

Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 17

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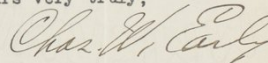
September 22, 1931.

Gov. Harry Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I understand there is to be built in the near future a State Lake in this locality, in Cowley County, and think the location as outlined - on East and West Otter Creek would have many advantages for our locality. I feel this is the sentiment of many of my friends in Arkansas City.

Yours very truly,



CWE:GB

Our Slogan—A Home for Every Family

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

COPY

Governor Harry H. Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

September 28, 1931

Dear Sir:

I am sure the members of
Cowley County are greatly pleased with the
rest of the proposed lake site.

Mrs. Joe L. Shannon
511 North 5th Street
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Shannon:

I have your letter of September
21 in regard to the proposed state lake in
Cowley County. I am sure the Forestry, Fish
and Game Commission will be pleased to view this
site and give it every consideration at the
first opportunity.

Thanking you for your letter and
for your interest in the matter, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS
511 North 5th St.,
Sept. 21, 1931.

Governor Harry H. Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I can assure you the people of
Cowley County are greatly pleased with the pros-
pect of the proposed state lake, to be situated
near Dexter. I trust you will be able to favor
us with this accession. It is one of our serious
needs.

Respectfully,

Mrs Joe L. Shannon

Secretary,
Women's Jeffersonian Club.

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TOPEKA

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September 28, 1931

Dr. Lewis E. Brenz
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Dr. Brenz:

I have your letter of September 25 relative to a proposed state lake project in Cowley County. I appreciate your interest and am glad you took the trouble to write me.

I am sure the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission will be pleased to view the site you mention, and to give it every consideration at the first opportunity.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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LEWIS E. BRENZ, D. O.
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(Treatment of Rectal Diseases)

ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Sept. 22, 1931

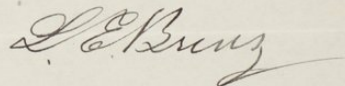
Gov. Harry Woodring
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Sir:

We would appreciate a State Lake for Cowley County. There is a wonderful location near Dexter which would be easily accessible from all parts of the County. The water would be furnished by East and West Otto Creek. Both are fed by springs. The land surrounding this location is cheap pasture land and rocky formations. It seems to us that a better location for a lake would be very hard to find.

We certainly will appreciate any effort on your part.

Yours sincerely,



LEB/MW

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September 28, 1931

Mrs. Vernon L. Harlan
515 North 5th Street
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Harlan:

I have your letter of September 21 relative to a proposed state lake project in Cowley County. I appreciate your interest and am glad you took the trouble to write me.

I am sure the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission will be pleased to view the site you mention, and to give it every consideration at the first opportunity.

With kindest personal regards, I

am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS
515 North 5th St.,
Sept. 21, 1931.

Governor Harry H. Woodring,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:

I am writing you in regard
to the proposed state lake for our county.

It would be very much appreciated by the
residents of Cowley County. Since the Walnut
and Arkansas Rivers have become polluted, there
are few places for the sportsmen to fish. The
location is ideal, and the State could confer
no greater favor than to give us this splendid
lake.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vernon L. Harlan

President, Jeffersonian Club.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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COPY

October 2, 1931

Mr. Howard Padgett
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Padgett:

I have your letter of September 25 relative to a proposed state lake project in Cowley County. I appreciate your interest and am glad you took the trouble to write me.

I am sure the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission will be pleased to view the site you mention, and to give it every consideration at the first opportunity.

With kindest personal regards, I
am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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*Miss
Ans
Copy of the
Lake in me*

Arkansas City, Kans.
Sept. 25 1931

Hon. Harry E. Woodring (You)
Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir:

Our Sewer Streams here in
Southern Kansas have eliminated
our possibilities of fishing completely
the sport we love requires
several day journey to some
other state and some of our small
town boys can not stand the
experience. You could help us
wonderfully by pushing our
Cowley County Lake to a
realization. Thanking you for
any consideration received

Very Respectfully
Howard Padgett

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October 2, 1931

Mr. Richard Bird
1211 North A
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bird:

I have your letter of September 25 relative to a proposed state lake project in Cowley County. I appreciate your interest and am glad you took the trouble to write me.

I am sure the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission will be pleased to view the site you mention, and to give it every consideration at the first opportunity.

With kindest personal regards, I
am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 17

Answer

1211 North A
Arkansas City
Kansas
Sept 25th/23

Hon. Harry H. Woodring (Gov.)

Dear Sir,
I wish to endorse the proposal
to build a State Lake in Cowley Co; I think this
would be much appreciated and a great benefit
not only to Cowley but to adjoining Counties

Yours truly
Richard Berd

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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October 3, 1931

Mr. R. H. Rhoads, Secretary
Chamber of Commerce
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Rhoads:

I have your letter of September 26 relative to a proposed state lake project in Cowley County. I appreciate your interest and am glad you took the trouble to inform me of the wishes of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the location of this lake.

I am sure the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission will be pleased to view the site you mention, and to give it every consideration at the first opportunity.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

9-26-31

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

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, representing the business interests of Arkansas City, we heartily endorsed the location of the State Lake in Cowley County, at a location suitable to the State Fish and Game Commissioner.

The tentative location between Cambridge and Dexter, to this organization seems to be a good location and we urge the purchase of this site as the location for a State lake in Kansas.

Hoping you will give this favorable attention, I am,

Yours truly,

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By R. H. Rhoads
Secretary

RHR/DB



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ELEGANT	DEFERRED	DEFERRED	DEFERRED	DEFERRED	DEFERRED
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Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT
J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Topeka, Kans. March 3, 1931

75131

MR. FRANK YOULE
COUNTY PRESIDENT FARMERS UNION
WINFIELD, KANSAS

REFERRING TO YOUR TELEGRAM REGARDING FREE TRANSPORTATION OF FEED TO ARKANSAS, MISSOURI PACIFIC OFFICIALS ARE CONSULTING WITH YOUR LOCAL AGENT BY TELEPHONE THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE THESE CAR LOAD SHIPMENTS OF FEED TO DROUGHT SUFFERERS OF ARKANSAS WITHOUT CHARGE IF THIS CONCESSION IS MADE WHICH I HOPE WILL BE POSSIBLE SHIPMENTS MUST BE BILLED FROM RED CROSS AGENT TO RED CROSS AGENT

HARRY H WOODRING

Chgo Governor's office

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS



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ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS

- To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeatable message and for as such consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:
1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeatable-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
 2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is ordered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
 3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
 4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of each office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
 5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
 6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
 7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
 8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
 9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard

telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

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No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be in language of country of origin or of destination, or in French. This class of service is in effect with most European countries and with various other countries throughout the world. Full particulars supplied on application at any Western Union Office.

CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight, low-rate service for plain language communications. The language of the country of destination may be employed, if the Night Letter service is in operation to that country, subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours if telegraphic delivery is selected. Delivery by mail beyond London will be made if a full mailing address is given and the words "Post London" are written after the destination. Rates vary according to country of destination; minimum charge based on 20 or 25 words.

WEEK-END LETTERS

At still lower rates. Similar to Night Letters except that they are accepted up to midnight Saturday for delivery Monday morning, if telegraphic delivery is selected. Rates vary according to country of destination; minimum charge based on 20 or 25 words.



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PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1220S

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SIGNS

DL = Day Letter
NM = Night Message
NL = Night Letter
LCO = Deferred Cable
NLT = Cable Night Letter
WLT = Week-End Letter

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GOVERNOR WOODRING=
STATE HOUSE TOPEKA KANS=

THE PEOPLE OF COWLEY COUNTY ARE WILLING TO DONATE SEVERAL
CARLOADS OF FEED TO THE DROUTH AREA OF ARKANSAS WE HAVE
ONE CAR READY TO GO BUT FIND THAT THE FREIGHT COST PER CAR
IS MORE THAN THE VALUE OF CONTENTS WILL YOU USE YOUR GOOD
OFFICES WITH THE NECESSARY OFFICIALS OF THE MISSOURI PACIFIC
AND FRISCO RAILROADS ALSO THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION
TO GET FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR ABOVE ARE ADVISED BY PEOPLE
IN THAT VICINITY THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO FEED BROUGHT IN
AND STOCK IS DYING EVERY DAY SO HASTE IS VITAL=

FRANK YOULE COUNTY PRESIDENT OF FARMERS UNION.

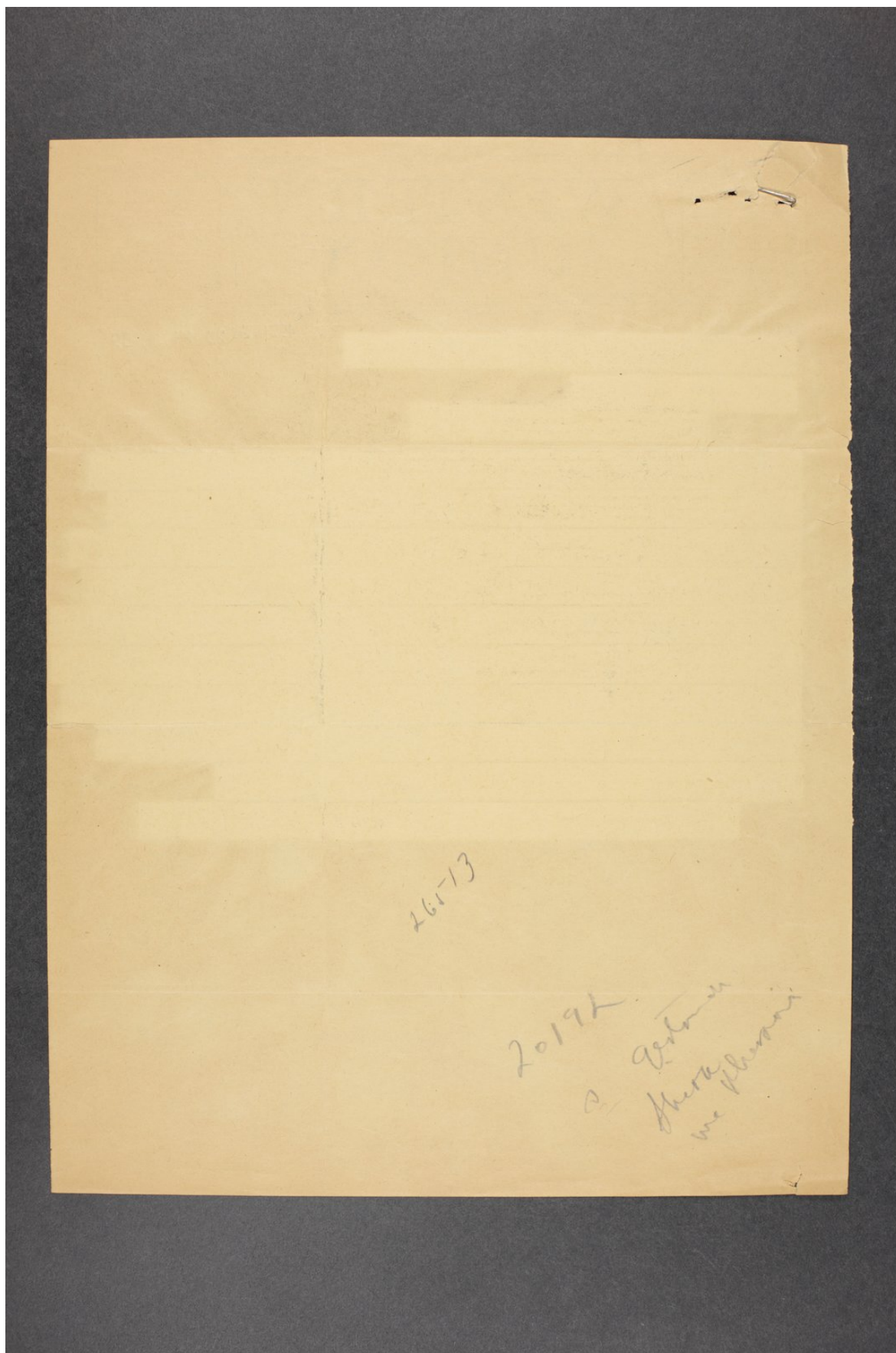
Let's see what can be done?
Wm

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Wm

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

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Note the back

Jan 10th 1924
Supplement to
"A NEW DEPARTURE IN LEGISLATION"

The Exporter of flour should be paid in the right proportion to wheat. If 30 cents is paid on wheat, then it should be close to 65 cents a hundred on flour.

As the secretary of agriculture tells to the dollar how much wheat is exported, and how much wheat is raised, that department could readily take care of the business.

The taking care of the tax need not be very expensive. Mills and elevators are licensed. All wheat could be paid by check with tax check attached. Both made to the seller and the tax check endorsed to the government. There could be a government printed form and distributed to the elevators or banks. They should be used for wheat only. There should be a penalty if the law is evaded.

The bounty should not be paid until the flour or wheat is loaded for shipment.

The reason that the price or even the practice should not run but one year at a time as the production must be held down, for the greater production, the greater the tax until there would be no benefit received.

All exporters must have equal rights.

The amount of wheat to be exported to receive the bonus must be limited to the amount that the tax will raise and it would make a shortage in domestic grain, if too much was shipped.

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This was used early in Jan 1924 when I was trying to get congress interested. I also worked from the bottom like all the elevators bankers governors and man' polititions.

Then first Mc Kary-Hauren bill came a few months later it did not use FEE but all bills thereafter did.

I received a letter from Mr. Hoover at that time saying he had read my Pamphlet with great interest and PROFIT. I guess he did all right he knew waht he had to fight Well I guess all of them did as they went to the president and his cabinat as well as legislators.



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From Policy

"Dare to be a Daniel and dare to stand alone
Dare to have a purpose true and dare to make it known,"

A farewell message from George Cowles hibernating here
at present in dismal dismay at the trend aof the over-
whelming chastisement again oppressing his brother man

Hon Harry Woodring
Topeka Kansas

2432 8th Avenue Council Bluffs Ia.
Feb 7th 1931

Dear Governor

67

Please excuse me for again calling your attention to the last hope
hope for removing the wheat surplus from our shores!

When Congress had this same life-line thrown out to the wheat growers
only a very VERY few dared to OPENLY oppose it!

I believe every Governor will have to acknowledge it would be
a glorious ~~send~~ send to all of our people if it was put into operation!

I dare to say every one of them were in the front ranks pleading with
with congress to inforce this very principle because it so simple
and sure and was carried through congress twice!

The preponderance of the evidence against it was the collection
of the FEE claiming it was unconstitutional. The plan for the states
has eliminated that bugbear and also all the minor excuses trumped up!

Likely each one of the states needed, has a gas tax to build roads
If it is feasible to levy a gas tax, Why not a wheat tax also?

If one state can pass such a law why not twelve of fifteen when
a billion dollars are at stake?

If the gas tax goes into a seperate fund to build roads why not
a wheat tax do likewise to pay the expense of exporting wheat and
flour?

If a special man is appointed to disburse the road funds why not
one be appointed to serve on the controlling board to disburs the
wheat fund?

Each state could pass the law with a sliding scale which the
controlling board determined. Such board would also would determine
the amont to pay the export expense!

Each state could pass the law with a proviso it would be void
if there were not enough other states Co-operating with them.

This ^{is} just a rough outline and am writing believing you have
earnestly studied my former digest on the subject.

I also will enclose my old plan of collecting the fee.

I earnestly thank you for your courteous treatment in the past

Sincerely Yours George Cowles.

Governor Harry H. Woodrington, Correspondence Files, Box 17

CO-OPERATION BY STATES

(By GEORGE COWLES)

The primary wealth in the Mississippi Valley is nearly all produced by raising grain. The seed is sown, and by the power of nature, increases many fold. It is new wealth, created by nature at the touch of man.

It is an undisputed fact that the production of grain is the "foundation stone" on which the prosperity of the central west rests.

Those who produce grain as their major output for a living, are acknowledged to be the main link in the chain of commerce; if that industry languishes all industries quickly feel the weak "link," clogging business.

Twenty-four farm organizations are unanimously agreed on a principle that would be a great impetus, for the progress of all industries, because it would uplift those who raise grain which is raw material and is new wealth created for the whole country to trade with.

The "Farm Relief" legislation which is being pleaded for in Congress for the third time, may NOT be successful.

The west need not despair; because the states that produce nearly all the corn and wheat, can combine and legislate, to accomplish exactly what Congress is being asked to do.

It is within the "constitution" for the states to levy an excise tax on gasoline for the purpose of building roads. Then by co-operation in legislation, between the states, an excise tax may be levied on corn and wheat for the purpose of paying an export corporation to dispose of the surplus in foreign countries.

For a great many reasons, the states could make a greater success than the government at Washington; not the least of the many is—the

business would be handled by friends, who would be vitally interested in the success of the undertaking.

If the government controlled such, "A New Departure in Legislation," there would be too many interests to be pacified and it would become a national "foot-ball," to be kicked around by partisan prejudice.

The grain producing states need not ask assistance from states where the people are more interested in other industries. Their produce may be perishable, or grown on a small area or because of climate or altitude.

It may be possible for successful co-operation in small localities, but it seems impossible for the grain producers to co-operate with many millions of other men in this country, as well as many millions more in several other countries.

The grain producers need not ask assistance from the legislators of manufacturing states who have so far failed to realize the importance of the farmer's ability to purchase their products.

There have been thousands of pages printed to prove the justice of the farmer's demand.

The only question at issue now is, "How can it be done?"

This little message is pointing to another road; that is not barricaded by those who will not see any road towards progress except by the way of—More or Less Tariff.

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Supplement to "CO-OPERATION BY THE STATES"

The reason for copyright is for the purpose of having a record. Suggestions may be added later on.

The Press are welcome to use all or any part of the "little message." Pamphlets will be mailed to those who may desire them.

GEORGE COWLES, Valley, Neb.

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BRIEF OUTLINE OF PLAN FOR AN ADEQUATE PAYING-POWER SYSTEM? NATION WIDE
IN SCOPE, TO FURNISH PAYING-POWER IN ADEQUATE AMOUNTS AT MINIMUM COST
FOR ITS USE, TO STIMULATE BUSINESS AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT FOR
ALL THE PEOPLE. (Form No.1, 1931) By J. W. House, New York, N.Y.

The following is a brief outline of a plan which has been devised for an Adequate Paying-Power System to operate, Nation wide in scope, in each country of the world which may see fit to utilize the Plan; for the purpose of furnishing Paying-Power, or money to farmers, city folks and others, in adequate amounts, on long time, for useful purposes, at not more than 1% interest per annum; and, at the same time, make it possible for money to have an adequate income-earning power for the owners of same.

After years of intensive study of economic and other conditions that affect the people's existence, the author of this plan has concluded that the two most important things the people need to stimulate business, is an adequate Paying-Power system and an adequate amount of money; and, that by having a unified Paying-Power System which would cover the whole country, by having a branch office in every city, and by members issuing checks and spending their money with members who would place both checks and money back in branch offices of the system again, it would be possible to turn the money over and over again an unlimited number of times annually; because money drawn out of the System by one member would be returned to the system by other members; thereby keeping both the checks and the money in the same System practically all the time. Therefore, it is estimated that a multitude of people could be accommodated with an adequate amount of Paying-Power, but only a small amount of money actually used. An adequate amount of money is one of the greatest needs of the present day. There is not enough money in existence to supply the individual needs of the people, and for business expansion. Each country of the world should be full of money to the Saturation Point.

The rapid and unlimited turn-over of the working fund of an Adequate Paying-Power System, suggested to be invested in safe and sound bonds, drawing perhaps 3% interest annually, made possible by the fact that both the money and checks will stay in the System, together with the anticipated great volume of business that will be done, because only 1% interest will be charged members for the use of Paying-Power, is one main feature of the plan that will make it possible for a Paying-Power System, in the aggregate, to have an adequate income and be abundantly self-supporting. If it is estimated that the income of the System will be so large it will not be necessary to charge more than 1% interest for the use of Paying-Power.

The present expense of paying high rates of interest on borrowed money invested, is one great factor that enters into the high cost of owning a farm or home; whereas, by the use of Paying-Power at 1% interest, the cost of owning a farm or home would be very little. By the use of Paying-Power at the low rate of interest suggested in this Plan, Farmers could all soon own a farm and be able to put into practice scientific methods of farming, because the use of Paying-Power would cost so little. The term Paying-Power means the ability to pay. If carried out, this Plan would enable all working people to build or buy homes and save their rent because they would have such a small amount of interest to pay.

An Adequate Paying-Power System cannot become a reality of its own volition; therefore, the people of each respective nation or country, desiring to better their economic opportunities, will need to take steps to consider the Paying-Power Plan and create their own Paying-Power System, to put the Plan into effect. Each person will be doing himself a favor if he makes an untiring effort to learn everything about the main features of the Plan.

If you receive more than one of these folder sheets, please hand one to your neighbor or friend. Don't pronounce the Plan impracticable until you fully understand it. When printed in bookform, the Paying-Power Plan, together with questions and answers and other reading matter, may cover seventy-five or more pages. Organizations, institutions and individual citizens of all communities are requested to hold local meetings for the consideration and discussion of the contents of this sheet.

The purpose of this folder is to let you know such a plan has been devised and to get you to consider the practicability and soundness of the Plan; also, its good effect in many ways, when put into operation. Any comments, or a written expression of what the reader thinks of the contents of this sheet will be appreciated.



Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 17

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New York City, N.Y.

April 11, 1931.

Governor Harry Woodring
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

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The contents of the enclosed one-page folder sheet is being forwarded for your observation and any consideration you may see fit to give same.

As is stated in the folder, it contains a very brief outline of a few main features of a plan which has been devised for an Adequate Paying-Power System, the utilization and application of which, is offered and recommended by me as the only key to the complete and permanent solution of the economic and business depression problem confronting this and other countries of the world.

What I desire most at this time, is, for the people to give me an opportunity to show and convince them that the plan is both sound and practicable, from an economic and self-supporting standpoint.

After having fully considered the contents of the enclosed folder sheet (Form No. 1) I shall appreciate anything you may do to help bring same to the attention of the people of this country; especially your constituents, friends, and neighbors.

If you should see fit, I would appreciate if you would take steps to have a local meeting called for the consideration and discussion of this brief outline of the plan; and, I should be pleased to learn of any action taken at such meeting pertaining to the plan.

I would be pleased to know what you think of the ideas advanced in the enclosed sheet, also, whether more details of the plan are desired, when the same are available.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,
I am,

Yours very truly,

John W. House

Address: 14 East 28 Street
New York City, N.Y.

John W. House

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April 18, 1931

Mr. Joy Hammett
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hammett:

I have your letter of April 14 in which you give me your views for overcoming the depression. Please accept my thanks for writing me so fully in this matter. I have read what you say with the greatest interest.

With continued good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Thanks for
your newspaper
etc
HMM

Manhattan Ks

Apr. 14th 1931

Gov. Harry Woodring

Dear sir: Of course all intelligent people will agree that the simplest way of overcoming the depression, would be for Hoover & Congress to do just what Abe Lincoln and Congress did. That is float an issue of Greenbacks to be used to pay both public and private debts with. That would of course disturb the bond holders, nevertheless, millions would be invested in industry as a result and land values would go up and prosperity ensue. But what I want to P.K. as the most likely and feasible plan, is the plan suggested to you by Donald Meier (on acreage Reduction)

I wish to urge you to seriously consider this plan. I would be glad to use whatever influence I have as County President of Pottawatomie County Farmer's Union in securing the required signatures for our County. I believe with the proper campaign every landowner could be induced to sign up, with the possible exception of the land with mortgage due within the next few months when the mortgage holder could not be reached.

Thanking you for the interest you manifest in agriculture. I am
Yours sincerely
Joy Hammett



Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 17

Dear Sir:

We regret that recent developments in the gas market situation brought about by the general depression, but particularly the recent price war in the cement market and the low price of fuel oil, necessitates our reducing the price of field gas to 6¢ per thousand if we are to continue in these markets.

The Monarch Cement Company of Humboldt, at whose plant we market about 75% of our gas, has notified us that their plant will close down May 1st, for want of a market for their cement. They also notify us that they have an opportunity to participate in certain contracts of other cement companies, but that in order to do so they will have to furnish the cement at such a low price that it becomes necessary to greatly reduce their fuel cost. In other words, if we reduce the price of gas to 12¢ at their plant, they have a good chance to make their deal.

It must be obvious to the producer that we cannot sell at 12¢ per thousand, pay 8¢ per thousand in the field, and at the same time compress the gas twice.

The Standard Oil Company of Kansas informed us in March that we would have to reduce our price to 10¢ per thousand if they continued to use any of our gas. We could not sell gas to the Standard at 10¢ per thousand and pay 8¢ in the field without sustaining a loss. We refused to reduce the price to 10¢ and the Standard cut off our gas.

We call attention to the fact that three years ago The Mid West Gas Corporation took a reduction of price at the Standard Oil Company of Kansas from 15¢ to 12¢ per thousand cubic feet, and at the United Brick & Tile Company from 15¢ to 14¢ per thousand, but prior to this time the producer has not been asked to share any of this reduction.

If we are able to get the contemplated market at Humboldt, we will then only be able to operate our compressor station 60% to 70% capacity. Those who are familiar with the operation of such plants will realize that the cost of compression per thousand cubic feet increases as the amount of gas compressed decreases.

It might be well to add here that the Monarch Cement Company informs us that if we do not make this reduction in price, their plant will be closed down for at least three months, and possibly longer.

At a field price of 6¢ per thousand, it is probable that we could get additional market at the Standard Oil Company of Kansas, enabling us to market more gas.

A new agreement covering the purchase of gas is enclosed herewith for your signature, the same to be returned to The Midwest Gas Corporation in the enclosed envelope.

There is no other course left open for us to take, except to reduce the field price of gas to 6¢, which step we understand was taken sometime ago by all of our competitors in this field.

We urge you to sign and return this agreement at once, in order that we may not delay the Monarch Cement Company in making their proposed deal, and thereby jeopardize the market for all of us for the next six months or longer. They have stated that in order to enable them to conclude their proposed new cement deal it will be necessary for The Midwest Gas Corporation to give them an answer by May 2nd.

Yours very truly,

THE MIDWEST GAS CORPORATION

Manager

JBO:M

Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 17

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, on the 20 day of September, 1930,
a gas purchase contract was made and entered into by and between
Midwest Gas Corporation of Neodesha, Kansas, as Purchaser,
and
H. H. Woodring,

as Seller, in which said gas purchase contract the Purchaser agreed
to buy and the Seller agreed to sell at the price of 8¢ per thousand
cubic feet natural gas produced from the following lands, to-wit:

In Section 33, Township 30, Range 16,

said land being specifically described in gas purchase contract, and

WHEREAS, the Seller agrees that said gas purchase
contract may be modified and changed to provide that said gas shall
be sold, under said contract dated as above mentioned, at the price
of 6¢ per thousand cubic feet, until such time as gas market con-
ditions warrant the Purchaser in paying the price of 8¢ per thousand
cubic feet.

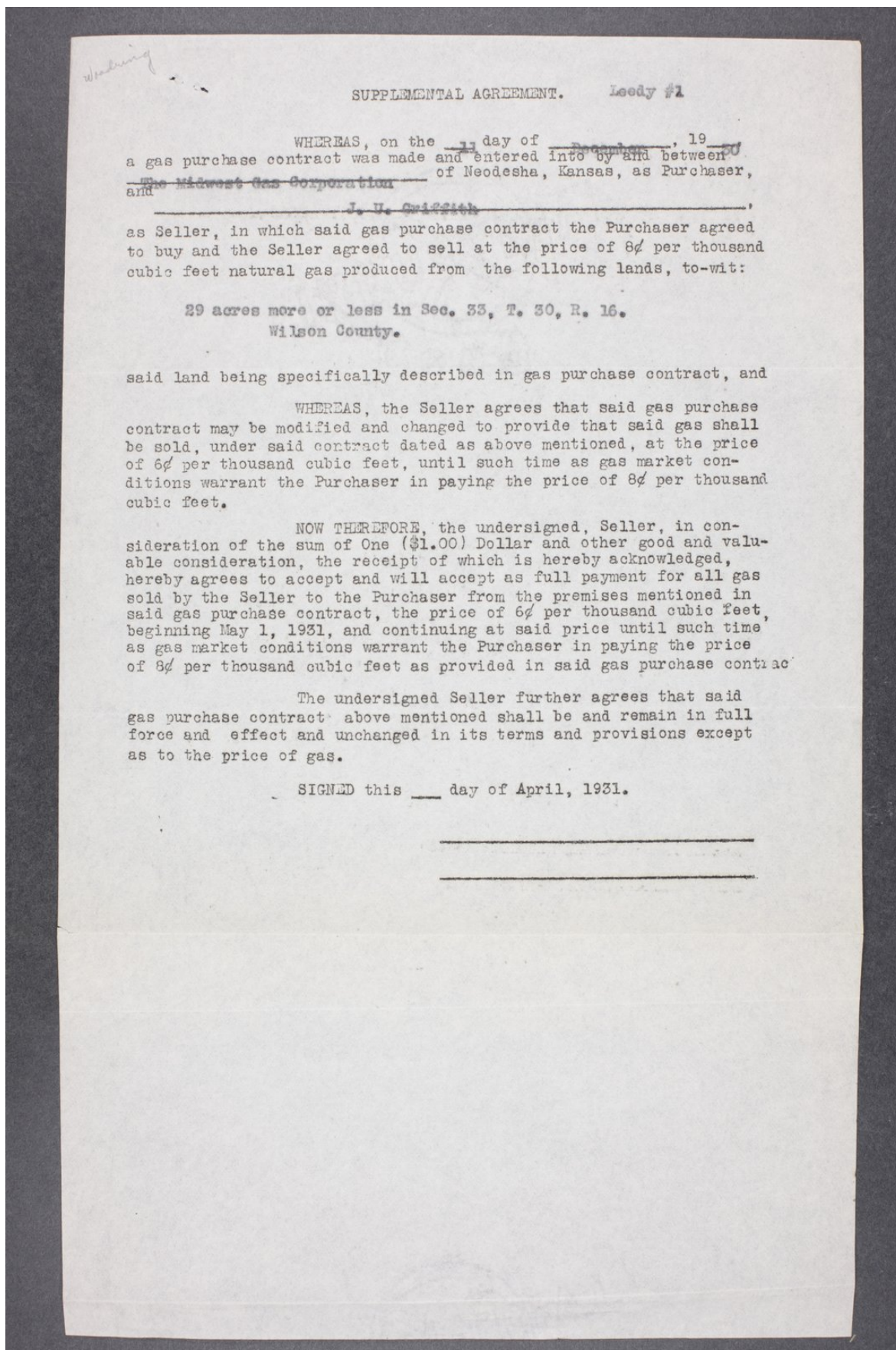
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Seller, in con-
sideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valu-
able consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,
hereby agrees to accept and will accept as full payment for all gas
sold by the Seller to the Purchaser from the premises mentioned in
said gas purchase contract, the price of 6¢ per thousand cubic feet,
beginning May 1, 1931, and continuing at said price until such time
as gas market conditions warrant the Purchaser in paying the price
of 8¢ per thousand cubic feet as provided in said gas purchase contract.

The undersigned Seller further agrees that said
gas purchase contract above mentioned shall be and remain in full
force and effect and unchanged in its terms and provisions except
as to the price of gas.

SIGNED this ____ day of April, 1931.



Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 17



SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT.

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WHEREAS, on the 1 day of December, 1930
a gas purchase contract was made and entered into by and between
The Midwest Gas Corporation of Neodesha, Kansas, as Purchaser,
and

J. U. Gifford

as Seller, in which said gas purchase contract the Purchaser agreed
to buy and the Seller agreed to sell at the price of 8¢ per thousand
cubic feet natural gas produced from the following lands, to-wit:

29 acres more or less in Sec. 33, T. 30, R. 16.
Wilson County.

said land being specifically described in gas purchase contract, and

WHEREAS, the Seller agrees that said gas purchase
contract may be modified and changed to provide that said gas shall
be sold, under said contract dated as above mentioned, at the price
of 6¢ per thousand cubic feet, until such time as gas market con-
ditions warrant the Purchaser in paying the price of 8¢ per thousand
cubic feet.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Seller, in con-
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said gas purchase contract, the price of 6¢ per thousand cubic feet,
beginning May 1, 1931, and continuing at said price until such time
as gas market conditions warrant the Purchaser in paying the price
of 8¢ per thousand cubic feet as provided in said gas purchase contract.

The undersigned Seller further agrees that said
gas purchase contract above mentioned shall be and remain in full
force and effect and unchanged in its terms and provisions except
as to the price of gas.

SIGNED this 1 day of April, 1931.

Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 17

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April 29, 1931

Mr. Elmer R. Hurt
217 West 2d Street
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hurt:

I have your letter of April 23 in regard to the use of coal in schools throughout Kansas. I appreciate the logic of what you say but I feel that I should tell you frankly that it is not my intention to work for the use of one fuel in Kansas as against another. Statistics show that eight million tons of coal are used in Kansas annually. Of this amount, only three million tons are coal produced in Kansas. It seems to me it would be perfectly logical to exert every effort to induce Kansas consumers to buy at home the five million tons of coal now used in the state and which is provided from coal fields in other states. I am perfectly willing to help in every possible way to turn this five million excess tonnage to Kansas mines. Does this not seem logical to you and a better solution of the difficulty?

I thank you very much for writing me so fully your views and assure you that your letter is a very information one.

With continued good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry H. Woodring
Governor