

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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November 1, 1935

Miss Mary Kathryne Kuhl, Salina, Kansas

In reply to your letter, will say that I had an uncle, Dr. William Clymer, now deceased, who traced the ancestry of the family and informed us that our branch went back to George Clymer, signer of the Declaration of Independence. I, personally, however, have never seen the genealogy. My father's name was George, and his father's name was Charles. The latter was accidentally killed long before I was born, which would make it over fifty years ago.

Victor Murdock, editor-in-chief of the Wichita

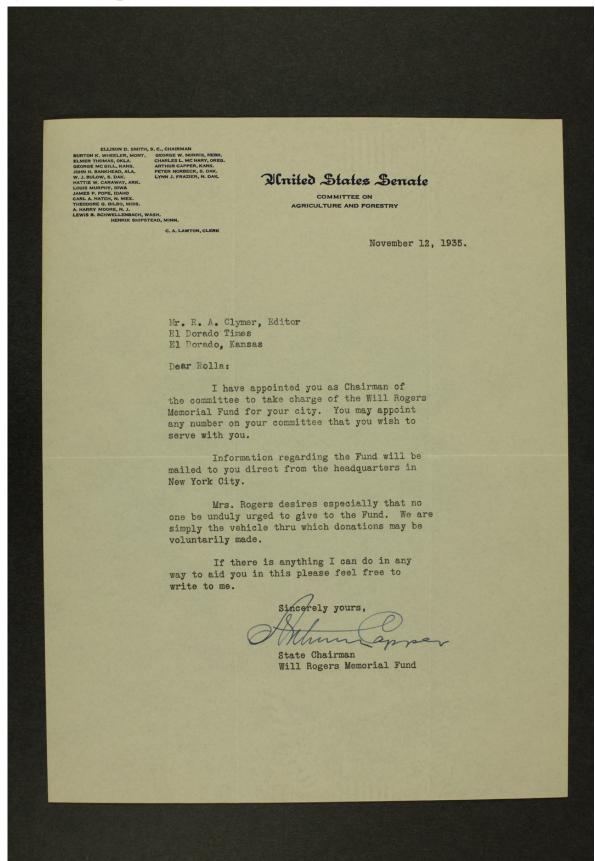
Eagle, picked up a book of biography at New Orleans a few
years ago which had a complete account of the life of

George Clymer. I see Mr. Murdock often and the next time I
do shall ask him to let your grandmother have it for a
reading. He loaned it to my mother and me. Your grandmother
and you both will doubtless find it interesting.

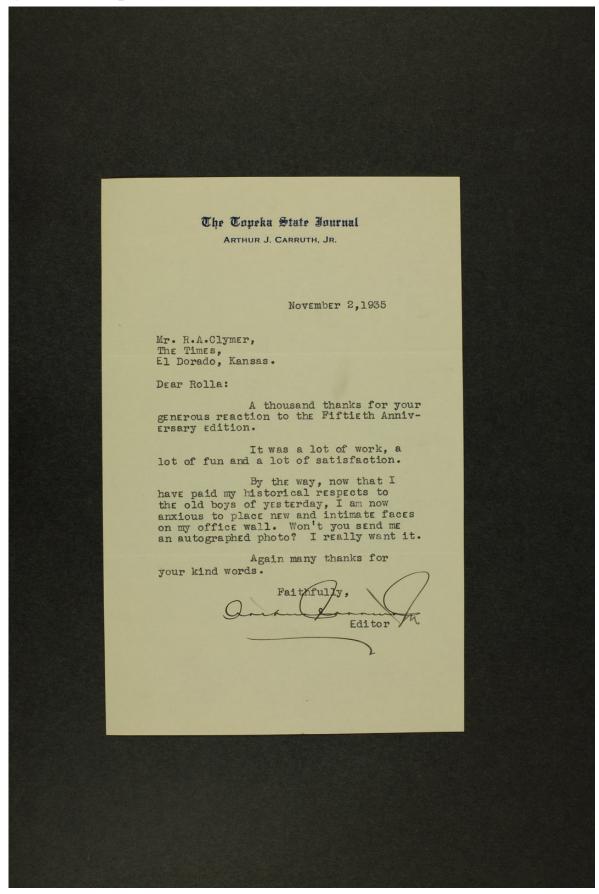
I was glad to get your letter, for Clymers are scarce in this country and I enjoy having contact with any of them. Please remember me kindly to your grandmother.

Very truly yours,

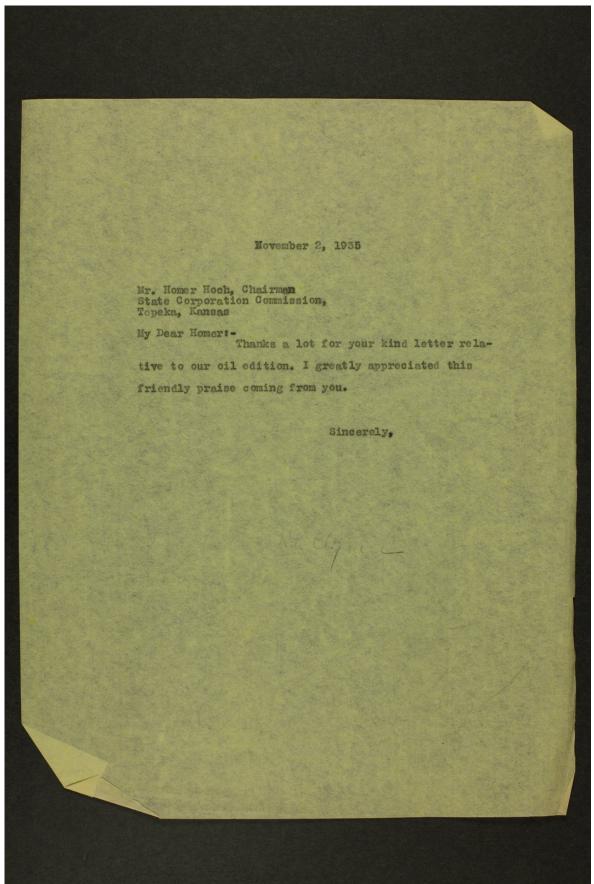




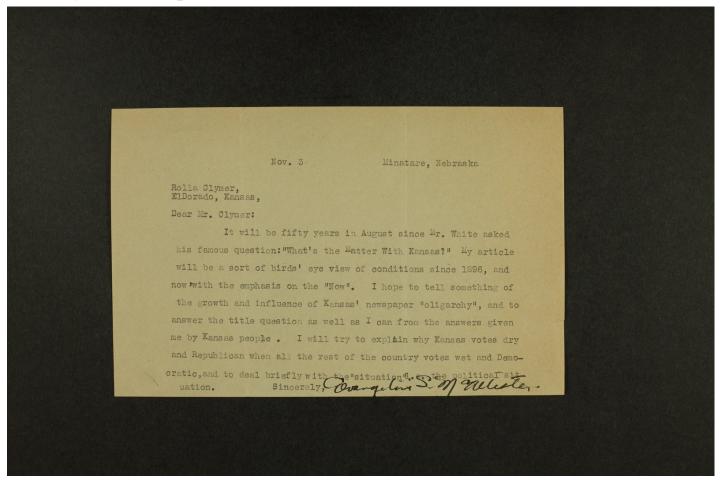














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The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

J. F. JARRELL, Director THE EARTH
Published Monthly

Publicity Trash - Kansas Press Association:
Topeka, Kansas,
November 5, 1935

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff, President, Kansas State Press Association, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor, The Times, ElDorado, Kansas.

Mr. Roy Bailey, Editor, The Journal, Salina, Kansas.

Dear Men:

This note simply is to confirm our telephone conversation earlier in the day on the subject indicated

From what you all said, none of you thought of railroads when the subject was up for consideration. That being the case, there is not much that the railroads can do about it.

I am a pioneer railroad publicity man. My work started with the Santa Fe 27 years ago. No other railroad had a publicity representative then. I began operation with the determination of playing fair with the newspapers: I did so, and the newspapers apparently appreciating my attitude, always have treated me in a friendly manner. As time moved on more



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railroad publicity agents were appointed. Now all railroads have them, and all have the same general policies of sending stories to the newspapers. I have not heard a complaint from a newspaper against a railroad publicity agent since the World War.

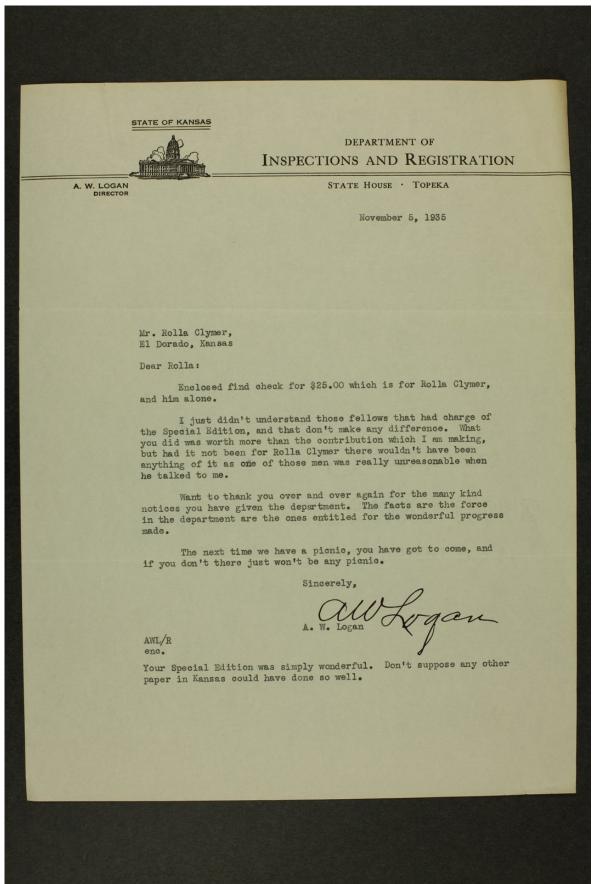
If the railroads give offense to the newspapers, the newspapers cannot be blamed for rebuking them. If the railroads do not give offense, the newspapers by saying so, in view of the general charge of "space grabbing", would make their railroad friends mighty happy.

Yours truly,

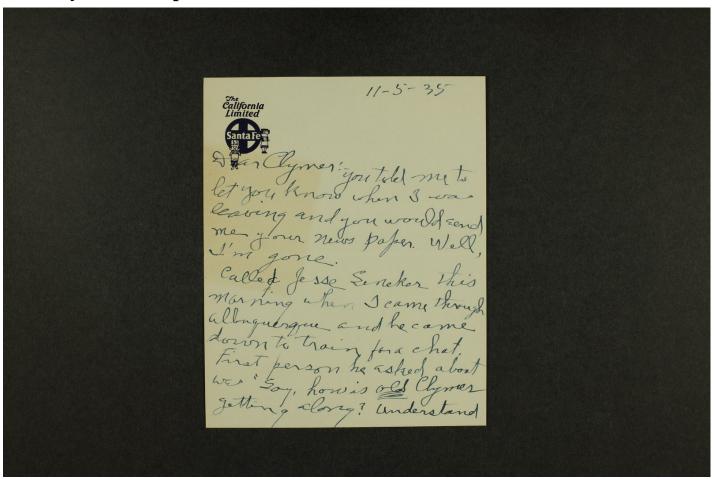
P. S. - I guess I am getting old, for the past rises
before me. When I began railroad "publicitying" Doc Moore
was running the Pittsburg Headlight, the Murdocks were running
the ElDorado Times and Joe Bristow was running the Salina Journal.

J. F. J.

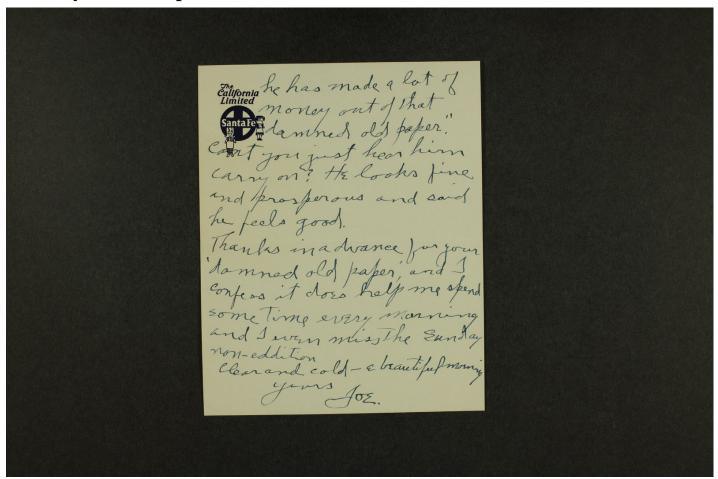














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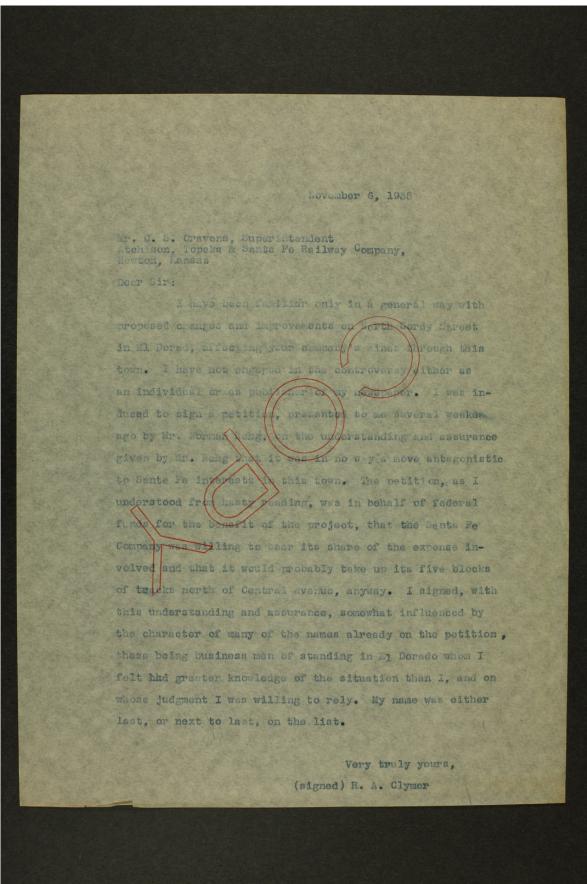
November 6, 1935

Mr. C. S. Cravens, Superintendent Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, Newton, Kansas

Dear Sir:I have been familiar only in a general way with proposed changes and improvements on North Gordy Street in El Dorado, affecting your company's lines through this town. I have not engaged in the controversy either as an individual or as publisher of my newspaper. I was induced to sign a petition, presented to me several weeks ago by Mr. Norman Rehg, on the understanding and assurance given by Mr. Rehg that it was in no wab a move antagonistic to Sante Fe interests in this town. The petition, as I understood from hasty reading, was in behalf of federal funds for the benefit of the project, that the Santa Fe company was willing to bear its share of the expense involved and that it would probably take up its five blocks of tracks north of Central Avenue, anyway. I signed, with this understanding and assurance, somewhat influenced by the character of many of the names already on the petition, these being business men of standing in El Dorado whom I felt had greater knowledge of the situation than I, and on whose judgment I was willing to rely. My name was either last, or next to last, on the list.

Very truly yours,







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LAW OFFICES OF
WAGSTAFF & SCOVEL
SUITE 322 CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

THOS. E. WAGSTAFF

November 6, 1935

Mr. Rolla Clymer, Editor ElDorado Times, ElDorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

I don't now recall twelve hours more delightfully spent than while in your city Monday. I say your city because it is yours.

May the three Musketeers increase in power. I so advised my old Lawrence friend, Joe Turner, who seems to be a sort of wet nurse to your Musketeers.

This morning's Press dispatches indicate that the New Deal is dead. In the language of Sigma Chi "so mote it be".

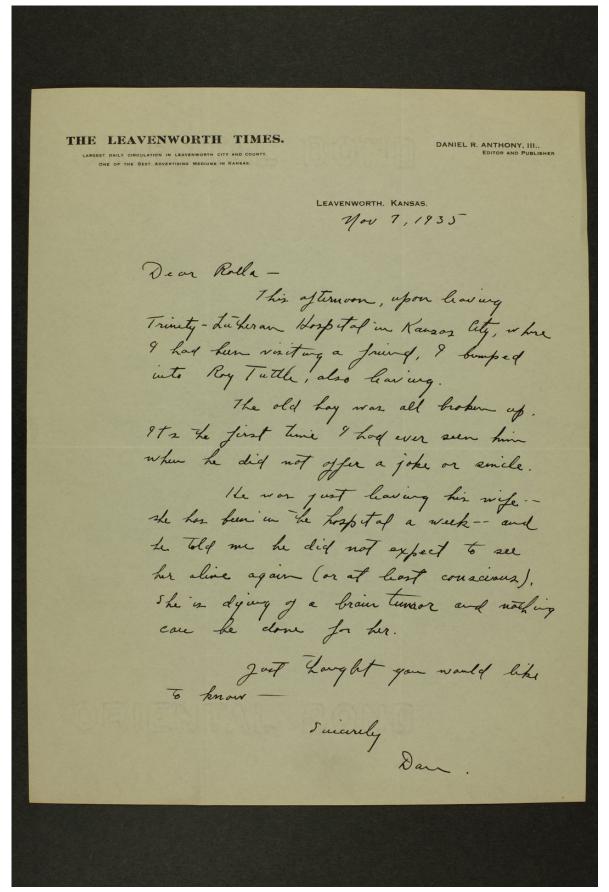
One of my compensations in return for the trip and the little trouble I was put to is an alibi that I have made to my clients since my return was my very good fortune and personal pleasure in meeting your splendid wife, as well as to again renew my acquaintance with you. With warm personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

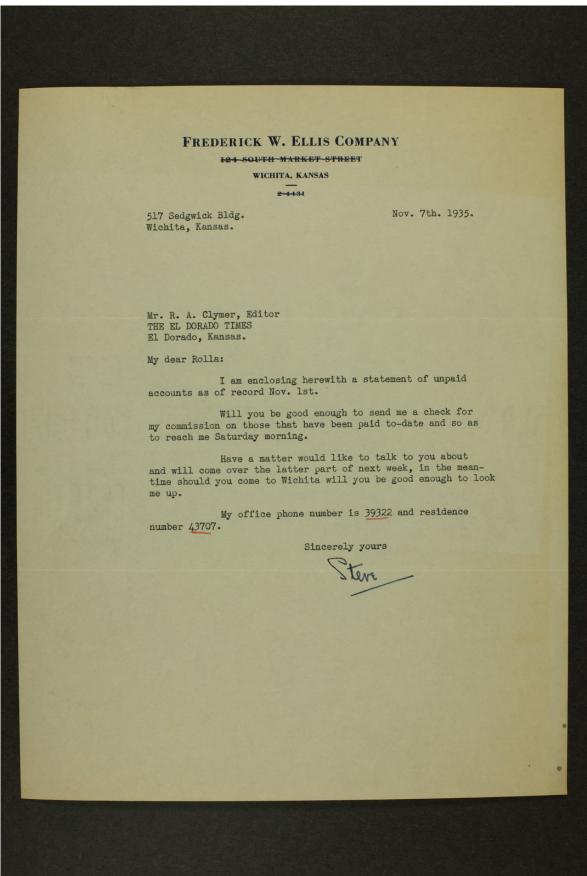
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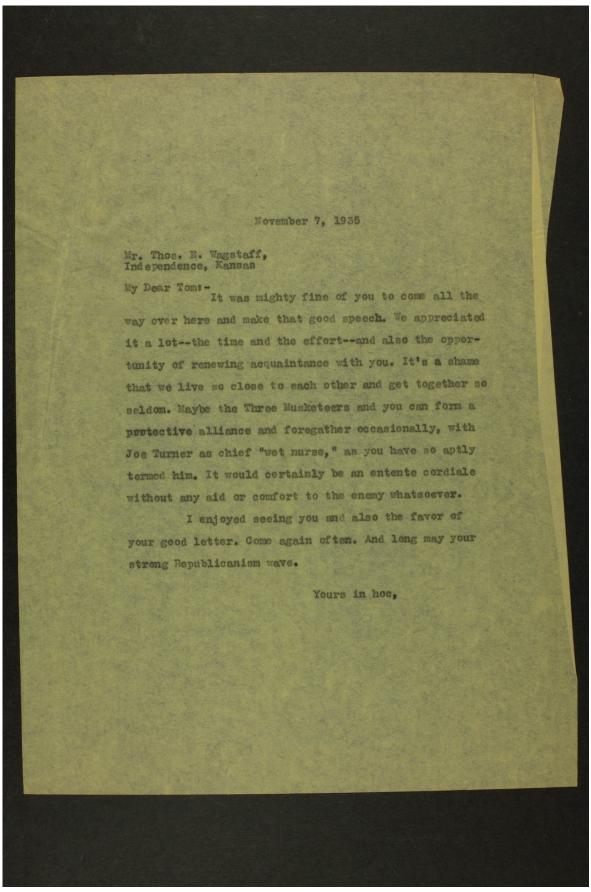




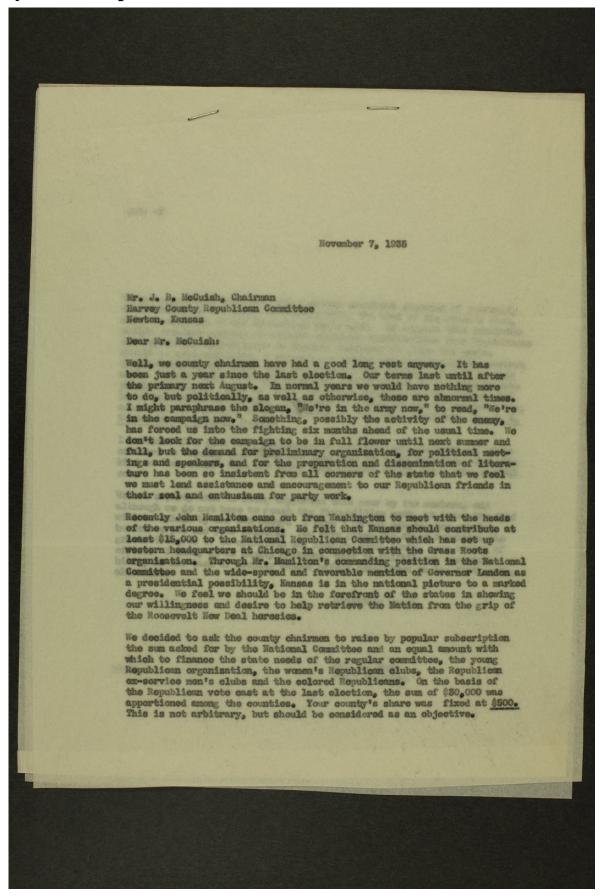




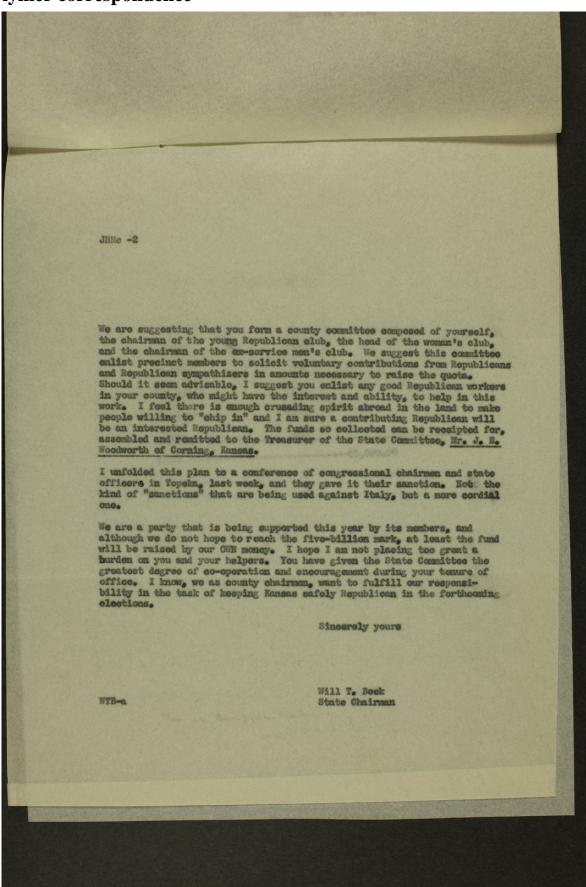




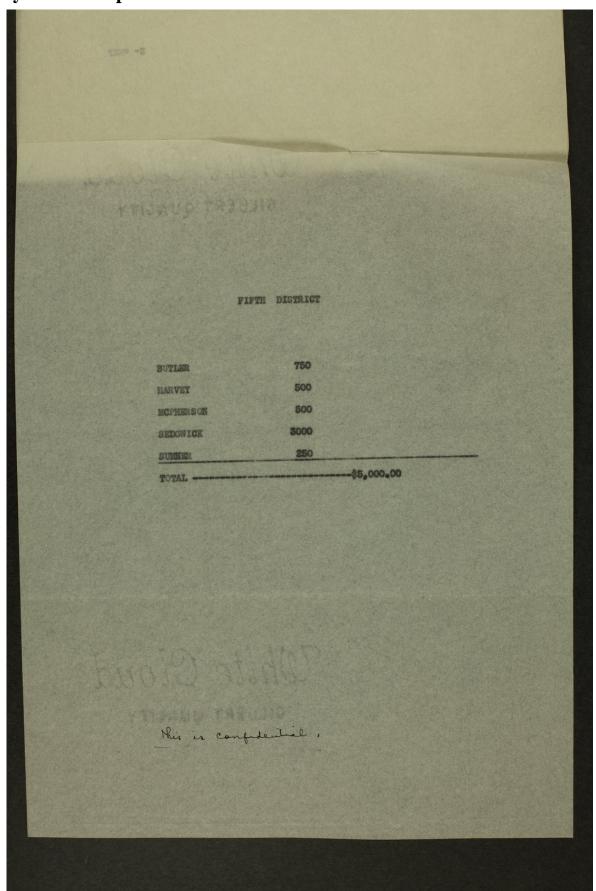




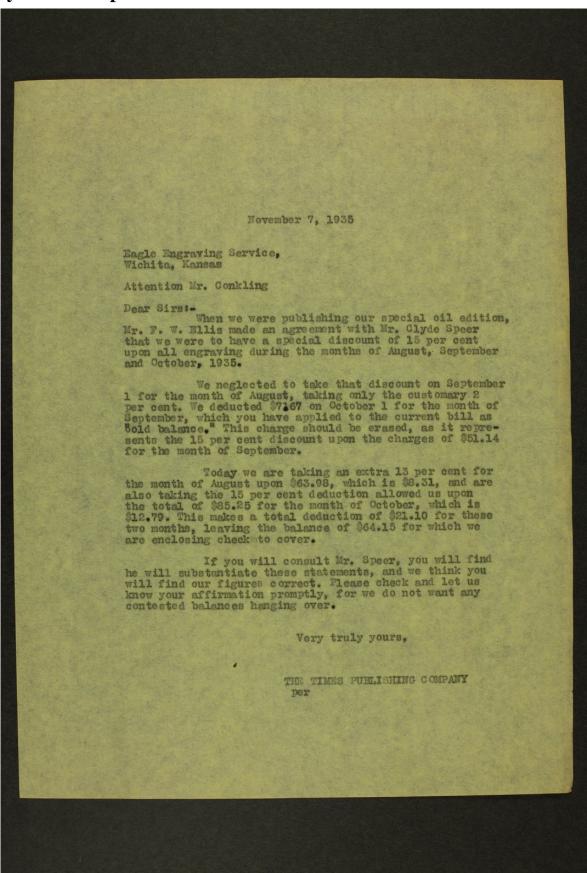




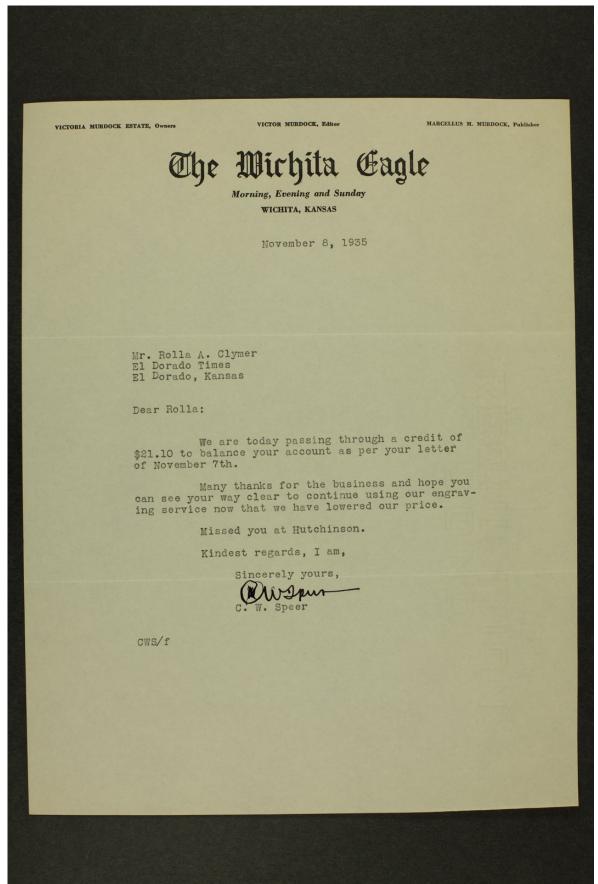














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HAROLD HALSELL COMPANY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

32nd Floor First National Building

November 8, 1935

El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kan sas

Gentlemen:

December 26, 1934, we issued you duebill on Hotel Lassen, Wichita, Kansas, which expires on December 20th, this year, in the amount of \$100.00.

We are interested in renewing this trade contract with you.

No doubt you have use for a duebill in Wichita for your own use or for your representatives. This is an economical and convenient arrangement and we are sure you will find another contract with the Lassen profitable.

We will appreciate hearing from you regarding your probable requirements during 1935-36.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD HALSELL COMPANY

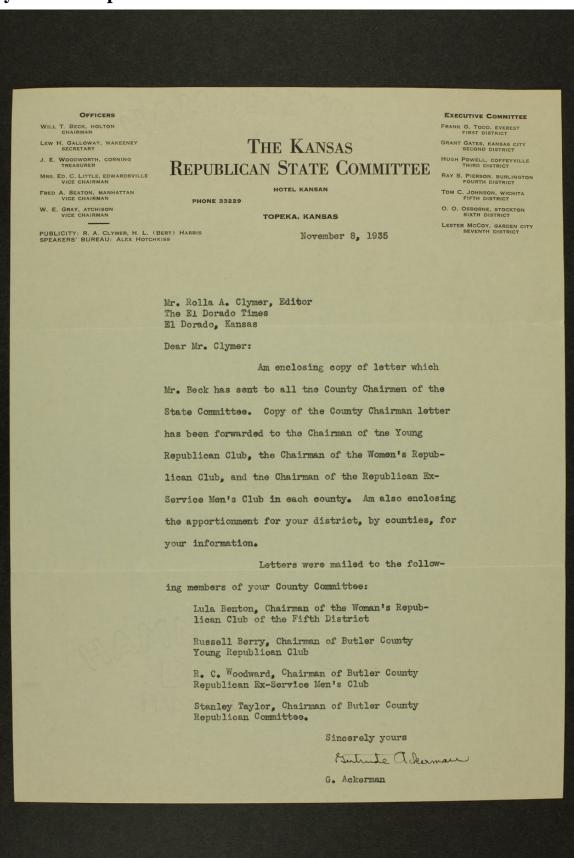
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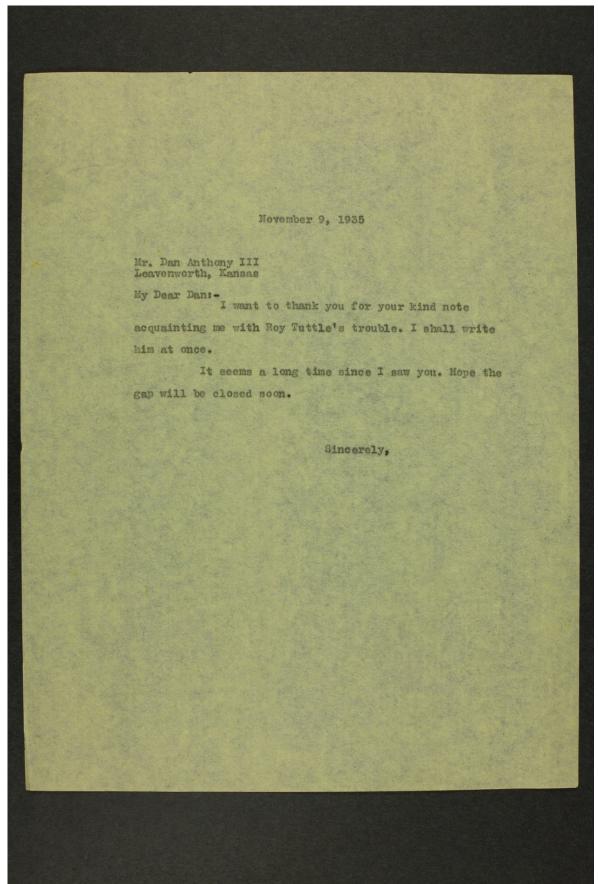
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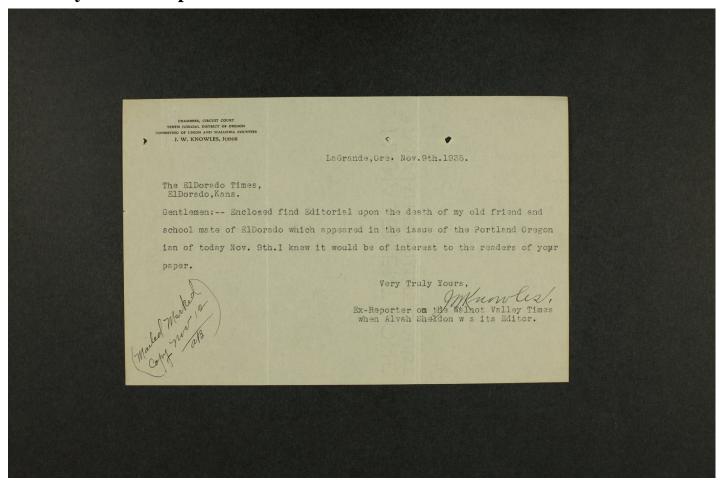




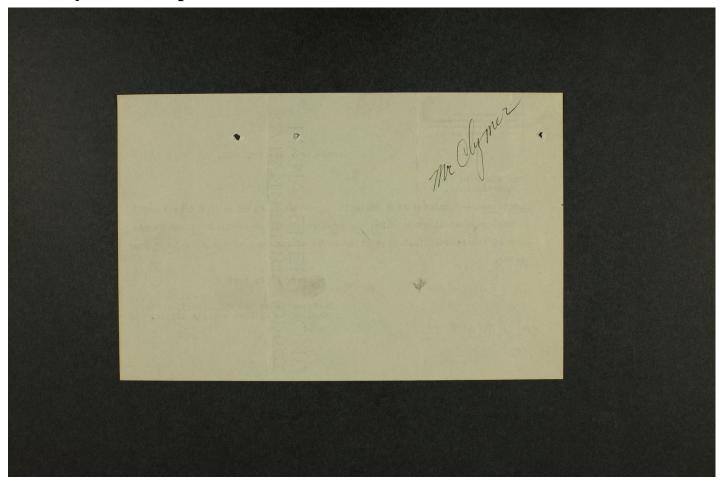




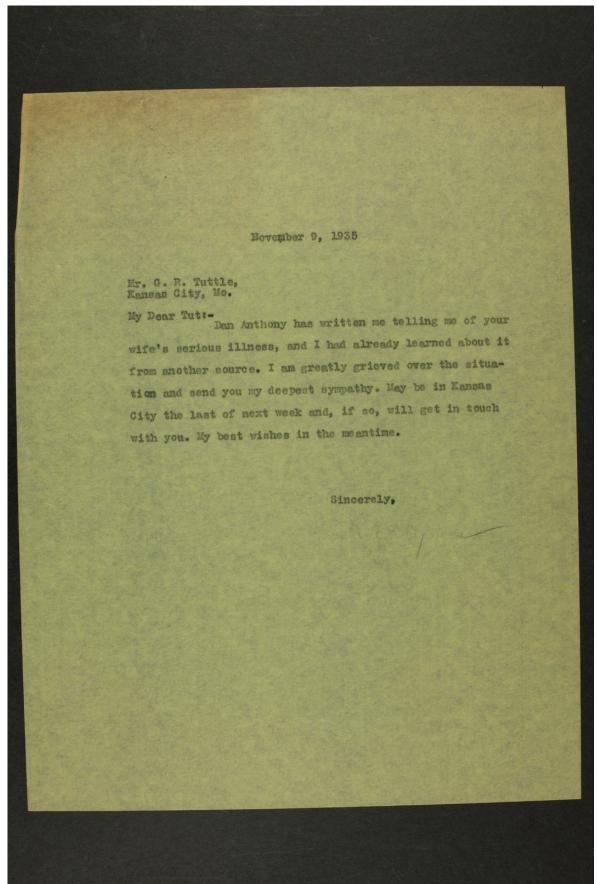














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ARTHUR D. GRAY, M. D. ERNEST H. DECKER, M. D. TOPEKA, KANSAS

UROLOGY, DERMATOLOGY AND ALLIED DISEASES

November 12, 1935

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Times Publishing Co., El Dorado, Kans.

Dear Rolla:

I have not answered your letter of November 5th because I wanted to have some information for you. I had heard that Clayt was here, but had not seen him. In fact I have no earthly occasion to be out at the State Hospital unless I make a definite trip there for some specific purpose and I hardly ever do that unless somebody asks me to see a case. As a general thing, the staff is very friendly to all of the Topeka doctors but they do not encourage calls from outsiders and are even unwilling to have friends see the patients too often. I think the feeling is that it does the patient more harm than good.

Edith went down and made the arrangements to send Clayt some fruit. They have so many flowers at the State Hospital from their own green houses that to send flowers is rather foolish. She found that she could get a large and very attractive basket of fruit, figs, dates and other knick-knacks put up in a most attractive way for \$2.50, so we sent that with a card from the El Dorado Rotary Club. We will keep the other \$2.50, and will repeat this same gift later if you approve. Personally, I think it makes a much nicer present than flowers.

I called up the men on the staff who has Loomis' case and talked to him. He said he doubted if it would be wise to see him as he is very depressed. His physical condition is good but his mental status bad. As I understand it he is not demented, but is simply pathologically melancholy. They feel that this will clear up quicker if he is not asked to see friends or acquaintances. I asked them to keep me posted and if he brightens up so that a visit will be helpful, I shall certainly go out to see him.

Trusting that I have handled this to suit you and with love to you and your family, I am

Yours in haste

Arthur D. Gray, M.D.

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