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If the unemployed would be employed in such work, their wages would come back many times in increased tree growing values.

I draw your attention to the fact that Denmark was nearly bankrupt 150 years ago for lack of trees, but after Mr. Douglas demonstrated the value of tree-growing by planting fast growing trees along side of prairie fire trees.

When his idea was turned into actual living facts, Denmark was turned into the wealthiest nation on earth of its size.

Don't forget that the last war would have been lost for the lack of wood by the Allied Nations to mine coal, build bridges, etc.

You know that the German boats sank every ship with wood coming from Norway and Sweden to prevent the mining of coal to run the battleships and other ships.

Now, if wood or forest trees are such a value in war, they must be grown in peace-time to have them when needed in future wars.

Traveling through this country in various directions, I saw fallen trees everywhere and dead trees and underbrush that take air and nourishment away from the living trees.

Why should that be? Why should we not save all living trees? Why should it not pay the U.S.A. when it paid Denmark and Germany?

If these poor nations could afford the outlay then why can not a rich nation like America afford it? What is wrong or what is the excuse? As these nations proved the fact, that tree care is profitable, then America knows the fact, that the returns are greater than the outlay.

Then if this is true, why don't we care for every tree that grows and grow more and more until we have all supplies of wood needed for our domestic use in peace and war and, besides, for foreign supplies, if necessary?



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Get independent of all nations in peace and war. Protect the people of our great nation at all times, in peace or war. Give employment to the unemployed in our forests, turn our waste in forests into useful assets, spend your money with unemployed people with valuable returns to the nations in growing trees.

Our government has a deficit in Treasury, must and will spend billions of dollars for defence purposes in ships, air-craft, etc., and feeding unemployed people without actual returns. Why should an unemployed person get money without working for it?

I believe that any good citizen rather would work for money that he receives than accept it free and run the country in debt or bankruptcy. No sane citizen would accept that, I am sure. Any one who does so should die for hunger.

But, if he is willing to work, give him the profitable work that protects himself and family and all others alike in the country.

Let us learn to spend money wisely, instead of unwisely and unprofitably. This is not business like. This undertaking is a large one and would require millions of workmen to bring about the result desired.

Consider, the indirect effect on general business? Hauling of food and supplies to and from, increased railroad and ship activities, trucks, automobiles, materials, tools, machines for timber cutting, saws, planers, axes, power-plants, paper producing plants or chemical work, etc.

With one word, if salaries would be paid to millions of now unemployed people, they could and would spend their so earned money in all kinds of needed necessities, that they can not buy when they do not have the money to buy it with.

This naturally would flow money into every business activity and, consequently, stop depression.

Any clear minded business man should see at once the change in business throughout the country.

Now the question arises, namely: who is the man or persons, clubs, newspapers or magazines that will

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bring on this condition?

Let us do it, if it is sound business to do so? Don't spend our money, feeding and clothing poor people that would rather work than beg for a piece of bread or for a meal, shelter or clothing.

Now, Let's go! Let's work this idea to a success for national benefit! Who is the leader? I hope to have outlined the purpose sufficiently to waken up some willful personality to bring about the result.

Under present labor conditions, low salaries could be paid, but sufficient to give buying power of other daily necessities.

Now, let's do it! Good luck! Get busy to save trees, grow trees to the limit and turn the country's wood waste into money to defray the expenses for the undertaking.

Wishing you success and thanking everybody that assists to bring about this undertaking, I am

Yours for mutual defense and employment for all unemployed to produce prosperity, instead of bankruptcy,

Jacob Petry

THE JACOB PETRY RETAINER CO.

JP:IA

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I wish to comment briefly on a press statement quoting Harry Burr, Assistant Federal Director for the U. S. Employment Service, as objecting to the appointment of E. L. Jenkins, Secretary of the Topeka Federation of Labor, to the relief committee I have appointed for the handling of the \$2,750,000 relief fund, and objecting because the state federation and railroad brotherhoods were not consulted. I presume Mr. Burr is speaking for both the federation and the brotherhoods.

For his information, I consulted several in regard to these appointments whom I could rely upon as giving me counsel and advice free from any political conniving or trickery. Mr. Burr who receives \$2100 per year salary from the federal government for the purpose of devoting full time to the U. S. Employment Service and as I understand an additional salary from the state federation of labor to take care of their work has continually since his appointment as assistant federal director criticised almost every act of this administration. This surely does not represent the federal department of labor in their aims and ideals in relieving unemployment. In view of the fact that when the republican president appointed a committee for the purpose of relieving unemployment, this democratic governor appointed a non-partisan committee who did everything within their power to bring the republican president's program to a successful conclusion. I have no apologies to make for my appointment of Mr. Jenkins on this committee, believing him to be one of the finest and highest types of labor representative in the state. I also appointed L. E. Goodrich, a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, on this committee so that all classes of organized labor would be represented. I hope Mr. Burr does not imply that either of these two gentlemen are not of the highest type in character and ability.

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STATE OF KANSAS
—
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TOPEKA

COPY

Telegram

July 11, 1932

Will your city be able to care for local unemployment situation this coming winter. Is federal appropriation for direct relief and to aid employment necessary to prevent suffering in your community. If federal funds become available can they best serve by employment program creating work for able-bodied men, restricting charity to physically unfortunate. Please consult local unemployment relief agencies and wire answer as soon as possible. Give estimate of number of unemployed and probable amount of money needed for next twelve months.

Harry H. Woodring

Sent to 88 mayors of 1st and 2d class cities

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

COPY

July 12, 1932

Ans. [Signature]

Mr. M. L. Walters
902 West Fourth
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Walters:

Please accept my thanks for your message of July 11 which arrived just before the committee was ushered into my office.

We had a very pleasant and instructive conference and I feel that each of the visitors went away satisfied with my sincere interest in their proposition, with possibly one exception, who was disposed to demand more time than I could possibly give him in the light of the immediate demands upon me. I appreciate very much your advising me of the situation.

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

(Until further notice Governor Woodring will broadcast from the executive offices over Stations WIBW and KFBI each day from 12:20 to 12:50 P. M.)

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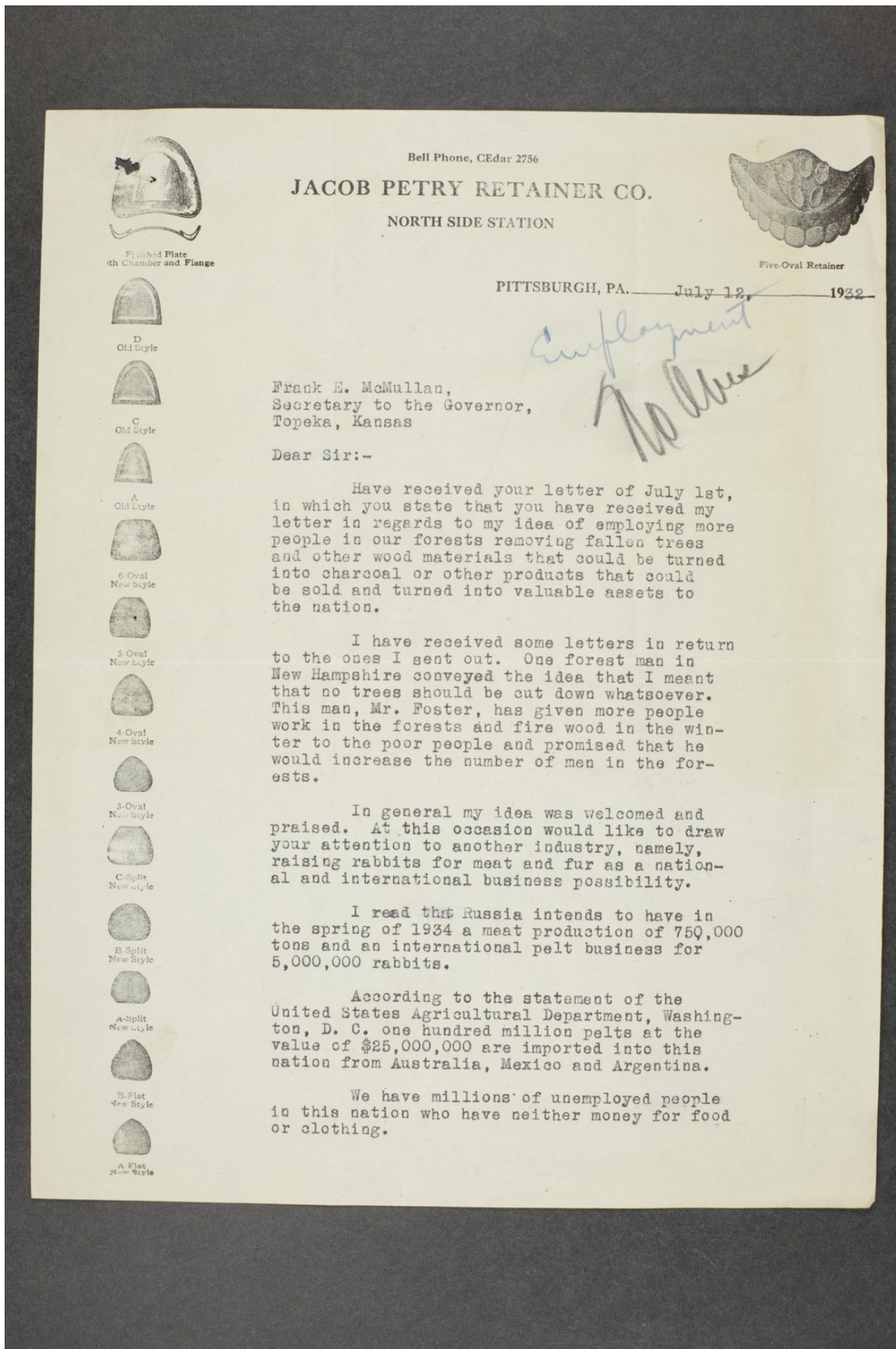
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TOPEKA KANS=

HARRY A COMMITTEE IS ENROUTE TO INTERVIEW YOU FOR AID FOR
THE UNEMPLOYED BE CAREFUL THE COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED
ENTIRELY OF REPUBLICAN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE MAN
DO NOT BE HOOKED=
M L WALTERS 902 WEST FOURTH.

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Frank E. McMullan

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July 12, 1932

Why does not the government protect the raising of pelt producing animals such as rabbits by duties on imported rabbit skins to keep out foreign skins for the protection of the rabbit raising people in this nation?

Why should \$25,000,000 go to foreign nations when our own people are hungering? Rabbits are raised the present day under unsanitary conditions and with too much expense for work.

I saw with my own eyes a young rabbit urinate into the drinking water that stood in a crock dish on the floor of the hutch.

An animal in liberty would not drink soiled urine water or would not set over its own dirt. Therefore, why should it do things like this in captivity? I think animals should be protected from such an unclean, unsanitary and unnatural raising and also meat should not be offered to the market for human beings to eat produced by such unclean methods.

It may be true that a hog or chicken is more dirty and eats more dirty things, but it is the nature of the hog and chicken to do so, while it is not the nature of the rabbit.

Why should the public eat meat produced by such unsanitary and such unfair conditions to the rabbit? If you are interested in this matter, I can show you a method where a stable or rabbit hutch can be produced water-flushed and with flowing drinking water.

There is a great fake business in this line of business charging prices for breeding rabbits as high as thirty dollars an animal which is excessive and nothing but a misrepresentation of facts, or with other words, fake business and should be stopped.

I think that the United States should produce their own rabbits through sanitary stables and other protective measures and not be beat by the government of Russia.



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July 12, 1932

Meat production in all states in the United States except California is unsuccessful and freight and delivery of the meat take away the profit in raising them.

If the government would adopt a water-flushed hutch and would run State Rabbit Farms and butcher houses and kill their own rabbits produced under state supervision by unemployed and handle the sale of skins nationally and internationally, I think that the raising of rabbits for meat and fur could be turned into a great business nationally and internationally and employ a great number of people that are at the present day out of work.

Hoping to see something done in the creation of laws for protection of animals and for human beings not to be forced to eat meat produced by rabbits who drink soiled urine water or other filthy conditions and wishing you success in creation of such laws for betterment, I am

Yours for reduction of unemployed,

THE JACOB PETRY RETAINER CO.

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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July 12, 1932

Captain J. E. Davis
213 East Fourth Street
Pittsburg, Kansas

Unemployment

Dear Captain Davis:

Your letter of July 9 addressed to Mrs. Minnie C. True was handed to me when the delegation from your city was in yesterday to acquaint me with the situation there. It contained information which helped to give me a picture of your needs. We are giving serious attention to this work and to preparations for the winter to come.

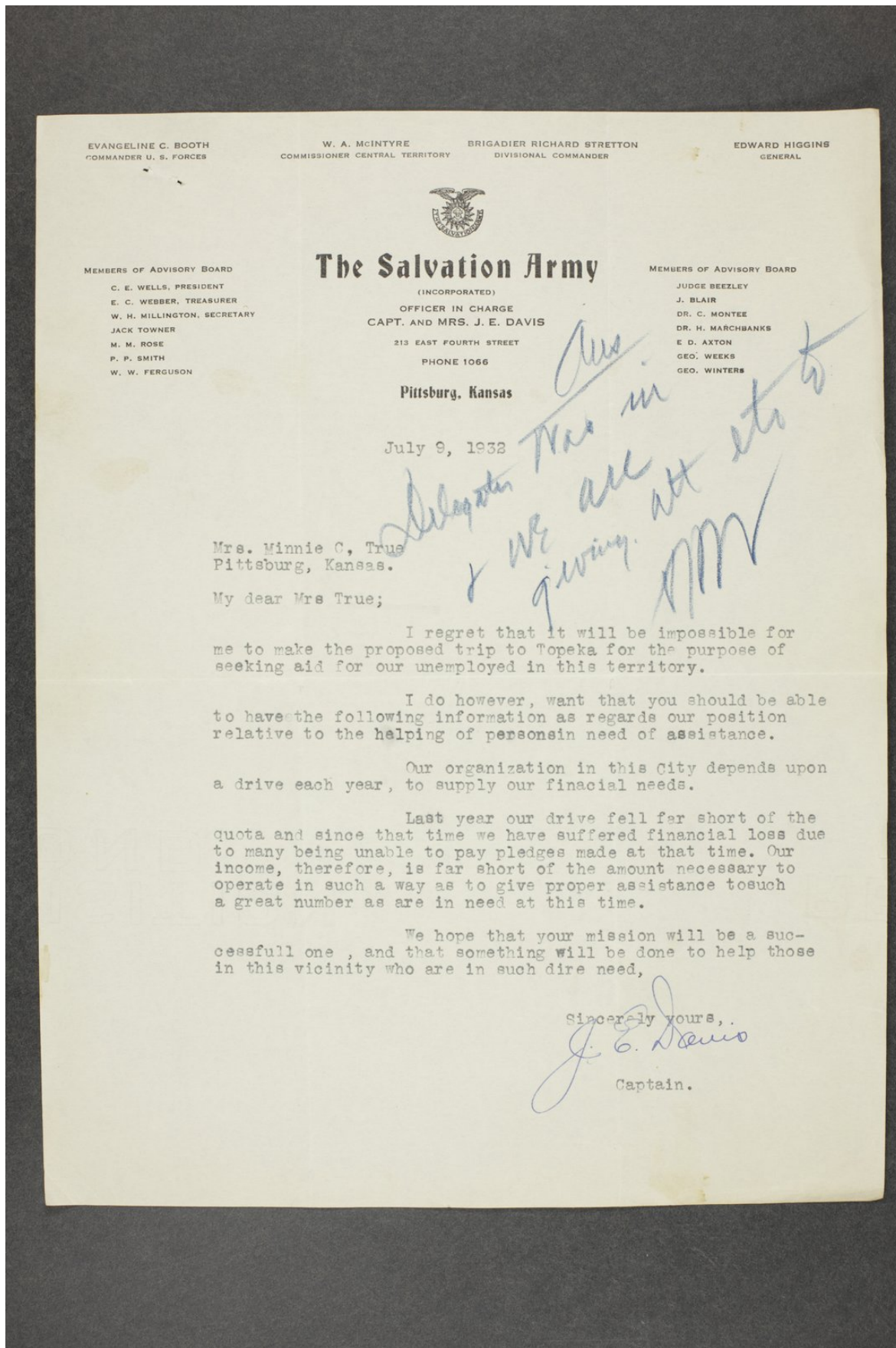
The State Administration, you may trust, can be of assistance in working out some sort of a program which with proposed Federal aid may alleviate much suffering. Under our state constitution there is no way in which we can vote funds for this purpose, but we can be of assistance, I hope, in obtaining Federal aid and administering any funds which may be available from that source.

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Executive Department

CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS

July 12, 1932.

OFFICE OF
CITY MANAGER

Done

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your telegram to Mayor H. D. Cottman, relative to the unemployment situation in Wichita; I believe that the local governing bodies could take care of the unemployment situation in such a way as to prevent suffering, although the load will be much heavier this coming winter than it was last winter. If other communities receive Federal funds we, of course, will expect our portion and will be glad to assist in any way we can in the equitable and proper distribution of such funds. We are sold on the idea that all aid to able-bodied men and women should be given through made-work or employment and that charity should be carefully restricted to those physically unfortunate.

Last winter we had approximately three thousand men, heads of families, who needed and were given some help. This year we expect to see this number increased to forty-five hundred to five thousand. We estimate the number of unemployed, including those who have some employment yet not enough to support their families, as between six thousand and seventy-five hundred. Approximately Three Hundred Thousand Dollars will be needed for made-work and charity.

Personally I am not in favor of the Federal Government spending large sums of money for relief work, feeling sure that each community can best take care of its own situation. If there are any communities absolutely unable to take care of the needy, relief should be given in much the same manner that the Red Cross steps in and takes care of all disasters.

Sincerely,

Bert C. Wells

BERT C. WELLS
CITY MANAGER

BW.BP



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GRANT MEYER
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE
J. C. MCINTOSH
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

C. C. BROOKER
MAYOR

LAVENA KUHN
CITY CLERK
B. C. JOHNSTON
CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF MARION

MARION, KANSAS

July 12, 1932

Harry W Woodring
Governor
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Answering your telegram of yesterday.

I believe that we will be able to take care of
the unemployment situation in Marion this coming winter.

We have about fifteen families here to whom
county aid is usually rendered in the winter and we
think that we can take care of these people as heretofore.

We appreciate your interest in this matter
and I personally want to commend you for your foresight
and thoughtfulness for our unfortunate.

Very truly

C. C. Brooker
Mayor

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Received at *Topeka, KS 243 PM July 25*

Mayor J. S. Hardley Clatskanie, OR

*Will your City be able to
Care for Local unemployment
situation this coming winter is
Federal appropriation for direct
relief and to aid Employment
necessary to prevent suffering
in your Community if Federal
funds become available Can they*

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Received at *Best Service by Employment*

Program Creating Work for Able-bodied men and restricting Charity to physically unfortunates. Please Consult Local unemployment Relief agencies and wire Answer as soon as possible. Give Estimate of number of unemployed and Probable Amount of money needed for next twelve months.

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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OFFICE OF
MARTIN MILLER MAYOR
CITY OF FORT SCOTT,
KANSAS

July 12, 1932.

Governor Harry Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

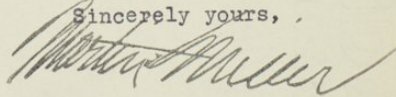
Answering your telegram of July 11th would advise that the delay was caused by my being out of the city at the time it was received.

1. We will not be able to care for our local unemployed this coming winter.
2. Appropriation for direct relief to aid unemployed necessary from the Government or some other source to relieve actual suffering.
3. Federal funds or other funds obtained can best be served by an improvement program.

We have three hundred unfortunate unemployed at this time and an estimate of the amount needed to cover the unemployment situation in this city for the next twelve months is appalling. Figuring \$1.00 per day for full time for the three hundred unemployed here would run something like \$100,000.00. Any amount which this city could receive would be greatly appreciated by its citizens.

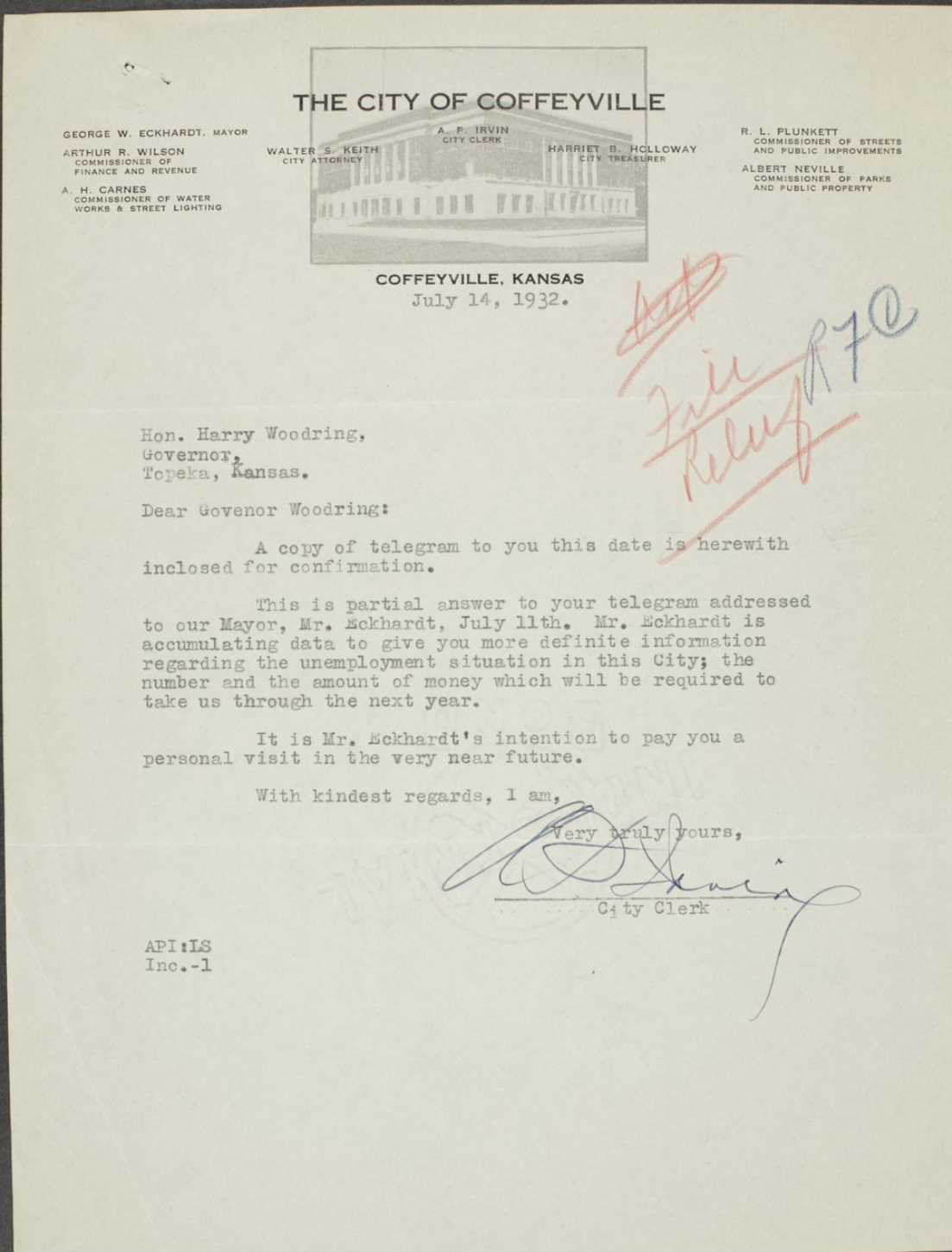
If federal funds can be secured for this purpose it will relieve the cities wonderfully. If federal funds cannot be received I would suggest that the Legislature be called into special session for the direct and concrete purpose only of giving the cities the right to issue bonds for improvement purposes to aid the unfortunate unemployed.

Sincerely yours, .



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DOMESTIC	CABLE	NO.	CASH OR CHG.
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE		
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED		
NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER		
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER		

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

WESTERN UNION

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

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

{ SEND PREPAID }
{ TELEPHONE 683 }

JULY 14 1932

HON HARRY WOODRING GOVERNOR
TOPEKA KS

REPLYING TELEGRAM ELEVENTH AM SECURING DATA INFORMING YOU
FULLY REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION COMING YEAR STOP
UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE FOURTEEN HUNDRED REQUIRING TWENTY-FIVE
THOUSAND DOLLARS

GEO W ECKHARDT MAYOR



Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 25

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. For this, one-half the repeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an un-repeated message and paid for as such, in 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 un-repeated-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 insured*; 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 tendered 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 such 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

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 rapaid 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. Day Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

C. 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 stand-

ard 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.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS

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A. Night Letters 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 Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

B. Night Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

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 LETTERS

For plain-language communications. The language of the country of destination may be employed, if the Cable 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. Rate is approximately one-third of the full rate, minimum 20 words.

WEEK-END LETTERS

Similar to Cable Letters except that they are accepted up to midnight Saturday for delivery Monday morning, if telegraphic delivery is selected. Rate is approximately one-quarter of the full rate, minimum 20 words.



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RALPH C. MITCHELL, MAYOR
POLICE, FIRE AND HEALTH
W. C. CAVERT, COMMISSIONER
FINANCE AND REVENUE
F. E. STOOPS, COMMISSIONER
STREETS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

G. H. KRIENHAGEN, CITY CLERK

THEO. F. VARNER
CITY ATTORNEY
J. C. GORDON,
SUPT. WATER WORKS
G. H. HACKMASTER,
CITY ENGINEER

INDEPENDENCE CITY

Commission Government

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

July 14, 1932.

*No bus
Employment*

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

Honorable Governor:--

I am holding a meeting this afternoon with my Employment Committee and other interested citizens in an attempt to determine what our needs will be this winter, as outlined in your telegram.

You no doubt realize that it would be a very hard matter to use many thousands of dollars for employment relief without an expenditure of materials money from some source. In our case all departments are strapped as to finances for public improvements and I would like to suggest for the consideration of your state committee on this employment relief that there be a possibility of a plan being worked out whereby a very small percent might be spent for material in the event that this expenditure might furnish as much as 90% labor. This thought comes to me from my experience of the past winter where we were able to provide a means of using our man-power by this small expenditure for materials.

You will no doubt have received a reply from your telegram before you receive this letter and I only offer this as a suggestion from past experience. You may feel free to call upon me at any time if I can be of any assistance to this cause.

Yours very truly,

Ralph C. Mitchell
Ralph C. Mitchell, Mayor

RCM:MC



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OFFICERS:

ARTHUR LeFEVER, Police Judge
PETER BICKEL, City Treasurer
JULIUS LaFORTE, City Marshal
I. W. DOPKING, Water Supt.

CITY of FRONTENAC

ROBERT GRUBER, Mayor
J. C. LAVERY, City Clerk

COUNCILMEN:

JOSEPH VACCA
ED. EINHELLIG
MATT KNOLL
JOHN ZIEGLER
JOHN CORNELLA
LOUIS HEBENSTREIT
VALENTINE DELLADIO
A. H. ASHBACHER

Frontenac, Kansas, July 14, 193²

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

Dear Governor:

In reply to your wire of the 12th with reference to unemployment situation in this city will endeavor to answer your questions in the order asked.

- 1 The city will not be able to take care of local unemployment situation this winter.
- 2 Federal appropriation for direct relief and to aid unemployment is necessary to prevent suffering in our community.
- 3 Federal funds can best serve by employment program creating work for able bodied men and restricting charity to physical unfortunate.
- 4 There are in my estimation between three and four hundred family heads unemployed in this city at this time, however a good number of these men are unemployed through the fact that the Western Coal & Mining Co. have recently shut down their several mines and it is possible that these mines may be operating part time this winter which makes it impossible to determine an amount of money needed.

Assureing you that I appreciate your efforts and will co-operate with you in any way possible to lessen the suffering of the people of this and any other community, I remain

Very truly yours,

Robert Gruber
Mayor



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City of Osawatomie

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Governor Harry H. Woodring,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Governor Woodring:-

Answering your letter of the 11th.
Our city will not be able to care for local unemployment
situation without outside assistance.

We do not favor direct aid, and do not think Federal Ap-
propriation necessary for direct relief.

We do ~~not~~ think Federal Appropriation necessary to pro-
vide employment.

We think Federal Funds if provided will best serve by be-
ing used for employment program, creating work for able
bodied men, and that charity should be restricted to physically
unfortunate.

We estimate three hundred families unemployed, and that Fifteen
Thousand Dollars will be needed.

Yours respectfully,

H. E. Newhouse
Mayor,

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FREDONIA, KANSAS

July 15, 1932

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

Dear Sir:

Mayor Arthur Hollis of this city has just mentioned to me that he received a telegram from you a day or two ago asking for information relative to the unemployment situation in this city and especially inquiring as to how much federal assistance this community will require in order to meet this situation providing federal aid becomes available.

As president of the Chamber of Commerce I was familiar with the details of the efforts made in this community last winter to meet the problem of unemployment. A special committee was created for this purpose, and we endeavored to meet the situation as efficiently and comprehensively as possible, and by utilizing every community resource it was possible for us to get through the winter of 1931-32 with a cash outlay of slightly more than \$8,000.00. However, many conditions exist at this time that did not exist a year ago, and it is my honest opinion, Governor Woodring, after having carefully and conscientiously considered this problem from every angle, that it will be an absolute impossibility adequately to care for the families of the unemployed in this city during the coming winter unless we have available for this purpose a sum of not less than \$25,000.00 in addition to any local contributions that may be available.

To begin with, the number of unemployed men has gradually increased since last July, and we are still on the basis of the peak load with no prospects of any substantial relief. We started in a year ago with only fifty families dependent upon public assistance. This year we will start with two hundred families, and the number undoubtedly will increase as the season advances. A great many of the men last year had cash reserves representing their personal savings, whereas this year all such reserves have disappeared.

Last year the community responded most liberally to our appeal and donated ten truck loads of second hand clothing, generally of very serviceable quality. The closets of the community have been stripped and no clothing will be available this year. Canned fruit and vegetables to the extent of thousands of cans were donated last year, none of which will be available this year.

Handwritten notes in red ink:
It appears rather a large sum - I am att. by St. Com - JHMD
this does not replace your fund for charity



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Hon. Harry H. Woodring, Governor

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As a matter of fact, there were scores of local citizens who contributed to our relief fund last year, who now themselves by reason of unemployment not only are unable to contribute toward the relief of others, but are compelled to ask for maintenance themselves. Others, who contributed liberally last year, have had their incomes so seriously reduced during the year that they will be fortunate to escape the necessity of asking for aid.

Last season we obtained the privilege of cutting the standing timber on more than 100 acres of land in this vicinity, which provided fuel for the unemployed throughout the winter. This timber won't be available this year, and it will be necessary for the families to use either gas or coal which will impose an additional item of expense which we avoided last winter.

All of these various conditions, according to our closest calculations, are equal to not less than the cash contributions that were made last season, so that if in reality the situation had been handled on a cash basis last season and if we had been compelled to purchase clothing, fuel and canned vegetables instead of obtaining these items without cost to the committee, the cost of our activities last year, in our opinion, would easily have been \$16,000.00 instead of \$8,000.00.

This year, with the increased number of unemployed families, we feel that any sum less than \$25,000.00 in addition to local contributions will prove wholly inadequate. Consequently, I urge you to give our requirements most careful consideration, and when the federal funds become available to put this community in line to receive \$25,000.00 to supplement whatever funds can be obtained through local subscription.

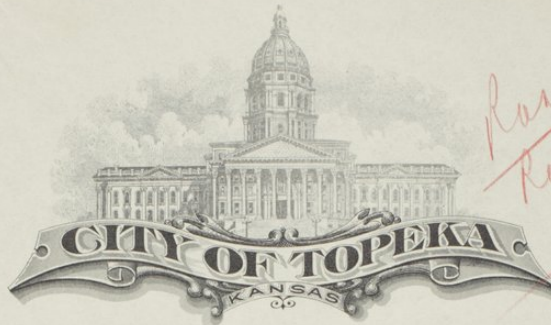
Please note that, in my opinion, we will have to care for two hundred families for nine months. On this basis \$25,000.00 will make it possible for us to allot to each family an average amount of \$3.50 per week to provide for fuel, clothing and food.

Yours very truly,

President,
Fredonia Chamber of Commerce.

SHW:JN

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OMAR B. KETCHUM, MAYOR

July 15, 1932

Hon. Harry H. Woodring
Governor
State House
Topeka
Kansas

My dear Governor:

In response to your telegram of the eleventh, I am submitting the following report. It is difficult to answer questions one and two with a definite 'yes' or 'no', so I am explaining our position in the following language:

Last year our city raised over \$130,000.00 in voluntary subscriptions for an unemployment work program. Nearly four thousand men and women registered to participate in the work. After weeding out the undeserving we found there were still in excess of three thousand who received direct aid in the form of employment.

From the best information available, it is extremely doubtful this city will be able to raise anywhere near that large amount of money in voluntary subscriptions for the coming winter. We have no legal method of issuing bonds to raise this money other than by a vote of the people which makes it extremely doubtful as to whether that process could be followed.

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The same information from these sources lead me to believe that the unemployment situation will be even more acute than last winter and will necessitate an even larger program for relief, therefor I would assume that this city will be in need of funds from some source whether it be a federal, state or county appropriation to relieve distress.

A conservative estimate of the unemployed seeking relief this winter will be in the neighborhood of four to five thousand persons, some of whom have dependents in the family, making the total considerably larger. I estimate that from \$175,000.00 to \$200,000.00 will be needed during the next twelve months to adequately dispense relief.

I am heartily in favor of using these funds in an employment program, giving work for able bodied and restricting charity to those who are unable to exchange their services for necessities.

This may not be as definite an answer as you would like but you can see that it is impossible for me to actually say whether this community in an emergency could rise to the need and take care of their own unfortunate. I would not like to assume the responsibility of saying this is the case and then find myself confronted with hundreds and hundreds of these people who will be looking to the city to furnish relief and no funds available for the same. I do know an appropriation is going to be necessary to do the job and whether it comes from the federal government, or the state and county makes very little difference.

Trusting this information will be of value to you in compiling statistics for Kansas, I am

Very cordially yours,

Omar B. Latham

Mayor.

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Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 25

HENRY F. POOLE, CITY CLERK

J. F. WYATT, CITY TREASURER

CITY OF GALENA

D. D. CROWELL, Mayor

GALENA, KANSAS

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

July 18th. 1932.

Dear Governor:- We note that Kansas is to share in a relief measure just recently passed by congress.

We also note that a committee will act as administrator of funds allotted to Kansas. Should it come within your prerogative to name such committee we desire to recomend our city attorney A.D. Schreiner to a place on such committee. We assure you that he is fully qualified to act in such capacity. He has handled relief work here for some time.

In the elctions of President Woodrow Wilson he was our county chairman and succeeded admirably. We cannot recomend him too highly.

This part of the state will appreciate his consideration.

Respectfully yours,

D.D. Crowell
D.D. Crowell, Mayor.

Max Y. Sawyer
Max Y. Sawyer, Secy. Democratic County, Central
Committee.

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