

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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Clyde M. Reed Candidate for the Republican Nomination

August Primary 1938

United States Senator

PARSONS, KANSAS

July 6, 1938



Mr. R. A. Clymer,

Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla;

It was mighty fine of you to come to Emporia in the heat of the summer to help get my campaign under way. You fellows who were at the meeting are going to deserve ^{the} a credit for putting over my campaign if it is successful, and I have every reason now to believe that it will be. I am getting letters from all over the state telling me that I am the leading candidate in each community.

I feel certain that I am going to win.

We are opening headquarters at Topeka later this week and we will then be in closer touch with you.

Very truly yours,

Clyde M. Reed

Clyde M. Reed

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July 6, 1938

Mr. H. A. Meyer,
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Hub:-

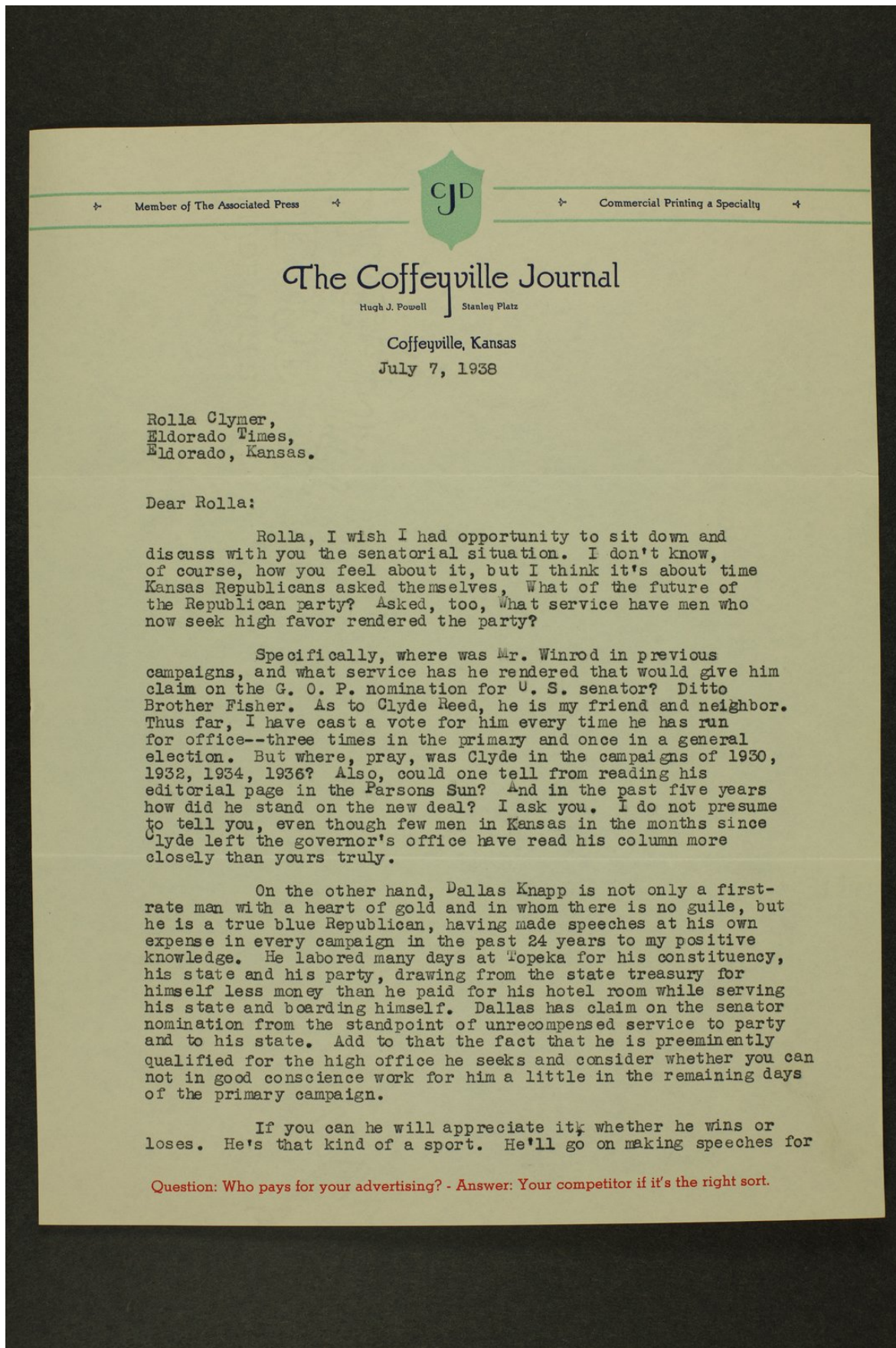
Enclosed is the copy of an editorial I have written on the subject matter you enclosed in your letter of a few days ago. I want you to see it before publication, and wish--if you think necessary--that you blue pencil it to suit your taste.

I am leaving Friday afternoon for several days, so will ask that you get it back to me not later than Friday morning, if possible. I can use it that day or Saturday. And do not be mealy-mouthed about making suggestions. I want the stuff I write in behalf of your association to please you and the other boys. This is one of the small ways in which I can help.

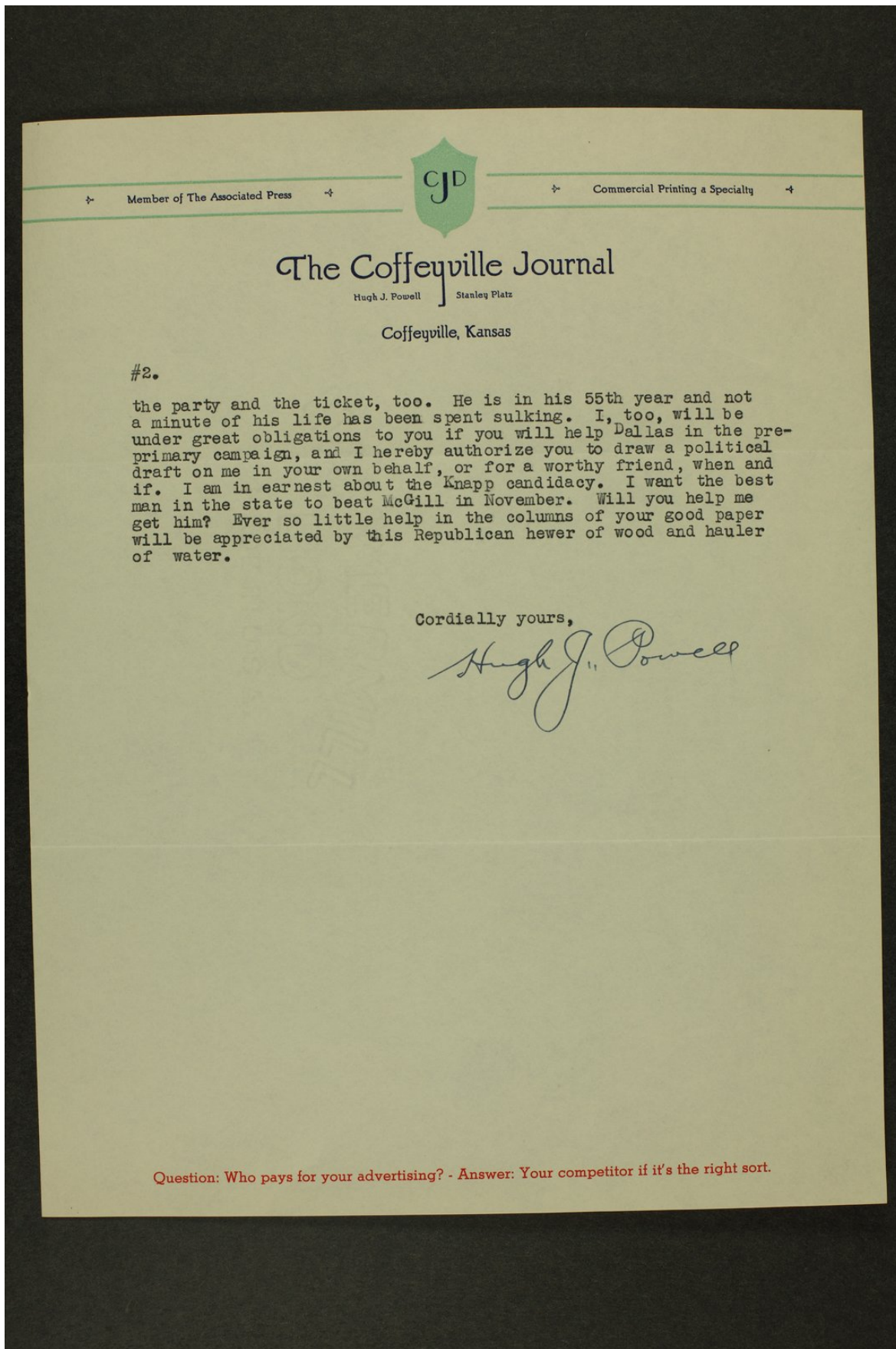
I heard the other day that the employees of the conservation division are being forced to use Pennsylvania oil in their cars. I cannot divulge the source of my information; it might cause one of our good friends to lose a job. But you lads can look it up and, if verified, it should be effective. I would like to have the opportunity of firing a blast on that point--which is just in line with the plea we are now making, as sounded in this editorial and otherwise.

I always enjoy hearing from you. Let it be often
Sincerely,

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July 7, 1938

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

Dear Rolla:

I have yours of July 6th and hasten to reply. It is the talent you have -- you certainly ring the bell. The editorial is a peach. I have taken the liberty of making an insertion or two. If you feel the little changes I have made are too strong do not hesitate to eliminate them. I hope you can run this Friday for the sooner the better. Please send me several tear sheets.

Again, many thanks for your fine cooperation. I knew you would come through when I sent you those figures.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Meyer

HAM:h

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July 7, 1938.

The Aetna Building and Loan Association,
Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen;

Re: R. A. Clymer -
Dwelling and garage policies at 1019 South Denver.
Home policy #1967 - \$4000.00 on dwelling.
Travelers policy #O 17193. - \$2000.00 on dwelling and
\$500.00 on garage.

The above numbered policies are enclosed for your files. Please
acknowledge receipt of same.

Your regular form mortgage clause is attached to each policy.

Very truly yours,
Smith-Truman and Co., Inc.,
By *Murray M. Gilkerson*

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Santa Fe, July 7, 1838

Dear Boss:

Well how goes the recession, depression, hot weather and all ? Haven't heard from you in some time and miss your letters.

The old town is about the same. Everything going along in about the same manner. The so-called depression has hit us less than most places. While we are not declaring any dividends we are making the grade very well considering the national setback. Foreign advertising is shot, but we are getting lots of local as you can see by the paper.

The ^{Barnes} ~~are~~ are all well and working as usual.

Thelma is expecting to drive back east next month. She will take her mother with her. They expect to visit in Michigan and Canada.

You remember my friend Dr. McInture, I believe he was in the state health department when you were here. He is at the University hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan undergoing a series of operations, which will finally result in the loss of eight ribs, in an effort to halt a bad case of TB.

I received a telegram from his wife several days ago in which she said he had undergone the first of the operations and had so far made a very favorable recovery. There will be two more. Each time the surgeons remove two ribs. *Four the first time.*

The force is about the same. John is kept busy with his local accounts and for that matter few of us have much time to loaf.

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There has been little or no turnover in the ~~xxxxxx~~ composing room. Eubank is still foreman. He threatens to quit every day, but ~~xxxxx~~ could not be pried loose from the job.

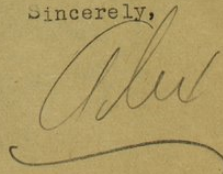
Calla and Art are turning in the copy as usual. I guess you know Hesch went to the Sentinel. We hired Charles Piatt to take his place and he is a much better man. Works harder and gets lots more local news.

Guess we have about the best force in the country, yes, I know - am ~~xxxxxx~~ talking too loud and knocked on wood. Can't tell, I might get the gate almost any minute. These jobs are fickle things. Have been doing quite a bit of writing on the side. Sold three stories to a New York outfit last month. Just got a copy of their paper, the Sunday News and found that I have been ghost writing. That matters little as they pay well.

Have thought a lot of the Taos proposition, but Baca will not sell unless he can dictate the policy and that is, on the face of it, out of the question.

Well guess had better quit and get to work. Have only done ten hours today and have about five more to put in before calling it a day. We are looking forward to seeing you in Santa Fe soon.

Sincerely,



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G. R. TUTTLE, President

A. E. TUTTLE, Secretary

1919
Wyandotte Street

G. R. TUTTLE, INC.

Manufacturers
PRINTERS ROLLERS

Phone
Victor 9118

Kansas City, Mo.

July 8, 1938

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
C/o Eldorado Times,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Rolla:

Say you, I want to try out a new kind of canvas covered roller for feeds and fountains, and knowing I can get a true report from your gang, I want you to ship me one or two Duplex Cores. There will be no charge for this; it will be a favor to me, besides if they work and I feel sure they will, you will have a free roller.

Sincerely,

G. R. TUTTLE, INC

GRT:C

By *GRT*

P. S. We will even pay the freight.

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July 8, 1938

Montgomery Ward & Company,
Chicago, Illinois

Attention Mr. John A. Martin, Space Buyer

Dear Sirs:-

We are pleased to accede to your request, dated July 5, 1938, in which you ask certain information concerning our publication. Our local advertising rate schedule and a breakdown of our circulation are enclosed on separate sheets. Answering your query as to the space used by some of our larger advertisers during the period from September 1, 1937, through June 30, 1938, we list the followings:

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| J. C. Penney Company | - - - | 6000 inches |
| Levinson Dept. Store | - - - | 5000 inches |
| Powell Hardware & Furniture Company | - - - | 5100 inches |
| Haberlein Clothing Store | - - - | 4983 inches |
| Tolle Furniture Co. | - - - | 5000 inches |
| Graves Drug Stores | - - - | 5250 inches |
| David Hardware Co. | - - - | 3800 inches |
| Brown Shore Co. | - - - | 3200 inches |
| Wiley & McCall Shoe Co. | - - - | 3200 inches |

We trust this information will prove satisfactory.

We have always enjoyed the most pleasant relations with your El Dorado store and trust that we may continue to service your company for many more years.

Sincerely yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY
per

Rolla Clymer correspondence



HAROLD McGUGIN

HAROLD MCGUGIN

Candidate for
REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR

Coffeyville, Kansas
July 8, 1938

Not affiliated with any
group or faction within
the party. Just a plain
Republican seeking a Re-
publican nomination for
Governor.

Mr. R. A. Clymer
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Enclosed is a new mat of Mr. McGugin.
You may use it as often as you like, and we hope
you may have occasion to use it following the
primary.

Enclosed, too, are some recent edito-
rial comments and Mr. McGugin's schedule through
July 26.

We thank you for past favors and shall
appreciate any consideration given the enclosed
matter.

Best wishes.

Sincerely

Neil Bird McGugin

Mrs. Harold McGugin

NBM/jc
Enc.

*I. S. Have been completely recovered under
for the past few weeks. I was almost cat
for awhile but have learned to do on 4 hrs.
sleep a night very well. and I am going
strong again. I have missed not hearing from
you. And how are you? Has Dr. Roberts helped?*

*Can you do anything with Jack Harris? I
tried but he won't even answer me. Sent him your
editorial, and told him I thought his Hutchinson people would*

Not affiliated with any group or faction within the party. Just a plain Republican seeking a Republican nomination for Governor. I like it, or he could try to make a better one, but the shublem little said word I said it -



NIMMO, HEATH & HITCHCOCK
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUITE 615 WALTER P. STORY BLDG.
610 SOUTH BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES
TRINITY 5391

July 8, 1938

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
c/o The El Dorado Times,
118 East Central Avenue,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Ellina C. Murdock has requested me to prepare certain documents for her in reference to her property in El Dorado. I thought that you might be willing to give me some assistance in this regard.

I need to identify the real property in El Dorado on which the Times Building is located, either by legal description or by local street address. If there should be any difficulty about ascertaining the legal description, the street address will suffice. Is the street address of the property 118 East Central Avenue, or does it include any other numbers?

Mrs. Murdock, I understand, has a small ownership in The El Dorado Times or in The Times Publishing Company. Can you advise me of the nature and extent of this interest? For example, if the newspaper is owned and operated by The Times Publishing Company, her ownership is probably in that company, and, if the company is incorporated, it may consist of certain shares of its capital stock. I assume that the company, if incorporated, is a Kansas corporation.

Thanking you for any trouble or inconvenience which this inquiry may occasion you, I am,

Very truly yours,

William H. Hitchcock
WILLIAM H. HITCHCOCK

WHH-PK

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July 8, 1938

Mr. Hugh J. Powell,
Coffeyville, Kansas

My Dear Hugh:-

Thanks for your letter. I am leaving town and do not have time enough to answer it promptly. But I want you to know that I have been rather "sucked into" support of Freed on account of what we folks in this region think is a real Windred menace. I have been unable to discover that Dallas Knapp's campaign was taking hold. I like him and was prepared to support him. But it has seemed--and who knows anything for certain in these confusing days?--that he could not win the nomination. So I signed the Reed petition at Emporia a week ago today--and am not happy about it.

I, too, wish we could sit down and talk. But, lacking that privilege, please give me the credit for doing what I thought was best under hard circumstances. I know the Reed weaknesses--and I sincerely wish that I thought Dallas had built up an adequate vote-getting machine.

Anyway, I am stronger than horseradish for Harold and will go down the line on that score. *Rolla Clymer*

Sincerely your friend,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

July 9, 1938

Hon. Bert Wells, City Manager,
City Hall,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wells:

This Association, with a wide-spread membership composed not only of independent oil producers and royalty owners but land owners, merchants and those engaged in the professions and other businesses, has as one of its primary objectives the securing of a fair part of the common oil market for Kansas oil. Kansas has been and is being discriminated against by certain major interstate purchasers in their apparent unwillingness to allocate to Kansas an equitable part of the oil market between states.

This objective of the Association merits the support of all Kansans for it is a matter of vital concern to the welfare of the State.

May we invite your attention to the attached copy of editorial from the El Dorado Times of July 8th which brings home the seriousness of this situation and suggest that the City of Wichita join in a constructive move toward improving the market for Kansas oil by requiring that all gasoline, distillate, Diesel fuel and fuel oil used on public works be manufactured from Kansas crude.

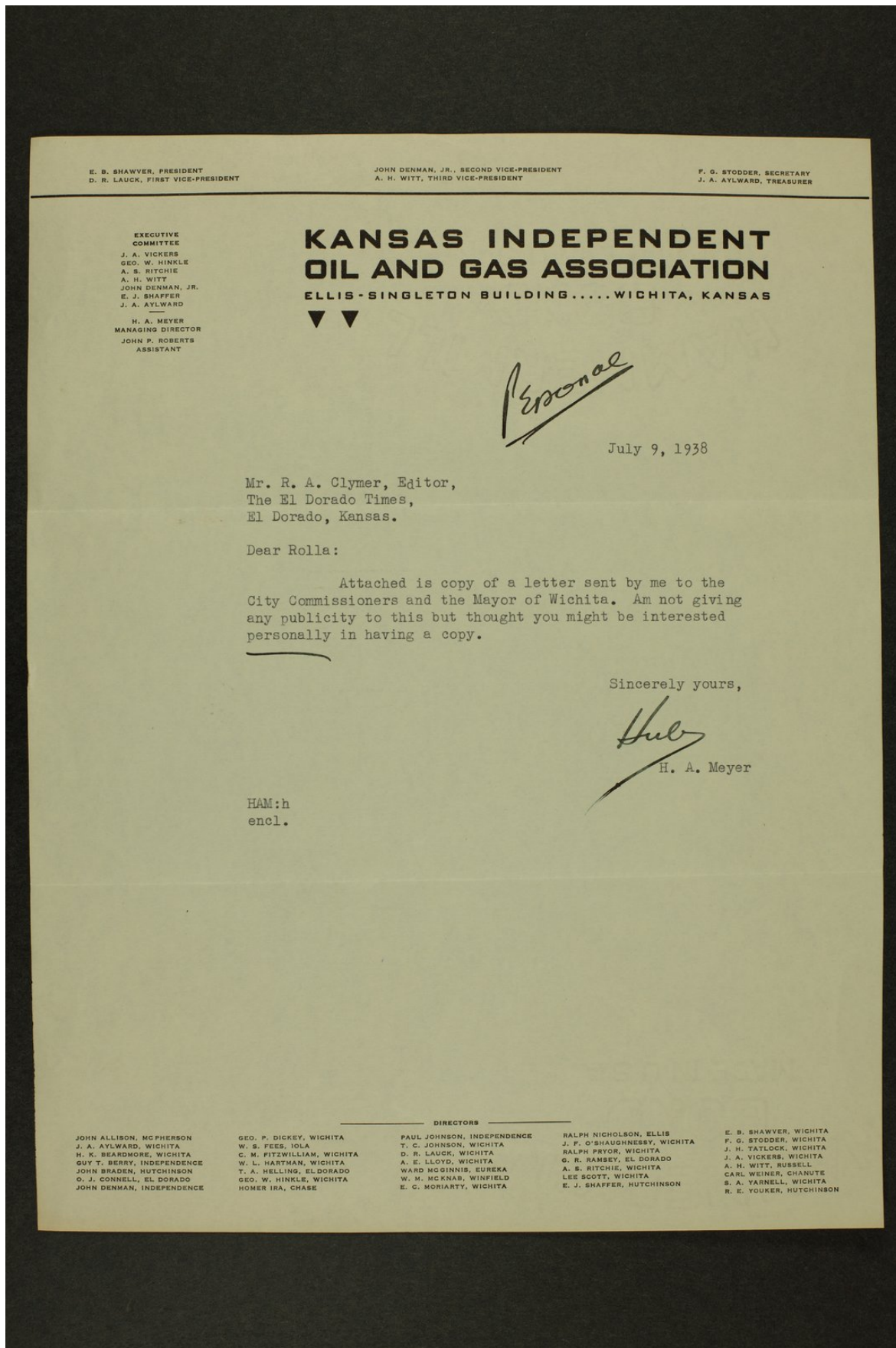
Sincerely yours,

H. A. Meyer

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excuse pencil ① St Louis Mo
July - 9-38

Friend Clymer:
Under separate cover am sending
you a copy of our regular addition
"Union Labor Advocate" together with
the regular yearly edition of the
Union Labor Directory. Don't think
there is over 20 lines of hand composed
type in the two editions. The comp.
is done on a model 26. Lino. with

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right + left, ^{+ center} quadder and saw
attachment, 4 magazine mixer.
The advertising runs about \$2750⁰⁰
in the two publications for the
July 1st issue. The paper itself is
published the 1st + 15th of the
month and the directory is
an annual. Business has
been "awful" for the past
two years, but I think it

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it has started the climb³
back, hope so. Heard in
two news you had purchased
a blue steak - some machine - some
machinery. Regards to all the
boys and good luck & best
wishes to yourself & family as
well as the Times.

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Dewitt is managing a West Coast
show. "Circus" or was the last
time I heard from him. We
haven't a base ball representative
in the big leagues. We have
one ball player on two teams
"Dewey Wucky" Medwick
5111^A Palm St. Best wishes
V.J. Auland

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THOMAS AMORY LEE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
NEW ENGLAND BLDG.
TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 9, 1938

Rolla Clymer,
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

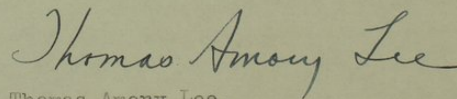
From our past experience I know of your active interest in the welfare of the Republican party in both State and National affairs. If you have not already made up your mind as to the best candidate to support for Governor at the primary election, I wish to urge upon you the candidacy of Charles W. Thompson. He understands the needs of both the farmer and the business man.

It is important for the party that we should set to one side our own personal preferences and consider who has the best chances of being elected in November.

As Gerald Gordon said in his statement withdrawing from the race, "It has become increasingly apparent, that, in order to win the election in November, it is necessary for the Republican nominee to be one against whom there is no personal animosity of any sort or nature from any faction or group. Governor Thompson is the candidate upon whom every faction of the party can unite. His nomination assures his election."

I should appreciate hearing from you and trust that this letter will not be distasteful to you.

Very truly yours,



Thomas Amory Lee.

TAL/n

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GOV. JAY W. LANDROCK, CHAIRMAN
LAKIN, MEADE, TOPEKA
GILES R. ATHERTON, EL DORADO
LEE SABRAH, INDOLE

STATE OF KANSAS



FORESTRY, FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

GILES R. ATHERTON, VICE CHAIRMAN

EL DORADO, KANSAS

Cook Minn.

July 9 1938

Dear Clymer:-

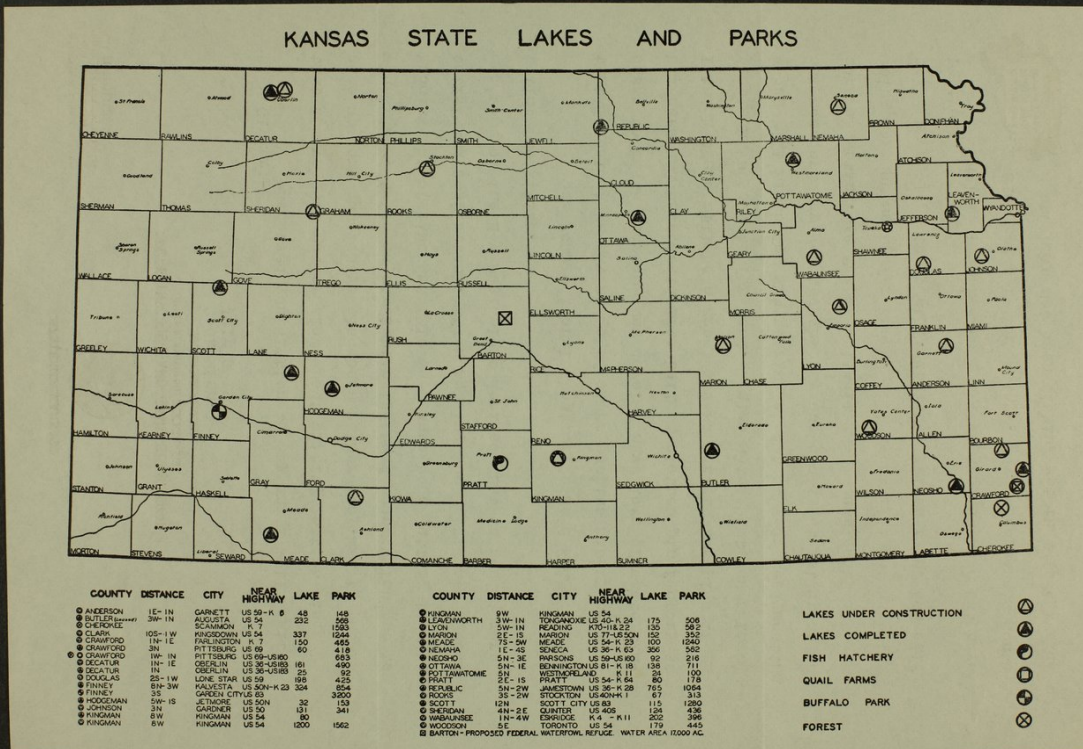
Received your letter to day and I will admit that I have been rather slow about writing letters since I came up here but I have also been rather busy. Had to put in a new dock, tried to straighten the boat house which the ice knocked out of line and this week have been putting in a new toilet and septic tank. After reading the Presidents speech and some of the New Deal plans decided that we needed more toilet facilities.

Saw your editorial about Clyde Reed and decided that I would take advantage of other peoples misery as that seems to be the custom now days. I have lots of waste timber here and have decided to build a clothes pin factory as I think there will be a great demand for clothes pins if people have to vote for Reed. I also noted what you said about Bill Littowich ~~not~~ wearing a coat at your Reed meeting and wondered how you thought any one could get het up at such a meeting. As for me while it may be useless I am going down swinging for Knapp. I at least will not have to make an apology to my self. You know "First thine own self be true".

Well we have had some bad weather up here but have also had a few nice days. Have been here a month and have not been fishing yet that is out side



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GOV. ALF. M. LANDOW, CHAIRMAN
LAKIN MEADE, TOPICKA
GILES R. ATHERTON, EL DORADO
LEE LARABEE, LIBERAL

STATE OF KANSAS



FORESTRY, FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
GILES R. ATHERTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN
EL DORADO, KANSAS

of the boat house. Dr. Parsons is here now and we are going out next week.

Hi Heaps was up to see me the first of the week he has a new Cruiser and it is swell. Think he and his family are going to vote for Khapp.

Am going down to Virginia wed. to make up my Rotary attendance.

Give Jim my regards and tell him if he comes up to see his son to be sure to come and see me.

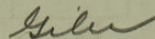
Like the letters that Harrison is putting out for the B.L. think he will get people to like him.

Sibyl wishes to be remembered to you and your family.

Write when you get the time for I like to hear from you.

Kindest regards to you and the rest,

Yours



Tell Jim if he is going to kill that gopher he will have to get a hunting license.



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Clyde M. Reed Candidate for the Republican Nomination

August Primary 1938

United States Senator

HEADQUARTERS, HOTEL KANSAN, TOPEKA, KANSAS



Topeka, Kans.
July 11, 1938.

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E. B. Shaffer, Madison
L. A. Ladd, Eureka
Drew McLaughlin, Paola
Ed Thompson, Parsons

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
El Dorado, Kans.

Dear Rollo:-

Confirming press reports, I advise that the Reed-for-Senator Headquarters is now open and proceeding with business. The address is 208 Kansan Hotel - the phone number is 2-3050.

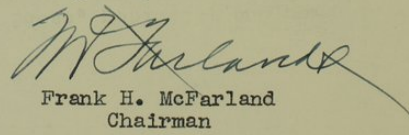
Radio contracts have been made, the publicity department is under way, the typewriters are busy sending out letters.

We need ideas, publicity and names of prospective supporters. How about a Reed-for-Senator Club in your community? Try to get someone interested in organizing one. It is effective in stirring up interest. If you can see about having a few window cards put up, we will appreciate it.

Most of all, we need some idea of what is going on. The polls so far give us a big lead.

Please drop a line now and then to us at Headquarters, or better still, come in. We are having a lot of fun and with your help we will have a winner to point to with pride.

Regards,



Frank H. McFarland
Chairman

FM/b

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HAROLD MCGUGIN

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Candidate for
REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR

Coffeyville, Kansas

July 11, 1938

Not affiliated with any group or faction within the party. Just a plain Republican seeking a Republican nomination for Governor.

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Enclosed is Harold's schedule for the entire week of July 18. He will speak in Augusta, Saturday, July 23, at 3:00 P.M.

He will speak on the street by sound car. Such consideration as you can give this meeting will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

Mae Bird McGugin
Mrs. Harold McGugin

NBM/jc
Enc.

*P.S. Tried to call you to-day, but
learned you were out of town
Mae*

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRIAL JOURNALISM AND PRINTING
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

July 11, 1938

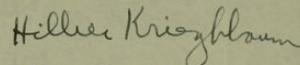
Mr. R. A. Clymer
Editor, Times
El Dorado, Kan.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Beginning with the fall semester, I will take over the course in advanced reporting at Kansas State College. For the past ten years I have been with the United Press. I am firmly convinced that the academic side of journalism should be geared as closely as possible with the actual practical problems which the students will encounter when they enter newspaper work. Thus I am seeking your cooperation and advice on suggestions as to what you feel a student in advanced reporting should have in the way of background.

For your information, in case you have not followed the work here closely, the course as given in the past dealt largely with the court house and the typical run set up found in the average Kansas city. I will appreciate greatly any reply that you wish to make and hope that if you are near Manhattan you will visit Professor Rogers or me so that we can discuss this in person.

Sincerely yours,



Hillier Krieghbaum
Assistant Professor

 **EDITOR & PUBLISHER** 
The Oldest Publishers and Advertisers Journal in America
1884 1938

July 11, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

EDITOR & PUBLISHER comes to you asking a favor.

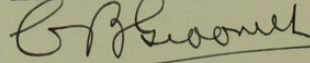
We wish to tell manufacturers -- to whom we hope to sell advertising space in the Equipment Review Supplement -- just what our circulation means in terms of buying power.

For instance, if we approach a typewriter company we would like to say -- "Readers of EDITOR & PUBLISHER buy 1,000 typewriters each year". When we approach a tire company we would like to say -- "Readers of EDITOR & PUBLISHER are a market for 93,000 tires each year."

With this in mind we attach a questionnaire. We hope you will be kind enough to fill it out and return it to us. This information will be considered confidential. No use will be made of it except the total combined figures of all newspapers cooperating with us. We shall be grateful to you for this help.

Whenever you come to New York, please make our offices your headquarters.

Cordially yours,
EDITOR & PUBLISHER


General Manager

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Inc.

P.S. As a gesture of good will for your time and trouble in answering the questions as fully as possible, we offer our classified columns for the sale of some used or old equipment at no cost to you. Return ad with the questionnaire.

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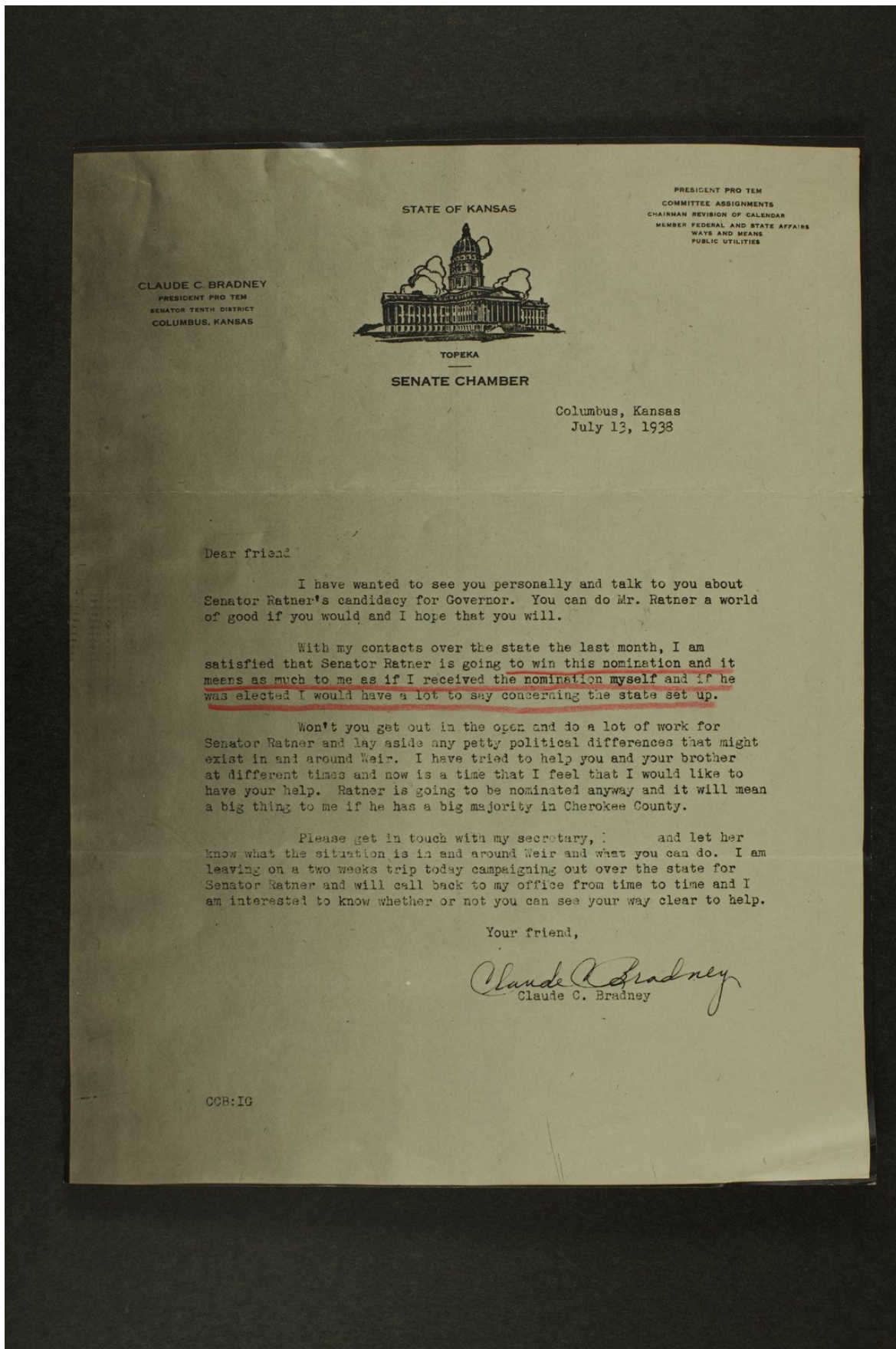
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Dear Rolla: And again,
ain't politics funny -
Brad's reason for sup-
porting Payne in tangible
form -

Again we thank ^{you} for
your most effective
help

All good wishes
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July 14, 1938

Mr. William H. Hitchcock,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hitchcock:-

My absence from town for several days has delayed answering your letter of July 8.

The Murdock property in El Dorado in which The Times is located is at 118 East Central Avenue. The legal description is Lot 7 of Lower's Addition of East Central Avenue.

The situation of the stock interest describes more explanation, and I believe should be cleared up. Here is the condition.

With the merger of the Walnut Valley Times and the El Dorado Republican in 1919, the Murdock family retained a one-eighth interest in The El Dorado Times, owned by a corporation, The Times Publishing Company, or 75 shares out of 600. Two of these shares were given by the family to M. M. Murdock, of Wichita; and to W. A. White, of Emporia, so they could represent the Murdock interests on the boards. These shares--Nos. 2 and 3 respectively on the stock book--are still held in the names of Messrs. Murdock and White. By understanding, however, they have never taken any of the earnings from the stock. It has always gone to the Murdock heirs.

The remaining shares were originally issued to Marie Antoinette Murdock--a block of 75 shares. Upon her death, this certificate was ~~with~~ cancelled and two certificates of 36½ shares each were issued to Ellina C. Murdock and Mary Alice Pattison, under date of October 13, 1922. This stock still stands in those names, though Mrs. Pattison has been dead for several years. Ellina C. Murdock has received the full income from the total interest of the 75 shares ever since her sister's death. Previously to that, such income was equally divided between the two. Mrs. Pattison once verbally instructed me, as secretary of the corporation, before her death that any earnings of The Times should go to whoever remained in the Murdock family; that none of it was to be included in the Pattison estate. The latter estate has long been closed, I understand.