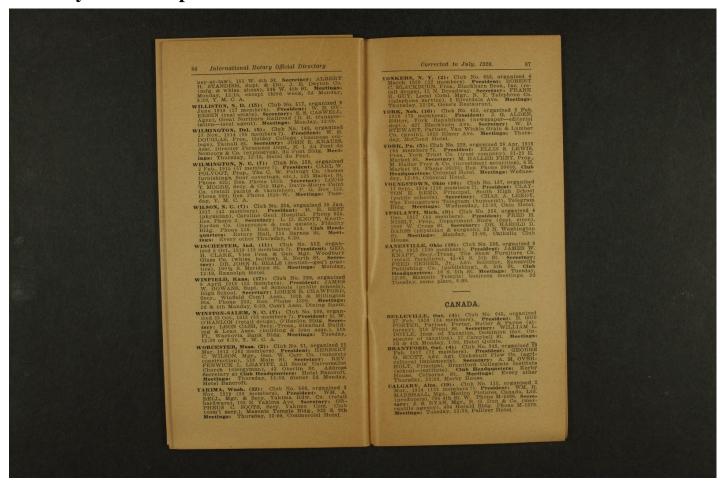
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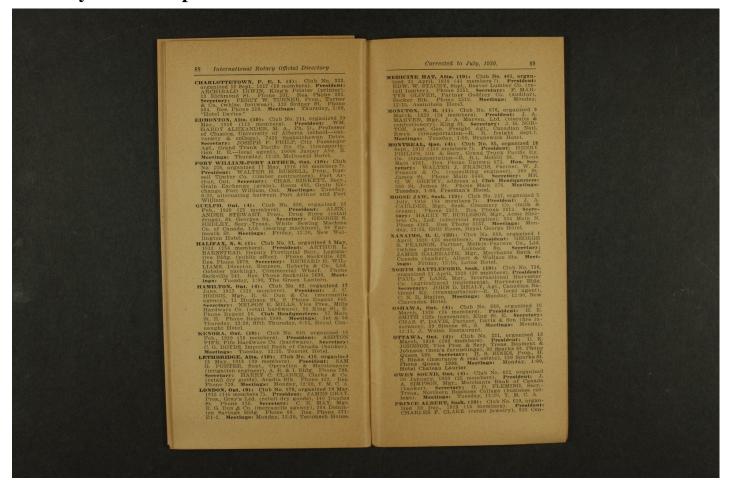
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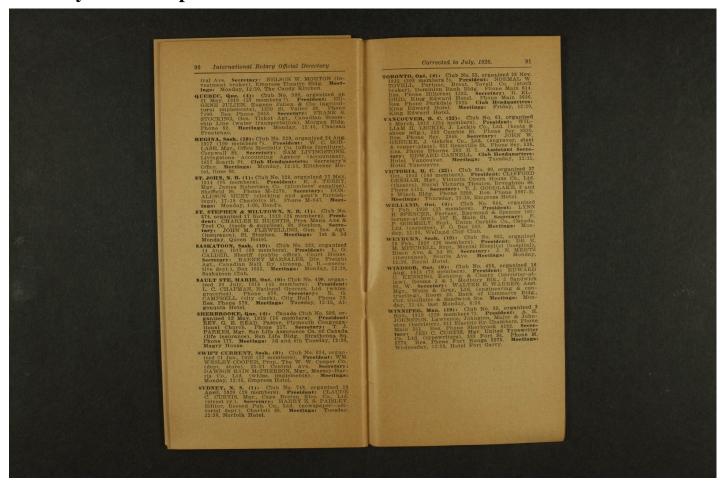




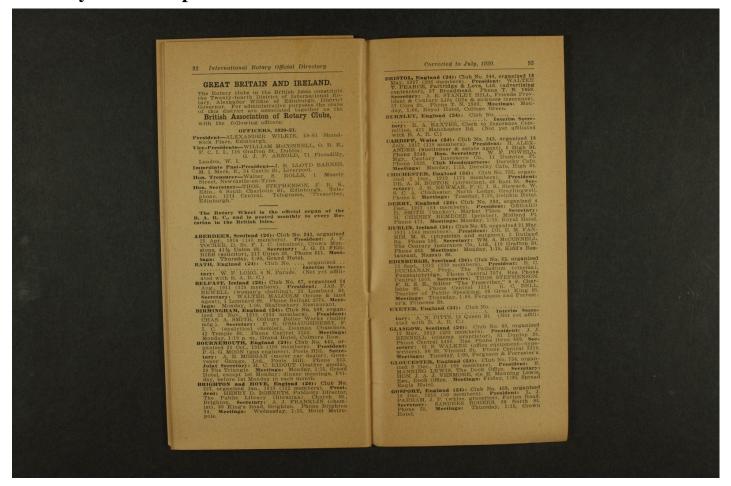




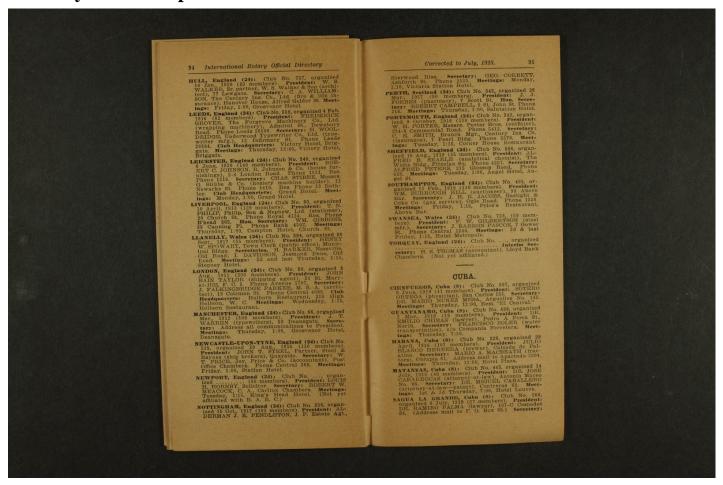




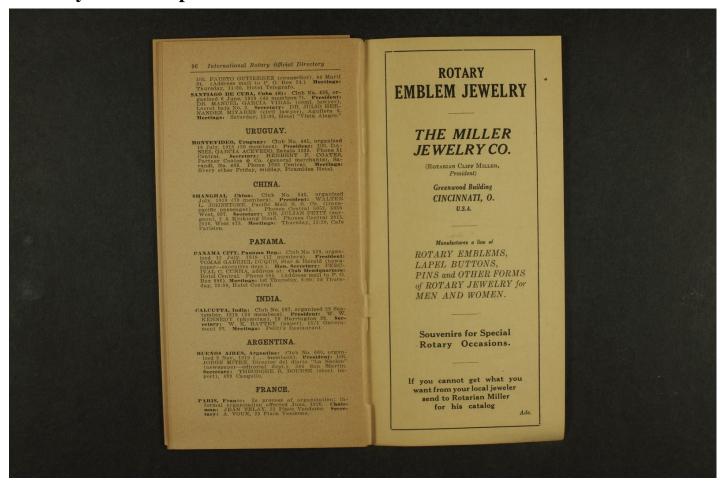




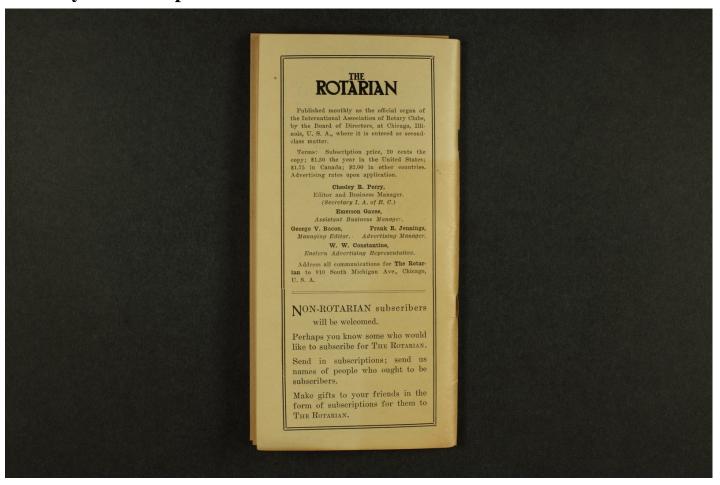




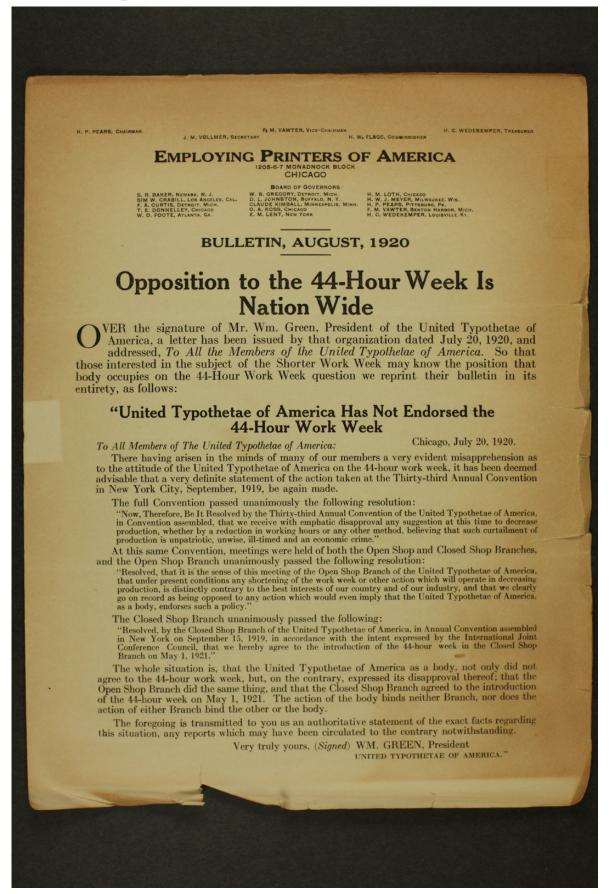




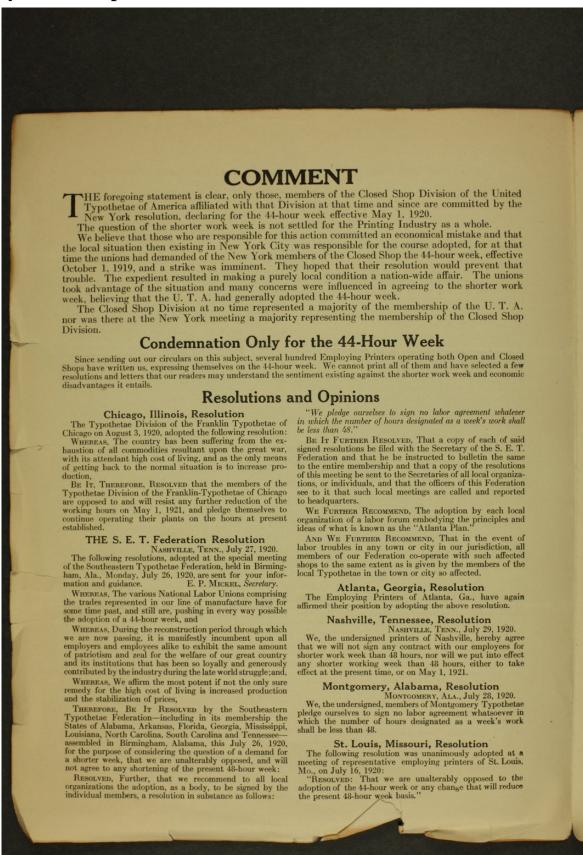




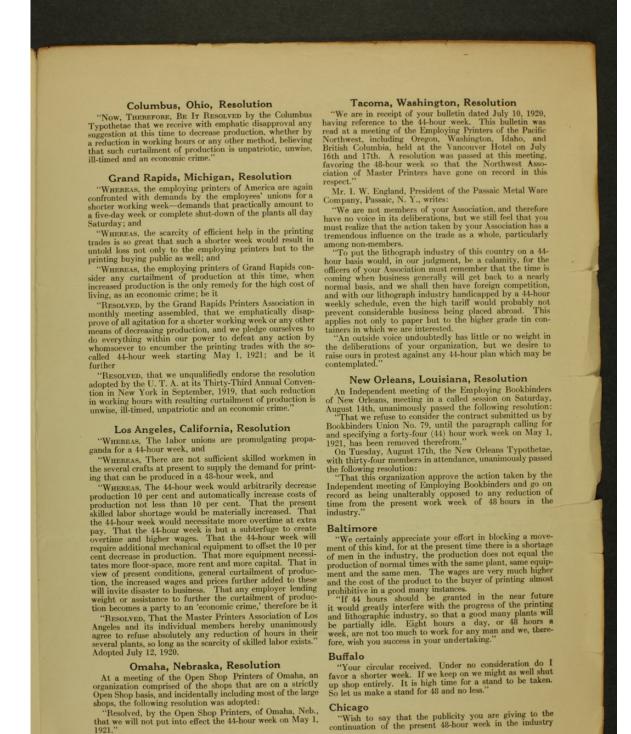




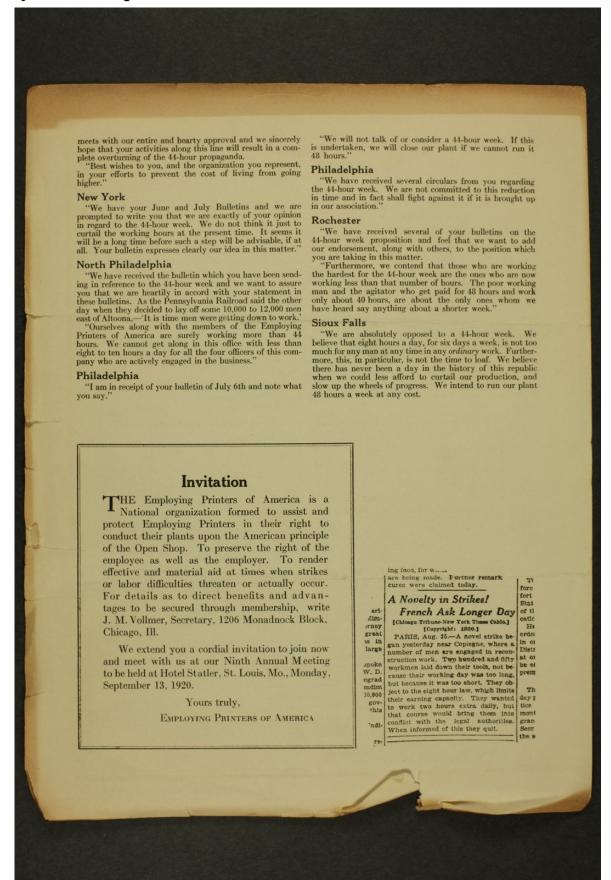




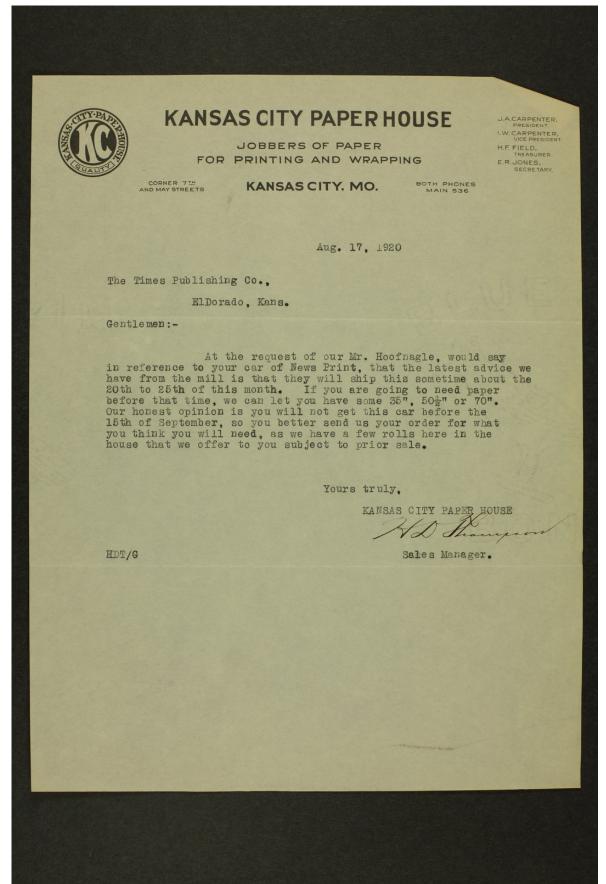




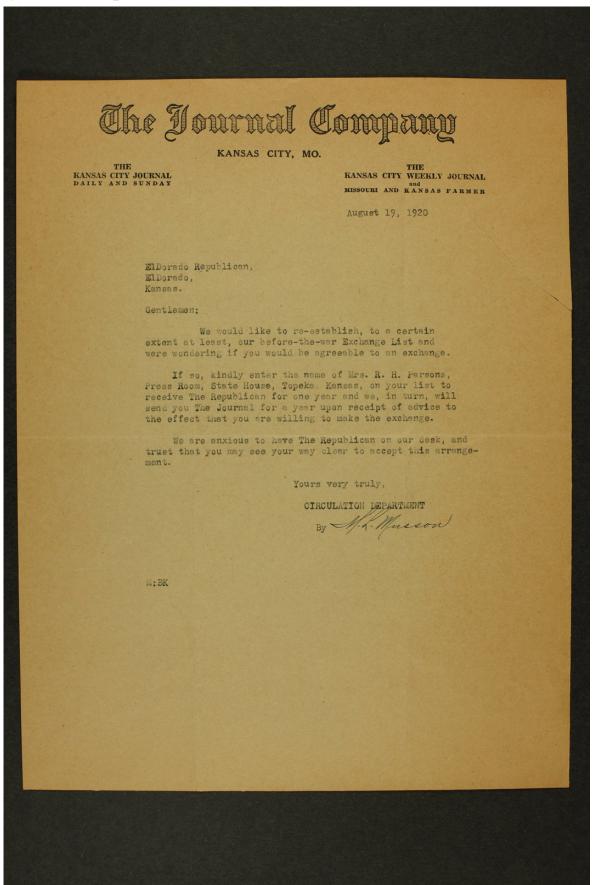














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August 20, 1920

Kansas City Paper House, Kansas City, Mo.

Replying to your letter of August 17, will say that we wish to take advantage of your offer to supply us some news print to fill out our requirements before our car arrives in September. If you can secure it for us, we will ask you to send us at once two (2) ralls of 6-page paper. We note your letter specifies it as 50½-inch size. This is narrow margin, which would require changing over of our press to run it. We prefer the 52½-inch size, but if you have only the narrower paper, please send it. We figure that two rolls of this size will carry us through. Thanking you for your immediate attention to this order, we are

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY per



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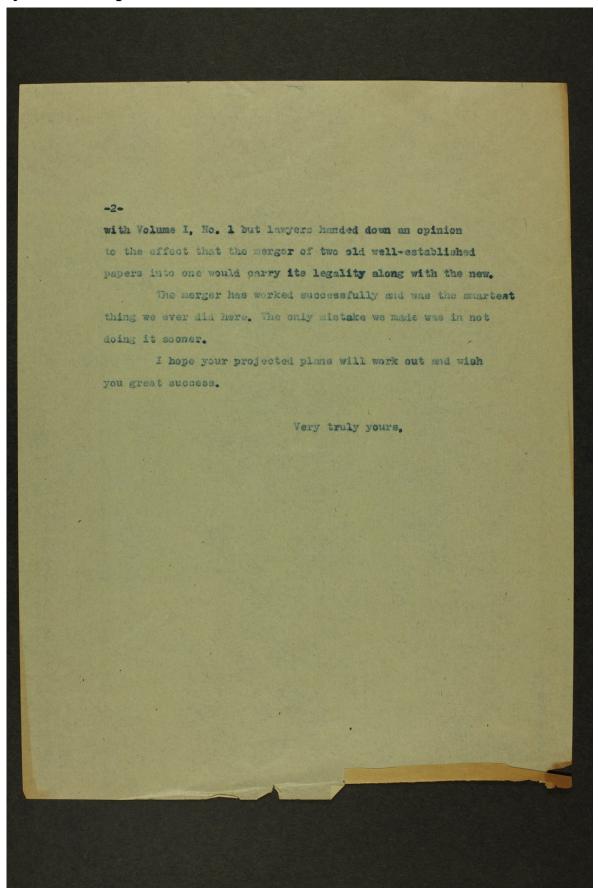
August 20, 1920

Er. Ben Lyle, Kinsley, Kansas

My Dear Ben:Your letter came while I was vacationing in
Colorado, and I returned home only yesterday. That will explain the delay in answering.

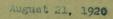
Our plans for the marger here were very simple, after we had broken down whatever of sentiment and prejudice the owners had against parting with their respective properties. The merchants were strong for the idea and we signed them up on advertising contracts to protect us against any competition that might spring up. Then we lumped the plants together giving each an equal valuation, and formed a corporation with a state charter. We capitalized our new concern at \$60,000. We sold off whatever machinery we did not need, comsolidated our forces, releasing employees wherever it was necessary, though we found that we could retain a majority of them. The whole plan all the way through was done on as nearly a fifty-fifty basis as possible. We kept the name "ElDorado" out of Alberedo Republican and the name "Times" out of Walnut Valley Times, because Times was shorter. We extended credit on on subscription lists to the new paper for those who were paid up in either or both, and cut off the delinquents. There was some question about the legality of the publication beginning







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Mr. M. L. Musson, Circulation Dept. The Journel Kansas City, Mo.

Bear Sir:Your letter addressed to The ElDorado Republican,
relative to the resumption of exchange relations, came to us.
No doubt you are unaware that the Republican lost its identity
last December in the merger which has resulted in the new paper
here. However, we are taking the liberty of accepting your
offer for The ElDorado Times and have already placed the name
of Mrs. Parsons, Topeka, on the mailing list without charge.
We will be more than glad to have The Journal coming back to our
office, as we have missed the daily privilege of scanning its
splendid editorial page and excellent news features. Trust that
this arrangement for The Times will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY per





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KANSAS CITY PAPER HOUSE

JOBBERS OF PAPER FOR PRINTING AND WRAPPING

KANSAS CITY, MO.

J.A.CARPENTER, I.W. CARPENTER, H.F. FIELD, TREASURER.

Aug. 21, 1920

The Times Publishing Co.,

ElDorado, Kans.

Gentlemen: -

We are just in receipt of a letter from the American Writing Paper Co., Holyoke, Mass, in which they enclose a letter they received from the Midland Refining Co. of your city, asking for price on 250 M to 500 M sheets of Mimeograph.

We would refer you to our Sample Cabinet, File #15, for samples of our #16 and #20 Commercial Mimeograph and quote you 15 per 1b. in 500# or over.

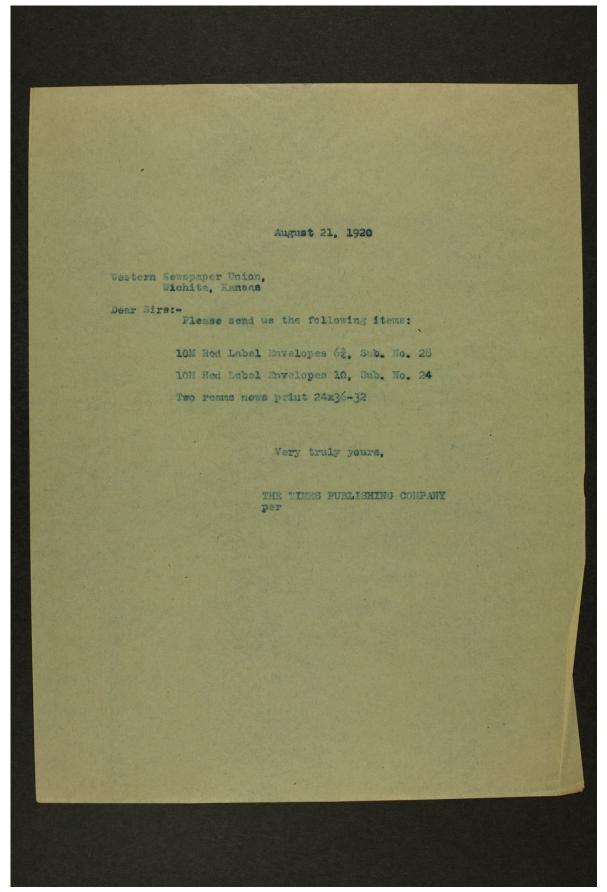
Wish you would take this matter up with this concern and see if you cannot land this order. We have a quantity of this stock which will be here within the next week and are offering same subject to prior sale.

Yours truly,

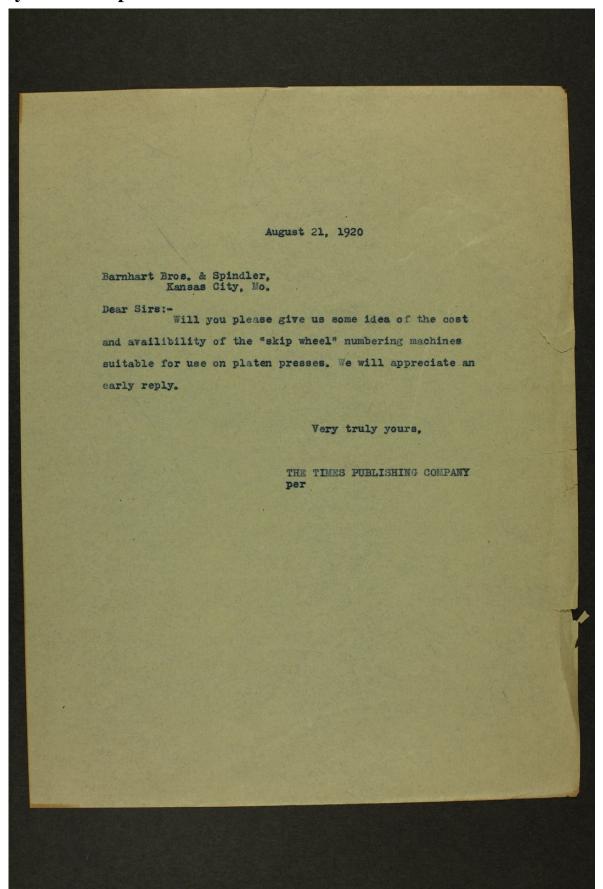
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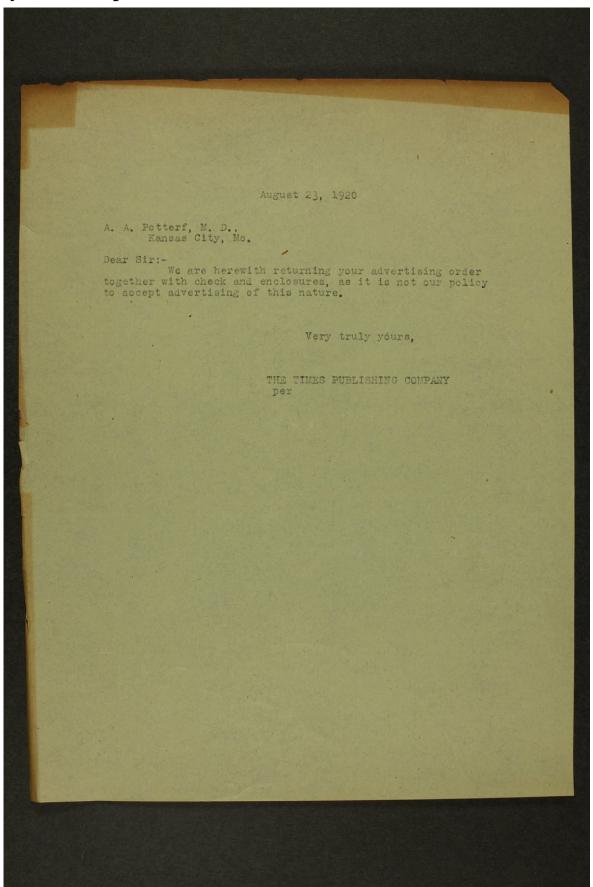




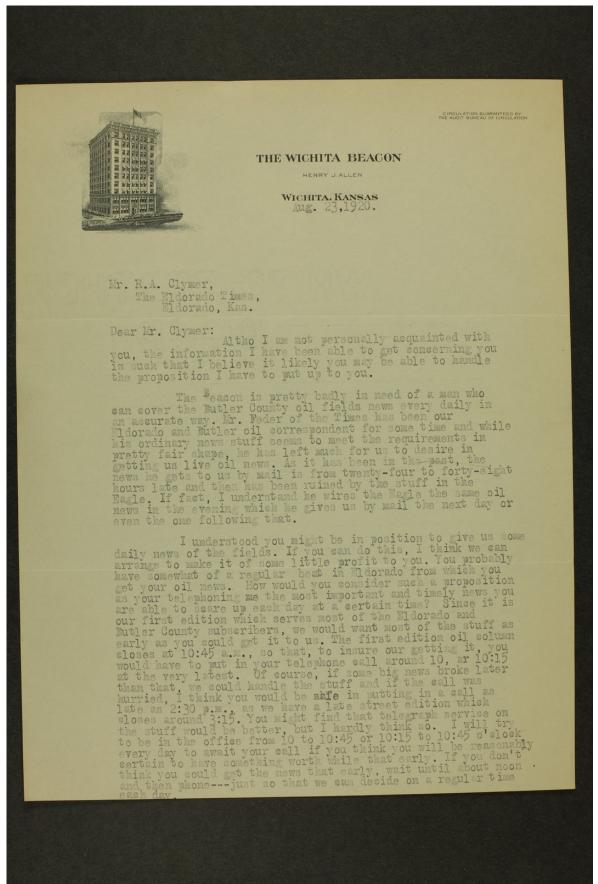




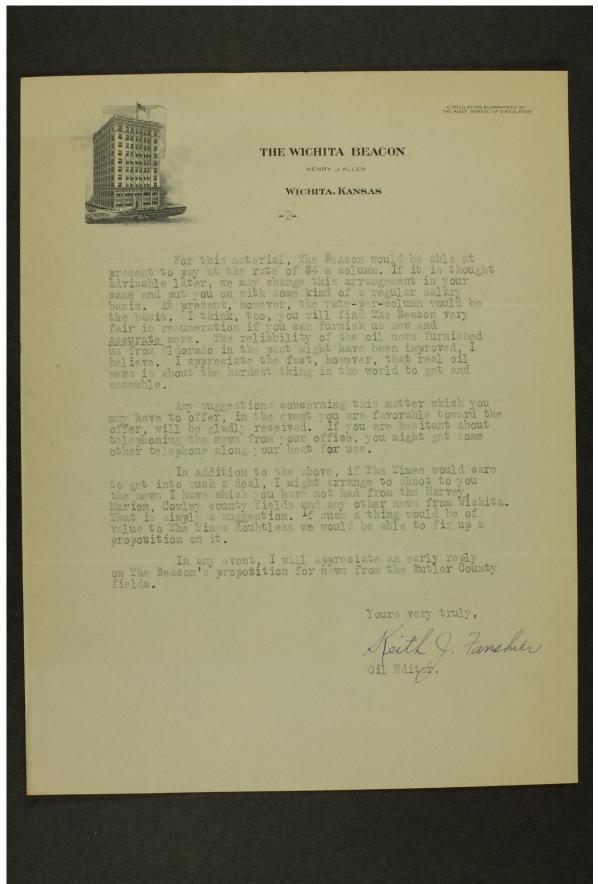














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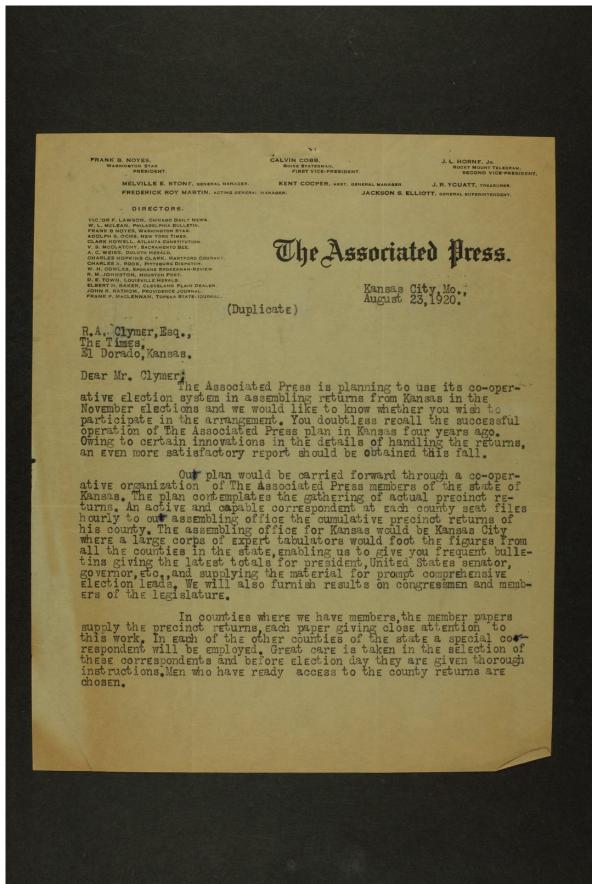
August 23, 1920

The astounding news of Uncle Dr's. death reached me while in Colorado a week ego Sunday and just about shattered my vacation for me. Couldn't bring myself to believe that he of the wholesome phildsophy and cheery good humor has left us. He seemed so vigorous, so hopeful and so full of life when he was in ElDorado last May. While your own grief must have been crushing, you will know that all of us here have sorrowed deeply with you and have wished with all our hearts that we could be of some active help to you. I can imagine what a blow it must be to Aunt Aimee, but am glad to know that she is bearing the shock with courage and what equanimity she can muster in the face of so over-powering a loss. My thoughts have been with you hundreds of times, and if there is any solace to you in a wealth of sympathy want you to know that you have had it in full measure the past ten days.

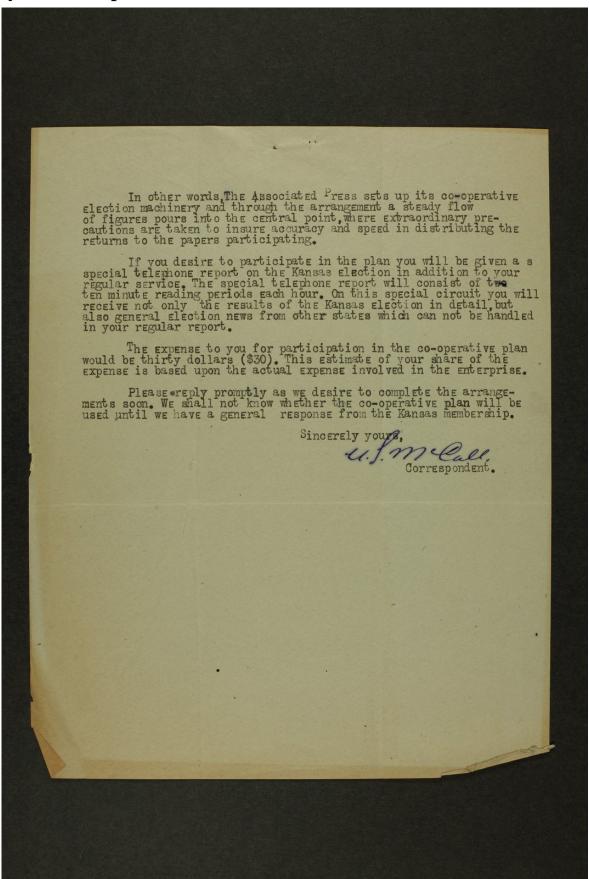
Please convey my sincerest love and affection to Aunt
Aimee, and know for yourself that I am always loyal to our
relationship and to the mutual companionship that we have
always enjoyed in the few opportunities vouchsafed us to be
together. Let me hear from you whenever possible. You and Aunt
Aimee must now take your father's place as a correspondent tp
my mother who loved him as her favorite brother and who will
sadly miss him always.

With kindest regard,

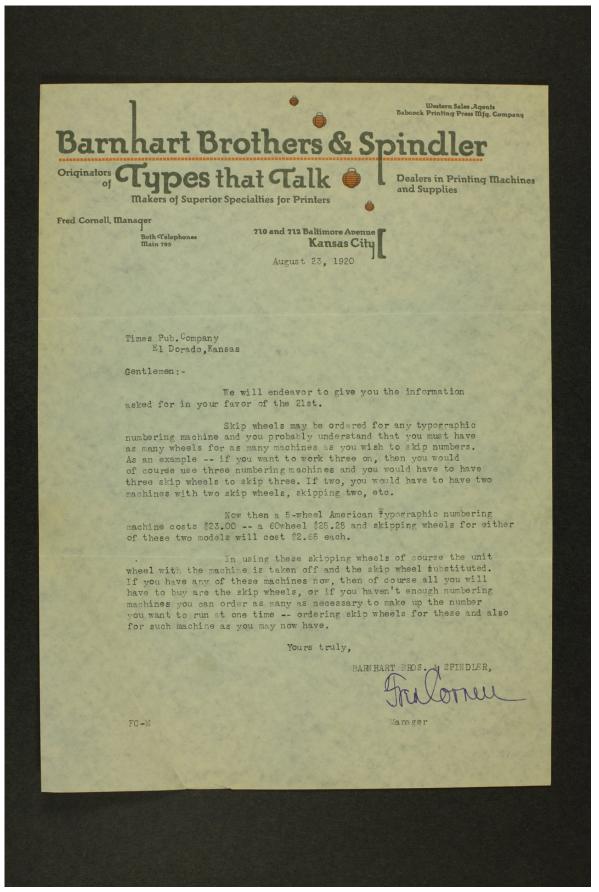




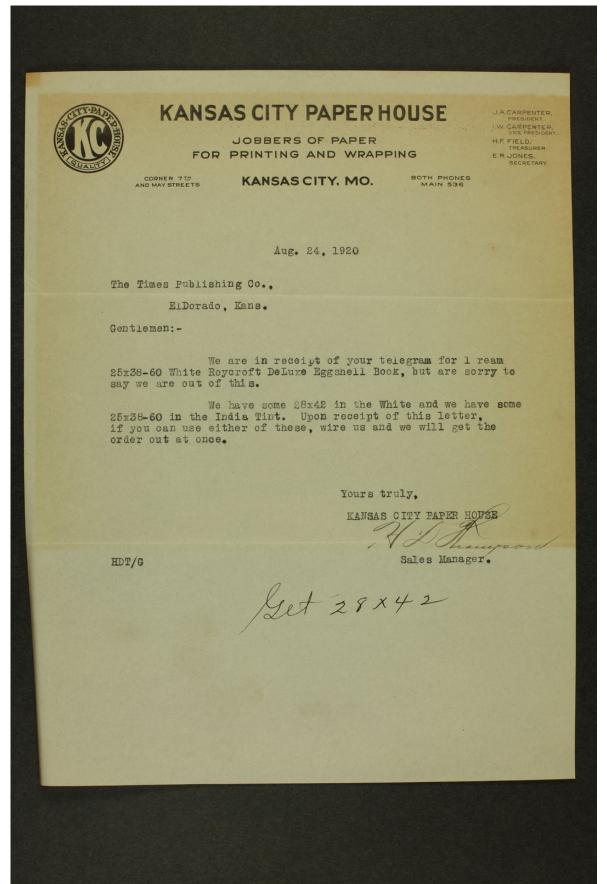




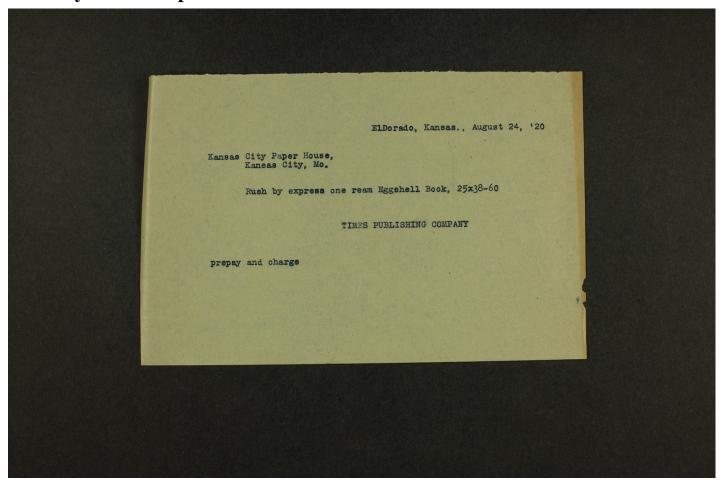














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August 24, 1920

Mr. Keith Fanshier, The Beagen, Wichita, Kans.

Dear Mr. Fanshier:In reply to your letter will say that my
duties here as editor of The Times, together with a joint
supervision of all business including management of the job
department, would prevent me from furnishing you with oil news
as you have suggested. I do, however, write our own daily oil
column, as my acquaintance with oil men here in past years has
made it comparatively easy for me to be in touch with what is
going on.

I think that Feder could handle the job nicely for
The Beacon. He has immediate access to all the information I
am able to secure and if he took over your correspondence
solely would serve you well. It would be necessary for The
Beacon to make it worth his while to drop the Eagle correspondence, for he has had liberal treatment in the way of space
from The Eagle the past year. As to the accuracy of reports from
this town, will say that it has been my earnest endeavor to
make The Times' oil news reliable if nothing else. I think they
have reasonably fulfilled that ideal. We are pretty well acquaint
ed with the oil men here and know who to trust and vice versa.

If Feder will stick to the news as given to The Times, I think
it should satisfy The Beacon, or any other newspaper, on the
score of reliability.