

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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May 4, 1948

Mr. Angelo C. Scott
Iola, Kansas

My Dear Angelo:-

Noting the fine generosity as expressed by your letter, I shall endeavor to be ahead of time for the game Friday evening. Don't know when I can break away from here, but I should like to reach Iola between 6 or 7 o'clock and will get into touch with you at once. Harlan can't come this time; complications have set in for him, but we plan a junket later--including a golf game on your course. In line with the grasping policies which you exhibit so freely, I suppose that will mean greens fees, too--but no matter.

It will be fine to see you and your team and perhaps to watch a good, old-fashioned 18 to 13 "hurlers" duel."

This may not sound as if I am excited over the prospect but I am--and I hope everything will work out. I am also no end grateful for your interest. Harlan and I were just amused over the penurious tone of your letter, that's all.

Yours,

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ANGELO SCOTT
THE IOLA REGISTER
IOLA, KANSAS

May 4, 1948

Mr. Rolla Clymer,
ElDorado,
Kansas.

Dear Rolla:-

Anent your editorial, "Wet Wackiness"--
gracious! Is it possible you don't know or couldn't
figure out that the American Business Men's Research
Foundation of Chicago is a dry propaganda source? Haven't
you seen their cartoons reprinted in all the temperance
publications showing the ogreish liquor interests ready
to gobble up poor unsuspecting Kansas in the coming
election?

My, my, my! If I didn't love you so
much I could sure have a lot of fun with that editorial
in The Register. If you don't come over here to that
baseball game Friday like you promised, I may do it
anyway.

Yours,

Angelo

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505 New England Bldg.
Topeka, Kansas
May 4, 1948

Mr. Rolla Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

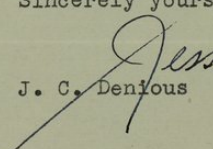
All of us were sorry that you could not be here when we were trying to arrange some material for a little pamphlet to be used in Andy's campaign.

Dolph came up from Lawrence and he and Turrentine and I worked on some material which is enclosed. I wonder if you would have time to look through this copy to see what changes you think should be made. If you can suggest any changes or substitutions or deletions which you think would make this any better, we would be delighted to have a line from you on the subject.

As we have no material in the office that we can send out and as there are quite a number of requests for something of the kind, it is important that we get this into final form promptly and get the printing done as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you in a few days, I am

Sincerely yours,


J. C. Denious

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Enc.



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4 May 1948

R.O. Clymer
Publisher
El Dorado Times
El Dorado, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed by Max Milbourn, acting head of the journalism department, that I will work on the El Dorado Times for eight weeks, beginning June 8.

I am looking forward to this opportunity to gain valuable experience as a member of the Times staff.

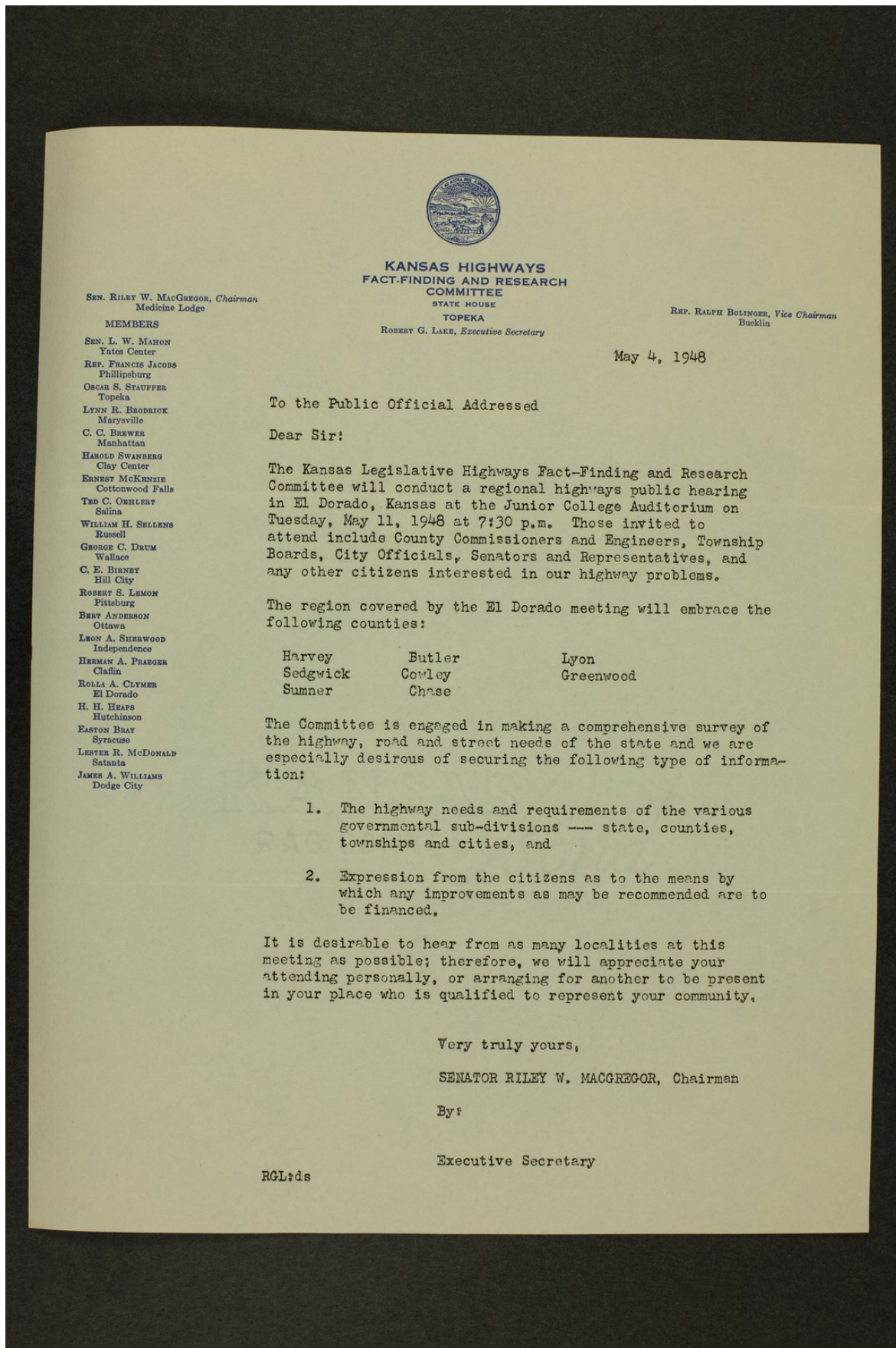
At your convenience, I would appreciate an interview, so I may become better acquainted with the Times and its staff. I am free any week-end, and would be glad to come to El Dorado on any date you specify.

Respectfully,

William E. Fein
William E. Fein

418 Hatch.

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ARTHUR J. CARRUTH, JR.
2122 WEST 17TH STREET
TOPEKA, KANSAS

May 4, 1948

Dear Rolla:-

Of course you must know how I enjoyed your
appreciative and appreciated letter of April 27.

Especially: "---you have retained a youthful mind."

Well, Rolla, there's no secret to that accomplishment--
I do it by considerable association with younger people.....
My connection with Washburn does much of that.....Our house,
facing the campus, has been a gathering place for youngsters
ever since our own young were in high school....Norma and I
built a dance floor in the third story and it was used
while the kids were in high school and college....Also a
formitory for the youngsters who "wanta stay out later than
the house mothers will allow".....Girls still come over
from the sorority houses to get a Dorothy Dix from Norma;
and the lads from the frat houses to argue with me over
Henry Wallace.

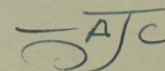
Maybe it is because we understand them--maybe it is
because we have a full ice box and cokes--maybe it is
because we listen, wide-eyed, to their yarns and problems....
and maybe it is because Norma and I never NEVER want to be
"old folks" to our children--or even our grandchildren.

Some day, no doubt, I'll get cranky and puffy and
out of sorts but, brother, when I do it'll be because I
can't see and I can't hear what is going on!

And don't forget this--despite their sophistication
and their "UNmorals", they're smart--smart and wise and
observing and far from credulous.

Knowing you are the same-----

Faithfully,



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CLAUDE C. BRADNEY
Columbus, Kansas

May 4, 1948

R. A. Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

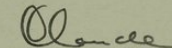
Thanks for your acknowledgement and I will be seeing you at the Clair Youse residence, 532 E. 12th St., Baxter Springs, on or about 11 A.M. Saturday, May 8.

I know it would be interesting to you to know that to date the following have accepted: Darby, Fees, Patterson, Clymer, Denious, Dale, Powell, Youse, Boss, Thomas, Brinkerhoff, Nettles, Reed, Pierson, Hanson, McCoy, Albus and myself. No answer as yet from Ernie Shawver, Wilfred Cavaness, B. M. Dunham and Blake Williamson. Have word from Roy Roberts that he will advise in the next day or so but understand he is anticipating on coming. Schoeppel, Robbins, Wes Roberts and Haynes impossible to attend.

Everything is set and ready to show you a nice time.

In behalf of the Dale, Youse, Brinkerhoff, Bradney Committee, I remain,

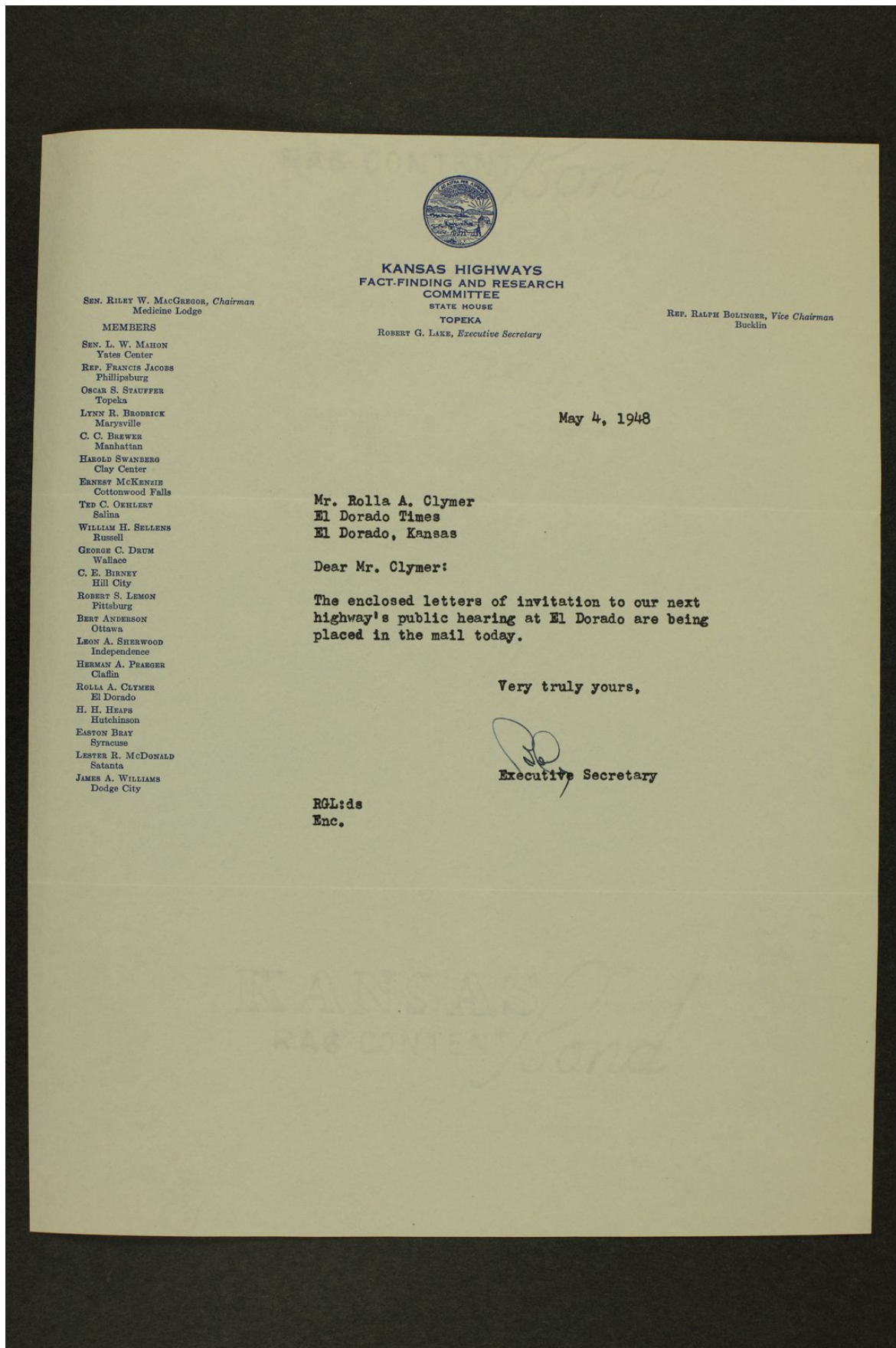
Sincerely,



Claude C. Bradney

CCB:IS

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THE BILLINGS HERALD

BILLINGS, MONTANA

P. O. Box 1565

May 4, 1948

Telephone 9-1455

Dear Ham:

I have hesitated writing you on a number of occasions since I last saw you about a year ago. In fact I have refused to burden any of my friends or relatives with the series of disappointments and reversals that have been my lot since I left the army.

As you may know I am now owner of a paper again, but I am in about the toughest spot one could find and it is no place for a guy of my age and my experience. Most young men would not tackle this venture and older men would run from it. It may be my undoing but it offers me escape for a while.

My experience in selling out in Augusta and trying to purchase the interest in the paper at Alliance was not only a discouraging move but also an expensive one. Eunice cracked up on me last summer and in my efforts to get her straightened out it cost me not only a lot of money but the good job I should have held on to until things became stabilized. The entire affair is still a nightmare to me and Eunice was not helped in the least.

Apparently there is nothing that can be done and I am practically tied up in a knot by her threats to take her life. She tried it once and I was fortunately on hand to take care of the situation. Her constant drinking and lack of respect for money has been our great difficulty. Now that I am on a shoestring again will make it doubly hard for me. She seems to have the mind of a child in some things and one of them is her disregard for me and my ambitions for the entire family. She never will quit resenting the fact I left for the wars when I could have stayed at home. I admit that mistake on my part but at that time I was practically in the same shape I am now. Perhaps I am the one who has been in the wrong but I certainly have been trying to beat back.

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THE BILLINGS HERALD

BILLINGS, MONTANA

P. O. Box 1565

Telephone 9-1455

I don't think there is anything that anybody can do regarding my great problem. I have hinted to Ralph, her brother, that he could help by influencing Eunice. She now resents the fact that she sold her interest in the Tiller and Toiler to Ralph and says that he forced the deal on her. That money has long been spent by her. I have also given Bobbie some hints of my difficulties but she knows that Eunice resents any interference, so she keeps still. The irony of the entire situation is that she could be the greatest help to me now when I need it. Knowing that you were always very close to Eunice I don't want you to think that I am asking for your help as there is nothing that anyone can do to help. It's hell to be blackmailed like I am by her threats. I should have cracked up myself long ago.

I bought this sheet here as it was the only thing I could finance. I have also had to buy a home so that there will be a roof for that tribe of mine. All in all it took about all my ready cash. I am still optimistic and have faith in my ability to do something with this small property. I have made a lot of friends here the past month and have captured considerable reader interest and confidence. I have the only independent newspaper in Billings and one of the seven in Montana. The Anaconda mining interests own or control all the rest. Fate may force me to sell out to them, too. My plant is about like the Augusta Gazette but much of the machinery is old and tired. It's like starting all over again and the fact that I must work 16 hours a day keeps my mind off my individual troubles.

I am sorry that I am turning into a person who passes his troubles on to his friends. I am so used to making light of my troubles but I am afraid that condition will never be mine again. My first concern are those five kids of ours. They have not had a pleasant time for months and I certainly want things to improve for them. Possibly they will all get a break soon.

Give my regards to all my good friends in Kansas.

P.S. I plan to move the
family here where school is sup.
OK

Sincerely,

Chet Shore.

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ANGELO SCOTT
THE IOLA REGISTER
IOLA, KANSAS

May 5, 1948.

Dear Rolla:

If you are planning to come over Friday by yourself and expect to get here between 6 and 7, then you must eat dinner with us. We'll plan it for 6:30 and my wife will beat you over the head with a frying pan if you're more than ten minutes late--gently, that is.

And why don't you stay all night? We have a very fine spare bed room. We also have running water and inside toilet. And it will give me time after the game to explain just why we didn't do better than we did.

If something comes up that you can't possibly get away in time to eat with us, please call me from ElDorado so my wife won't beat me with the skillet. If no call, we'll expect you.

Love,

Angelo

P. S.: Please note I have made no mention at all of the great expense this extra supper and breakfast will put me to, not to mention the laundering of two clean sheets. Where to you get that "mercenary" stuff?

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CARL ACKARMAN
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
OFFICE OVER FIRST NATIONAL BANK
PHONE 33
SEDAN, KANSAS

REFERENCE: FIRST NATIONAL BANK

May 5, 1948

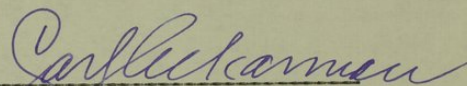
Rolla Clymer
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Sir:

When I gave you that notation on the Thirteenth Judicial District of Kansas, in checking the matter over I noticed that the name of one Judge was left out. It should be M. G. Troup, 1889 - - 1893.

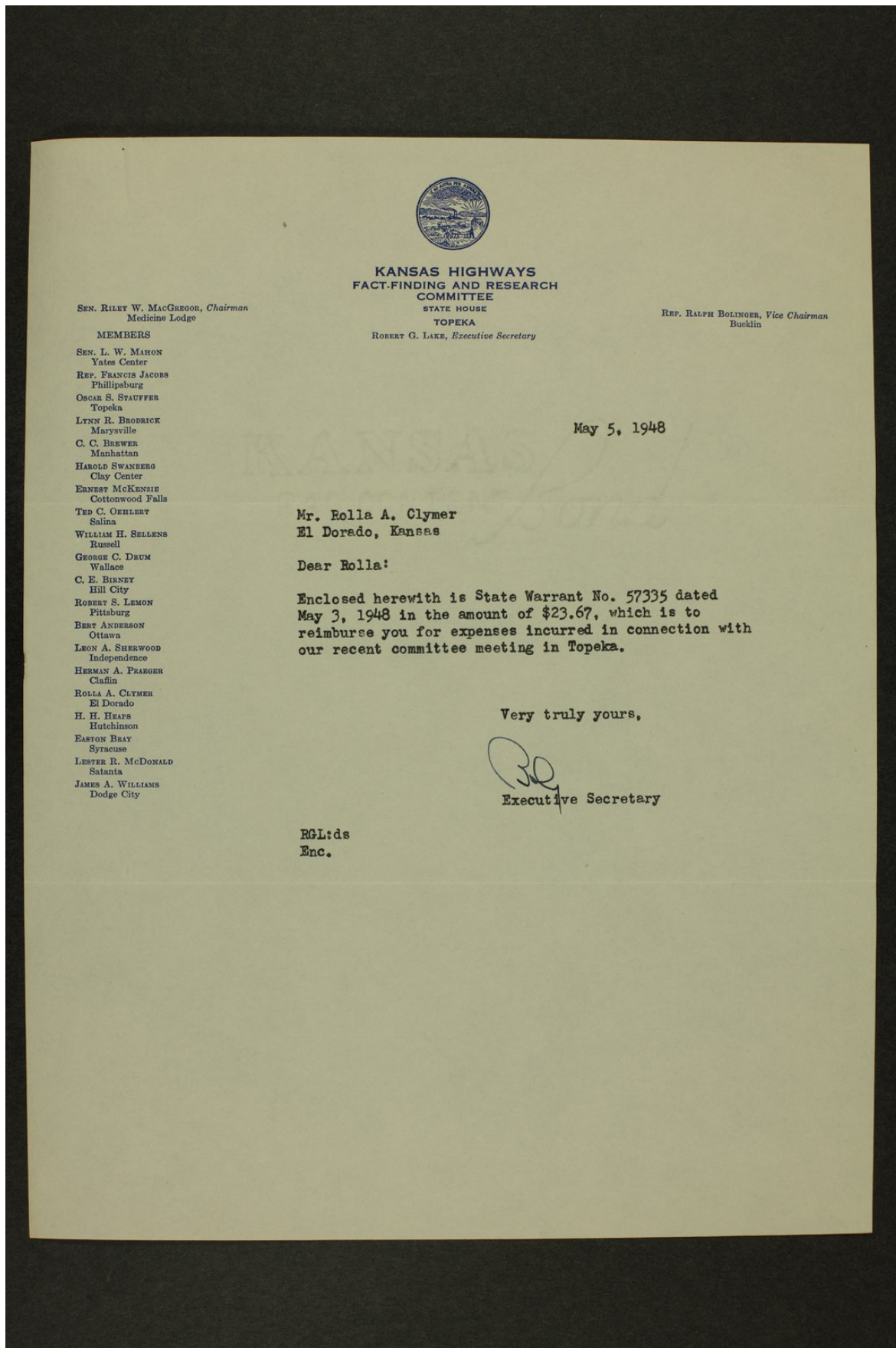
I am sorry this was overlooked. As I told you yesterday if you can make any use of it you are perfectly welcome to it, and if there is any further information I can give you, advise me and I will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,


Judge, 13th Judicial District
Division No. 1.

CA/rs

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May 6, 1948

Mr. Perry Strait
Leon, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Strait:-

By mistake of our billing office,
a statement was sent you for your political announcement.
I wish you would please disregard it. As I told you, there
will be no charge by us for your announcement--and that's
the way I intend the matter to stand. I regret that the
statement was sent, but please tear it up and forget it.

I shall be glad to see you and hear about the
progress of your campaign any time you are in El Dorado.

Sincerely yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 6, 1948

Dear Angelo:-

Thanks so much for your invitation to dinner tomorrow evening. I accept gladly, and will try hard to make that 6:30 deadline. If I get hung up in any way and see that I am going to be late, I shall do as you suggest--and give you a ring.

It is also more than kind of you to ask me to stay all night. Walt Fees said when he phoned me a week ago that he wanted me to stay at his house, "Provided, we don't have company. In that latter event, I shall reserve you a room at the hotel." You can see by this that I am dependent upon Walt's "company" as to whether I shall stay at his house, or not. I think we plan to leave early Saturday morning, and I would dislike to be a bother to you and Mrs. Scott. Let's just permit this part of it to rest for the time being, if that's all right with you. But I am still no end grateful.

The "mercenary" part of it came with your first letter, wherein you said that if Harlan and I were on time for the game, then you would have tickets for us. If not, we were to go to the window and buy our own tickets but could still sit in your box. We both giggled over that one, and I promised to Harlan to rub it in a bit. I truly hope it didn't raise any rash.

If matters work out for me properly tomorrow, I should like to pull out of here by 4 p. m. That ought to get me into Iola in plenty of time for the evening. I am looking forward to all the fun with a great deal of anticipation.

Gratefully yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 6, 1948

Mr. J. C. Denious
Schoepfel Headquarters
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Jess:-

I have been over the copy for the folder and see nothing wrong with it. In fact, I think it is a fine piece of work and will make a valuable circular for this stage of the campaign. Am sorry I had to miss out on having a helping hand in the preparation of this copy, but doubtless there will be something later on in which I can take a part. As you know, I shall be more than glad to be of any assistance possible.

I might remind you that we have a job printing shop here, and just installed a handsome new automatic press. If you ever get into a jam on some of your printing production, we might be able to pull you out. I thought perhaps you would like to know about the facilities we have.

I am expecting to see you, you know where, on Saturday. That sounds like a good gang and it ought to be able to make some real medicine.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 7, 1948

Mr. William E. Fein
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fein:-

I was glad to receive your letter today. We are looking forward to having you associated with us for eight weeks, beginning June 8.

I am not going to be in town this week-end and may not be here the next one. I suggest that you come to El Dorado when you can and have a talk with Lawrence Klintworth, our news editor. If you will, you might write him direct specifying the day and time when you expect to be here. If you should come after office hours, his residence is at 418 North Atchison street.

I should like to confer with you myself, but my movements are a little problematical the next week or two. So come along and see Klintworth--and you and I will get together when we can. I think this is going to be a great arrangement and am enthusiastic about it.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 7, 1948

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fleeson:-

I wrote you on April 3, sending you a copy of our audit under separate cover, suggesting that we could have our annual meeting at any time to suit your convenience. I have not heard from you in the meantime, and am wondering now if you shall be able to fix a meeting date for the near future. Mrs. Adams has asked about the matter once or twice recently.

Very truly yours,



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May Eighth
Nineteen Forty Eight

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

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Belatedly, this will acknowledge and reply to your letter of April 26th, with which you so kindly enclosed two copies of The El Dorado Times of February 27, 1948, which contained your very splendid editorial entitled "Just Another Tax".

We certainly do appreciate your courtesy in granting us permission to reprint your editorial and to utilize it in any other way we saw fit. And -- one of the purposes of this letter is to advise you that we are now of the feeling that very wide distribution should be given to the editorial throughout the State of Kansas.

To start an effectuation of this thought, we have prepared an 8½" x 11" planographed take-off of the editorial, and we are herewith enclosing a copy of same for your inspection. You will note that we have, in a condensed form, carried the masthead as shown on page 8 of The Times, and then have taken the lefthand editorial column, cut it in half, and placed the two halves side by side. The planograph makes a very presentable and readable leaflet, and also carries all pertinent information with respect to the issue of the paper in which the editorial appeared.

Incidentally, several people to whom I have shown the editorial page felt that the Bible Thought just above the editorial was a very important part, if not the most important part, of the editorial thought which was intended to be conveyed.

At the moment, we have only had 1500 copies of this planograph made for distribution to Association Members and petroleum industry representatives in Kansas. Our thought was, however, that, if you did not object to the utilization of the planograph in the form as enclosed, we might make a very much wider distribution of same, particularly in the oil counties. I will appreciate it if you will advise me whether or not you have any objection to our handling the matter in this way. If you do not feel that this planograph should be so distributed, we will of course be glad to abide by your wishes.

Again assuring you of our appreciation for your many courtesies, and hoping that if you visit the International Petroleum Exposition week after next you will not fail to call on me, I am

Sincerely,

Clarel B. Mapes
Secretary.

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THE EL DORADO TIMES

EL DORADO, KANSAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1948

PAGE EIGHT

OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER

OFFICIAL CITY PAPER

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TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

We sometimes covet that which is tawdry and harmful. We
should learn to appreciate the difference between gold and brass,
between tinzel and jewels, between temporal and eternal.—
1 Cor. 12:31: Covet earnestly the best gifts.

JUST ANOTHER TAX

A determined drive is being made by groups and communities in Kansas—chiefly from those who think they wouldn't have to pay it—for a severance tax on minerals. While such tax, if approved, would be levied against all minerals—coal, zinc, lead, salt or any other—its advocates are aiming it principally at oil and gas production, for that is where the big money lies. The 1949 legislature will have to meet the question head on again, as several legislatures in the past have done.

The main trouble with the severance tax proposal, in spite of all the high and holy support with which it is bolstered, is that it is just another tax. The tax-eaters have about run out of soap. Fifteen years, or more ago, the same tribe proclaimed with siren voices that if Kansas could just operate under the workings of a state income tax, all its tax troubles would be over. They got it. But in half a dozen years, they were back again hammering at the door for a sales tax—again to end all our tax woes. They got that, too. But still they seek more taxes. They squirm at paying ad valorem taxes for increased schools' benefit—because that costs them. What they want, of course, is to be able to pass along the enhanced expense of public business to some other source—and a nice, fat goat is ready at hand. So they hit on the severance tax on minerals, singling out the coal and oil and gas industries chiefly as objects of their designing. They will move heaven and earth to gain their ends—and the oil and gas country should be well aware of their strident insistence.

It matters not that the oil and gas industry—which will be especially considered in this discussion—is one of the heaviest taxed industries in the state's economy, the tax-eaters want to dig it again. Every barrel of oil produced in Kansas for last year is being assessed this year on an annual basis of \$650, at the ad valorem rate. This is effectually the

severance tax itself—the only difference being that the tax money raised therefrom goes to the counties in which the oil was produced, instead of to the state.

Every severance tax proposal yet made in Kansas was for a levy (usually 5 per cent.) on oil taken, or severed, from the ground IN LIEU OF any other direct tax on the producer. This provision would literally ruin the financial setup of more than half the 105 counties in Kansas, for 64 of them produce oil and/or gas. Take away the oil-tax revenue from Butler County, for example, and its income would be depleted to the point where it could hardly operate. The same is true of most of the other 63 oil and gas producing counties of the state. Moreover, scores of school districts in oil productive areas derive a major portion of their support from gas and petroleum taxes. The "in lieu of" provisions of all severance tax proposals to date would cause widespread financial chaos in Kansas. Yet the severance tax boosters are blithely unconcerned about that feature—do not even mention it in their impassioned arguments—so long as they can get their hands on a new source of tax money.

The severance tax flag-flappers point to Oklahoma and Texas as states which impose such levy. Again, they overlook the fact that oil and gas producers there are not subject to the minimum allowable production provisions which appertain in Kansas, especially as to oil. They close their eyes to the fact that oil men pay ad valorem taxes on their production at a \$650 a barrel annual assessment valuation, that they pay ad valorem taxes on all equipment and tools, that they are subject to sales tax for everything they purchase and still pay generously in income taxes on whatever they might happen to have left.

Severance tax apostles speak in horrified accents of Kansas mineral products going out of the state where somebody else can make a profit on them. But it's the outside market that makes prices good in Kansas—and the same holds true for every item in the agricultural domain. If this state depended upon its own consumption for its products, both mineral and agricultural, Kansas economy would be at a far lower prosperity pitch than it is today. This is only one of the specious arguments that the severance tax boys and girls are conjuring up for their pet proposal.

The truth is they are at the end of their rope. They have run out of special taxes. If they don't get the severance tax, they are going to have to spend their own money for some of their ambitious projects—or, perish the thought, quit spending. They are confident that if they get the severance tax, they will be in the clear for another five or ten years. By that time, maybe some other special group will have developed which they can exploit.

Meantime, they sound the trump for the severance tax—which is just another tax, even as the income and the sales taxes were just other taxes, brought forth and clothed in much the same attractive guise that the severance taxers are parading today.

The 64 oil and gas producing counties of Kansas should be wary for once. The severance tax, if it should happen to be applied, is going to cost them—plenty!

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WICHITA 2, KANSAS

May 8, 1948.

Mr. R. A. Clymer,
c/o Times Publishing Company,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 7 in
reference to the annual meeting.

Inasmuch as it has waited this long, unless
you have serious objections, I would like the annual
meeting to wait until around the middle of June. It
so happens that we are finishing up our court work
and then I have a week or ten days of court in Fort
Scott, commencing June 1. This is taking up most of
my time.

Have you started constructing the radio
station? I am very anxious to see it get into operation
as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs.
Adams.

Very truly yours,

Howard T. Fleeson

HTF/h

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 10, 1948

Mr. Ed F. Arn, Attorney General
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Ed:-

We have finished printing your placards, and Neutman would like to know if you want us to ship them to you at Topeka, or whether someone will call for all, or part, of them as was the case two years ago. Neutman is a little crowded for room and would like to have the cards move out as soon as is convenient for your purposes. He isn't going to throw them in the street, you understand, but would like to begin delivery as soon as that can be arranged. I haven't seen the cards but Neutman says the press work came out all right.

Please let us have your instructions when you can, and we will do the rest of it.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 10, 1948

Mr. Howard T. Fleeson
Wichita, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Fleeson:-

A date of about the middle of June for our annual meeting will suit Mrs. Adams and me. I have not been able to talk with Mrs. Starke as yet, but feel sure she will not object to a further postponement. When you are able to fix the exact time, please let me know and I shall make the necessary arrangements as well as notifying the others.

I suggest that, in the meantime, we might distribute a three (3) per cent dividend and then take what further action may seem necessary at the meeting. I believe such expedient would meet with Mrs. Adams' approval. If you agree to this proposal, please let me know and I can have the checks issued this week.

Ross Bohannon will be here tomorrow. I have had no direct word for him for about a month, and have been disturbed over the delay of the radio matter. When I learn what he has in mind, I shall let you know.

Very truly yours,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

May 10, 1948

Mr. Clarel B. Mapes, Secretary
Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Mapes:-

I have your letter and a copy of the planograph take-off of my editorial. This is an arrangement and process I have never seen before, and I think it is splendid. As I told you before, I have no objection whatever to any use you make of this article and, in fact, feel flattered that you deem it worthy of the rather wide distribution you have in mind. You may send it to the Fiji Islanders, for all of me. If those folk would vote against the severance tax, that would make me happy.

Of course, I had not noticed that the Bible Thought above that particular editorial fit into the text so smoothly. It was just one of those happen-sos that occur around a newspaper office, and I hasten to disclaim any credit for intention on my part. Usually such instances in the paper are a source of embarrassment rather than otherwise.

I want to thank you most cordially for the invitation you sent me to attend the exposition. I am not sure that I can attend but if I do, I shall certainly make your office a port of call.

Once again, I want you to know that I am grateful for the excellent use to which you are putting my little "piece," and I hope you will feel entirely fit to employ it in any way you see fit. I have no overweening sense of pride of authorship, and my only interest lies in accomplishment of the objective toward which we are headed.

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

JAMES E. SMITH, *Master*
United States Circuit Court of Appeals
Tenth Circuit
200 West Sixth Ave.
Topeka, Kansas

May 10, 1948

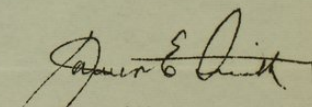
TO THE NEWSPAPER ADDRESSED:

Last week I mailed to you proof of a legal notice to all regular domestic and commercial customers of gas in towns named and shown on the proof, requesting that you publish the notice in your newspaper on Thursday, May 13.

On account of the fact that I find that several newspapers overlooked the date of publication as May 13, and through error published the notice in their paper on Thursday, May 6, I am calling the matter to your attention so that there will be no question about the publication of the notice in your newspaper on Thursday, May 13.

If by any chance you happened to overlook the date of publication as stated and have already published on May 6, then you are requested to publish the notice on May 13 in accordance with my previous request.

Yours very truly



James E. Smith

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KANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
A STATE DEPARTMENT
TOPEKA, KANSAS

MAURICE E. FAGER
DIRECTOR

May 11, 1948

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

Dear Rolla:

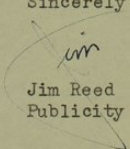
The man in the third row of the audience is on his feet with a mint in his mouth to kill his onion breath, and is ready to inform you of the amount of money Stanolind will spend at Garden City.

Stanolind officials have notified us that their investment at Garden City will be at least \$81,000,000. This figure may grow with the rising cost of construction.

I am enclosing a copy of a recent talk delivered by Mr. George B. Weeks, our Western Kansas Representative, before a group in Dodge City. I thought you would be interested in the information which concerns the chemicals to be produced by the new Stanolind plant and their many uses.

Again let me use this means of letting you know how much we appreciate all of the fine editorial comments you have given the KIDC and the state of Kansas.

Sincerely yours,


Jim Reed
Publicity Director

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May 11, 1948

Mr. C. E. Youse
Baxter Springs, Kansas

My Dear Mr. Youse:-

I did not get to see you at your home Sunday afternoon, and therefore was unable to tell you how much I appreciated and enjoyed the party at Grand Lake. I have told Fred that it was as near perfect an occasion of its sort as any could be, and reflects a great deal of credit upon the planning and generosity of you and your three associates as hosts. I was immensely grateful to be included in the list of guests, enjoyed every minute of my stay and left utterly relaxed and at peace with all the world. The two days at Grand Lake will stand out in my memory as among the most pleasant experiences of my life. For this, I owe you and the others an enormous amount of gratitude and will remember my debt.

Thanking you again in the sincerest way and with all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Rolla Clymer correspondence

El Dorado, Kansas
May 11th 1948

Mr R. A. Clymer
City-

Dear Friend:-

You will think it strange to receive a letter of this kind from me, but owing to our long friendship, I felt free to do so. By Grapevine I heard you were one who is interested in the new Radio Station which is being considered. And if there is any foundation for this report, I am wondering about the possibility of you having a 'Receptionist'; - you well know I do not have a College degree (only in years) and am not a typist. - but I think I could meet the public in a satisfactory manner. as I have had some experience in that line. The prospect of a new Nurses Home in 1945- at the time I came here, was the one thing stressed, when Miss Bowman came to see me - and it influenced me to be coming. These houses are getting to a place where they are not in a livable condition cold - open - plaster - poor etc - and with half of the student nurses completing their training by Jan 1st 1949. we will not have enough students to continue with a training school, unless we can get a good big enrollment for Sept 1st Class which

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we are trying to do. I expect you & the Hospital Board know this, and might not ^{be} so well pleased with this kind of a report - but this is a true picture of the set-up here. I have said nothing about not staying - only in talking to Miss Bowman - that if something seemed attractive to me in some other position I might be interested - and she always says I don't know how long I will be here. Now she is really tops but the Director of Nurses is anything else. My hours are very long - 6 a.m. until 11:30 or later 7 days a week. I have one day a week, and two weeks vacation each year. - and I am the type who assumes too much responsibility in regard to my girls. - Well - if you think I could qualify in the event there is such an opening - I would be very grateful for any recommendation you could give me - (I do not care to have Miss Bowman or "Kirk" - to know about this complaint in regard to conditions here.)

Very Respectfully
Grace H. Templeton.

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Dear Angelo:-

Here is a little piece from my column of today which may tend to remove a portion of the curse that attaches to my name in Iola. I hope it is sufficiently suitable so that you can use it as another in the exchange of amenities which you have carried on over past years.

Once again, I want to tell you and Mrs. Scott how greatly I enjoyed all your courtesies to me last Friday evening, and how grateful I am. I truly hope that I can begin to pay you back in kind one of these days. Maybe Harlan and I can think of something that will help, at least, in discharging my part of the debt.

Yours,