

## 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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February 3, 1923.

Mr. J. W. Thomas,  
Olathe, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Thomas:

It was with real satisfaction and pleasure that I received your letter today with its kind wishes and friendly comments. I have always considered you a staunch friend--one of that kind which never changes. I know that wherever I meet you and under whatever circumstances, our friendly relations will be resumed upon the same basis where they left off. This is a quality of friendship most rare. Do you wonder then that I appreciate it?

I do feel the responsibility that has been put upon me by this new job. I have a high standard of service to live up to as well as helping to pioneer a new period of usefulness in the editorial association activities. I only trust that I may be capable of handling the job as it should be handled.

Mrs. Clymer and myself both often think with the profoundest appreciation of the many good friends we have in



Olathe, among whom we are most proud and happy to count  
you. I am saving your letter. It is going to be well  
worth re-reading in moments of depression and discouragement.  
Thank you for it.

Very truly yours,

RAC:AB.

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February 3, 1923.

Mr. Bert Rogers,

Olathe, Kansas.

My dear Bert:

Your letter just came to hand and I will dictate a reply while running through the day's mail. I am very grateful to you for your kind words. It is a constant source of satisfaction to me that my old animosities engendered under the stiff competition of years gone by have long since passed away. I have nothing but the friendliest feeling for you and am sure you reciprocate that spirit. I never have hesitated to say that I consider you the best newspaper man for the sort of field you have that I know. While Mr. Breyfogle might be accorded some credit for laying plans, I know that you and you alone ~~are~~ <sup>live</sup> the goods for The Mirror. No other man in Kansas, in my opinion, could do so well. You have been born and bred for your job and you are filling it wonderfully well. One thing you never mentioned in the list of your accomplishments, and which I consider one of your strongest points, are the intimate, gossipy personals with which you fill your paper. They



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constitute a bulwark of strength to The Mirror in holding its prestige.

I am grateful to you for sending me samples of sale bills and catalogue which I received today under separate cover. I always enjoy the evidences of your continued good work, ability to keep everybody in good humor and to hustle in the business.

I assure you that the job to which I was elected at Topeka last week has not gone to my head and will not do so. In fact, I feel extremely humble and am only fired by a determination to do my best on this job. I may not be equal to it but will let hard work fill up the gaps if there are any.

I shall always be glad to get friendly notes from you. I consider the Bart Rogers Degree, which I received at your hands over a four years course, as one of the outstanding features of my newspaper education and training.

Very truly yours,

RAC:AB.

February 5, 1923

Mr. Harry King,  
Zarah, Kansas

My Dear Old Friend:-

I was mighty pleased to hear from you today, even though it was just a brief message on a postal card. Many thanks for your kind expressions. I don't know whether I am big enough to hold down this new job, or not, but shall try to fill the bill by hard work and application. I often think of my good friends in Johnson County, and am sorry that I do not get to visit them more often. I have always greatly appreciated your friendly interest. Best luck to you. .

Sincerely,



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February 5, 1923

Mr. O. W. Little,  
Alma, Kansas

My Dear Ol:-

The Times will kick in to the extent of \$50 for the field secretary expenses this year. I will have the check made out and mailed to you when I pay the regular monthly bills, on or before the tenth. I note the change in dates of the Nebraska meeting and may be able to get away for one day at that time. Will try to lay my plans accordingly.

On the stationery on which you printed your bulletin, I see that you have me hooked up with the Paola Republican. That paper has had to stand many severe blows, but possibly none as hard as this. In order to save yourself the righteous wrath of the outraged Paolans, will you please see that this is changed.

Sincerely,





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February 5, 1923

Mr. C. L. Mitchell,  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Charley:-

I am sorry if I jarred you slightly by what I intended as only a little friendly josh in my recent letter, but glad that it called forth such a splendid reply from you. I now feel as if I know you a lot better, and am enriched accordingly. Bless you, I never have the slightest doubts of your sincerity. I am such a tiny toad in such an enormous puddle that I have been greatly flattered by the friendliness you have accorded me. It is nothing but the truth when I say I consider you one of the best scouts I ever knew and admire you whole-heartedly for your many excellent qualities.

I certainly trail along with you in the wish that we may know each other better as the days go by. I trust that it will never be necessary for me to leave Kansas for business reasons. I feel that the friendships vouchsafed me in this state are far more to be prized than a wad of bonds in a safety deposit box. Among these, that of yours and one or two other Topeka fellows are most highly prized.

Your generous offer of assistance on my new job is typical of your abundant kindness, and no doubt I shall call upon you for help long before my year has run out. I may rattle like a peanu in a shell, though I intend to give this job my best licks. The thought of it has certainly not gone to my head.

We shall have to hold a session of the executive committee in Topeka soon, and I shall make a determined effort to see you at that time. And, then later on in the spring, I want to shoot about eighteen holes--say with you and Arthur Carruth and Bill Kercher.

Sincerely,





FRANK HODGES, Owner  
S. T. SEATON, Editor

119 WEST PARK  
TELEPHONE 493

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OLATHE, KANSAS

Feb. 6, 1923.

O. W. Little, Secretary  
Alma, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We have your circular letter inviting us to join the State Editorial Association by contributing our check on the basis of \$1.00 of each 100 circulation of our paper, which would mean \$18.00 for this paper. So far as the Editorial Association is concerned I have never considered that membership had sufficient value to justify the small fee for membership which has heretofore prevailed.

The Field Secretary feature is the only thing that appeals to us. I do not know just what the Association has in mind as the field of the Secretaries activities, but if it includes the handling of foreign advertising for Country Weeklies Mr. Hedges says that we will risk \$18.00 at least once.

Will you please give us some idea as to what the Field Secretary will do to earn the money. I understand that Iowa, Nebraska has such a system in successful operation.

Yours very truly,  
*S. T. Seaton*  
JOHNSON COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

*Here's a sample.  
If you tell them all they  
want to know about the letter  
in a day's work* *W.C.H.*



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CHAS. P. BEEBE.....Neodesha  
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#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

ALMA, KANSAS

Feb'y. 7th.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FAY N. SEATON.....Manhattan  
J. H. HALE.....Mankato  
ADNA E. PALMER.....Kingman  
JOHN C. MACK.....Newton

My Dear Clymer:-

Am very sorry you were so late with your kick about my moving you to Paola but about a dozen other fellows beat you to it. They all seem to want to keep you tied up in El Dorado.

They have started coming very nicely if they will only keep it up. Five of the 15 who have sent cks were papers who did not sign the cards last fall - new ones, but mostly the smaller papers.

Its making, and going to make a heck of a lot of work however. They write to ask: shall I take out the \$2 I paid for dues: I just paid \$5 for membership and understood that would take care of the F. S. for this year: what are the duties of the F.S and will he get us any foreign advs: if I have to pay any more, cancel my membership: etc. etc. Have been trying to answer them all so far but when they really get to coming, will probably give it up.

If I get a program of the Lincoln meeting, will send it to you that you may determine what day would suit you best.

As ever,

*O. W. Little*



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 8, 1923.

Mr. O. W. Little,  
Secretary the Kansas Editorial Association,  
Alma, Kansas.  
My dear Mr. Little:

After studying over your letter of yesterday, I am of the opinion that it is not fair to you to take on all the work now of answering the queries from Kansas newspapers which are flooding your office. I know you are devoted to your job, but you have your own newspaper to look after and that should be your first interest until you assume the office of field secretary if you decide to take it. I am free to suggest that for the present you answer only such correspondence as is absolutely necessary, and leave the task of converting those fellows who are not sold to our proposition until, as field secretary, you are free to give this task your whole attention. You see I am assuming that somehow, some way, you are going to be able to take that position. No doubt we will have enough money by voluntary payments to start our new office off nicely. I should think that the first month or two of the



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permanent field secretary will have to be devoted to selling the plan to those who are not now convinced of its merits. The sample, Seaton's letter, which you sent me, I understand is typical. If you take the time now to answer same and all stiff-necked brothers like him, you won't be able to do any work for The Alma Enterprise. I honestly can't see why you should be required to wrestle with all these fellows now.

If you want to go ahead with it now, I shall be glad to help you if you desire my help and you may send along any letters that you want me to answer.

By the way, does the association furnish the president with any stationery? If so, I should like to have some. It will be very easy to have what small amount I shall need printed here, however, if you do not have a sufficient supply on hand.

I shall look forward to the program of the Lincoln meeting and am trying to arrange matters ahead so I can attend.

Please understand that I am new in the association work and have no desire to take the bull by the horns. But I do not want to be a figurehead and am willing to do my full share of whatever work is to be done, and shall appreciate it if you will point out to me what in which I can be of service.

Sincerely,

RAC:AB.





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ALMA, KANSAS

Feb'y. 11th.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FAY N. SEATON.....Manhattan  
J. H. HALE.....Mankato  
ADNA E. PALMER.....Kingman  
JOHN C. MACK.....Newton

My Dear Clymer:-

That was certainly a mighty nice letter you wrote me last week and I certainly appreciate it. It is a pleasure to work with fellows that are ready and more than willing to help. So far I have kept up with them by putting in a little extra time but if I get stuck, shall not hesitate to call on you.

In the one week since the letters were sent out, have received 27 cks totaling \$400. Only 15 of these belonged to the original 100 who signed the cards last summer. Some of those who signed have written and declined to redeem the pledge made then, which does not look very good.

I have not yet definitely settled the matter but there may be no job to "take" if they do not come through faster in the next week. Would it do some good for you to write to each of the Committeemen and tell them the above and ask them to get busy. If I had those pledges all seperated as to districts and could send each Committeeman a list of those in his district, it might help some but have not had time to do this.

Sure, print yourself some stationery, whatever you need. Have not received the Lincoln program yet.

With kindest regards,

*W. H. Heade*



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ALMA, KANSAS

Feb. 14th.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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J. H. HALE.....Mankato  
ADNA E. PALMER.....Kingman  
JOHN C. MACK.....Newton

My Dear Clymer:-

Do not just see how a fellow running a daily paper can afford to lay off with the flu. Looks to me like a useless waste of time and besides if you are laying off, you could do it in a more pleasurable manner. Glad to know you are coming out of it.

Have 41 cks to date, totaling \$556.50, and 29 of them are from those who signed the pledge cards last fall. Looks like I would have to send another letter to the 70 who have not responded and I wish you would draft such a letter as you think should be sent and send it to me. It was on the strength of these 100 pledge cards that we voted to adopt this Secretary plan and if these guarantors fall down, we will not get very far. If another letter is sent to them, think it should be over your name or that of the Committee, as I have shot my bolt at them and the next one, coming from some one else, would have more weight.

I received the ck for the Times all right. You and John Mack are the only \$50 ones up to date.

Hoping you will have entirely recovered before this reaches you and be feeling like yourself again, I am

As ever,

*O. W. Little*





February 15, 1923

My Dear Ol:-

Here is my suggestion for a follow-up letter.

I sure hope it gets the coin. I shall write letters this week to all members of the executive committee trying to stir them up. The flu is still with me. My legs gave out at noon today and I have been going on my nerve since.

Sincerely,

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 16, 1923.

Mr. John C. Mack,  
Member Executive Committee,  
Kansas State Editorial Assn.,  
Newton, Kansas.

My dear Friend:

Ol Little is having a heck of a time getting a bunch of the fellows to redeem their pledges on the secretary matter for this first year. Only about half have responded to his first letter. I have sent out another letter under my own signature trying to prod them along. I think it will be a good thing if each executive committeeman writes the delinquents in his own district. Will you do this? Nine or ten letters on your part no doubt will turn the trick. Please write to Ol at once on receipt of this letter, get a list of the fellows in your particular district and go after them. I am sure it will help greatly. Thank you.

Some of you boys were kind enough to promise at our committee meeting, following the association meeting in January, that you would go after voluntary subscriptions from the big fellows in your neighborhood. Have you done so? If not, please get busy and report to Ol at once.

Revenue from all sources to date totals only about \$550. This is barely a tenth of the amount we should have in sight to launch the secretaryship. It will do little good to hold an executive committee meeting the last of this month unless we have enough money in sight so that our venture is assured for its first year.

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Sincerely yours,

RAC:AB. President Kansas State Editorial Association.



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Mr. Drew McLaughlin,  
Member Executive Committee,  
Kansas State Editorial Assn.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

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Kingman, Kansas.

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### THE OLATHE MIRROR

JOHN W. BREYFOGLE, Editor and Owner

OLATHE, KANSAS

February 16  
1923

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:-

I am just a little slow in acknowledging, "them kind words", which you so kindly sent me two weeks ago, referring to my "alleged" speech at Topeka. I am sure that you meant every word you said - but you were wrong in many of the premises. However the letter made me feel mighty good, not withstanding.

I am sure that no one has ever put on a better program than you will at the end of your administration. The selection was a happy one, and you must feel elated.

At the dinner table, at the National, was seated with a bunch of news paper boys, and Buddy, and the talk reverted to you, when I chirped in and said, "Clymer could run the Kansas Notes and Star Beam column, much better than the present writer - or the man who invented these columns".



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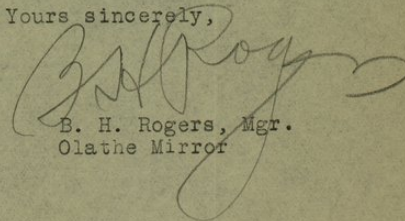
Keith Clevenger stepped on my toe, and said "Shi---" "Just at your right is the man who writes 'em now" - and I said, "I don't care if he does hear me, its true."

Sure enough there was Thompson, sitting at the next table, and not 5 feet from me, along with Charlie Scott, Fred Trig, Brinkerhoff, and one other. And I didn't take it back, and wont, for anybody, cause you can sure do it.

Have you noticed our 16 page papers the last 2 weeks? Do you think they will pay expenses? Had 9 sale bills last week, and 10 this week - but the season is most over now.

Assuring you my warm and continued friendship, I am,

Yours sincerely,



B. H. Rogers, Mgr.  
Olathe Mirror

BHR/AMH.





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Mr. Fay N. Seaton,  
Member Executive Committee,  
Kansas State Editorial Assn.,  
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Member Executive Committee,  
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Feb. 17-1923.

Enclosed find a copy of House Bill 428 introduced by Speaker Mann; the same bill being introduced in the Senate by Senator Price under Senate No. 409. This provides not only for the printing of blank books but also legal blanks and assessment blanks. This will not only cripple the blank book makers of the state but will also take away a part of the county printing from every county printer in the state. Every printer who prints and sells legal blanks will be affected. Will you protest the passage of this bill to both your senator and representative. In your letters or telegrams to members remember the House bill is 428; the senate bill is 409. Quick action is demanded. Don't delay, but get out your letters at once and see that every one else in your town interested in the defeat of this bill is informed and writes his representative and senator.

It is only a short step from this bill to one putting the State Printing Plant in competition with every print shop in the state. If legal blanks can be printed and sold to every one so can every other form of printing.

Write us what you have done.

J. C. MACK, Chr.

Legislative Com. State Editorial Assn.

O. W. LITTLE, Sec'y.

Address c/o National Hotel,  
Topeka, Kansas.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

February 17, 1925.

Mr. J. B. McKay,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Lote:

\*\*\*\* This is the George Washington season and the club wants to celebrate it properly. Next Wednesday, we will devote a little time to a symposium, entitled, "Me and George, or What It Cost Me To Tell the Truth." How often has it cost you much in the way of effort, time and perhaps, money to resist the temptation of a "white fib" in your business? Be prepared to talk about three minutes. The Hon. George ought to be laid in the shade by the time we are done with him.

Thanks!

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Carl Powell,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

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Clay Center Dispatch-Republican  
RALPH TENNAL, Secy.-Manager,  
Sabetha Herald  
GEORGE HARMAN, Treasurer,  
Valley Falls Vindicator  
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Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
President Editorial Association  
Eldorado, Kansas.

My dear Sir:--

Acting on your suggestion I have written to  
little for a list of those who have pledged and not  
"come across," and will take the matter up with them.

Just this morning got a letter from Dan Anthony  
definitely declining to do anything in the matter of  
a contribution.

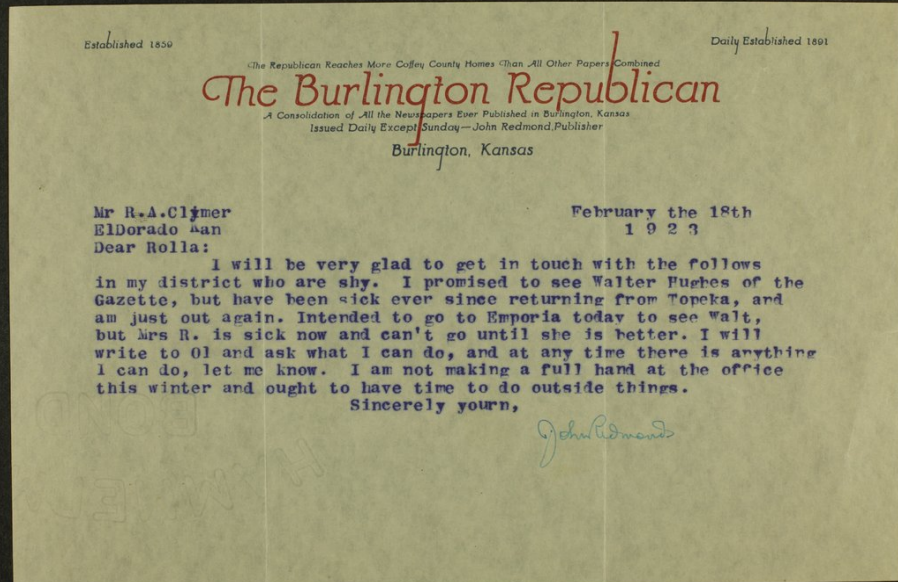
Have been so closely confined to business I have  
not yet got to see either of the others I was  
to look after so have no report on them, but  
expect to do so in the next week. McLennan was  
in New York when I called there.

Inclosed is a ~~xx~~ bulletin sent to all the newspapers  
"weeklies" in the state last week.

Hope this will look brighter soon.

*Harman*

## Rolla Clymer correspondence







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February 22, 1923

Mr. Ray Green,  
Concordia, Kansas

My Dear Ray:-

I am highly appreciative of the cordial letter from you which reached me yesterday. My only reason for writing to Gomer after the editorial association meeting was to tell him--and you--that I had not gone back on my promise to support you as a candidate for president. The presentation of my name as a candidate was done without my instigation. I am not a politician and know no ropes of the game. Association politics this year were at a very low state, anyway. Nobody seemed to care a hoot who was elected--which explains how I got by. I shall try to fill the job acceptably, though am afraid I may rattle like a peanut in a shell.

I wish to call your hand on one thing, however, young man, and that is that I NEVER declared, insinuated, asservated, affirmed, averred, stated, proclaimed, published, promulgated, communicated, announced, uttered, asserted or made known that you are a mollycoddle because you do not play golf. In fact, I think you are entitled to a great deal of credit because you have not "fallen for" this prevailing vice. If I could shoot golf half as well as you can big game, I might pick on you; otherwise, I am happy to keep still.

Again I thank you for your generous letter and its warm good will. I hope I may see you and have a good visit soon.  
Sincerely,



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### THE KANSAS EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

#### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Eldorado, Kansas, February 26, 1923,

It was largely on the strength of pledges made by you and a number of other forward-looking editors during the past few months that an attempt has been made to establish a permanent Field Secretary of the Kansas Editorial Association. As you know, at the January meeting after a long and free discussion, it was decided to go ahead with the project this year, securing finances---not by a membership basis---but as voluntary contributions for this first year. It is desired that these contributions be on the basis of \$1 per hundred circulation, as outlined on your pledge cards. Some of us have exceeded that amount in our checks for this first year of pioneer work.

Recently, our secretary, O. W. Little, sent out letters to all who signed the pledge cards asking for checks accordingly. The response has not been as prompt as the officers and the executive committee would like to see. Only a little over \$500 has come in to date. That is about one-tenth of the amount needed to get the new plan on its feet this year. Your officers cannot go ahead and carry out the wishes of the association without the ready money. Mr. Little informs me that he has received no check from you. No doubt, you have overlooked sending it. We now ask you to do so AT ONCE, please. The better part of a whole month has slipped away since the convention meeting and we are not in position to launch the secretaryship yet. Nothing but the necessary money keeps us from doing so.

I think you see the point without further elaboration--Thank you. That's the stuff. Keep the checks fluttering our way, and watch how quickly we get a new force for usefulness to all Kansas newspapers started.

Sincerely Yours,

R. A. Clymer, President.

N. B.--Do not deduct amount of dues to Association from this check. It should represent your full participation in the secretary plan on the basis outlined of \$1 per hundred circulation for your paper with a minimum of \$5 and a maximum of \$25. Send your check to the secretary, O. W. Little, Alma, Kansas. Thanks.



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March 29, 1923.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
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Kansas.

My dear Clymer:-

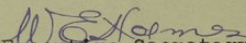
I was "tickled pink" when the Executive Committee of the State Editorial Association voted to hold the 1924 session in Wichita. Of course, we will plan to do things "up brown" for this bunch.

Meantime - please note attached "clipping".

Why can't the Kansas press and the Chambers of Commerce do likewise?

What do you think of making this a matter for discussion at the state meeting?

Respectfully,

  
Executive Secretary.

WEH:CD