

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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Comstock vs Shannon
 June 30, 1932 20.40 Pd.
 Jan. 12, 1933, ok. 22.20 Pd.

Parker vs Piper
 Jan. 26, 1933 ok. 31.50 Pd.

Hanscom vs Hanscom
 June 22, 1933 ok. \$9.20 unpaid

Byrd -
 June 2, 1932 ok. 14.80 Pd.

Borker
 Feb. 16, 1933 ok. 6.75 Pd.

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Alvord, Minnesota
July 22, 1933

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I have really intended to write you but things happen so fast up here that I have had little time for writing.

This is Saturday and one of our rest days. We work five days each week. We get up at 5:20 each morning; have chow at 6; leave camp on trucks for a fifteen mile ride to work at 7; have noon chow; at 11:30, in the woods; start work again at 12:30; and get back to camp at 3.

The work is not hard and the time passes very fast. On Saturday and Sunday we may go any where we wish. We state where we wish to go and leave is given. We may leave Friday evening at 5 and do not have to return until 6:45 Monday morning.

We have one of the best camps in Minnesota. We have a good location. our camp is kept very clean and sanitary. It has

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been fixed up to our best advantage.
In the day time it gets quite warm but at night it gets very cool. I have to sleep under blankets every night.

There are seven of us Eldorado boys here in camp. They are: Max Tompkins, Walter Parker, John M. Hugh, Hugh Edwards, George Freeman, Roy Poe, and myself.

When we left Fort Riley two Eldorado boys were in the Post Hospital. I have not heard from them.

We have about 180 Kansas men left in our company. The others went "over the hill, or A.W.O.L." They did not like to be so far away from home I guess.

We have a baseball team organized and have beaten the local towns ball teams. The closest towns of any size are Northome, which is ten miles to the north; and Blackduck which is thirteen miles to the west.

We have had no trouble in making acquaintances up here. The people sure treat us fine.

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as the timber in this territory was logged about thirty years ago there is little "virgin" timber to be seen. There are a few white pine and Norway pine that are quite old.

Most every one in camp has gained weight. John M^r Hugh has gained about 25 pounds. I have gained 16 pounds.

We are about a mile away from a small lake. There we swim and fish. The lake is all of 150 feet deep.

I would like to have the Times sent up here. Please let me know how much you charge for about three months issues and I'll send you the money for it.

I'm sorry to say that the nearest golf course is thirty-five miles away at a good sized town called Bemijie.

As Ever
your Friend
John Cullin.

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July 24, 1933

Mr. G. R. Katz,
New York City

My Dear Mr. Katz:-

I want to thank you for your cordial letter offering to waive any commission and to do anything else you can to help us in developing some local business in Wichita. Your attitude was very helpful and I assure you we appreciate it.

I have some doubts that the young men we have mentioned will be able to put over their proposal on the ambitious scale they have launched it. I haven't heard from them for a week now. You ask their names. One of them is Jerry Daces, who showed me some credentials tending to prove that he had worked at advertising in Oklahoma and elsewhere. I have forgotten the other young man's name, but Daces seem to be the leader. They, of course, are unconnected with Walter Shank or anybody else who would try to undermine your organization. If anything comes of this matter, I will let you know. We will be more than careful to see that it does not interfere with any national business you are handling for us. And again we thank you for your attitude.

Gordon Gray, of your Kansas City office, is here today going over the local situation with our advertising



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department, as regards a number of national accounts. We are always glad to have your representatives come; they act as an inspiration and help us to keep on our toes.

Mr. Gray tells us that the outlook is for increasingly better business and I trust we may all enjoy it together.

Very truly yours,

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E. Katz Special Advertising Agency,
New York City

Attention Mr. H. R. Goldberg

Dear Sirs:-

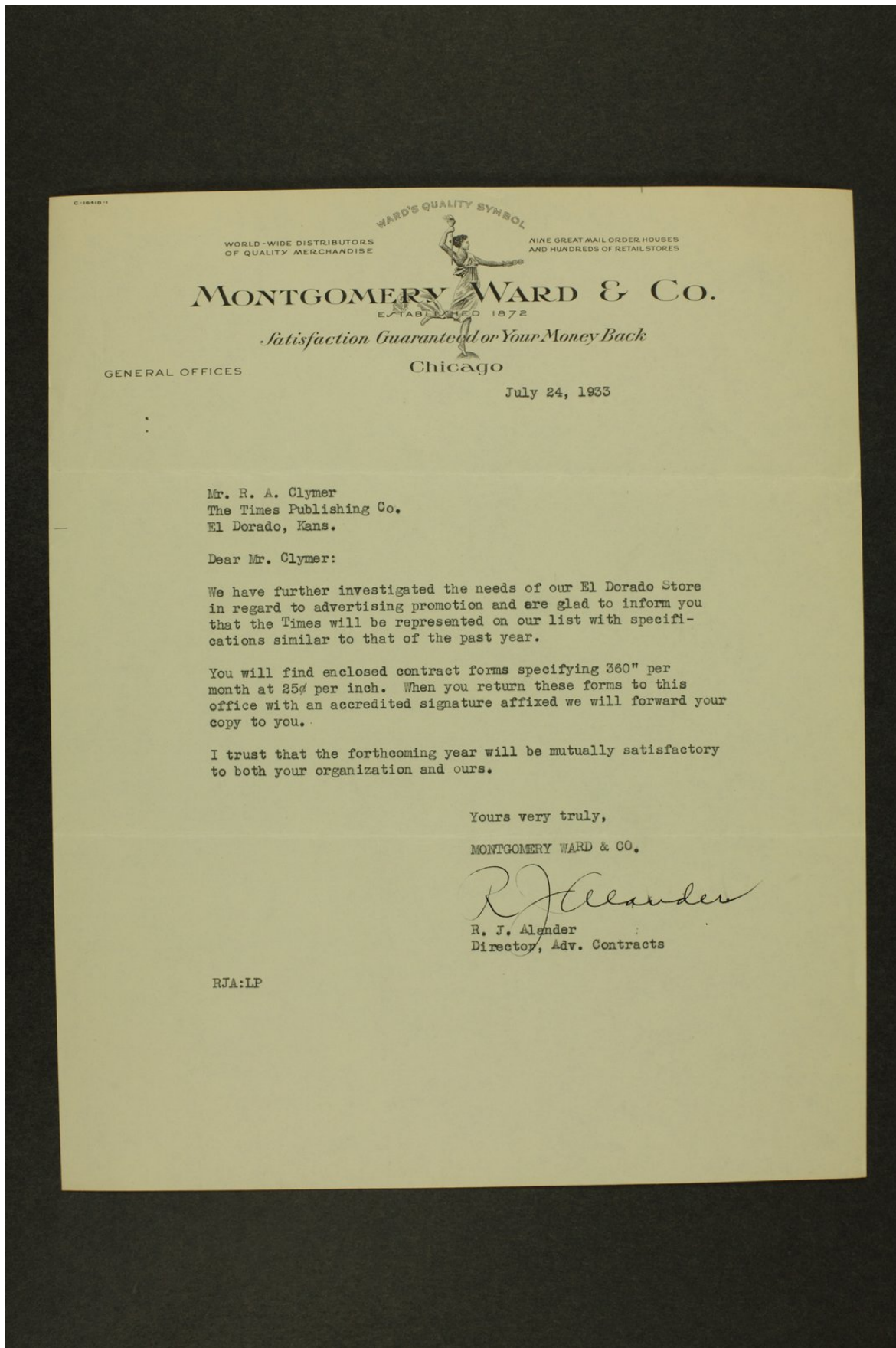
In answer to your recent query, will say that we are not equipped for color printing. It would be necessary for us to add color fountains to our press and probably buy a router for the stereotype department. Without having any late price lists on such equipment available, I suppose these would cost the better part of a thousand dollars. We don't want to lag behind the procession in color printing and we are going to be guided, to a large degree, by your judgment in telling us when we ought to equip ourselves to handle it. Gordon Gray, of your Kansas City office, who is here today, expresses the opinion that no great amount of color printing will be available for the smaller publishers in the next year. His view, of course, may be changed at any time. We would like to have your frank opinion about the matter and keep in touch with us. When color printing comes to be an important adjunct of our business, we hope to be among the first to take advantage of it.

Sincerely yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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BURGESS CELLULOSE COMPANY
MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS
CHROME STEREOTYPE MATS
FREEPORT, ILL.

Please ship to Date July 25, 1933

Mat prices quoted and ship-
ments made from our factory

**F.O.B. Freeport,
Illinois**

Name Times Publishing Company
Street Address El Dorado, Kansas
City and State El Dorado, Kansas
Via Freight When at once

QUANTITY Packed 500 to case	TYPE	CALIPER	SHRINKAGE DESIRED	SIZE	PRICE PER MAT
1 case	Nu-Tex A ✓	.024	regular	regular	.12
	Nu-Tex S	.026			.12
	Nu-Tex B	.028			.12
	Nu-Tex C	.030			.12
	Nu-Tex D	.032			.12
	Manifold	.034			.15
	Wet-Tex				.12

All Mats Shipped Subject to Satisfaction

These accessories have all been tested in practical use under various conditions before being accepted by us for distribution. You may order any item with full assurance of satisfaction.

QUANTITY	NAME	SIZE—DESCRIPTION—DIMENSIONS	PRICE
	Burgess Reliable Mat Storage Box	7" x 23" x 27", 26-gauge Armco Iron	\$20.00 each
	Burgess Superior Cork Moulder	21" x 25" only	2.50 each
	Burgess Plain Cork Blankets		
	Burgess No. 7548 Press Felt Moulders		
	Burgess Woven Felt Moulders		
	Stahi Bowl Moulders	21" x 25" only	2.25 each
	Backing Felt		
	Moulding Board		
	Tail Board		
	Scorcher		
	Dry Matrix Paste		
	Asbestos Cloth		

All Prices Subject to Change Without Notice

Remarks: _____

Form MS-33 2M sets 9-31 F15187

Send White Copy to us.
Keep Duplicate Yellow Copy
For your Record.

Signed Rolla Clymer
Position Manager

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ARTHUR J. CARRUTH, JR.

Dear Rolla -

It is most thoughtful of you to be concerned about Elizabeth and I am happy to report that the signs of recovery are more pronounced today.

We are fortunate, of course, to have her with us at all, considering the nature of the accident.

You are very kind (as usual) to remember us.

Sincerely,
Arthur Carruth, Jr.

July 25-1933

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

El Dorado, Kansas

July 25, 1933

Arthur J. Carruth,
Managing Editor State Journal,
Topeka, Kansas

Just learned your daughter's injury hope speedy
improvement deepest sympathy.

R. A. CLYMER

prepay and charge Times

July 26, 1933

Geo. H. Merrill Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:-

Please ship us at once one drum of your
G-1273 Tubular News Ink, by freight. We have found this
grade wholly satisfactory for warm weather use.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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July 26, 1933

Mr. R. J. Alander,
Director Advertising Contracts
Montgomery Ward & Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Alander:-

We wish to thank you for your prompt submission of contracts covering the advertising requirements of your El Dorado store for the coming year beginning August 19, 1933. We have found these satisfactorily drawn and they have been properly signed and are herewith being returned to you for final ratification. We are going to trust that the next year will mean a great deal more business for both of us.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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July 27, 1933

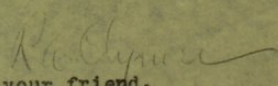
Mr. John Pullin,
Alvwood, Minn.

My Dear John:-

I was glad to get your letter and we published it in The Times yesterday. I shall send you a marked copy under separate cover. You seem to be getting along all right, which pleases your friends here. I am going to send you the paper for three months free, so you and the other El Dorado boys can keep up with home news. After that, if you still want it, you can make the proper arrangements with the circulation department. Please notify us of any possible change in address.

Things are a bit dull here but we keep ourselves alive by playing a bit of golf now and then. My game is about as sour as usual. I hear the boys had some good scores in the caddy tournament this week. I was told Brent Morris went around in 65, and that Buz had a 67. This is real golf on anybody's course.

I am always interested in you and want to keep in touch with you. Hope you will write us another letter some time again.


Sincerely your friend,

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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRIAL JOURNALISM AND PRINTING
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

July 28, 1933

R.A. Clymer
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Radio Station KSAC, Kansas State college, has scheduled a series of 36 short talks on Personalities of the Kansas Press, which I am to prepare and broadcast.

One of the personalities to be the subject of a program in the series is yourself. Each program will be prepared far enough in advance of the date of the broadcast to afford the newspaper man who is the subject a chance to get this, his "obit" to the living, in type in advance, for release the day it goes on the air. The programs are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, weekly. The first will be September 16.

For the sake of accuracy and interest will you please let me have a few facts about yourself? I suggest the following as a minimum, and I trust you'll give me a very liberal supply of material from which to select in addition to that suggested:

Place and date of birth (confidential if desired).
Name of wife and children, if any.
Where and when you got your newspaper training.
Names of papers with which associated, and your favorite teachers in the craft.
Why you are where you are--please give other than economic reasons (if any!)
Your philosophy of the craft in a few words--well, a couple of paragraphs will be enough.
Citations for biographical data in books and periodicals--If you've been written up to your satisfaction be sure to tell me where and when, or better still lend me the clipping.
What useful purpose has your paper served? Don't be modest.
Send me some samples of things you have written that you liked.
What would be your advice to a young man who thinks he wants to be a newspaper man?
Would you give the same advice to a young woman who has newspaper ambitions? Why?
What do your intimate friends call you?
Add anything else you think might make the sketch interesting.

If you have nominations of others whom you think should be included in this series please speak up. In mentioning names won't you please say why you believe they are Personalities of the Kansas Press?

Sincerely,

C.E. Rogers
C.E. Rogers, Head of the
Department of Industrial Journalism

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E. W. HOWE
ATCHISON, KANSAS

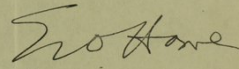
July 28, 1933

Dear Sir:

I am sending you four copies of a new Little Blue Book I have lately written. Will you oblige me by accepting the one autographed, and giving the others away to those nearest at hand? I have been printer and editor sixty-eight years, beginning at twelve. Respectfully,

Editor, The Times
Eldorado, Kansas

EWB/GH
Enc. 1



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MOSER & SUOR

NORGE
ROLLATOR REFRIGERATION

DISTRIBUTORS
NORGE + RCA-VICTOR



MCGEE AT TWENTY-THIRD
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

July 29, 1933

Mr. R. A. Clymer
The ElDorado Times
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I am enclosing herewith descriptive folder showing some of the RCA Victor models as requested in your letter of July 14th.

It seems to me that if you are contemplating broadcasting from your office window to the crowds in the street important news items, you should by all means purchase the new \$350 Public Address System recently introduced by RCA Victor. I am enclosing a circular describing this System.

While I do not believe we could take out the entire amount of the \$350 in advertising in the ElDorado Times, it might be possible for us to take out 40% or 50% of it.

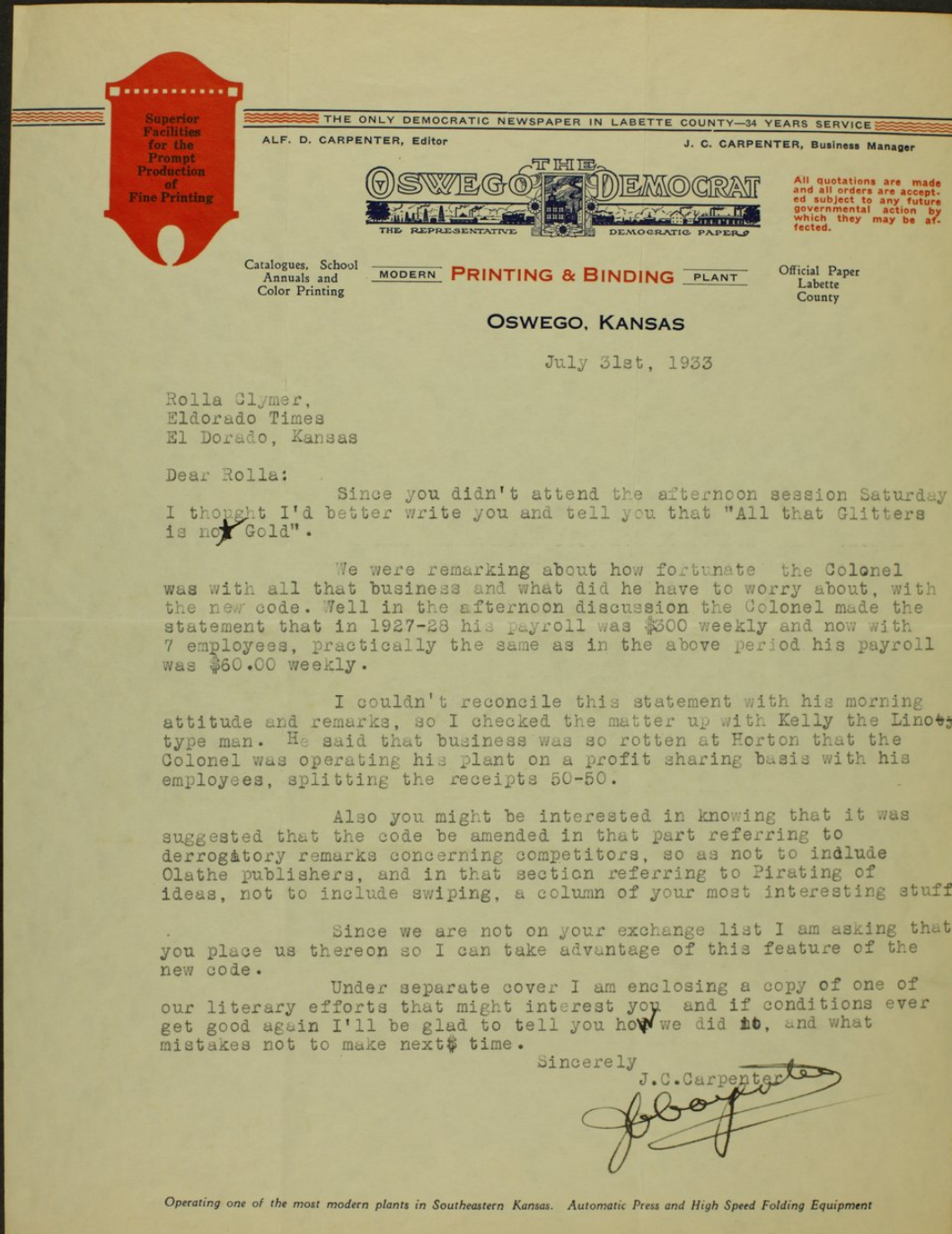
Would appreciate hearing from you.

Very truly yours,
MOSER & SUOR, INC.

M. S. Moser
Manager

MST:ES

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August 1, 1933

Mr. J. C. Carpenter,
Oswego, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Carpenter:-

Thanks for your letter with all its information. I was sorry to miss the afternoon session but gathered from reports that it was mainly occupied with discussion of detail. My opinion is that every shop is largely an individual entity and that its problems must be worked out separately despite the influence of some over-shadowing code. I have made up my mind that my payroll here will be heavily increased and will be considerable of a burden, for a time at least. But we must all face the music together.

I shall be glad to place your paper on the exchange list. After looking over the wonderful supplement you have sent me, I despair of ever sending anything to Oswego that can be of any service to you.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

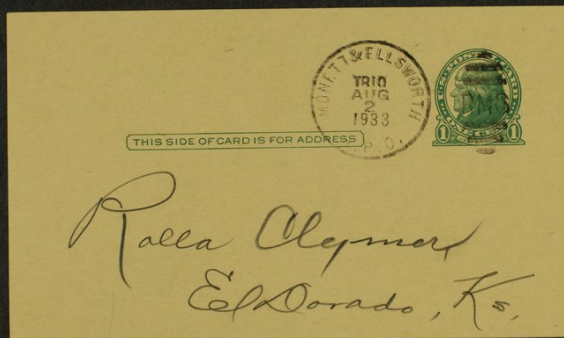
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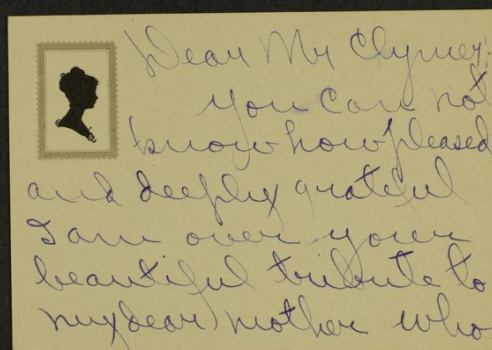
AUG 2 - 1933
LEON, KANSAS

Ed Dimes, - In Tuesday's paper
Aug. 1st, are four real
editorial gems, covering in-
teresting information in
the past, present, and future.
Such classy editorials will
cause me to turn to this
page first, Truly, M.H. Marshall.

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has left us.
It has taken me
back more than 1/2
years to one which
you wrote for me.
I have always felt that
some day it will be an
inspiration to my boy.
With sincere appreciation.
Rolla Clymer
aug 11, 33.

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M Monday Aug^{1st}
Dear Bill —
Your letter and
the enclosed was
one big surprise as
I did not expect
any thing at this
time — so feel like
I had a fortune
as the check assures
me of the tapes — I

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will deposit it here and
to thank you seems very
small for all the effort
you have put forth and
the fat check - I appreciate
it all - With yesterday's
storm of ears you couldn't
believe there was such a
mad as depression - We
were all out on Harry
Helman's ship for luncheon
and every avenue to
Long Beach was covered -
Only two people that I
have met and talked
with are voting for Hoover -

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Jane and I met Clyde
Reed the other morning a
call on a friend in the
neighborhood had to come to
California to meet our ex
Governor - Love to you and
the family - Thinking
you again always
Lena

6132 Van Ness Drive
Los Angeles Calif

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El Dorado
August 1, 33

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Your tribute to mother, was
a beautiful one, and much ap-
preciated by us all. It is doubly
comforting because it was unex-
pected, and I shall keep it always
as I have kept the one you wrote
when we lost our tiny daughter
in 1925.

When Ted was killed in 1920
your editorial was so comforting
to Hope, that she had it framed
so that she could keep it.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,
Faith M. Loomis.

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THE MONITOR-PRESS

ESTABLISHED 1872

THOROUGHLY COVER SUMNER COUNTY

JAMES B. AUSTIN, PUBLISHER

OFFICIAL COUNTY
PAPER

WELLINGTON, KANSAS

August 2, 1933

R. A. Clymer
Eldorado

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask if there is anyone connected with you who might be in a position to consider a proposition to go into partnership here under a program to gain control of this market.

I am writing to you because, if you can become interested, even for someone else, your assistance would be invaluable.

You know quite a bit about the condition here and how obnoxious it is most of the time. I have not been in a position to make the added investment in order to take advantage of the condition. Two years ago a group of important men in this city came to me with sufficient money to go ahead but after their names became public and before the project was started Mr. Woods started calling them names and they, or rather a few of them, acquired cold feet. So I did not hold them to it.

The circulation of the Daily News is terribly small, only about 2200 by his own statement. The desire of the merchants here is all to our good. The men here would immediately put up enough money for us to buy him. But so far he has refused to sell, and it is my opinion he will not until sufficient pressure is brought to bear to threaten his standing.

It is easy for anyone to realize that I did not have money enough to pay cash for this plant. And I have been carrying a pretty heavy load pretty satisfactorily, although I started just at the beginning of the depression. The difficulty has been that I have had that load to take care of instead of putting in the faster press that would allow us to handle the coverage and number of pages we would need. We have only a four page hand feed.

This plant is well equipped with that exception, everything modern including a Model 26 linotype. I have an old model straight matter machine that I borrowed from my father's shop as an auxiliary that would help to start with.

My thought is to start with a twice a week or three times a week paper and gradually work up as business paid the way. I would give a half interest in the



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THE MONITOR~PRESS

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THOROUGHLY COVER SUMNER COUNTY

JAMES B. AUSTIN, PUBLISHER

OFFICIAL COUNTY
PAPER

WELLINGTON, KANSAS

plant at its present value, even though part of the money would be used for the new equipment, if a man could pay about half of that interest. The plant is valued at \$20,500. If a man could pay about \$5,000 to put us in a safe way to expand, the plant could pay out the balance of the half, and I am satisfied that that arrangement could, in a year or two at best, own this field.

If you have any contact with a person who is interested I'd be glad to have him come check the field, or I could bring men there with information desired.

I am not advertising this as a proposal for anyone who has the \$5,000, for I wish to pick a man and a contact that will be capable of carrying through.

Very respectfully yours

James B. Austin
James B. Austin

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August 2, 1933

Mr. Joseph W. Radotinsky,
State Architect,
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Radotinsky:-

Mr. Wayne M. McVay, a resident of this town, is seeking a position as an assistant in your office. I understand you may be able to use some more men there soon and would be pleased to have you consider Mr. McVay. He was formerly employed by Mr. Glenn H. Thomas, Wichita architect, and I believe him to be well qualified. He is a Republican and stands well in party circles. Any favors you can render him will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Rolla Clymer