

Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 16

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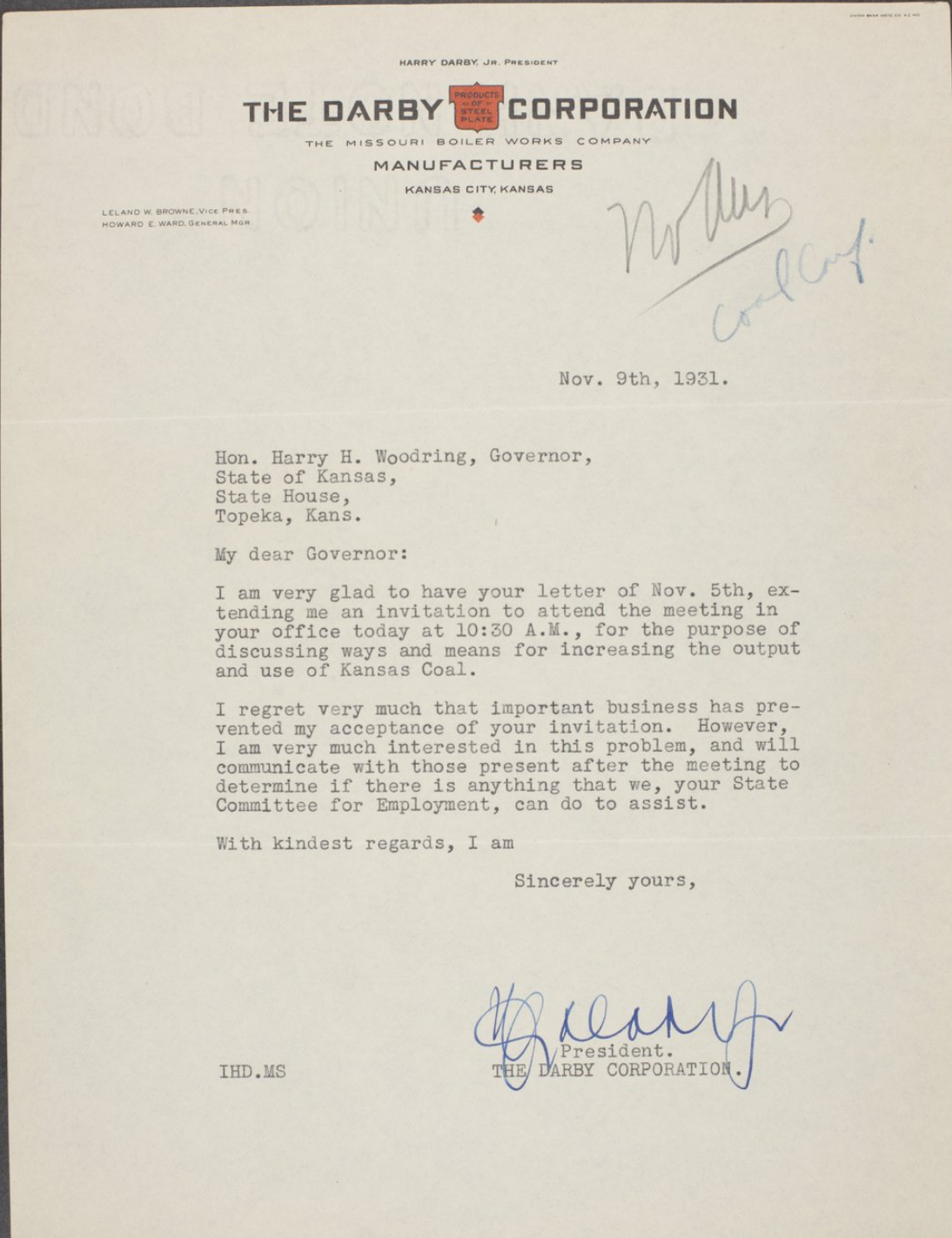
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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

Coaf Conf.

November 9, 1931

Mr. Warren E. Blazier
Industrial Commissioner
Wichita Chamber of Commerce
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Blazier:

Many thanks for your letter of November 6, though after reading it I am exceedingly sorry you could not find it convenient to be with us at today's conference. You advanced some splendid ideas and suggestions and I regret that you could not have been here to present them in person. I shall take pleasure in seeing that they are laid before the conference at today's meeting.

With kindest personal regards and thanking you for your interest, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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ST. LOUIS-SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY COMPANY

F. H. SHAFFER,
GENERAL MANAGER
C. J. STEPHENSON,
ASST TO GENERAL MANAGER
M. M. SISSON,
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

SPRINGFIELD, MO. November 10, 1931

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Hon. Harry H. Woodring,
Governor, State of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Woodring, -

Your letter November 5th in connection
with meeting in your office 10:30 AM, Nov. 9.

Regret exceedingly that your letter
was misplaced in our office and was not brought
to my attention until yesterday morning. Very
sorry your letter was mishandled and that we
did not have a representative at the meeting.

Respectfully,

Whipple

Coakley



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MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS LINES
OPERATING DEPARTMENT

F. W. GRACE,
VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER
E. D. WINSLOW,
ASST. TO VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER

Dallas, Texas, November 10, 1931.

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Increased use of Kansas coal
for fuel.

Honorable Harry H. Woodring,
Governor, State of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of November 5th, addressed to the General Manager of these Lines at Parsons, which was forwarded to me by Mr. G. C. Byers, Superintendent at that point.

Seeing the purpose of this letter, we immediately got in touch with our Purchasing Department and arranged for the Chief Fuel Supervisor to attend the meeting in your office yesterday, November 9. He was thoroughly familiar with our purchases and requirements in Kansas, and would be able to act for the M-K-T.

I wish to thank you for the invitation and hope that much benefit may come from the meeting.

Yours very truly,

Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 16

THE SALINA JOURNAL

Largest Circulation of Any Daily Newspaper in the World Published in a City of 20,000 or Less

SALINA, KANSAS
November 11, 1931

Governor Harry H. Woodring
Topeka
Kansas

Dear Harry:

It was a matter of regret that I could not attend your coal conference last week. The death of my brother October 29 and the necessity for looking after some matters for my sister-in-law, coupled with other things that I could not neglect, simply made it impossible. However, I want you to know that I am in sympathy with the purpose of the meeting and will be glad to help in any way.

Sincerely

Roy F. Bailey
General Manager
THE SALINA JOURNAL

Roy F Bailey:F

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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November 22, 1931

Mr. Glenn H. Taylor, Attorney
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Many thanks for your letter of November 5 and also the resolutions as adopted by a joint meeting of the County Commissioners of Crawford County and the City Commissioners of Pittsburg. I am happy to say that the coal conference, which was held in the executive offices Monday, considered a program very much in line with your resolutions.

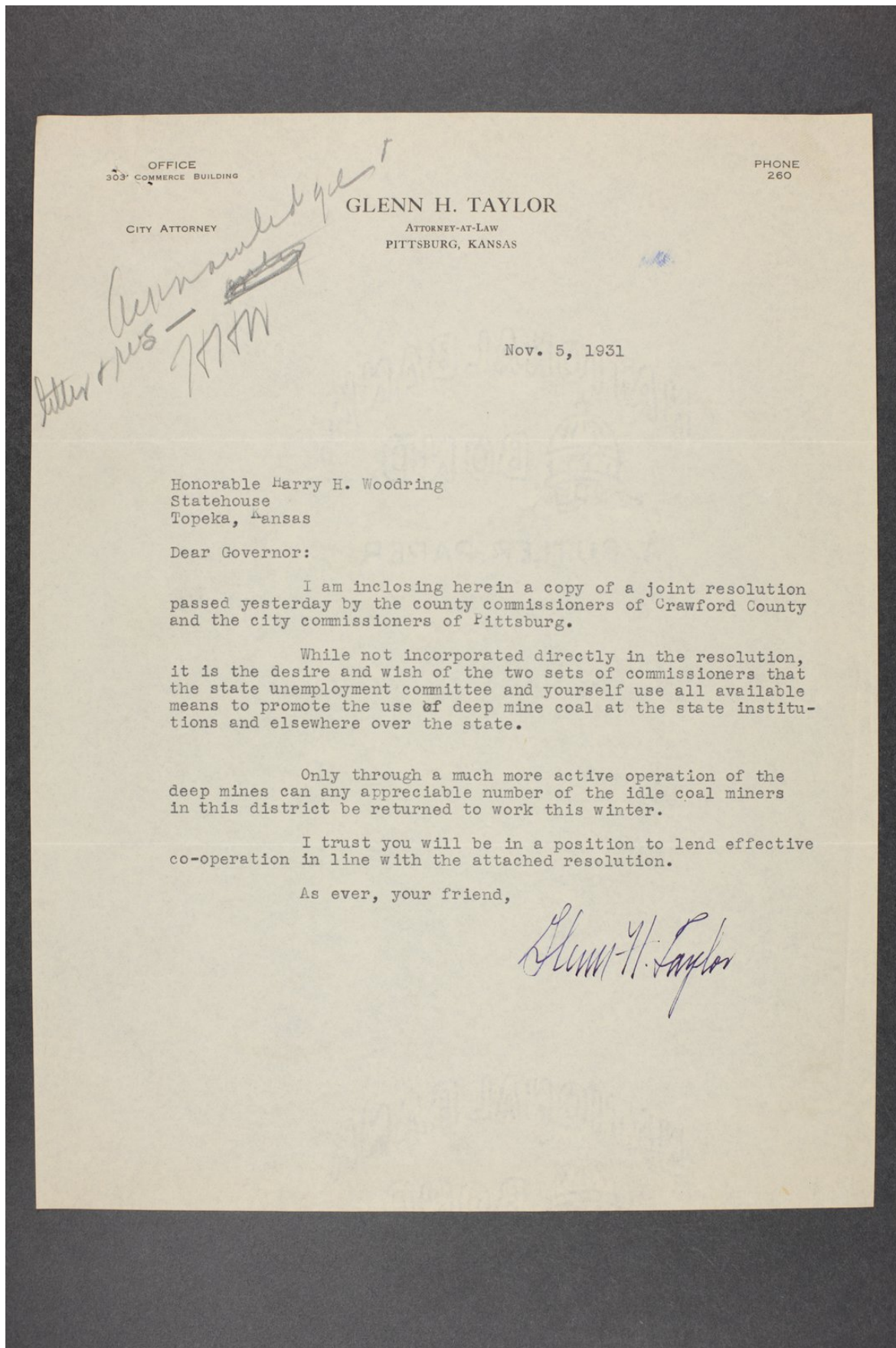
With kindest personal regards, I
am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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OFFICE
303 COMMERCE BUILDING

PHONE
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CITY ATTORNEY

GLENN H. TAYLOR

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Nov. 5, 1931

Honorable Harry H. Woodring
Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor:

I am inclosing herein a copy of a joint resolution passed yesterday by the county commissioners of Crawford County and the city commissioners of Pittsburg.

While not incorporated directly in the resolution, it is the desire and wish of the two sets of commissioners that the state unemployment committee and yourself use all available means to promote the use of deep mine coal at the state institutions and elsewhere over the state.

Only through a much more active operation of the deep mines can any appreciable number of the idle coal miners in this district be returned to work this winter.

I trust you will be in a position to lend effective co-operation in line with the attached resolution.

As ever, your friend,

Glenn H. Taylor

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION by the County Commissioners of Crawford County Kansas, and the City Commissioners of Pittsburg, Kansas, adopted at a meeting held in the afternoon of November 3, 1931.

WHEREAS, The substitution of other fuels to take the place of coal produced in Southeastern Kansas, has brought into existence an extensive shut down of the deep shaft coal mines, which condition has become acute during the past year and promises to cause extreme suffering to the wives and children of the idle coal miners during the coming winter, and

WHEREAS, We, in joint session take this method of calling the attention to the State, and urge the citizens of Kansas to wholeheartedly support their own state industries.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the joint boards of commissioners that the Honorable Governor, Harry H. Woodring, and the State Unemployment Committee, which will convene in conference at Topeka on the 6th day of November 1931, be, and the same are hereby urgently requested to suspend operations of the coal mine at the state penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, in order to relieve the distress caused by the unemployment of the deep shaft coal miners in Southeastern Kansas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Unemployment Committee exercise its full and entire influence to promote the use of Kansas coal at all institutions and municipalities for all commercial and domestic uses over the State of Kansas.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CRAWFORD
COUNTY KANSAS

W. D. Johnson
Chairman

Ben Morgan

W. D. Peasley

ATTEST:

County Clerk

CITY COMMISSIONERS OF PITTSBURG

A. L. Corvden, M.D.
Mayor

Harry Wilson

W. S. Anderson

H. Starr

V. E. Summen

ATTEST:

Lernand Boyd
City Clerk

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November 12, 1931

Mr. Rudolph E. Forsyth
3421 North Arkansas Avenue
R. R. #1
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Forsyth:

The sample advertisement which you sent me arrived in time for our coal meeting Monday and was passed around during the conference. It attracted much attention.

We had a very fine, constructive meeting and I believe much good will come of it.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter and assuring you we appreciate your proffer of assistance in the campaign to push Kansas coal, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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*Ans -
Sample arrived
in time & passed
around at meeting
etc. D.V. a very fine
construction
meeting*

Wichita, Kansas
November 7, 1931

Honorable Gov. Harry Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have been contacted by members of the
Wichita Chamber of Commerce, on the campaign to boost Kansas Coal.

This idea happens to be one of my pet
hobbies as I have been deeply interested in conditions in the
mining districts of our State, having been Past Commander of the
Pittsburg American Legion Post in 1921.

In my position as contact man between Labor
and the Legion, during our State convention on Labor Day this year,
I tried to promote the idea of having a display of Kansas coal in
the way of a float and made a special trip to Pittsburg to arrange
the matter.

The operators and miners were in favor of
the idea but I failed to get the proper results in time to act.

I am sending you under separate cover, an
advertisement which was passed to all of the delegates at a con-
vention when we visited the coal mines at Wilkes Barre Pa. I think
this is a fine piece of advertising and was wondering why something
of the sort couldn't be worked out to push Kansas coal and especially
to sell Kansas coal to Kansas people.

Am hoping this sample reaches you in time for
the meeting Monday and if there is anything I can do to help further
this campaign, I am at your service,

Respectfully,

RF:ML

Rudolph K. Gammeth
PAST STATE COMMANDER D.A.V.

3421 N. Arkansas Ave.,
R.R. #1
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November 13, 1931

Mr. R. E. Mangrum
164 West Fourth Street
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Ron:

Many thanks for your letter of November 2 and especially for your suggestions which are all good. I am glad you have been able to use the manuscript I sent you to advantage.

I think our coal meeting held subsequent to receipt of your letter was worthwhile and that it will result in at least some benefit to South East Kansas. I hope so, for I am sincere in my wish to bring about something which will afford real relief for the men of that district.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
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A. MESSENGER
PRESIDENT

W. O. VAN PELT
1ST. VICE PRES.

C. O. PINGRY
2ND. VICE PRES.

The Pittsburg Loan & Finance Company

Capital Stock \$50,000.00

104 West Fourth Street - Phone 507

PITTSBURG, KANSAS

AL. WILLIAMS
SECRETARY

M. S. LANYON
TREASURER

R. E. MANGRUM
MANAGER

Nov. 2, 1931.

Hon. Harry H. Woodring, Governor,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Harry:

Many thanks for your good letter of Oct. 22 enclosing speech you delivered at Taxpayers Meeting in Topeka. We have been using the manuscript to good advantage.

If you do not think it presumptuous on my part, I wish to make a suggestion on what seems to be a very serious proposition. A movement is on foot and has been accepted by some of our good friends for the closing of the penitentiary mine this winter. We feel that this would be a very vital and serious error from an economic standpoint.

Pertaining to the relief of the unemployed a steamshovel crew of twenty to thirty men will load 2500 tons of coal per day. The theory has been advanced that only deep mine coal would be specified in the contracts. This would be hard indeed to explain to our farmer friends in Western Kansas as coal is merely coal in their opinion.

The reason for having a coal mine in connection with the penitentiary was to give labor to the men incarcerated because it is a well known fact that idleness breeds trouble and discontent and it is highly important that men be employed at manual labor.

It occurs to me that the opposition is watching every move that your administration makes. I feel that the closing of the mine might be of slight benefit to Crawford County but with conditions as they now are the criticism of the great majority of the State would much more than offset any gain that might accrue to our district.

The purchase of coal for State Institutions would not be in keeping with the program you have outlined in your speeches.

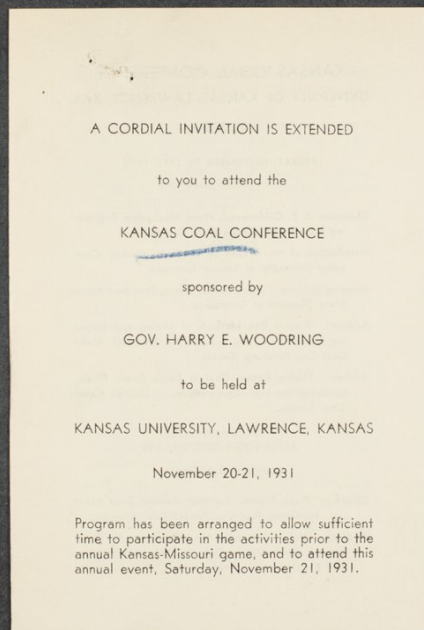
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Sincerely yours,

RE Mangrum

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KANSAS COAL CONFERENCE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KAS.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1931, 10:30
Marvin Hall Auditorium

Chairman, J. P. Calderwood, Head Mechanical Engineering Department, Kansas State College.

Introduction of Mr. Wilson by Dr. E. H. Lindley, Chancellor University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Opening Address: Mr. Samuel Wilson, President Kansas State Chamber of Commerce.

Address: "Present Day Methods of Mining and Preparing Kansas Coal," by J. F. Klaner, President, Klaner Coal Co., Pittsburg, Kansas.

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AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30
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Address: "Use of Automatic Heat Regulators for Coal," by J. E. Robb, District Engineer, Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Topeka, Kansas.

Address: "Economies Which Have Been Effectuated With Stokers," by Nelson English, Iron Fireman Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb.

Address: "How to Detect and Avoid Chimney Troubles," by L. W. Millis, Secretary, Security Stove & Mfg. Co., Kansas City, Missouri.

Address: "Vacuum Cleaning of Domestic Heating Plants," by Charles W. Seyler, President, Standard Coal Co., Topeka, Kansas.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1931, 9:30
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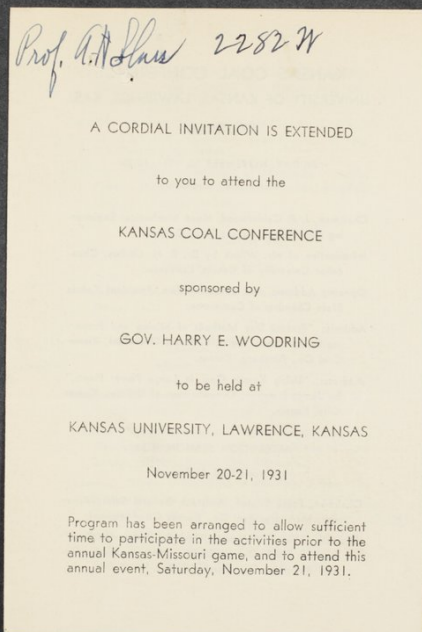
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to you to attend the

KANSAS COAL CONFERENCE

sponsored by

GOV. HARRY E. WOODRING

to be held at

KANSAS UNIVERSITY, LAWRENCE, KANSAS

November 20-21, 1931

Program has been arranged to allow sufficient time to participate in the activities prior to the annual Kansas-Missouri game, and to attend this annual event, Saturday, November 21, 1931.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

LAWRENCE

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT

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This conference is held under the auspices of the Governor's Coal Utilization Committee consisting of Hon. Asa Messenger, Chairman; Mr. W. P. Kelly; Mr. Henry Allai; Mr. C. Y. Thomas and Mr. A. H. Sluss, Secretary.

On Saturday afternoon, November 21, opportunity is presented to attend the football game between the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri on Memorial Stadium Field, Lawrence at 2 p. m. Reservations are still available between the 10 yard line and the goal line. The tickets sell for \$3.00 each and when sent through the mail 26¢ is required to cover postage, registration and return receipt charges.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting with you at the Kansas Conference, we remain

Very truly yours,

GOVERNOR'S COAL UTILIZATION COMMITTEE

By the Secretary

A. H. Sluss
Professor, Mechanical Engineering.

AHS:S



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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT

Mr. Ross Neville
Topeka Kansas

Dear Mr. Neville:- Am enclosing sample
of 2500 announcements which are being
sent out today from the Pittsburg & Midway
Coal Co. office in Kansas City. I hope
they are all right and will have the
desired effect.

I think we should not stress Kansas
Coal for Kansas but should stress the
good qualities of Kansas coal. Too
much Kansas coal is sold out of state.

Through my error a misunderstanding
arose about the Governor's being here. This
was only partially corrected in the first
draft of the program given the press.

Hope you will be pleased with our
efforts, especially mentioning Harry Turner
and Mr. Black and Mr. McElhenny of the
P. & M. Coal Co. K.C. Mo.

Very truly
Yours

Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 16

STATE OF KANSAS
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TOPEKA

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November 18, 1931

Mr. E. Nettleblade
Osage City
Kansas

Dear Mr. Nettleblade:

I have your letter of November 16 enclosing copy of your letter of July 9 to Mr. R. C. Merrick, General Freight Agent of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, both of which I have read with much interest. I thank you most sincerely for calling my attention to this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Office of
The Black Diamond Coal Co.,
Miners and Shippers of
BEST OSAGE CITY DEEP SHAFT COAL
Mine Weights Will Govern Settlements. Prices in Effect at the
Time Shipments Are Made Will Govern.
E. NETTLEBLADE, Prop.
OSAGE CITY, KANSAS.

Autographed
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Nov 16th 1931

Governor Woodring
Topeka Kans

Dear Governor Seeing in the papers
your effort to help the Coal industry for
the people of Kansas. I hope that you
will confer with Mr Merrick of the
Santa Fe R.R. and tell him also that
his Coal Tariff No 5994 L effective Dec 10¹⁹³¹
is at hand but not going to do us
any good. I used to ship more than
3000 tons of Osage coal a month and
I have shipped one 30 ton Car this
month. he will see the reason of this
by comparing Tariff No 5994-K. with
Tariff No. 5994-L. tell him I have had
no reply to my letter to him of July 9th 31
and give him a duplicate herewith
attached. tell him also his promise to
us that he would. Notify us when he
reduced rates from other Kansas Mines
was not kept. I wish to remain
Yours Truly E. Nettlesblade

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OSAGE CITY, KANSAS, ¹⁹³¹ July 9

Mr R B Merrick
G. F. A. The A T & S F Ry Co
Topeka Kans

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of Supplement
No 25 to Tariff No 5994-K also Supplement
No 19 to Tariff No 13699-a Both
Tariff supplement show a reduction
from group #1 on lump Coal
and no reduction from group 5
Will you kindly take action
at once and give us reduction
on a percentage basis as we must
have it soon that our mines can
commence to clean up and look for
fall trade

Very Truly Yours
E Nettlesblade
owner of Black Diamond Coal Co

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Kans Coal for Kansans Com.

STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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November 18-1931

Dear Mr.--

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Our state as you know has been free from the spirit of unrest that has swept the eastern industrial states -- our employment situation has not been critical -- but the time has come when I believe that it is imperative that we take immediate steps to replace the 72% of coal purchased from other states with Kansas mined coal if we are to care for the serious problem of unemployment in the coal industry in our state.

You have been advised of your appointment on the Kansas Coal for Kansans Committee. The purpose of my letter is to urge your acceptance and to ask that you give this matter real serious consideration. By cooperation and foresight we can relieve the situation and aid not only the coal industry but humanely help thousands of our citizens by giving them employment. I shall appreciate your whole hearted support.

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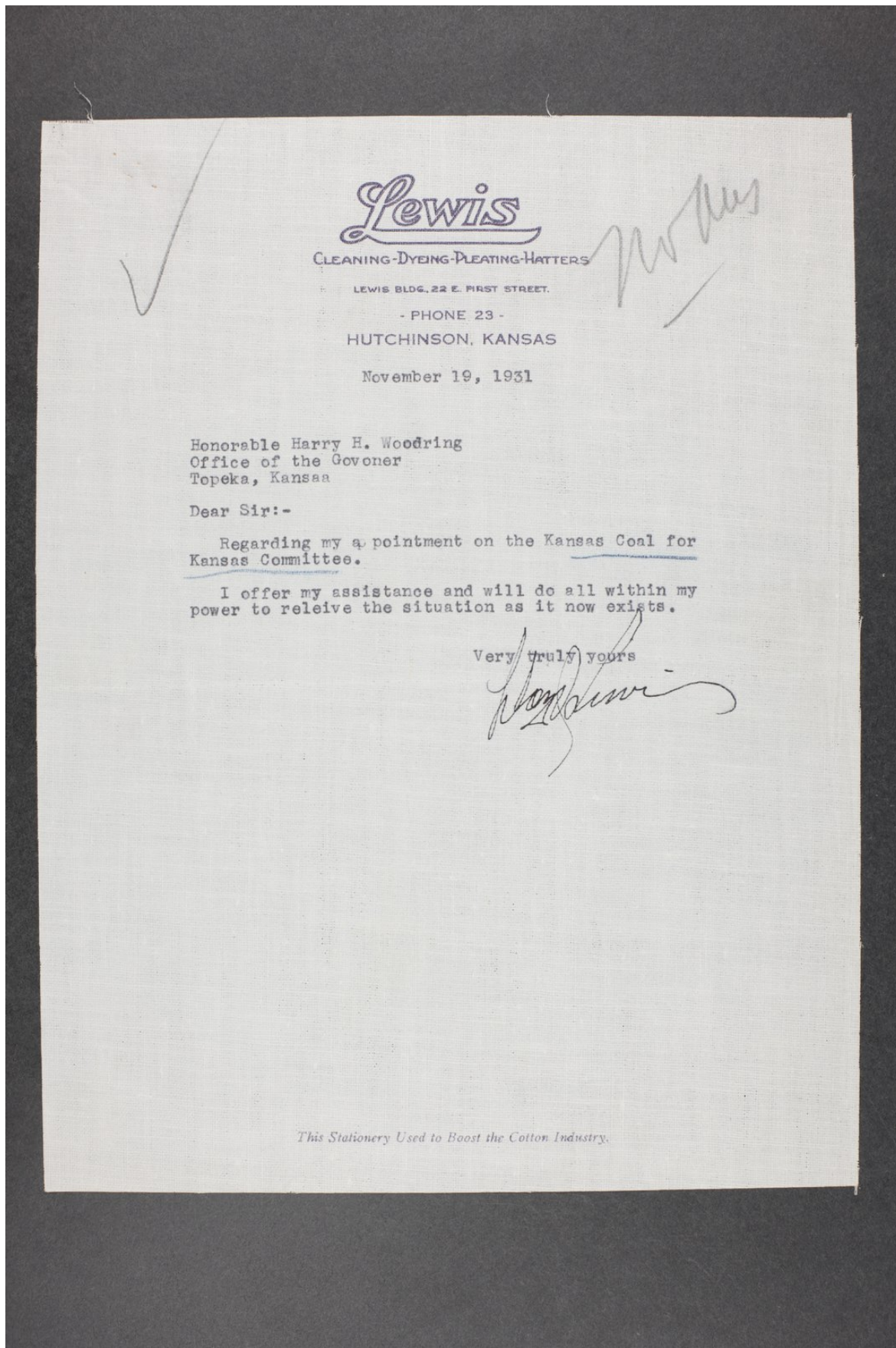
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B. P. WAGGENER,
ATCHISON, KANSAS.

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November 19 1931.

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Hon. Harry Woodring,
State House,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Governor:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 18th in which you advise me that I have been appointed on the Kansas-Coal-for-Kansans Committee. I will be only too glad to assist in any manner that I can in helping advertise Kansas coal for Kansas people and in that manner help the unemployment situation in Southeastern Kansas.

With very best personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

B. P. Waggener

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Coal Comb

November 19, 1931

Mr. K. A. Spencer, Vice-Pres. for Kansas
Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators Assoc.
Globe Building
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I think this "More Heat Per Dollar" is a smart advertising slogan. There is a lot of psychology in that line, it seems to me. The pamphlet was sent me by Mr. Leland G. Norris, formerly of Mulberry, who read in a Pittsburg paper of our efforts to increase the use of Kansas coal in Kansas. Believing the pamphlet might be of interest to you and to the members of the committee, I am passing it on.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

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November 19, 1931

Mr. Leland G. Norris
1219 Southern Surety Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Norris:

Many thanks for your letter of November 12 inclosing pamphlets on "Burn Iowa Coal" which is particularly interesting to us at this time. I am sending it to our coal committee and believe it will help them in their efforts to devise some means of publicity which will tend to induce a greater consumption of Kansas coal in Kansas.

It is good to know that you retain your interest in me and my administration as well as in your former community and its coal problems.

I do recall the trip to Mulberry and your promise to me at that time. I am happy to learn that you carried it out and trust that you never may have reason to regret it.

With kindest personal regards, I
am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor