

## 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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CLAUDE C. BRADNEY  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM  
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Columbus, Kansas  
March 29, 1938

Rolla Clymer  
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear friend Rolla:

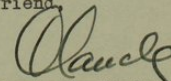
I thought I would write you a week or ten days ago but failed to get the job done. I have been wondering what your attitude toward the Ratner candidacy for Governor would be?

I am not responsible for getting Ratner into the race, however, he has come and talked to me and I have looked into it pretty thoroughly and believe that he is the proper one for us to support. Harold McGugin seems to be the outstanding candidate up until Payne's activities and nothing would suit the Democrat Party better then to have Harold as the opponent. I frankly do not believe that Harold could win in the General Election in November. I am not so much interested in who is going to be Governor as I am that a Republican is Governor.

Ratner will get the majority of the labor vote from Huxman and I do not know of any of the other Republican candidates that can touch it. Ratner also has a great deal of support among the educational leaders in the state and also among the Womens Federated Clubs, which are very active and several other groups. He has been fair towards the different Farm Organizations and they should not be antagonistic toward him. He is young, ambitious, energetic, makes a real convincing talk. I believe that after following the thing for the last two weeks that he is a natural.

As I started out to ask you, I am wanting to know what your attitude is and what your thoughts are concerning his candidacy and I would appreciate it very much if you could write and let me know.

Your friend,

  
Claude C. Bradney

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P. S.

Off record, Dallas Kanpp will announce some time the fore  
part of April for United States Senator. Will let you know more  
definite very soon.

## Rolla Clymer correspondence



THE GAS SERVICE COMPANY  
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Dear O.J.

TOPEKA, KANSAS  
March 29

Just returned this morning after having been away a week and found your very kind invitation and regret that I missed out on your party and hope you will give me a rain check for a later date. Am leaving next week for Washington DC to attend the Gridiron dinner and later in April Helen and I are going to New Orleans to gas Convention but as soon as I get my traveling done will get in touch with you and arrange to attend one of your Blue Hand Club meetings. Thanking you for your thoughtfulness and with kindest regards to yourself and all the gang I am as ever  
Sincerely your friend  
Louis Reese



March 29, 1938

Mr. H. B. Fell,  
Executive Vice-President  
Independent Petroleum Association,  
Tulsa, Okla.

My Dear Mr. Fell:-

Your letter from Ardmore, advising my appointment as member of the Public Relations Committee of the Association, was dated March 12 but was not postmarked out of Tulsa until March 26. No doubt this will explain my delay in answering it.

You can always count on me to serve wherever you think I can help the Association best. So if I am wanted on that committee, I shall be glad to accept the appointment and await instructions from the chairman.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,





### Mergenthaler Linotype Company

CHICAGO AGENCY  
HARRISON 3121



531 PLYMOUTH CT.  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,  
Times Publishing Company,  
Eldorado, Kansas.

March 29, 1938

Dear Mr. Clymer:

We have deferred replying to your letter of March 22 marked for the attention of our Mr. Brown, as we have been waiting the receipt of invoices so that we could send you bills for all the parts shipped to replace those damaged on your machine as well as the bill of lading and other bills in connection with the filing of the claim.

We have not as yet received all the invoices but expect to have these completed so they may be sent to you within the next week or so. Be sure to keep the original paid freight receipt as it will be necessary to include this with the papers for filing the claim.

We also suggest that you notify the railroad company that it is your intention to file the claim for the replacement of the parts damaged on the machine. Claims of this kind must be filed within four months from the date of the shipment of the machine so you have until June 16 as the machine was shipped from the factory on February 16. When notifying the railroad company it would be best to verify this.

This will give you time to thoroughly use the machine and to be certain that it is all right and will not show any effects because of the damage which occurred to it in transit.

I have been handling the claims for damage to machines for many years and cannot recall of a single instance where a machine showed any effects of damage which occurred to it after it had been properly repaired. It has never been necessary to return a machine shipped to a customer to our Brooklyn factory because of the damage occurring to it in transit.

A few weeks ago, the transportation company in hoisting one of the new machines to the second floor of a printing plant did not remove the wooden crate but simply placed a large wire cable around it and attempted to hoist the machine. The pressure was so great that the cable not only caved in the wooden crate,

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but caved in the whole front of the machine. The face plate was damaged, the first elevator was broken in half and considerable other damage had occurred. All the damaged parts were replaced by one of our men and the machine is operating satisfactorily and shows no effects of having been damaged.

As you know, it takes a little time to break a new machine in and we believe that you can feel certain after your Linotype has been adjusted you will obtain satisfactory results from it and it will not show any effects of damage.

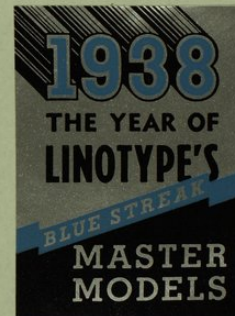
We appreciate how you feel and are glad that you wrote us and you can be sure that we will assist you in every way possible to obtain a prompt adjustment from the railroad company.

Yours very truly,

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE COMPANY

*Walter R. Harley*  
Order Department

W. R. Harley  
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128 HOTEL BALTIMORE  
KANSAS CITY "MO

March 30, 1938

Dear Publisher:

Even the peas roll off your knife, when jovial luncheon companions keep the atmosphere vibrating with their quips, witticisms and general good humor. The most jaded appetite perks up and the three o'clock fatigue is relegated to the dog-house.

That's the dish being concocted for you at the Missouri-Kansas Jubilee Humorists' Luncheon to be held Monday, April 11 at the Hotel Baltimore under the joint auspices of Judge Magazine and the Advertising Club of Kansas City. They jointly extend to you and members of your staff a cordial invitation to put your names in the pot and your feet under our table. The tariff is only one buck, including tax - to members and guests alike.

It promises to be novel, a lot of fun and will give deserved recognition to the great contributions which Kansas and Missouri have made to American humor.

A large number of Alf Landon's friends have already made reservations. Your many friends will be looking for you - and so will we.

Yours cordially,

ADVERTISING CLUB OF KANSAS CITY

*H. P. Comstock*

By H. P. "Happy" Comstock  
Executive Secretary

R.S.V.P.  
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Rolla Clymer

El Dorado, Kans. Times

Dear Mr. Clymer : This is an added urge from the Judge, the Ad Club and "me" that you attend the Missouri-Kansas Jubilee Humorists' Luncheon, April 11. With Harry Newman, a widely know Democrat, pitching the High Silk Hat to Alf Landon, whom rumor has it is a Republican, and "Bill" White warming up in the "Bull Pen", it looks like a big "inning for the boys who keep the home community in good humor-- and it's high time they are getting recognition. Who do you choose for the top ten of the Kansas lot? Mail your ballot today. Bring some business friends along with you. Tell me how many so I may have the chef put their names in the "pot."

"Hap."

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RELEASE March 31

Kansas City, Missouri, March 31 ---American humor, middle western humor, is to have its day April 11, when editors and columnists of Missouri and Kansas will assemble in Kansas City at a luncheon of the Kansas City Advertising Club at the Hotel Baltimore.

Outstanding writers of these two states to be present at the luncheon, where Harry Newman, publisher of Judge Magazine will be principal speaker of the day, include: William Allen White, Emporia, Kansas; Jack Blanton, Paris, Mo; Tom Collins, Kansas City; Jack Harris, Chanute, Kansas; William Southern, Jr., Independence, Mo; Clad H. Thompson, Kansas City; Leslie Wallace, Larned, Kansas; Paul Jones, Lyons, Kansas; H. R. Long, Crane, Mo; Bertha Shore, Augusta, Kansas; Mae Traller, Everton, Mo. and others.

These writers will meet as the guests of Judge Magazine and the Advertising Club of Kansas City, for the purpose of honoring those selected as the outstanding humorists in Missouri and Kansas today.

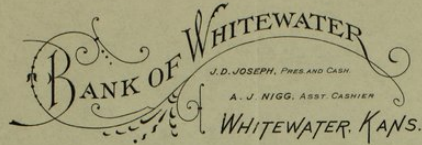
The publishers of Judge heartily believe "a laugh a day keeps unhappiness at bay . . . because now more than ever humor is essential as an antidote to such worldly ills as depressions, recessions and war-makers . . . those individuals who furnish it are among the most valuable people on earth. Without them states and nations would collapse into chaos. Therefore, Judge has established its awards for American humor."

In the selection of these writers, the editors of Judge will not confine their choice to columnists alone, but contributors will have their chance when the final awards are made.

As an added feature of the luncheon the presentation of the Judge, Jr. "High Hat" award, sponsored by Judge Magazine, will be given to former Governor Alfred M. Landon, who will be present. The roster of wearers of the Judge, Jr. "High Hat": Howard Hughes, Hollywood, California; J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C.; Thomas E. Dewey, New York City; Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Weald, Kent, England; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.; Stephen Early, Washington, D. C.; and George M. Cohan, New York City.

Special invitations have been extended Governor Lloyd C. Stark, of Missouri and Governor Walter A. Huxmann, of Kansas.

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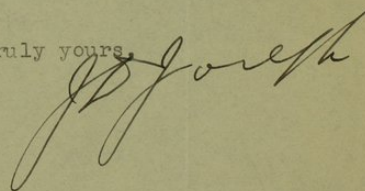
March 30, 1938

Rolla Clymer - Editor  
El Dorado Times  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I notice that my last letter came up missing in the Times. Here I was just getting up steam and all ready to start to tell you and your readers why our delegation in congress is playing petticoat politics in not supporting the President's demand for a larger navy and where congress fell down in not supporting the processing tax to carry out the farm conservation plan, and why the match dollar system is rotten and productive of extrayagance and waste. And here I am choaked off and can't say another word. Then I expect it would not effect very many votes any way. The average citizen would vote for the party that is robbing him and against the party that would help him rather than forget about the Civil War and this and that that connects him with a political party. So it all doesn't amount to much any way. Our life is short to say the least.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J.D. Joseph', is written over the typed name.



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 31, 1938

Senator Claude C. Bradney,  
Columbus, Kansas

My Dear Claude:-

First, I hope you escaped unscathed in the storm that wrecked your town. I thought of you at once when the news first came in. It is a terrible tragedy for your town to have to undergo, and I express sincere sympathy.

Now, as to Ratner. I have seen his campaign shaping up by many signs and omens and appreciate his strength. I do not know him personally, having had only the barest acquaintance with him. He has always been brilliant and effective in a public way and bears a good reputation. I have no racial dislike whatever, but one of my friends, a good Republican said to me yesterday: "I don't want to support a Jew for governor; think we have too many Jews in the brain trust at Washington now." So, I am asking you if you think Payne's ancestry would be no handicap in the election campaign, provided he were nominated in the primary. This was once a hot bed of the Ku Klux Klan; the old hatred and bigotry might flame out anew, and be fanned industriously by the Democrats, were Ratner to secure the nomination. It might be as much of a drag on party aspirations as would McGugin's Indian.

I am just putting this up to you to get the



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picture--and will appreciate your reactions. I have not been at all happy or of easy mind so far. Harold looked best to me but may not be able to beat Huxman. I also have a personal liking for Bob Foulston. He may be too much of an amateur in the political game to get far. I don't intend to get out too far on the limb on any candidate in the primary. Factional fusses among ourselves then would have a tendency to hurt us at the election and we need all the strength and cooperation we can get.

I wish I could talk to you but maybe this will suffice to get my scattered ideas over. Anyway, I would like to hear from you again.

Sincerely,



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### "KNOW YOUR BANK"

Here is a Statement That Anyone Can Read and Understand  
March 31, 1938  
RESOURCES

#### How the Bank's Funds Are Held

Cash...	\$ 58,069.04
Currency and silver coin in our vaults and on deposit with banks in the large cities.	
Bonds...	59,900.00
These are United States Government and Kansas Municipal bonds with a quick ready market value--no defaulted bonds or foreign issues in this account.	
Real Estate Mortgages...	14,550.00
Secured by mortgages on improved farms in this vicinity, with wide margins of security.	
Other Loans...	95,650.04
Loans made to property owners, farmers, and merchants with whose financial condition we are closely in touch.	
Overdrafts...	220.10
Under this item are carried accounts of customers who through error or otherwise have overdrawn their balance. We, however, do not make a practice of allowing overdrafts.	
Other Real Estate Owned...	1,000.00
Real Estate owned by bank and carried at less than actual value. This property is self-supporting.	
Bank Building...	3,500.00
This represents the amount the bank is carrying as its investment in the bank building.	
Furniture and Fixtures...	1,200.00
Consisting of our safe, vaults, office equipment and such other fixtures used in the bank.	
TOTAL RESOURCES. . . . .	\$234,089.18

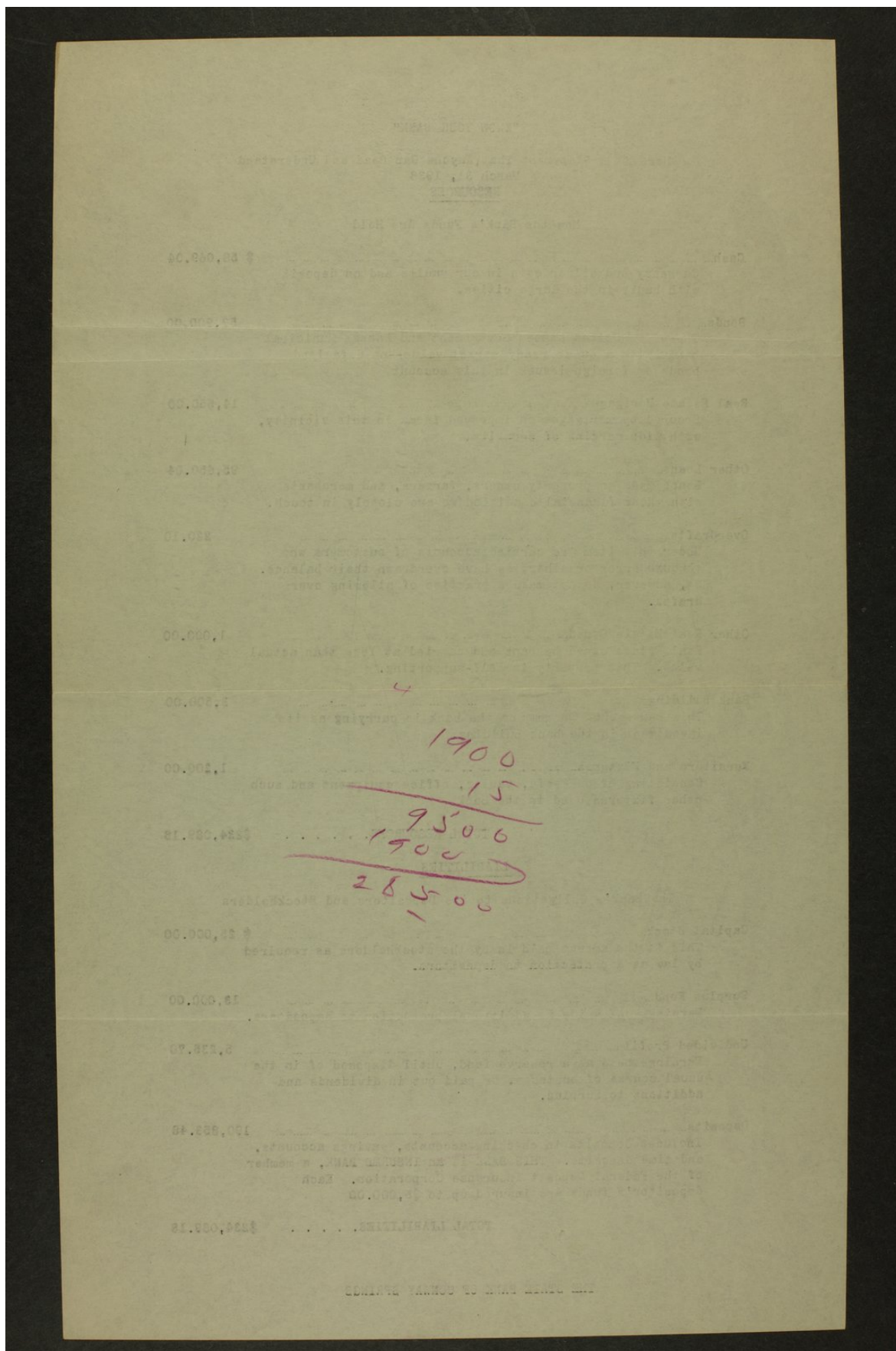
### LIABILITIES

#### The Bank's Obligations to its Depositors and Stockholders

Capital Stock...	\$ 25,000.00
This is the amount paid in by the stockholders as required by law as a protection to depositors.	
Surplus Fund...	13,000.00
Earnings set aside as additional protection to depositors.	
Undivided Profits...	5,235.70
Earnings held as a reserve fund, until disposed of in the usual course of business, or paid out in dividends and additions to Surplus.	
Deposits...	190,853.48
Includes deposits in checking accounts, savings accounts, and time deposits. THIS BANK is an INSURED BANK, a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Each depositor's funds are insured up to \$5,000.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES. . . . .	\$234,089.18

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### ROCK ISLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

March 31, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

In looking through my files today, I ran across a letter sent you on March 23d, 1937, which was returned unclaimed. I just now learned, when again looking over your manuscript on Banking, that the address on the envelope was wrong--Colorado instead of Kansas. My letter of the above date is enclosed, as I want you to know why you had not received my acknowledgment.

How are things going?

Very truly yours,

R. W. Osterman  
Vice President & Cashier

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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

~~11/13~~ Do you remember  
all this? Chicago?



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Editor. "The Times" Indian Kans  
3/31/38

Dear Sir: I am only  
a poor laborer, but it seems to me  
that Mr. Joseph. of Potwin has been  
making some statements that he  
cannot substantiate by any known  
law of reason or economics. Let us  
take his statement in "The Times" of 3/30  
"The Railroads are employing only 1/6 of  
the men that they employed 20 or 25 years  
ago" Then he goes on to say that it is  
the high price of labor <sup>that is</sup> wrecking  
things. Wages of 20 years ago were as  
high per purchasing dollar as they are  
today according to all price indices I  
can find. Does he really think that  
by cutting wages in half it would put  
very many men to work? We are living  
in the machine age where one man can  
do the work of from 3 to 5000 men and



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more  
efficiently. would Mr Joseph be  
willing to throw away all his  
modern farm machinery in order to  
hire more men at  $\frac{1}{2}$  the wages his men  
are getting now? I think he would not.  
From his statements I take it, that he  
believes all big business men and all  
union labor leaders are crooks. A line  
of reasoning like that is liable to put  
any nation on the rocks. when you buy  
a dozen eggs, and one of them is rotten  
it doesn't prove all of them are rotten. I  
would venture to say that 95% of all  
business men, farmers and labor leaders  
are honestly striving with all their  
might to find a way out of our -  
present economic difficulties that will  
be fair to everybody. We as Americans  
have got to learn to think as Americans  
not as members of a certain class  
or group.

yours.  
Frank Link



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## Rolla Clymer correspondence

March 31, 1938

Mr. J. D. Joseph,  
Whitewater, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Joseph:-

Thanks for your letter and also the telegram. Your last article was held up in the composing room a day or two after it was in type, hence the delay in publication. Am sorry, for you know I am always glad to have your expressions, as I have told you repeatedly. And please let your other articles come along when the spirit moves you to write them.

Sincerely your friend,



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

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ROLLA CLYMER=

EDITOR TIMES=

*Times*

I HAD YESTERDAY ~~TERMS~~ YOU HAVE MY LETTER THIS MORNING

I TAKE IT ALL BACK PLEASE EXCUSE ME=

J D JOSEPH.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

From The JUDGE magazine, 13 East 40 St. New York City

For release March 31, 1938

TO HONOR ALFRED M. LANDON AT MISSOURI-KANSAS JUBILEE  
HUMORISTS' LUNCHEON AT KANSAS CITY ADVERTISING CLUB  
ON MONDAY APRIL ELEVENTH

Kansas City, Mar. 30, (Special) President Roosevelt, Secretary Steve Early and actor George M. Cohan will "move over for Alf" on April 11 when ex-Governor Landon will be present and receive the national high silk hat award of The Judge magazine at the Missouri-Kansas Jubilee Humorists' Luncheon of the Advertising Club of Kansas City at the Hotel Baltimore. Great humorists of Kansas and Missouri, past and present, will be honored at the luncheon. In addition to a galaxy of humorous writers, artists and raconteurs, special invitations to attend the luncheon have been sent Governor M. C. Kreschel of Kansas and Governor Alfred S. Stark of Missouri. Chief speaker of the day will be Harry Newman of New York, editorial director of The Judge and its new publisher. He will make the presentation of the silk topper to Governor Landon. President Roosevelt received the Judge high hat award a year ago at the White House. Secretary Early won his hat this year as did George M. Cohan whose current New York show is a riptous satirization of the New Deal. Whether President Roosevelt and other previous winners of the Judge award will send greetings to Mr. Landon at the Kansas City luncheon is not yet known.

"The Judge's award to Governor Landon honors a sense of humor not sufficiently appreciated by the country at large", said publisher Newman. "What better evidence of this great attribute could there be than Governor Landon's sportsmanship in the last presidential campaign and since. He has kept a level head against publicity, praise, adulation and criticism. He is the number one good sport among U.S. political leaders and an inspiration to Kansas and the whole nation".





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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Your letter of March 29th advising me of your willingness to serve as a member of the Public Relations Committee of this Association has been received and is very greatly appreciated.

I have noted from your communication the reason for your delay in writing me.

We hope to have the personnel of the Committee completed very shortly as I have received acceptances from all but two of the members. As soon as I hear from them the personnel of the Committee will be announced and the Chairman of the Committee notified so that he can communicate with the members thereof.

Assuring you of our appreciation for your cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,  
*H. B. Fell*  
Executive Vice-President

HBF:b



CLAUDE C. BRADNEY  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM  
SENATOR TENTH DISTRICT  
COLUMBUS, KANSAS



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April 1st, 1938

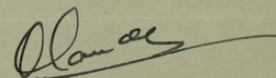
R. A. Clymer,  
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Friend Rolla:

Got your letter this morning. I personally escaped the storm as I was at the plant when it occurred but I lost my home and all that was in it. My wife was at home but escaped any serious injury. Edward my 10 year old son was in the school and got cut and bruised considerably but is OK. My Mother got hurt pretty badly. Broken arm and broken Shoulder. Several ribs broken and badly cut and bruised on the head and leg. We were sure lucky in not losing any life. The total to now is ten dead and about that many more that are lying at the point of death.

Now about Payne. I have read with a great deal of interest what you say and I am going to try and get over to Wichita the 7th & 8th and will see you then.

Your friend,

  
Claude C. Bradney



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THE SACO OIL COMPANY  
115 WEST FIFTH  
EL DORADO, KANSAS

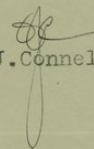
April 2, 1938

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

Dear friend Rol:-

Enclosed herewith please find a  
letter just received from Louie Roesle -  
thought you would enjoy hearing from him.

As ever,

  
O.J. Connell

## Rolla Clymer correspondence

April 2, 1938

Dear Rolla:

Rolla, I am looking for a post on a small Kansas newspaper, preferably in a town of less than twenty-thousand. I am not hitting you up for a job. If your paper is adequately staffed it is simply out of the question to put anyone else on with business like it is. But you may know of someone who does need help, and it isn't always easy to find one who has had the proper experience.

Up to about March 1 I commuted between Ottawa and Topeka and worked on the State Journal. Then Mr. Allen wanted me to move back and work full time. But I had already changed Karen to Ottawa schools and she was doing so well that I couldn't consider another change for her. And anyway I donot want to go back to Topeka on a permanent basis...it would just make it more difficult for Karl.

During March I made some trips and turned up some nice opportunities in Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, Etc. but when I got around to investigating living conditions in the big towns it seemed to me that I could do better for Karen if I stayed with Kansas. Particularly in the smaller towns. Twenty-five dollars a week in Podunk means a whale of a lot more in good living than fifty in Chicago. Also I have gone to considerable trouble to learn quite a lot about this state, all of which would have no value in Illinois or Georgia.

The main thing is that Karen and I are going to be happy no matter where we are now. We love it here in Ottawa. I wish that we might be able to remain. Sid may be able to shake up something for me within a few months, but as soon as school is out I shall want to make somemove toward getting settled. Fortunately I shan't require much salary to start since I have a little stake.

You know my qualifications. I can do everything around a newspaper office from writing an editorial on taxes to making lay-outs for advertisers and reading proof. With best wishes for your own good health and happiness, I remain,

Cordially yours,

*Edie*

E. L. Kennedy

1445 South Main St.,  
Ottawa, Kansas



## Rolla Clymer correspondence

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April 3, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Every recurring year, I send to those near and dear to me, an original birthday greeting. In one of her recent letters, Mrs. Alvah Sheldon, a precious life-long friend of mine, remarked that she could never recollect her birthday but for Lexington and kindred anniversaries.

This year, I should like her to wonder why my usual greeting does not reach her as usual, some days before the 18th, and then to find it in The Times,-- provided, of course, you believe that the local interest will justify its publication. You will admit that the limitations of an acrostic as well as the strictures of rhyme and meter forbid my saying all that I'd like to say, and in the words in which I'd like to say it.

Anyway, here it is; and I know that your printer will need no instruction from me for bringing out those initial letters that reveal her name.

May I compliment you on that fine editorial tribute to her "boy," Chester? It is one of the best things I have ever read from your pen -- or from other pens, for that matter.

Believe me,

sincerely yours,

*Hattie Horner Louthan*  
Hattie Horner Louthan

*My new novel, "The Holy Shadow" will come from the Library Guild Press by late summer. Of course, you will receive a copy.*

*H. H. L.*

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CHARLES E. KOCHER  
4443 JEFFERSON STREET  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

April 3, 1938

Mr. Rolla Clymer,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Received check from the Mergenthaler Co. for the 5 hours time and  
and transportation charge in connection with installing machine,  
also for the first trip inspecting machine and unpacking.

The amount for the 5 hours at \$1.50 per hour, \$7.50, and 400 miles at  
3 cents, \$12.00--\$19.50 total; leaving balance of \$30.00 for  
erecting machine. The total amount the Mergenthaler Company paid  
me of course will be charged back against the railroad company.

Yours respectfully,

*C. E. Kocher*  
C. E. Kocher.

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*chg. on acct. of ry. damage - first trip to inspect  
etc.*

*" " " " " 5 hours & transportation 19.50*



April 4, 1938

Mr. John Vervynck,  
Burns, Kansas

Dear Mr. Vervynck:-

Through a misunderstanding on the part of our composing room foreman, the budget meeting notice of Clifford Township did not get set in time for Saturday's paper. We are running it today and I have taken the liberty of changing the date/to April 14. I trust this will be satisfactory; if not, please let me know and I shall make it right.

I am enclosing herewith a printed copy of the report.

Thanking you for your continued friendliness and interest, as I am,

Sincerely yours,



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April 4, 1938

Mergenthaler Linotype Company,  
Chicago, Illinois

Attention Mr. W. R. Harley

Dear Sirs:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 29 regarding our Model No. 32 machine which was damaged in transit. The machine has been running only fairly well for the past two weeks; the operators have considerable trouble with distributor stops and have been unable to make adjustments that will eliminate this matter with all sizes of mats. We feel that the machine, to date, has not showed what it can do in the way of increasing production in our composing room.

My only concern for the future of the machine is that no latent defects show up some time--next month, six months from now or possibly a year or two. This machine received a severe mauling in shipment and damage may exist that even expert scrutiny would not be able to detect at this time. I know your company's reputation for standing behind its product but do feel we should have some sort of a guarantee against trouble that might not appear for a long time.

We have an April 1 statement from your accounting department totalling \$158.55--and no invoice to cover any but one item thereon. I wish you would take up



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the matter with that department and have the bill supported by proper forms so that we can understand it. As yet, we have not received the invoices covering broken parts, which you have promised to send, and of course have not been able to make any claim against the railroad company.

It will be necessary for us to pay for the machine by April 14, if we are to take advantage of the cash discount provision. Before that time, I wish we could have some assurances from your company as to what protection we would have in case the machine showed defects at a future date for which neither you nor us are to blame. I believe, in all fairness, that such protection is due us.

I will be obliged to a prompt answer to this letter.

Sincerely,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY  
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