

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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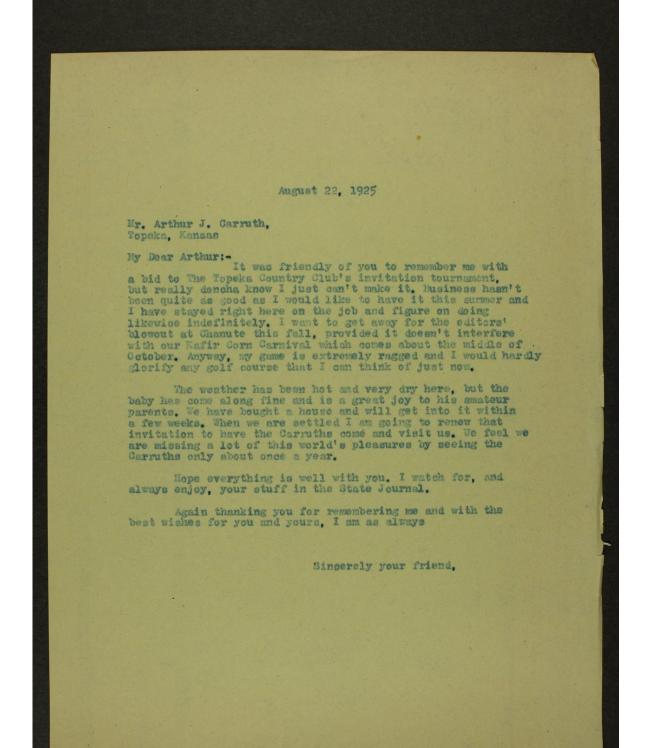
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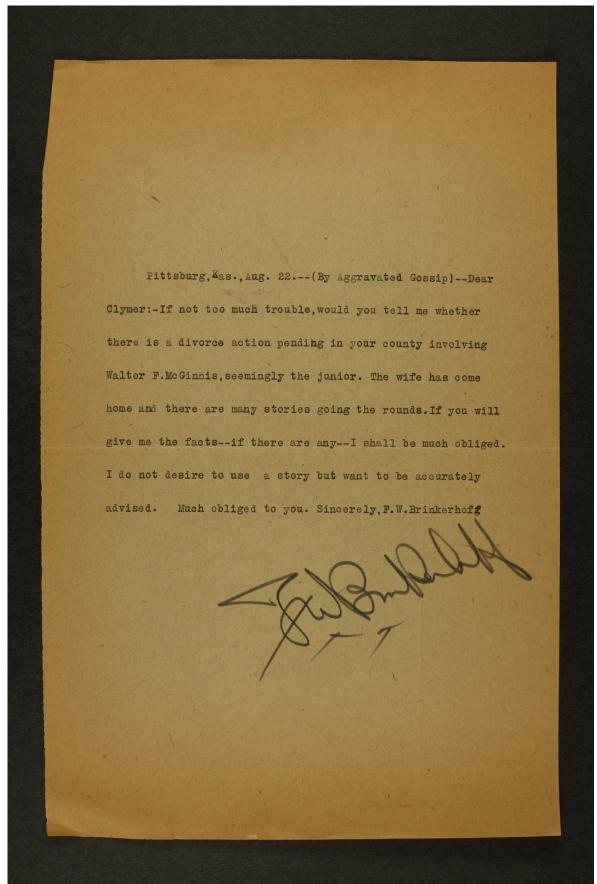
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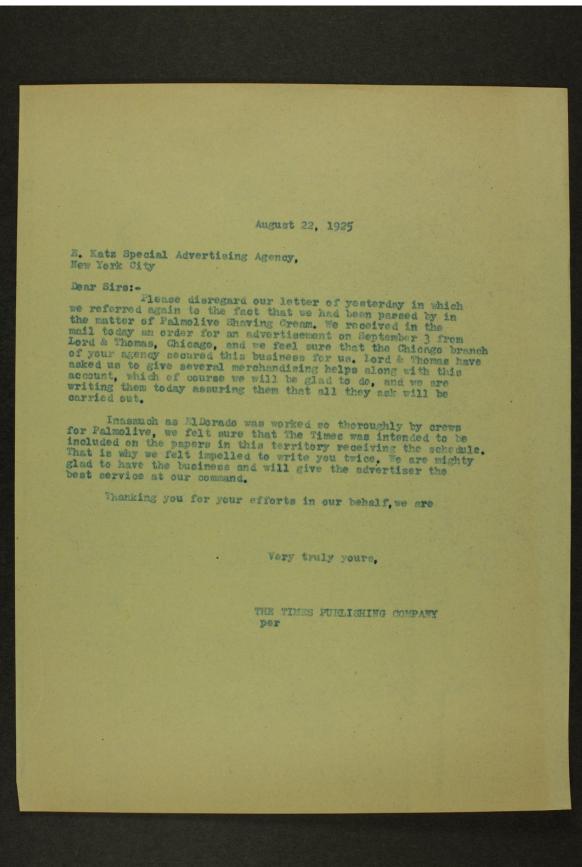




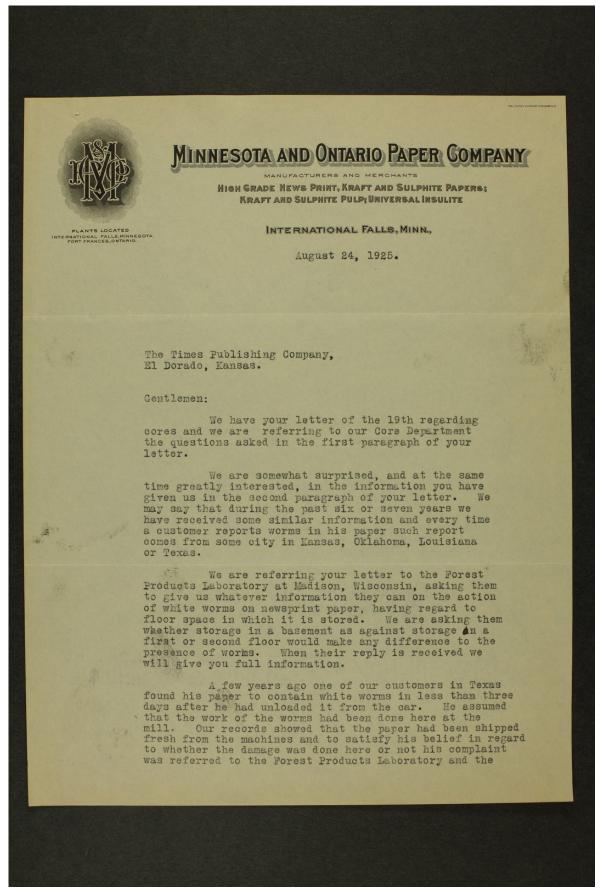




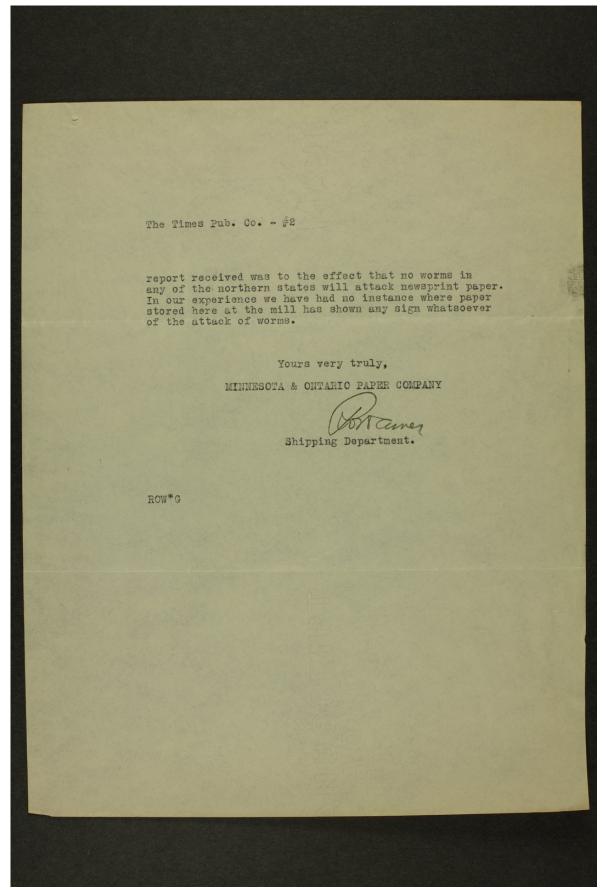




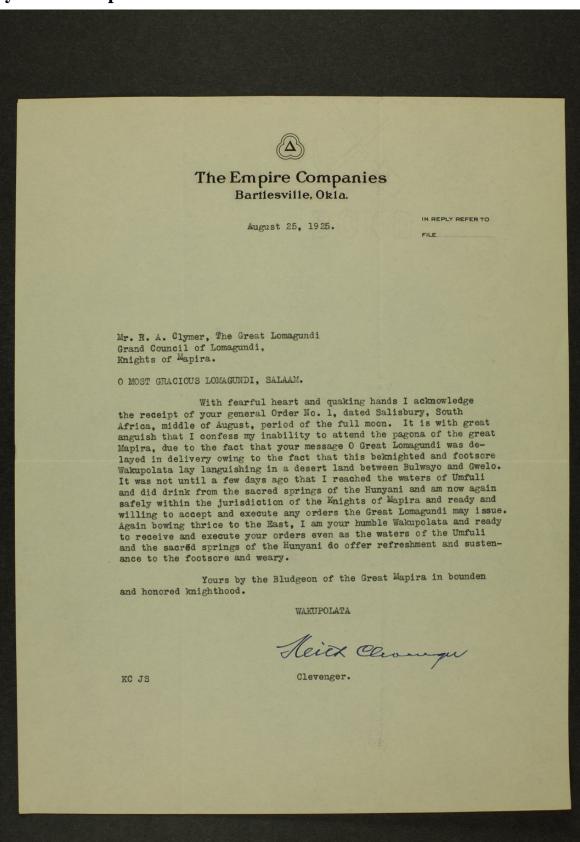




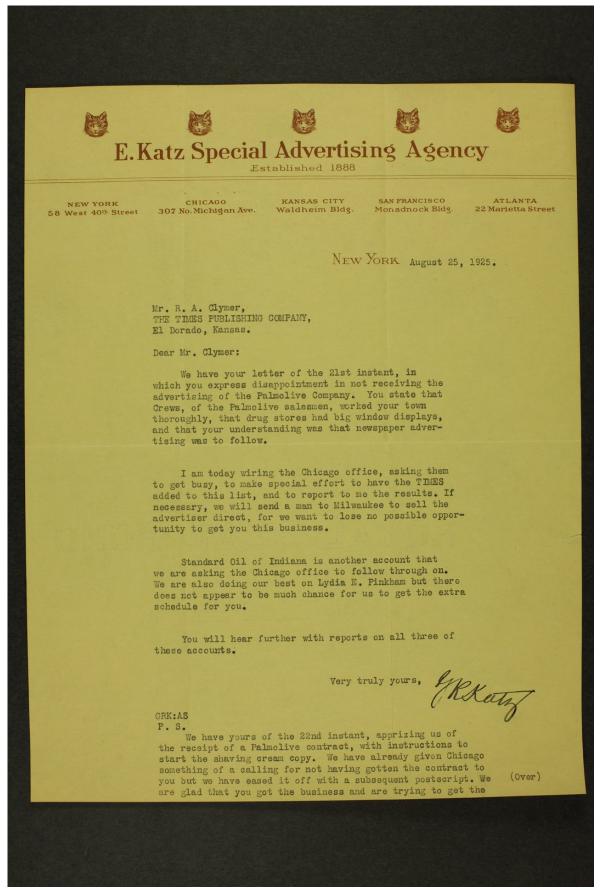




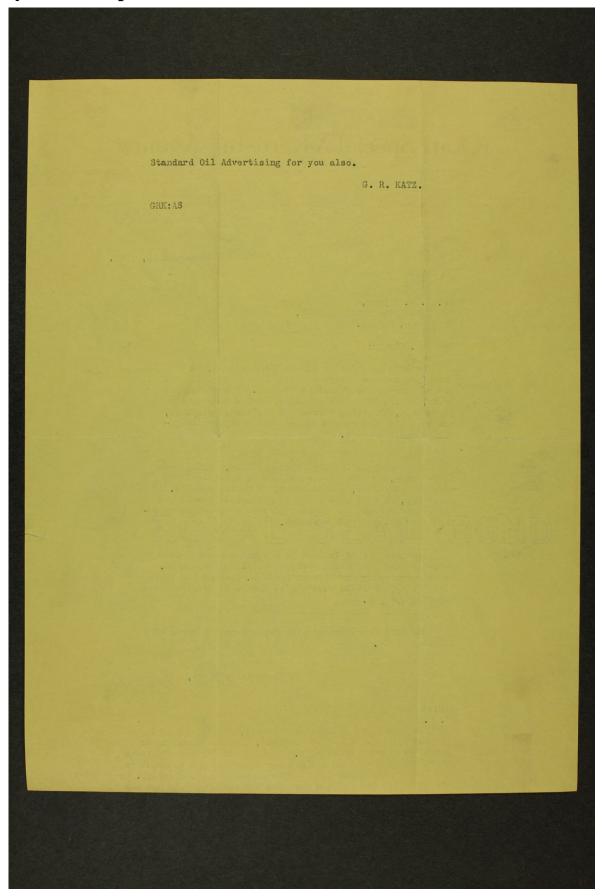




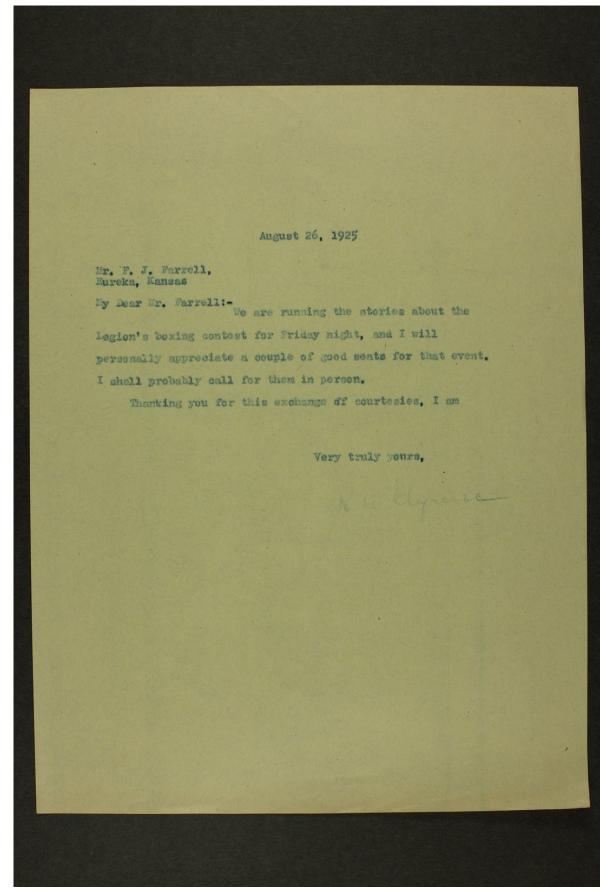




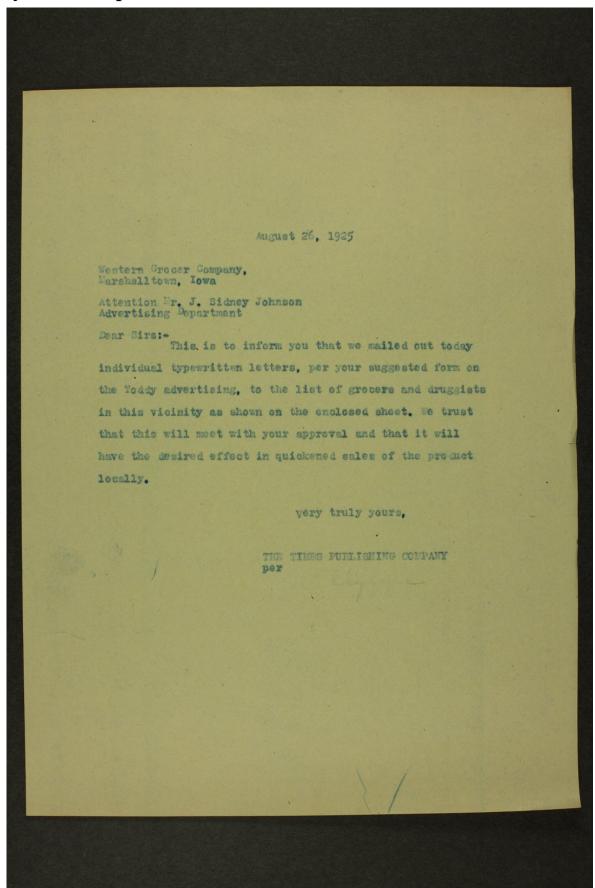




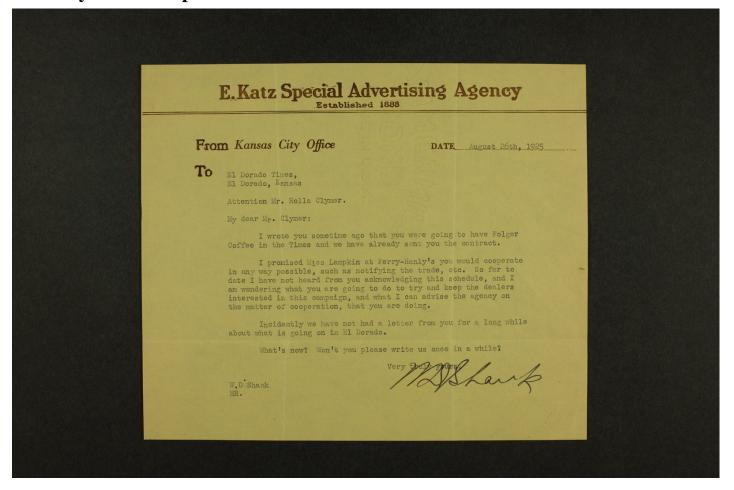




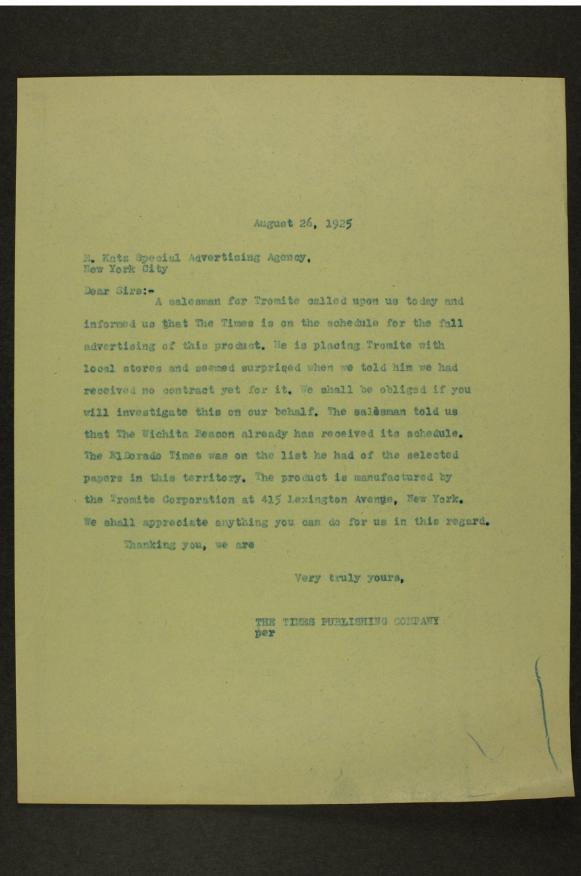














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August 27, 1925

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company, International Falls, Minn.

Attention Mr. R. O. W., Shipping Dept.

Dear Sirs:We wish to thank your for your letter regarding the white worms in news print.

After we had found several rolls of the 52%-inch size with worm cuts that necessitated skinning off two or three inches on the outer circumference, we made a thorough investigation of our paper stock. We found that the worms were spreading from one badly infested roll, which was standing on end in a perfectly dry spot on the floor. The lower half of the roll was alive with them and the roll itself was badly honey-combed. The worms had even penetrated the paper core on which the roll was wound. We used various forms of insect powder in an attempt to kill the worms, but without effect. Then we stood the roll on its other end and saturated it with gasoline. This killed the worms and we have found no others in our basement since. They may be in the scrap paper, however, so we are subjecting our basement to a thorough cleaning and will afterwards spray it with a strong disinfectant. We have entirely lost the one roll.

We are at a loss to understand where these worms have come from. All our paper for eight years has been kept in this basement and there never have been any worms in it before. The basement has a concrete floor and brick side walls and is free from moisture. This has been an unusually dry summer.

We shall be glad to hear from the Forest Frocusts Laboratory, and we shall be pleased to be advised as to any remedy which will enable us to cope successfuly with this new form of annoyance.

Very truly yours,

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY per



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August 27, 1925

Mr. W. D. Shank, Kansas City, Mo.

By Dear Walter: I was mighty glad to hear from you today and one sorry that I have not written you more frequently.

Regarding the Folger's Coffee schedule, I wrote to the Ferry-Hanly people on July 20 outlining the sort of cooperation we will give them. Today my stenographer is finishing a personal letter to each of about forty groceries in this vicinity, and we will send these out together with a broadside in the same enclosure that is a nice illustrated poster. In addition, our advertising manager is calling personally on nearly all of the grocers urging them to take advantage of the Folger advertising by counter and window displays and pushing the product. I feel certain that we are going to get good results from the campaign here. I am sorry that I did not send you a copy of my Ferry-Hanly letter at the time.

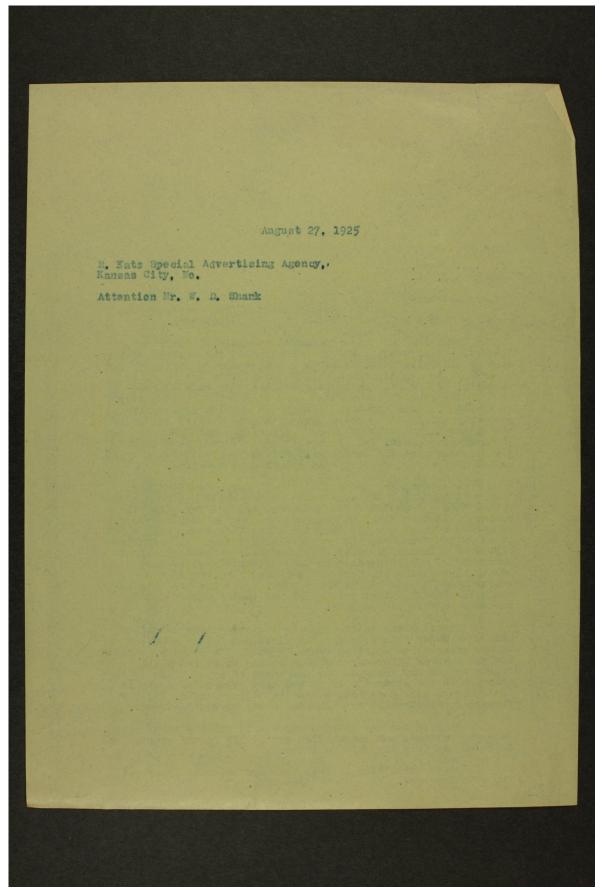
We are getting along fairly well here. Business has been spotted during the summer but on the whole has been good-better than I expected for a season so hot and dry. The oil business has been fine, and especially good in Butler County. We opened a brand new oil pool in Butler this week, only about twenty miles from here and the development from that locality will help Elborado directly. Sesides this, we have excellent prospects of new production in the northeast part of the county. The Skelly Oil Company is adding \$300,000 in new improvements to its big refinery here, and a part of this is a new lubricating plant which will add to the manufacturing capacity of this big concern.

This is a big cattle-grazing region and our cattlemen have made money this year for the first time since 1920. But we are going to be short on crops. Fart of the country, including the town of ElDorado, has been passed by by rains all season and we are woefully dry and short of water. This is the only fly in the cinament. If we get some good rains early in September we will have lots of forage and some corn. But our farmers generally will not make the money we did last year.

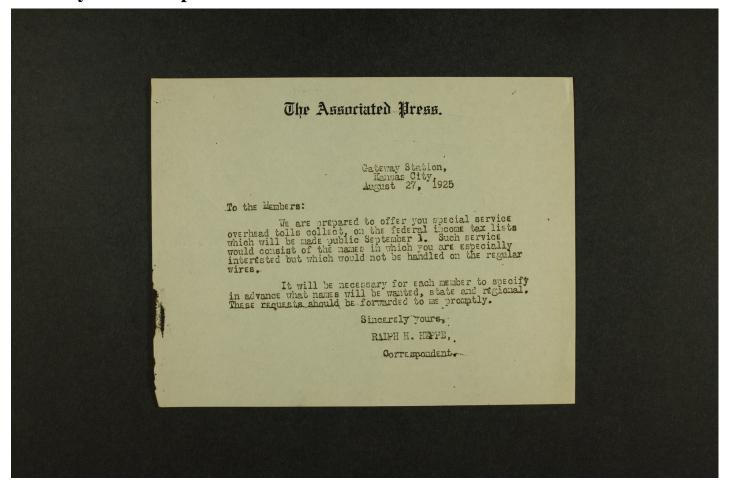
The town has not slipped any and is sailing right along. We have increased our circulation especially in the country and look forward to a big fall business.

I hope everything is well with you and that I may see you sometime soon. Sincerely,

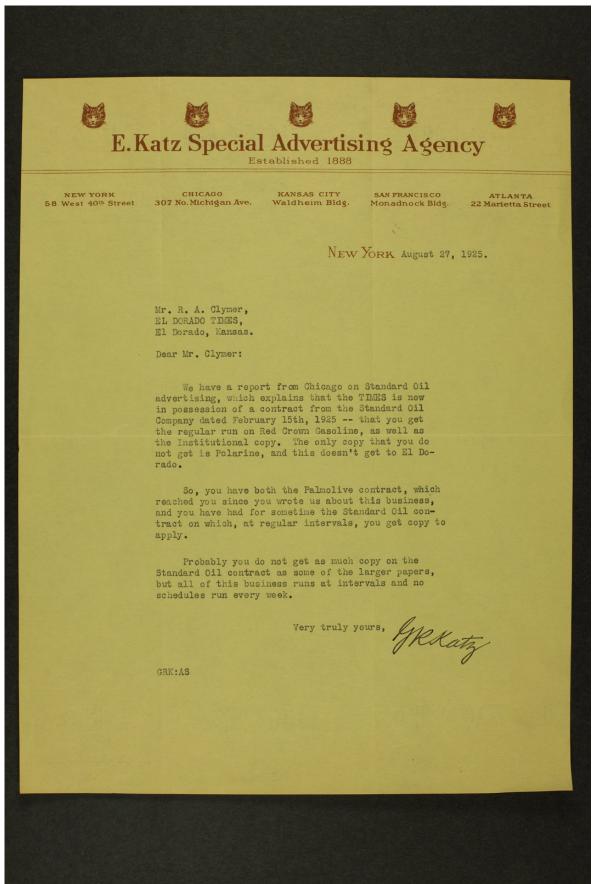




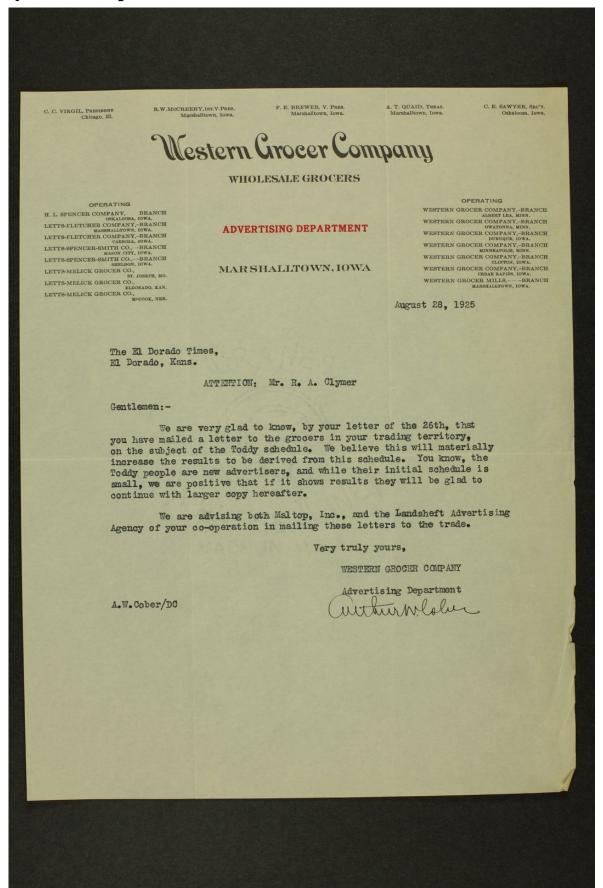




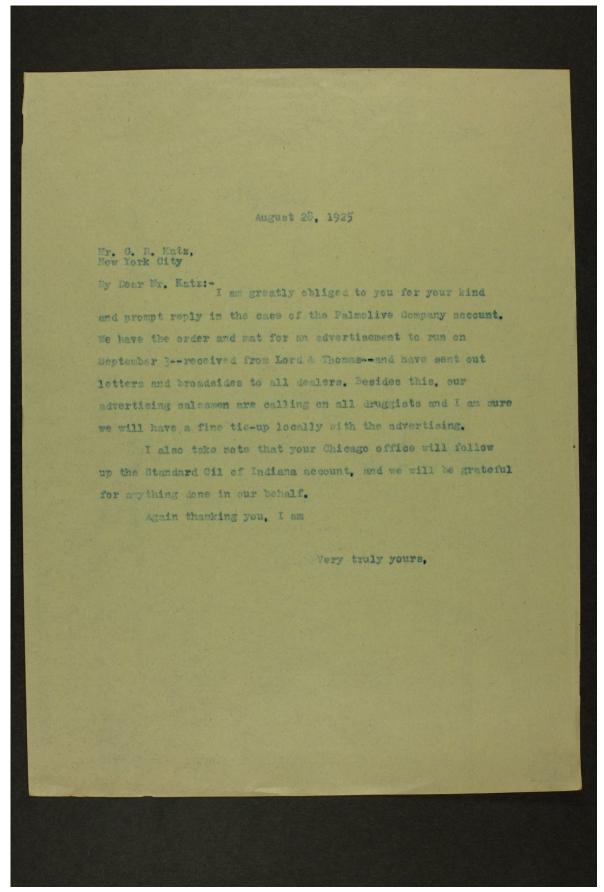




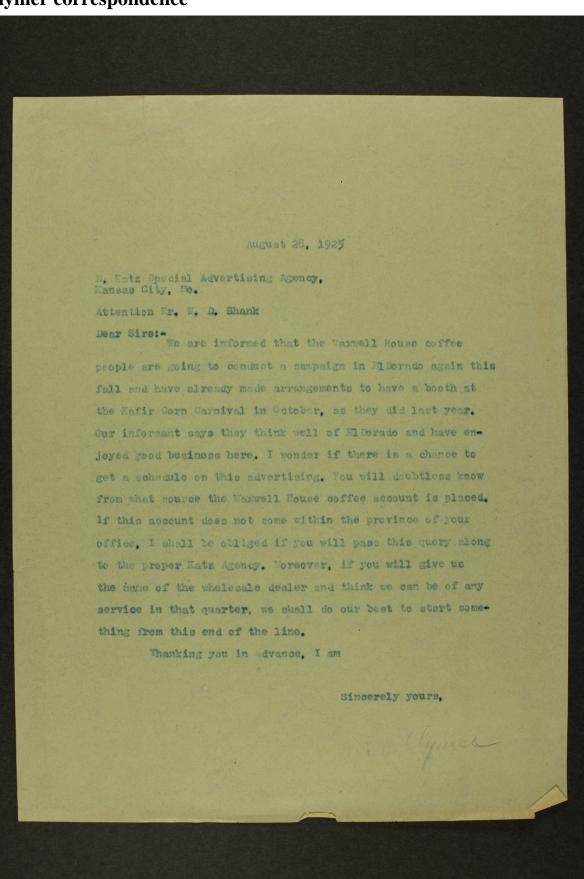




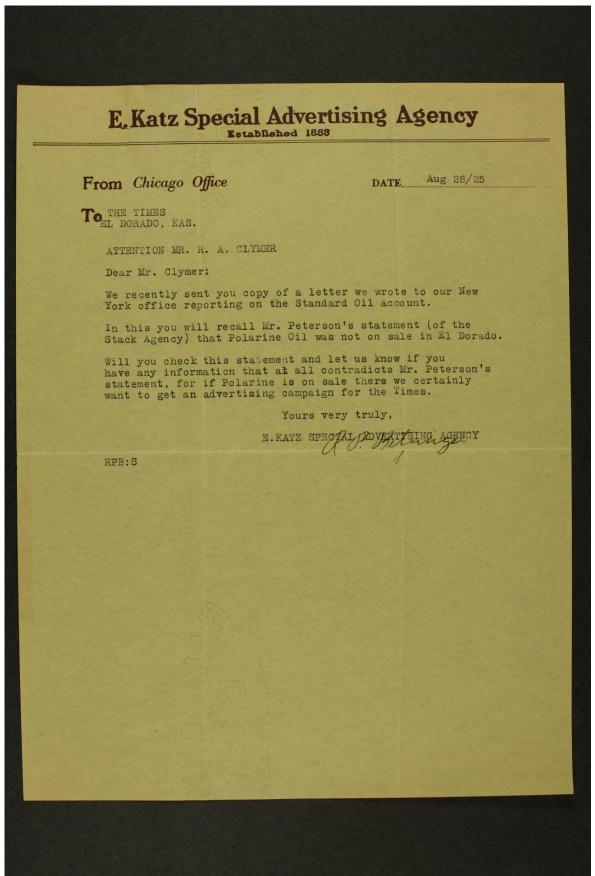




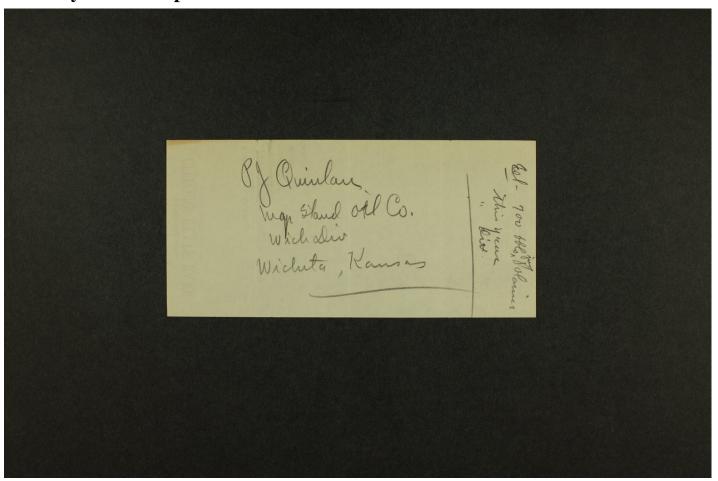








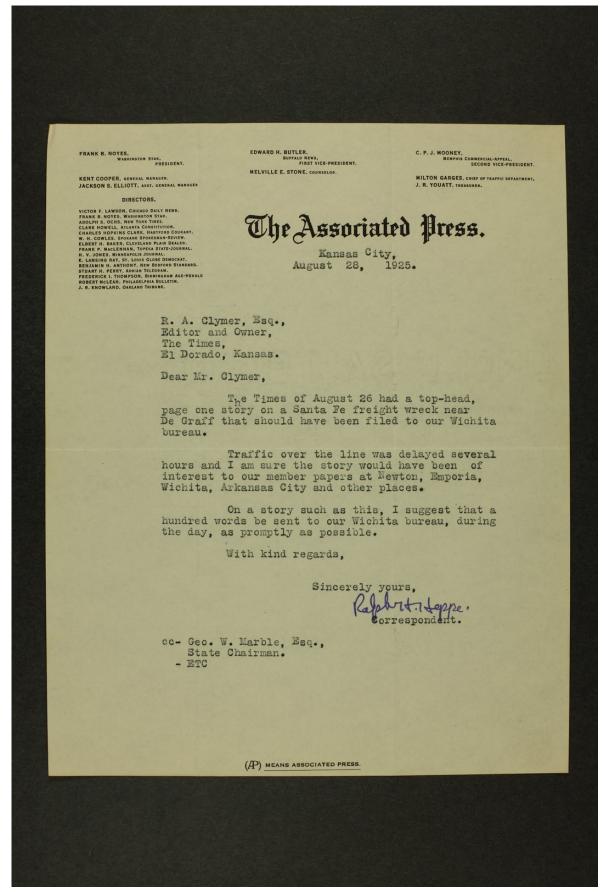




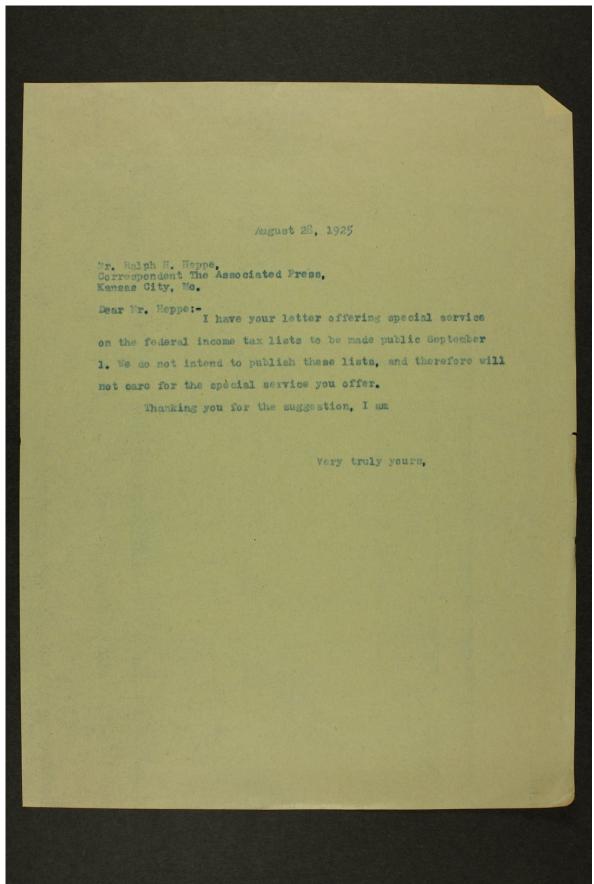


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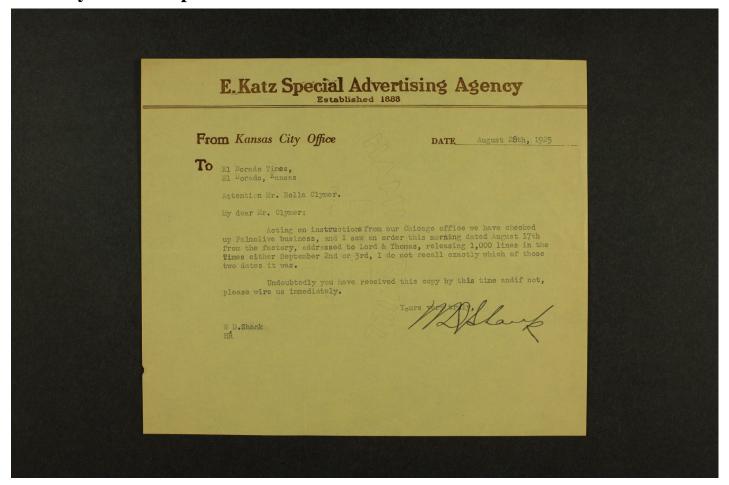














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August 29, 1925

Mr. Ralph M. Heppe, Correspondent The Associated Press, Kaneas City, Mo.

Ny Dear Mr. Heppe:Neither Feder nor I considered the story
of the Santa Fe train wreck worthy of sending to the
Associated Press. We ran it under a top head purely for its
local interest. I see full well the point of your letter and
what the protection would have meant to our neighboring towns,
so we will try to be more careful in the future.

I am transmitting to you in this letter notes that

Feder has left on my deak--one concerning your letter of

today with some other ideas of his own regarding the service,

and another that he handed me a day or two ago. I beg of you

not to take them too seriously. I do not agree with some of

the comments he makes, but believe you would be interest in

his angle. I understand full well that the puny members cannot

expect too much. I think our service is in the main most

excellent. Such slips as Feder refers to will be bound to

occur. I understand full well that we could get better service

by taking a leased wire but I do not care to do that for

resasons heretofore enumerated.

Thanking you for your always considerate attitude and assuring you of our loyalty and pride in The Associated Press.

I am

Very truly yours,



