

## 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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EMPORIA, KANSAS

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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BACHELOR OF MUSIC

May 2, 1936

To the Members  
Of the Board of Trustees  
Of the College of Emporia

This is preliminary notice of two board meetings to be held in the not far distant future. I am asking that you make suitable record in your engagement book and reserve the dates.

Monday, June 1, 9:30 a.m.

Commencement Meeting, to vote degrees to be awarded at the Commencement exercises at 10:30 that morning.

Thursday, June 18, 12:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of the Board, for summary of the past year and to adopt the budget for 1936-37.

You will be given a reminder of both these meetings a little later.

Very truly yours,

John Bailey Kelly  
Secretary.

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May 2, 1936

Mr. Cowgill Blair, General Manager,  
The Joplin Globe Publishing Company,  
Joplin, Missouri.

My dear Cowgill:

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to send us the mat of pictures covering the auto wreck in which one of our citizens was involved. This was an act of genuine newspaper courtesy as well as one of a friend. I want you to know that I am more than grateful because you remembered us in this instance. I was back at the Associated Press meeting in New York City last week and I had hoped that I might see you there. It has been a real deprivation to me not to have seen you for several years. I, too, am hoping that we can get together some of these days for a good visit. Business is only fair here and I hope that it is better than that in your country.

Again thanking you and with the most cordial assurances of my friendship, I am

Very truly yours,

President

THE KANSAS DAILY NEWSPAPER ASSOC.

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### J. A. POWERS ADVERTISING

Foreman Bldg. ♦ Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

May 4, 1936.

Mr. R. A. Clymer, Business Manager,  
Eldorado Times,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Our client, the Linebarger Bros., operators of the resort Beautiful Bella Vista, has authorized us to offer reciprocal trade deals to a limited number of publications of our selection calling for the exchange of advertising for accommodations at that resort.

As you doubtless know Bella Vista is located in the heart of the Ozarks, four miles north of Bentonville, Arkansas. The resort consists of two first class modern hotels, over one thousand summer cottages, and numerous buildings housing recreational facilities, stores, garages, and other necessity supply sources.

Four rivers and a large lake attract thousands of fishermen annually. Golf, tennis, hiking, shooting, swimming, boating, horseback riding, and the full run of out-of-door sports are at your disposal.

Our client is offering an unusually attractive due bill to publishers during the 1936 season on a vacation plan basis. The rate of \$7.50 per day per person includes the following accommodations and amusements: room accommodations at the New Sunset Hotel, or cottage (optional with management), privileges of the Lakeside Golf Course and tennis courts, use of resort-owned boats, admission to all hotel dances, sightseeing tours, privileges of Wonderland Swimming Pool, admission to the five weekly social affairs at Moonlight Gardens and the semi-weekly entertainments in the Wonderland Underground Night Club.

These accommodations and amusements are available beginning June 1 and ending September 1, with the exception of the period July 1-6. This reservation is due to the overcrowded condition at the resort July 4.

The management has asked us to assure every publisher to whom we tender this offer that his interest and enjoyment while at Bella Vista will be looked to even more carefully than those of guests who are on a cash basis. If you are interested in this exchange we will thank you to advise us immediately so that we may take steps to include your publication in our 1936 schedule.

Sincerely yours,

*J. A. Powers*  
J. A. POWERS  
ADVERTISING.

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Mound City, Kansas  
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Mr. R. A. Clymer, Editor  
The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

I was very glad to have your letter, and  
would like very much to have a chance on  
the job.

I plan to be in El Dorado next Tuesday  
(May 12) and will be in sometime in the  
morning. If you will be out of town  
or if it will be inconvenient for you to  
see me then, I can arrange to come some  
other day as well.

Sincerely,

*Ernest Ringus*



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May 5, 1936

Mr. Wayne Scott,  
831 Thurston,  
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Scottie:

If guts will do it you ought to land  
a job. I liked your letter and wish I had room  
for you on our staff. There is no opening here  
now. I am going to file your letter and you may  
be sure that I will not forget your name. I  
hope you land and will watch your career with  
interest.

Very truly yours,

Editor

TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY

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May 5, 1936

Mr. Joe Griswold, Editor,  
The University Daily Kansan,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Griswold:

I returned from Texas today and have read with interest the letters you left with me Saturday. I greatly regret that I do not have an opening for you just at this time. I am certainly going to keep you in mind for I know we would like to have a young man of your ability on our staff. I am herewith returning the letters you left in my care.

Very truly yours,

Editor

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 6, 1936

Mr. Edwin P. Rider,  
c/o The Chronicle,  
Houston, Texas.

My dear Edwin:

I returned home this morning from a brief trip to Austin, Texas, feeling that I had a fair view of the Texas situation but found your letter awaiting me and it changed my mind. It is so well done that I want to use it for editorial copy and am going ahead in that fashion, hoping that you will have no objection. I made contact yesterday with Mr. J. M. Bass at Austin and he gave me some very interesting facts concerning the attitude of Texas Republicans. He assured me that while Hoover has much support among the Texas crowd, Republicans there realize that Hoover is not in the picture and that they can easily be turned to Landon. He told me also that it will be an uninstructed delegation, which you have confirmed. Perhaps it would have been better for the Landon movement if we should have done more work in Texas. I have nothing to do with lining up delegates, having been occupied for the last four months with the publicity end of the Landon story. Through this association we have made contact with over 11,000 newspapers in 42 states. It has been my





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first dip into national publicity work and I don't know how much we have accomplished. It looks today, however, as if Alf was so far in the lead that no combination can head him off. I am eagerly awaiting the results of the California primary. If Alf gets nothing worse than dog fall out there, I do not believe he can be stopped.

I got acquainted with Mr. Thornton in the Press Bureau in Austin. They are a lively and interesting crowd of Newspaper men. I wish that I might have had time to go to Houston and have a visit with you. I may have to return to Texas in a couple of weeks and if so, I am going to try to get over to your enterprising home city.

I want to thank you for your letter and to assure you that I do not hear from you nearly often enough. I hope you are getting along all right. One thing is certain, I hear many good things about you. I hope I see you when you are home in June.

I think Thornton was going to publish an interview with me in the Dallas News. If you happen to see it, I would appreciate a clipping. I imagine it would be in about today.

Do not wait so long to let the spirit move you again.

I am your friend,

President

THE KANSAS DAILY NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Cleveland, Ohio, June 9th, 1936

Topeka, Kansas,  
May 6th., 1936.

County Chairmen,  
Delegates, Alternates  
and Friends:

Mr. Beck's circular letter of April 13th., gave you some advance information concerning the route and schedule to be used by "THE GOVERNOR LONDON SPECIAL" to Cleveland, which I am repeating here, in order that it will be clear to each of you who wish to join the party and be a booster for the man who, we believe, will be our next President.

The route will be via the Santa Fe to Chicago, thence via the New York Central.

THE SCHEDULE:

Lv. Kansas City	SANTA FE	9:00 PM, June 6, Saturday
Ar. Chicago	SANTA FE	7:50 AM, June 7, Sunday
Lv. Chicago	NEW YORK CENTRAL	9:50 AM, June 7, Sunday
Ar. Cleveland	NEW YORK CENTRAL	5:50 PM, June 7, Sunday

Any line preferred may be used to Kansas City, but east of that point all tickets should read to Cleveland via the Santa Fe and New York Central Railways.

The expense for first-class round-trip transportation Kansas City to Cleveland will cost approximately \$38.90, and coach transportation approximately \$30.25. Similar low fares will be in effect from all Kansas points. Tickets limited to ten days.

The expense one way of a lower berth in regular standard sleeper Kansas City to Cleveland \$5.50, upper berth \$4.40, compartment \$15.50, drawing-room \$20.00. Round trip fares will be double these amounts.

In order to take care of those who have not made hotel reservations, it is planned to operate standard sleepers on the Special, parking these cars at the Terminal Station at Cleveland. This arrangement will provide sleeping arrangements for the round-trip and obviate the necessity of securing rooms at Cleveland. It will also be a saving in the sleeping expense for the trip. A standard sleeper operated on charter basis costs \$54.00 per day, plus \$12.00 a day parking while at Cleveland.

For those of you wishing individual space in a chartered pullman, to be occupied during the layover in Cleveland, I shall be glad to take your reservations and when enough are received to fill a car one will be chartered. A lower berth in a chartered car Kansas City to Cleveland and return, with four days



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at Cleveland will be approximately \$20.00, an upper \$15.00.  
Check covering the space desired should be sent to me.

It would be advisable to take up the matter of Pullman arrangements with me at once, in order that proper number of cars may be provided. Please state clearly what accommodations you desire, with names in full of each person, and whether you want space in the sleepers one way, or whether you want berth space in the chartered car for the round trip. (Blank attached)

Special coaches and chair cars will be operated on the Special for those who do not care for sleeping car accommodations.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret A. Krwin*

Chairman Reservations for  
"THE GOVERNOR LONDON SPECIAL"  
900 Jackson Street,  
Room 200.



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RAIL FARES TO CLEVELAND  
Via Kansas City and Chicago  
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From	10-day First-Class Round-Trip	10-day Coach Round-Trip	From	10-day First-Class Round-Trip	10-day Coach Round-Trip
Kansas City	\$38.90	\$30.25	Onaga	\$43.25	\$34.15
Leavenworth	40.00	31.25	Yates Center	43.60	34.40
Atchison	40.40	31.65	Parsons	44.35	35.15
Lawrence	40.50	31.70	St Mary's	42.50	33.50
Topeka	41.55	32.65	Wamego	43.05	34.00
Osage City	42.55	33.60	Manhattan	43.60	34.50
Emporia	43.40	34.30	Junction City	44.45	35.25
Newton	46.30	36.95	Abilene	45.40	36.30
Hutchinson	47.60	38.10	Salina	46.30	36.95
Great Bend	49.50	39.80	Ellsworth	47.20	38.30
Larned	50.40	40.65	Russell	49.40	39.70
Kinsley	51.00	41.15	Hays	50.45	40.65
Dodge City	52.45	42.45	Wakeeney	51.75	41.85
Garden City	54.45	44.25	Oakley	53.95	43.85
Syracuse	56.50	46.10	Marysville	44.65	35.45
Elkhart	57.25	46.75	Frankford	43.95	34.85
Marion	45.60	36.30	Clay Center	45.05	35.85
McPherson	46.65	37.25	Concordia	46.50	37.10
Lyons	47.90	38.40	Beloit	47.70	38.20
Eldorado	46.30	36.95	Lincoln	47.70	38.20
Augusta	46.80	37.40	Hill City	51.85	41.90
Winfield	48.95	39.30	Belleville	46.95	37.50
Wichita	47.40	37.95	Mankato	48.25	38.70
Wellington	48.60	39.00	Smith Center	49.55	39.85
Arkansas City	49.45	39.75	Phillipsburg	50.70	40.90
Anthony	49.65	39.95	Norton	52.10	42.15
Harper	49.35	39.65	Colby	54.20	44.05
Kiowa	51.30	41.45	Goodland	55.65	45.35
Coldwater	52.75	42.70	Ft. Scott	42.80	33.80
Ashland	53.75	43.65	Pittsburg	44.05	34.90
Englewood	54.35	44.20	Columbus	44.80	35.60
Ottawa	41.20	32.55	Herington	44.80	35.60
Garnett	42.20	33.25	Hiawatha	42.00	33.05
Iola	43.25	34.20	Sabetha	44.20	35.05
Chanute	43.95	34.80	Seneca	44.55	35.40
Cherryvale	45.10	35.35	Washington	45.25	35.95
Coffeyville	45.60	36.30	Osborne	49.50	39.85
Independence	45.50	36.20	Stockton	50.30	40.55
Fredonia	44.60	35.40	Council Grove	44.10	34.95
Eureka	45.00	35.75	Lindsborg	46.65	37.25
Moline	46.45	37.10	Hoisington	49.10	39.45
Kingman	48.95	39.30	Scott City	54.05	43.95
Howard	46.15	36.80			
Holton	42.75	33.70			

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### APPLICATION FOR RESERVATION

Miss Margaret Irwin,  
900 Jackson St., Room 200, Topeka, Kans.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please reserve for my accommodation Pullman space on "THE  
GOVERNOR LANDON SPECIAL" to Cleveland, Ohio,

Chartered Sleeper : :  
Round-trip : :

Regular Service : :  
One-way : :

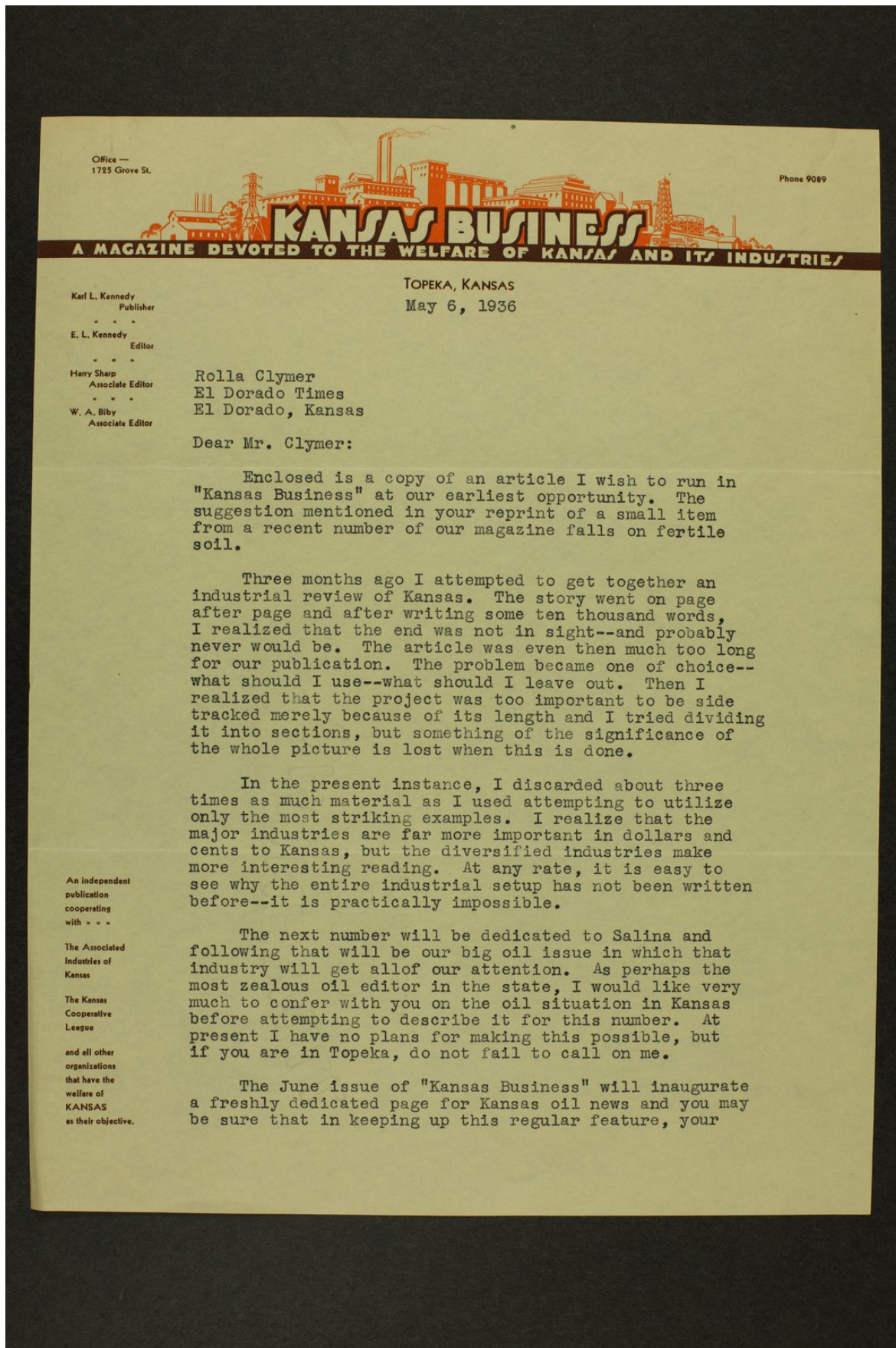
Lower Berth : : Upper Berth : : Drawing-Room : : Compartment : :

I will join train at KANSAS CITY and will be accompanied by  
(names) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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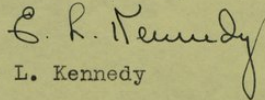
May 6, 1936

El Dorado Times will be scissored thoroughly. Of all the papers that come to my desk, the one I most enjoy and find most constructive is yours. By the time I have finished with your editorial page, little more than the margin remains.

Now about this industrial review story, it occurs to me that El Dorado is not represented. No doubt your ingenuity can decorate a float to march in my industrial parade. At any rate, I want your reactions to this story before it is published and your recommendations if I have omitted something you consider important.

Thanking you kindly for your cooperation, I am,

Cordially yours,



E. L. Kennedy

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A. L. SHULTZ  
SPECIAL SERVICE  
HOTEL KANSAS  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

May 7, 1936

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Some months ago you promised to come to the house from the Eldorado district. It occurs to me that the statutes have not run against that pledge, and I wonder why you don't get yourself in the race.

I wish you would write to me as soon as possible regarding the probable candidates for both house and senate in Butler county and your views regarding each of them. I have of course the announcement of both Ralston and Cron, but am wondering if there will be others and who will run for the house in the Eldorado and Augusta districts. It is likely that Roy Cox may not run again in the south district, and I wonder if you have a strong Republican to put in the race for his place.

Are you going to Cleveland and where will you stay when there. Best regards.

Very sincerely,  
*Butler*

P. S. It looks as though I am to miss the golf tournament this month. Apparently am due to be out of the state at that time.





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May 7, 1936

Mr. F. R. Kerman, Director of Publicity,  
The Republican National Committee,  
Palmer House,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Kerman:

In accordance with your offer to provide us with  
Republican publicity material, we prefer to have your two column,  
factual news mats each week and your cartoon service. Please  
send us the news material in copy form and mats of the cartoons.  
Short, readable stories that can be included in every day issues  
will suit us better than the longer articles and we believe will  
be more effective for the dailies of 5,000 to 10,000 circulation.

Very truly yours,

President

THE KANSAS DAILY NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

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May 7, 1936

Mr. E. L. Kennedy, Editor,  
Kansas Business,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Kennedy:

I want to thank you for sending me the proof of your article entitled, "Kansas Industries Parade." I think it is splendid and I have no additions to it to offer. We have no industries here that are outstanding outside those connected with the oil business. I note that you will devote an edition to oil at a later date and I assure you that it will be a privilege for me to help you, if I can, in assembling your material. Let me know when you want to see me and we will try to arrange a meeting that will be mutually convenient.

I think you are doing a fine work with your magazine and it is getting better with every issue. I shall most certainly want to clip a lot of copy from the article which you have shown me after it has been published. I get a lot of good editorial ideas out of every issue of your magazine and I am always glad to give it full credit. If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

RAC:b

President  
THE KANSAS DAILY NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION





## LUDLOW TYPOGRAPH COMPANY

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SALES OFFICES: NEW YORK + BOSTON + ATLANTA + SAN FRANCISCO

May 7, 1936

El Dorado Times,  
El Dorado, Kansas

Gentlemen: (Elrod)

We have received a report from Mr. Wurst advising us that you are still having trouble with your Elrod cutting off short and jamming up in the cutting-off mechanism.

We are sending you a complete Slug Stripper Plate Adjusting Rack, without charge, which we believe will overcome the trouble reported.

Very truly yours,

LUDLOW TYPOGRAPH COMPANY

*Lawrence J. Helmick*  
Lawrence J. Helmick

LJH:HP

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Reddick City, Kansas  
May 7 - 1936

The El Dorado Times  
El Dorado  
Kansas

It is time for El Dorado to get a new bonded Abstractor. The G. S. Allen Abstract Co. people are getting so old, - they are mentally unfit, and should retire from business. I want say they are off in the mind, but it certainly looks like it; from the business we had done with them.

He was to bring an Abstract down to date showing the death of the holders of that Abstract, then what kind they do but send three statements for money ~~addressed~~ to the man, addressed to Manhattan, Kansas!! "Not knowing the party was dead", he said.

Our lawyer was not at all satisfied with the Abstract prepared by them, so we may have it all to do over again, but we were told there was no other Abstractor there, but we certainly want go to him again.

It is up to El Dorado to get a new bonded Abstractor soon.

Yours Truly,  
Lawrence Wilson

- Do not forget, please. I do not want to be quoted to anyone.



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May 7, 1936


Mr. Clarence V. Beck,  
Attorney General,  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Clarence:-

This note will introduce to you Mr. Joe D. Turner, of El Dorado, who is connected with the Kansas Gas & Electric Company in its public relations department. He is a friend of mine of many years' standing and you may be perfectly candid with him and trust to his good sense--for he has plenty of it.

Hope to see you soon. If I can do anything for you in a campaign way, let me know.

Sincerely,







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General Manager

### PAMPA DAILY NEWS

EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SATURDAY, AND ON SUNDAY MORNING

P. O. BOX 901 - PAMPA, TEXAS

May 7th. 1936.

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

Dear Rolla:

I am assisting the Pampa News in getting out  
an oil edition in connection with the Panhandle Oil Men's  
Reunion to be held here June 2-3-4-5.

The plate that was used on the cover of the  
"20th. Anniversary Oil Edition" that I assisted you on  
last fall would fit this edition almost to a "T" and I  
am wondering if you would allow this newspaper the use  
of it and if so will you be good enough to have same sent  
by express to me charges collect.

I personally will appreciate it very much.

Hoping everything with you is on the up and  
with kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours

*Steve*

F. W. Ellis.



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May 11, 1936

Mr. Bruce Hurd, General Counsel,  
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Bruce:

I have tried to sit aloof while the tempest has raged about the North Gordy Street project in this town. I think you understand that through it all my friendship toward Santa Fe has been unwavering. At the conclusion of a conference before the city commission several weeks ago, I was told that one or two of your representatives gave assurances to those interested in the project that the Santa Fe would not withhold its share toward carrying out the improvement. I wonder what your company intends to do and will appreciate it if you would tell me. My purpose in writing you at this time is to tell you that a mandamus action is contemplated by supporters of the project to force the city commission to carry out its original agreement. This case would be tried in a district court here, I assume. If there were any way to get this matter settled without too much public protest, I would like to see it done in the interest of community harmony. Please do not think I am urging your company to do anything.



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You know your own business and understand the situation fully. It has seemed to me, however, that if your company is going to cooperate in any way it might be well to do so before the matter is taken into court by some of the proponents of the project.

I hope I have made my attitude clear in this letter and will appreciate any information that you care to give me. With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R. A. Clymer, Editor  
THE EL DORADO TIMES

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Burton. Kans.  
May 11- 36.

R. A. Clymer.  
El Dorado. Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

This is to thank you for  
the favor I asked. "a letter of  
recommendation". this appointment  
has not been made. but  
am quite sure it goes to the

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now assistant.

Anyway I have long felt  
a "Thank You" is in order  
I rather waited the outcome  
first. but my conscience  
troubles me. this appointment  
has long been delayed.

Nothing Authentic, but am  
so very sure it goes that way.

I wanted this appointment like  
no air Castles built. so nothing  
will tumble.

True grade. except hand-  
writing. Very poor. brought  
down <sup>my</sup> grade to 80.

Most too good to pull for  
first attempt.

Do hope you are all well  
and Business good.



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Getting some very welcome  
rain here.

Again I thank you Mr. Clymer  
was quite a bit to ask. Every  
man that you are, and I do  
appreciate this.

Sincerely.

Clara Page.

(Ms. Is. W. 1)

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

TO THE PUBLISHER OF  
Times Publishing Co., Inc.

Attica, Kansas  
May 11, 1936

Gentlemen:

Governor Alfred M. Landon will deliver the commencement address to the senior class of the Attica High School on Monday, May 18, 1936, at 8:00 P. M.

We will be glad to have a representative of your paper present on this occasion.

A press table has been prepared close to the speaker's stand. If you care to send a representative from your paper, this letter will be his admission at this table.

Very truly yours,  
SUPERINTENDENT  
AND  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ATTICA HIGH SCHOOL



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

Leon Kansas.  
May 12 1936.

Mr Rolla Clymer.  
Editor of ElDorado Times  
ElDorado Kansas.

Dear Rolla;

Noticed that Mondays Times gave a very clear account of the wreck which happened just north of Cave Spring creek on Sunday in which two were seriously hurt. It might be added that it happened to be the fifth wreck that has taken place within a mile of that place within the last year. All due to the same cause, SPEED.

Also, I would like to know just who is the chisel-brained, half-wit that drives the white, V8, American Legion Safty Campaign car often seen on the highway between ElDorado and Augusta, never under sixty five and from that to eighty. If he is a sample of the Legions campaign to teach us to drive sane and careful I can see where the undertakers are going to have a big year.

One thing more. Do you know of any one that could tell us where the State Highway Patrol that we are supposed to have could be located? I have seen one car pass in the last three months. Of course, by reading the papers it seems that the boys are very busy over around Wichita trying to keep the big, bad, old bootleggers chased off north Broadway. Very noble indeed, but I am wondering if the boys have been misinformed and think the taxpayers are paying them to help the W.C.T.U. or to patrol the highway as in the mean time the transports roll merrily on at fifty and sixty per.

Please do not consider me a chronic gripe But don't it get under your hide? *RAYMOND B. MATTSHALL*  
VERY RESP.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

« NORMAN M. REHG »  
EL DORADO, KANSAS

May 12, 1936.

Mr. Rolla Clymer,  
El Dorado,  
Kansas.

Dear Roll:-

W. E. Robbins told me that Mr. Hurd left for Los Angeles. I'm going to Wichita tomorrow, and I'll hold off filing until I come back, to see if anything has developed by that time.

However, after I spoke with you yesterday, a local business man(not of the "Gordy Street gang"), who owns considerable property in El Dorado and incidentally advertises quite a bit in the Times, confidentially requested me to confer with an attorney friend of his in Wichita, for the purpose of assisting in the proposed litigation against our City Commissioners. Not as a wager, but rather as an inducement, the said merchant promised to buy me the finest suit of clothes in El Dorado if we prevailed, besides paying all the costs of litigation.

Last night, one of our most responsible citizens(you can guess) suggested that a recall(of Commissioners Arnold and Hudson) petition be started among the Gordy Street voters who, together with all their friends and other interested folks, would sign same. Further, that in a very short time, more than the necessary number of qualified signers would be on the petition. Unsolicited, some of the ladies interested in the project have expressed their willingness to circulate the petitions around town, and tell the citizens at large of the breach of faith on the part of the two named commissioners.

Roll, if you want to disregard or minimize the import of any and/or all the foregoing, it's all right with me -- I'll not become prejudiced against you. We, though, are all fed up with what Mr. Allen terms "polly-foxing", hence our feeling of the need to negotiate further in District Court, where only facts are to be discussed, in relation to the law applicable.

Note the enclosed copy of W.P.A. Form 301, the original of which will be Exhibit "B" in the pleadings. Please study same carefully, especially paragraphs 13, 16, 22, 29 and 30, and in time we think you will admit justification on our part for the militant stand we have taken. Especially so, if you knew all the past history and griefs as some of us do.

Yours for a better El Dorado,

Cordially,





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Will you kindly let us know by return mail whether you are interested in making this trip with us. Thanking you for your immediate answer, we are

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