

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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Sept. 4, 1920

Western Newspaper Union,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:- Please send us at once one ream of Canary
Hammermill bond, 17x22-16.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

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Night Letter	

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COPY OF
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Eldorado, Kansas

Sept. 4, 1920

The Associated Press,
Kansas City, Mo.

Send Dempsey-Miske fight Monday round by round,
no lead.

THE ELDORADO TIMES

prepay and charge

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Sept. 6, 1920

Barnhart Bros. & Spindler,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

We are today sending you by parcels post a package containing four saws, which we would like to have sharpened and returned to us as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Sept. 7, 1920

Missouri-Interstate Paper Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed find sample of binder's tape. Please
send us one roll similar to sample.

You may also send us two quarts of Murex tabbing
compound.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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The Associated Press.
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 7, 1920.

R. A. Clymer, Esq.,
The Times,
El Dorado, Kansas.

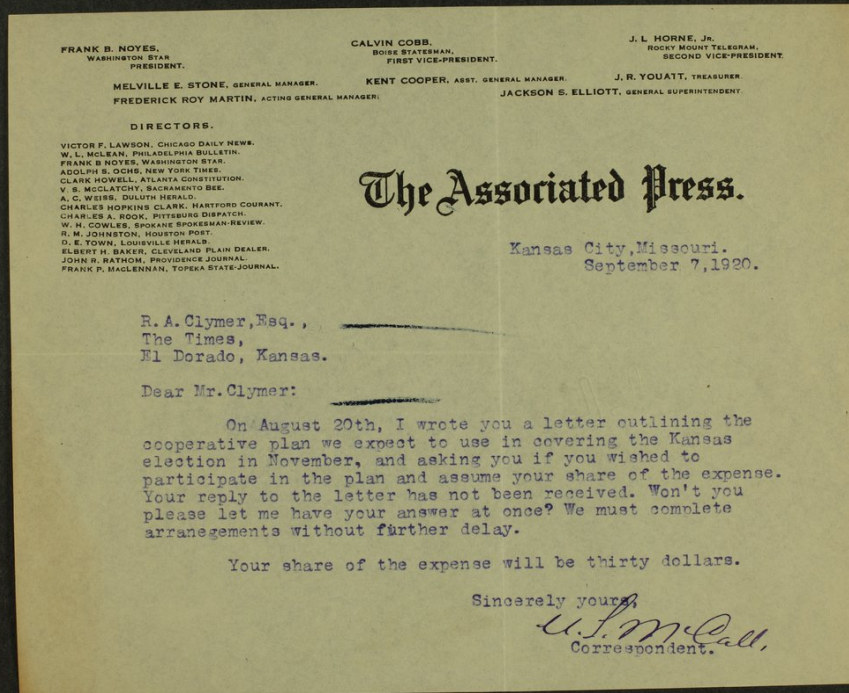
Dear Mr. Clymer:

It was with very great regret that I learned last night that the report we sent you on the Dempsey-Miske fight was not delivered to you promptly. This was plainly due to inefficient service on the part of the telegraph company and we are making a rigid investigation.

The fight bulletins were sent from this office by telegraph to the main Kansas City office of the telegraph company. We cleared this news to the Western Union main office just ten minutes after the fight ended at Bar Harbor. Evidently, through some oversight at the telegraph office, your copy was overlooked. I understand your disappointment as a result of this poor wire service, but assure you that this office made every effort to get the news to you with the least possible delay.

Sincerely yours, *W. L. McCall*
Correspondent.

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Sept. 7, 1920

Mr. U. L. McCall,
Correspondent Associated Press,
Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Mr. McCall:-

We were not satisfied with the service we received yesterday on the Dempsey-Miske fight. We wired you Saturday for the report round by round, and advertised that the returns would be received at this office. It was Labor Day and raining, and a big crowd gathered. The first bulletin came to the Western Union at 5:13, and the second at 5:15. Our patrons were without any news whatever until a telephone message from The Wichita Eagle about 5 o'clock gave us the outcome of the fight. This, of course, was before we had had any direct news from our own press service. The necessity of calling a rival newspaper for information was rather embarrassing, as you will admit. We do not wish to appear unreasonable but feel that there was an unnecessary delay in getting this news to us.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per



September
Seventh
1920

J.B. Adams,
Eldorado, Kans.

Dear Friend:

Some time ago I received a letter from your paper, the Walnut Valley Times, stating that it would publish material furnished through the county Democratic Central Committee.

May I ask how much space you would give at any one time, i.e. supposing I would furnish you with material each day. I would also like to know whether it is necessary that the material be written by a Butler County party.

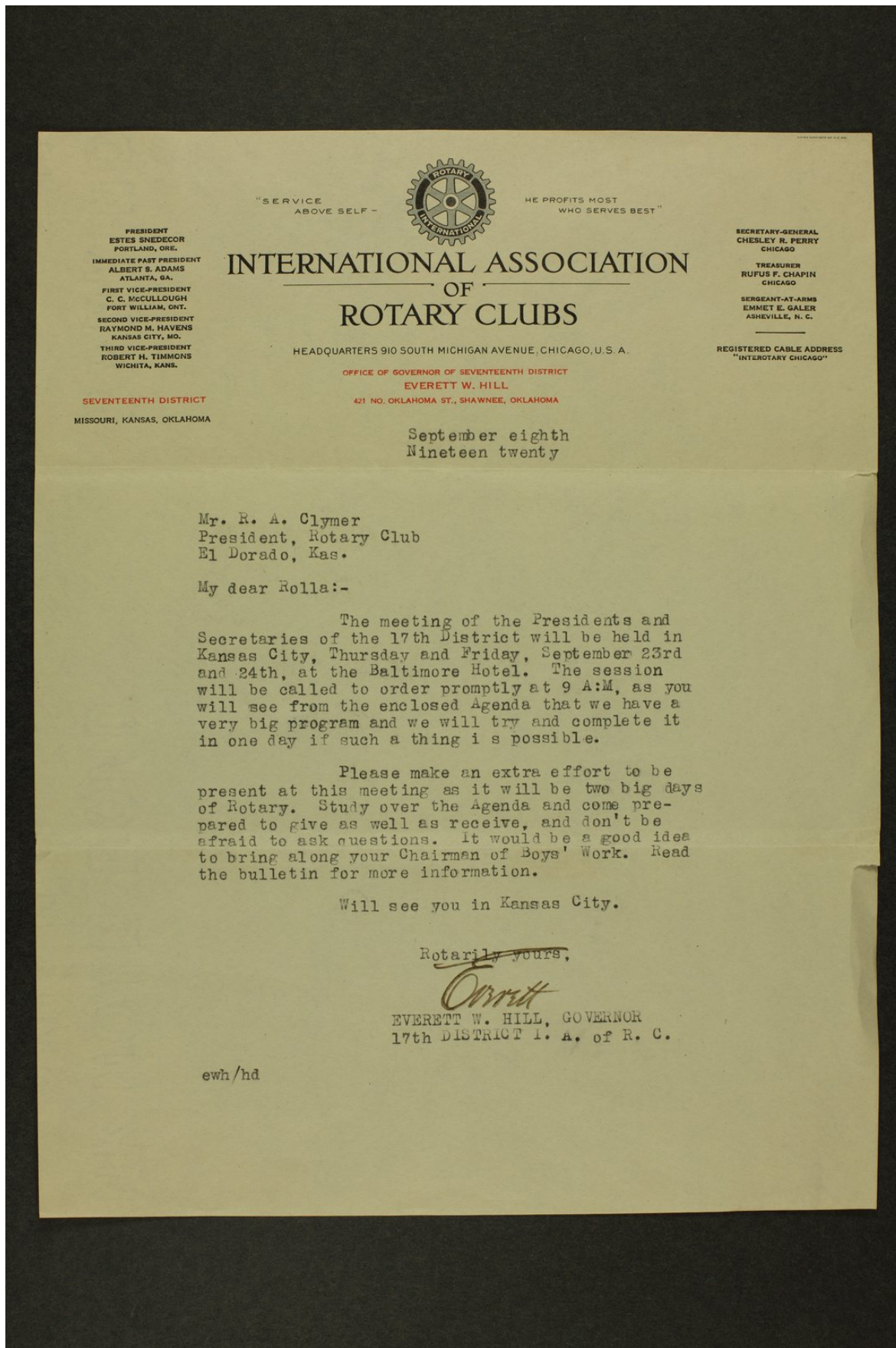
I understand that a reasonable amount of space will be given for any material furnished by or through the Butler County Democratic Central Committee regardless of its source.

Please advise me as to these points, viz. as to the space that will be allowed and whether the material furnished can be from any source whatever so long as it is O.K'd and approved by the Butler County Central Democratic Committee.

Very truly yours,

JDJ/FS

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AGENDA FOR MEETING OF
PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF THE 17th DISTRICT.

To be held at Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 23rd & 24th, 1920

- 1 - Call to order 9 A.M. Sharp.
- 2 - Roll Call and recording those present.
- 3 - Statement by District Governor of purpose, scope and limitations of the meeting.
- 4 - President Snedecor's policy or program adopted by the International Board, of the conduct of the Association's business during the current year.
- 5 - Plans for carrying out the program of the International Board.
- 6 - The Governor's Bulletins.
 - a) What should they contain?
 - b) How may they be made of greatest value to Individual Clubs?

District Matters.

- 7 - Extension Work in the 17th District.
 - a) Available possibilities, cities of 5000 population and over.
 - b) How to organize.
- 8 - Inter-City meetings.
 - a) How can we further same?
 - b) Responsibility to new clubs.
- 9 - Interchange of Speakers on Rotary.
- 10 - Relations with similar organizations.
 - a) Avoidance of duplication of membership, either by individuals or firms.
 - b) Are joint meetings advisable?
 - c) What is proper in the way of concerted action in community affairs?
- 11 - Wichita Conference.
 - a) Plans for Conference.
 - b) How can we promote attendance?
 - c) Suggestions for program.
 - d) Registration fee.
- 12 - Furthering of efforts in District to produce more favorable Rotary literature, songs, etc.

Club Administration.

- 13 - Functions of Board of Directors.
- 14 - Responsibilities of Club Presidents.
- 15 - Responsibilities of Club Secretaries.
 - a) Keeping Club Rosters up to date.
 - b) Weekly notices or bulletins and exchange of same.
 - c) Reports to Secretary-General and Governor.
 - d) Reporting visiting Rotarians to their clubs.

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- 16 - Fees - Dues - and Assessments.
- 17 - Method of proposing and electing new members.
 - a) Length of time member should be resident of city.
 - b) Honesty of classification.
 - c) Introduction of new member in the club.
- 18 - Promoting attendance.
 - a) Enforcing the attendance rule.
 - b) Quarterly attendance reports.
 - c) How to eliminate "Roster" Rotarians.
 - d) The 60% Attendance scheme.
 - e) Notice cards, are they advisable?
- 19 - Education of Rotarians as to Rotary.
 - a) Committee on education and regular club meeting dates.
 - b) Programs.
- 20 - Club programs for weekly meetings and general policy for year.
- 21 - Boys' Work.
 - a) Clubs reported not active.
 - b) Work in connection with Reform Schools.
 - c) Big Brother movement.
 - d) The Blackwell Plan.
 - e) Surveys.
 - f) Two minute reports from clubs on Boy Work Activities.
 - g) Dr. Barker's Services.
- 22 - Relations of clubs to Chambers of Commerce.
- 23 - Rural Acquaintance Campaigns.
- International Association.
- 24 - How can the International Office be of more assistance to the clubs?
- 25 - Need of more cooperation.
 - a) Monthly change in membership.
 - b) Changes in officers and Committee Chairmen.
 - c) Semi-annual reports.
 - d) With International Committees.
- 26 - The Rotarian Magazine.
 - a) What percent of your club reads the Rotarian?
 - b) How can we promote its reading?
 - c) Have you any national advertisers in your city and how can we interest them?
 - d) Club correspondence to Rotarian.
- 27 - 1921 Convention.
- 28 - Rotary and the Public Schools.
- 29 - Discussion of the proposed plans for enlarging the Board of Directors and electing the General Officers of the I. A. of R. C.
- 30 - General Discussion.
 - a) Your club's needs.
 - b) Points not on the Agenda.



Sept. 8, 1920

Mr. Harley I. French,
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. French:-

Pursuant to your request of today, we will outline ^{our} the stipulations for handling Democratic publicity during the coming campaign.

We will require that all contributions for such purpose come through the Democratic Central Committee, or its approved committee for handling publicity. The matter should be good legible copy, typewritten or printed preferred, and free from all personalities or any libelous statements. We will limit you to a column or a column and a half for any one issue and it will be run under a regular standing head, stating its nature. Copy should be submitted at least twenty-four hours before it is expected to be in print.

We feel that these provisions are, in no wise, stringent and are only such as we subject ourselves to in the regular issue of our publication. We want the Democratic Party, and its committees, to feel free to use our newspaper in accordance with the offer we made publicly in June, which offer was made of our own free will and in the utmost good faith.

Trusting this letter will fully explain what you desired to know, we remain

Very truly yours,
THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Sept. 8, 1920

Mr. Fred Stearns,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Stearns:-

We have a situation open here on our job and ad machine, for which we will pay \$45 a week. Would like to have you for the place. Please let us know at once whether you can consider it, and how soon you could come. There should be plenty of overtime during the winter. Better write or call me up as soon as you get this, or come to Eldorado and see me.

Hoping you will reply favorably,

Foreman

Sept. 9, 1920

Western Newspaper Union,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

Please send us at once the following:

5M No. 4 Raccoon Bill Heads

2M No. 2 Raccoon Bill Heads

We want the gray litho ruling.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per



Sept. 9, 1920

Mr. U. L. McCall,
Correspondent
The Associated Press
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. McCall:-

Our letters passed each other in the mail, but we were pleased to get your note of the 7th explaining the reason for the delay in receiving the fight bulletin Monday. Trust you will be able to straighten out the telegraph company so that such an occurrence will not happen again, especially during the baseball series and the election. We wish to thank you for your interest shown in sending the letter to us so promptly.

The writer has been absent on a vacation and in some way missed your letter of August 20 outlining the cooperative plan the Associated Press expects to use in covering the Kansas election in November. If not too much trouble, we should like to have the outline forwarded to us so that we may understand the details, but you may consider us in advance as participating in whatever plans you have made. The expense item of \$30 is satisfactory. We are considering placing a loop wire in our office so that we may receive the election bulletins direct.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Sept. 9, 1920

Huthhinson Box Board & Paper Company,
Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

On August 28 we shipped you by local freight
collect 90 bales of old paper, of an approximate weight
of 6475 pounds. We are herewith enclosing bill of lading.
Trust you have received this shipment.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Sept. 10, '20

Tribune Publishing Company,
Chanute, Kans.

Dear Sirs:-

Your query concerning an exchange of our respective newspapers strikes us favorably. But we have been receiving The Tribune daily for some time. Possibly it has been sent under the name, Republican, and came to this office following the merger of the two local papers last December. Do you receive The Times? If not, let us know and we will put you on the list at once. And possibly you had better change the name of your copy to Eldorado to The Eldorado Times.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Sept. 11, 1920

Kansas City Paper House,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

Please send us at once 5000 (5M) Quarter Sheet
Bill Heads, Clover, with the Litho ruling.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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WICHITA, KANSAS

9/12/20

Mr. Hagler
El Dorado, Times
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

Will write you as per our conversation over the phone
this morning.

I have had charge of the Grit composing room for almost
a year and rendered them first class service.

I do not ask you for charge of the composing room
unless you have such a situation open. I am a first
class job man and can handle ads and make up if required.

I am 26 years old and married, have worked here for
5 years and am steady and reliable.

If you have an opening or think you can use me
I would appreciate it if you would let me know as
soon as possible as I don't intend to stay in Wichita, I will
not be here this week, but you can call my residence and
my wife will let me know as she will let me know.

Call Market 72764

Edw. A. Oppermann
345 S. Holyoke Ave.

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Sept. 14, 1920

Western Newspaper Union,
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

Please send us at once

10M Puritan Cards, No. 88, S. Q. White

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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KANSAS CITY PAPER HOUSE
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Ship to Times Publishing Co Date Sept 15, '20
NAME TOWN STATE

Via El Dorado Kansas
FREIGHT OR EXPRESS AND WHAT ROUTE

QUANTITY	SHEETS REAMS THOUSANDS	SIZE	WEIGHT PLY	QUALITY AND DESCRIPTION	COLOR	FINISH
1	Ream	17x28	30 1/2	Resolute Ledger	white	

PLEASE BE CAREFUL TO FILL IN ALL SPACES, AND IF GOODS ARE TO BE CUT, GIVE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS.

THIS IS A SAMPLE OF
No. 16 MIDWEST BOND
CARRIED IN
WHITE AND SIX COLORS
IN SEVERAL SIZES

Sign R A Clymer

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Sept. 16, 1920

Mr. U. L. McCall,
Correspondent Associated Press,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. McCall:-

Following up our letter of September 9, will say that we are considering putting in a loop for election night only in November, in order to receive the Associated Press bulletins direct. We should like to be advised at your convenience if this will be possible, at a reasonable expense, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Western Union Telegraph Company. The cost of such a plan, of course, will govern our decision and we should like to know if you can tell us what that expense will be. We feel that a direct wire for one night would be a good advertisement for us. The local manager here tells us that the Western Union would not consent to such an arrangement unless we took their bulletins, which, of course, we will not do. We believe that your office will be able to exert the necessary pressure upon the telegraph company, if you favor our suggestion.

We would also like to know how much extra service is contemplated in your cooperative plan, and whether we can expect a reasonably complete share of the full Associated Press report covering the national election.

Thanking you in advance for the trouble in answering these queries, we are,

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY

Sept. 17, 1920

Western Newspaper Union,
~~Kansas City, Mo.~~
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sirs:-

Please send us at once the following:

300 sheets Economy Blanks, 6 ply.

5 ream French folio, conary

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Sept. 17, 1920

Miller Saw Trimmer Co.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sirs:-

We are writing to you to inquire the price,
terms and length of time to be required for the delivery of
a Miller feeder. We want one to fit a new series Chandler
& Price 10x15 jobber which we have. Will be pleased to hear
from you giving full information.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Sept. 17, 1920

Heckel Bros,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

Recently we sent you a cutter blade to be sharpened. It was returned today but we note that a large nick in the edge had not been ground down. We are sending the blade back to you by express and ask you to please have this nick ground out and the blade put into first-class condition.

Thanking you for your attention to this detail, we
are

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Interviews on "Why I Live in Eldorado"

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A. G. Haberlein	Wesley R. Childs
Frank Thompson	A. G. Williams
Warren Kirkpatrick	Capt. W. E. G. Hudson-Hobden
Isador Scrinopskie	T. P. Mannion
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J. B. Adams	
W. E. Stewart	
R. R. Green	
G. V. Van Matre	

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Sept. 17, 1920

American Type Founders Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

We understand that you have a customer who
desires to buy a Humana feeder. We have one which we have
not used since our merger of last December. We are using the
press (a 10x15 jobber) to which it was fitted. We will be glad
to hear from you if you can dispose of this article.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Sept. 20, 1920

Graham Paper Company,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:-

We are returning to you today via Missouri Pacific freight 2½ reams of 38x50-90 Register M. F. Book. We cannot handle paper of this size, having ordered the 25x38 stock. We are also under the impression that a lower rate than 19 cents prevailed on this stock. We will ask you to please retain the stock and give us due credit for it. We are herewith returning the invoice.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Rolla Clymer correspondence

Sept. 20, 1920

Mr. U. L. McCall,
Correspondent Associated Press,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor regarding extra service for the world's series in baseball, will say that we would like to have the full play by play report, delivered each half inning, together with a lead at the end of the game. However, we do not desire the box score.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Edwards James Shipper Wrayley For the Company

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