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The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

EASTERN LINES

C. W. KOUNS,
General Manager.
H. B. LAUTZ,
Asst. to Gen'l Manager.

Office of General Manager,
Topeka, Kansas.

Subject: Charges for hauling Monument to Pawnee Rock.

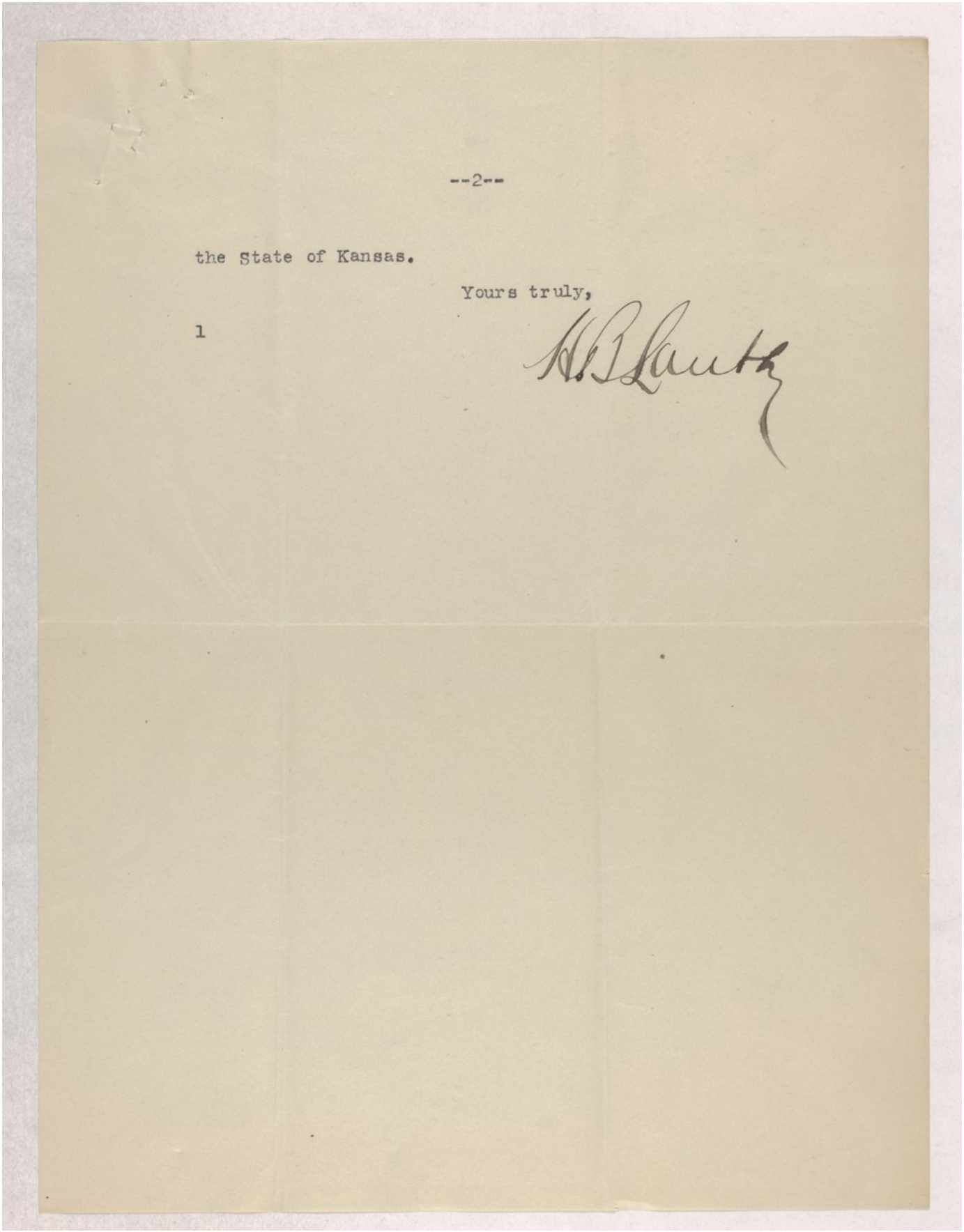
Topeka, June 13, 1912.

Mrs. J. S. Simmons,
514 Avenue A East,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Madam,-

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 9th instant relative to charges on the monument set up at Pawnee Rock. Mr. Guild spoke to me about this several weeks since, about the time he ordered the monument shipped from the east. I told him then that it was my recollection that Mr. Hurley had agreed to make no charge for hauling the material for Pawnee Rock within the State of Kansas but that he had not intended this to apply on inter-state movement and I did not believe that we could legally make a free haul on an interstate shipment of this kind but would ascertain and let him know. On making inquiry of our Traffic Department officials I found that it would be impossible for us to do anything on any shipment except those originating in the State of Kansas and so advised Mr. Guild.

I regret that there should have been any mis-understanding about this matter. Of course, we will carry out Mr. Hurley's promise but cannot do anything beyond the

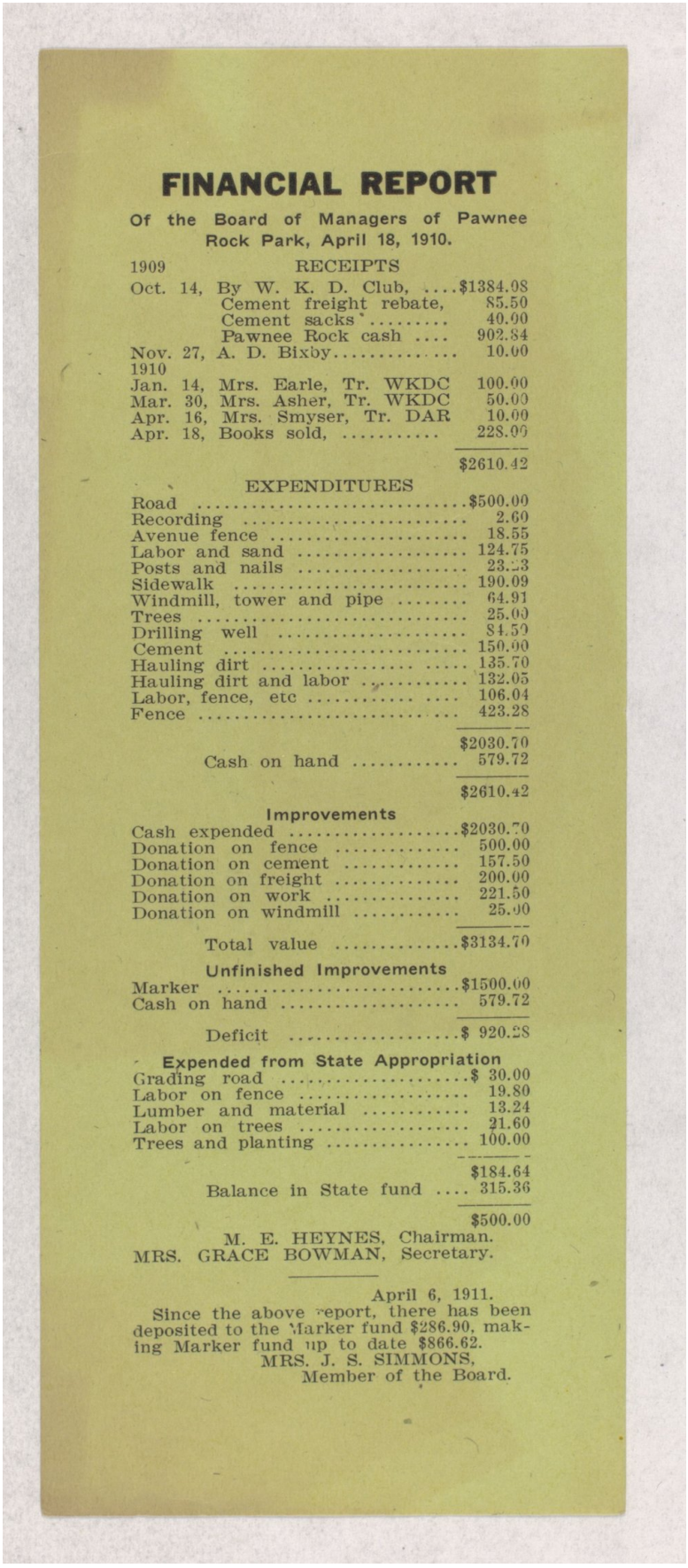


the State of Kansas.

Yours truly,

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Board of Managers of Pawnee Rock Park, April 18, 1910.

1909	RECEIPTS	
Oct. 14,	By W. K. D. Club,	$1384.98
	Cement freight rebate,	85.50
	Cement sacks	40.00
	Pawnee Rock cash	902.84
Nov. 27,	A. D. Bixby	10.00
1910		
Jan. 14,	Mrs. Earle, Tr. WKDC	100.00
Mar. 30,	Mrs. Asher, Tr. WKDC	50.00
Apr. 16,	Mrs. Smyser, Tr. DAR	10.00
Apr. 18,	Books sold,	228.00
		$2610.42

EXPENDITURES	
Road	$500.00
Recording	2.60
Avenue fence	18.55
Labor and sand	124.75
Posts and nails	23.23
Sidewalk	190.09
Windmill, tower and pipe	64.91
Trees	25.00
Drilling well	84.50
Cement	150.00
Hauling dirt	135.70
Hauling dirt and labor	132.05
Labor, fence, etc	106.04
Fence	423.28
	$2030.70
Cash on hand	579.72
	$2610.42

Improvements	
Cash expended	$2030.70
Donation on fence	500.00
Donation on cement	157.50
Donation on freight	200.00
Donation on work	221.50
Donation on windmill	25.00
Total value	$3134.70

Unfinished Improvements	
Marker	$1500.00
Cash on hand	579.72
Deficit	$ 920.28

Expended from State Appropriation	
Grading road	$ 30.00
Labor on fence	19.80
Lumber and material	13.24
Labor on trees	21.60
Trees and planting	100.00
	$184.64
Balance in State fund	315.36
	$500.00

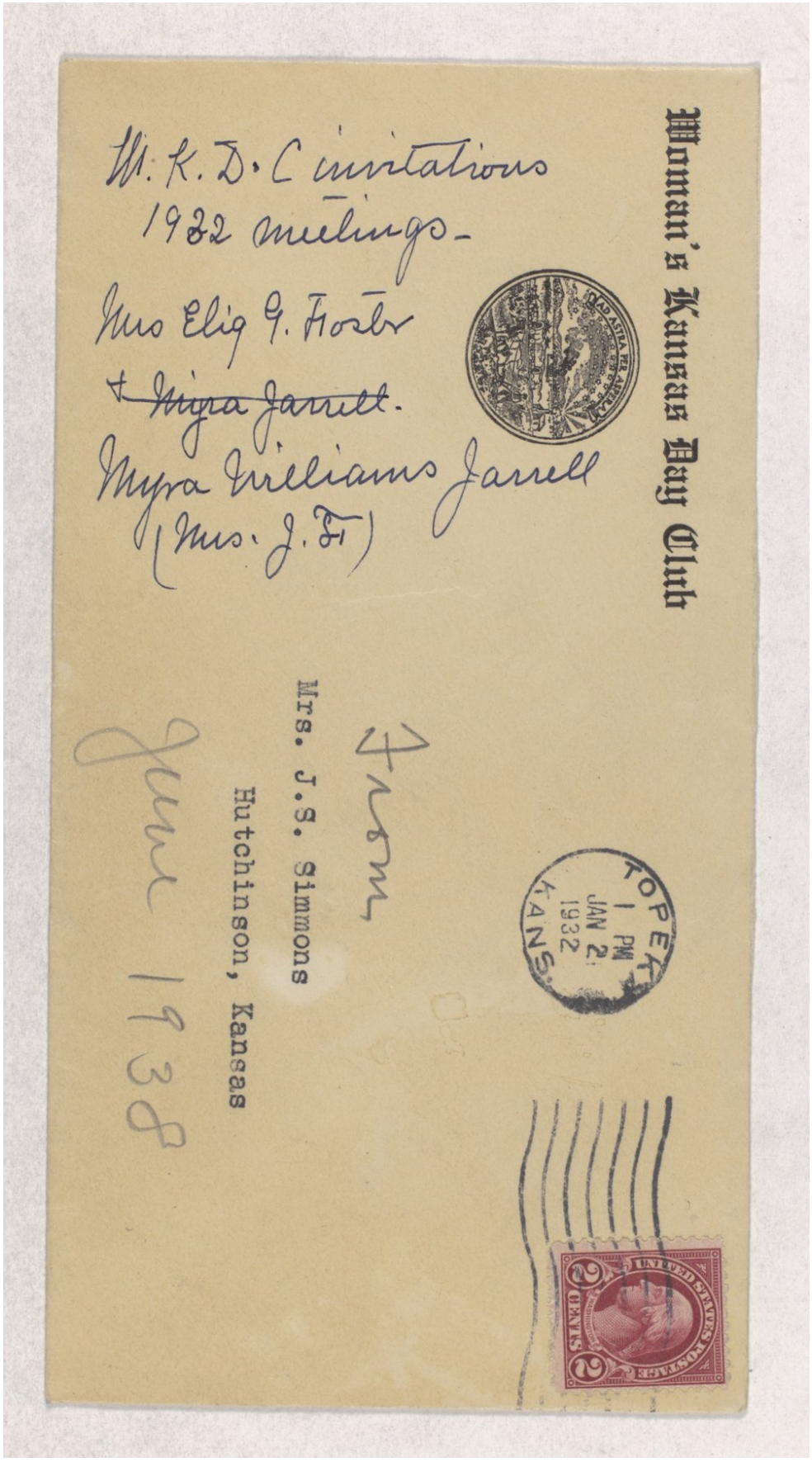
M. E. HEYNES, Chairman.
MRS. GRACE BOWMAN, Secretary.

April 6, 1911.

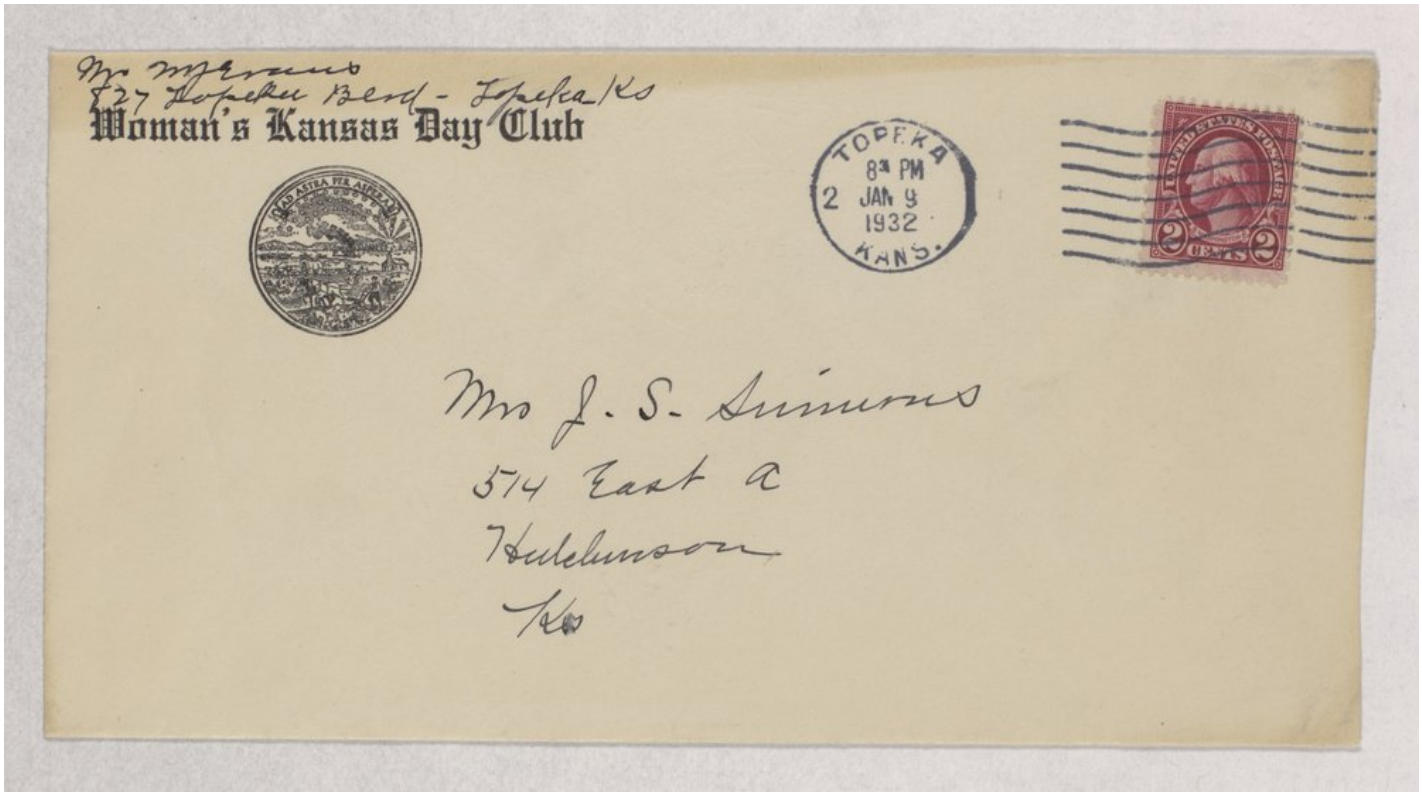
Since the above report, there has been deposited to the Marker fund $286.90, making Marker fund up to date $866.62.

MRS. J. S. SIMMONS,
Member of the Board.

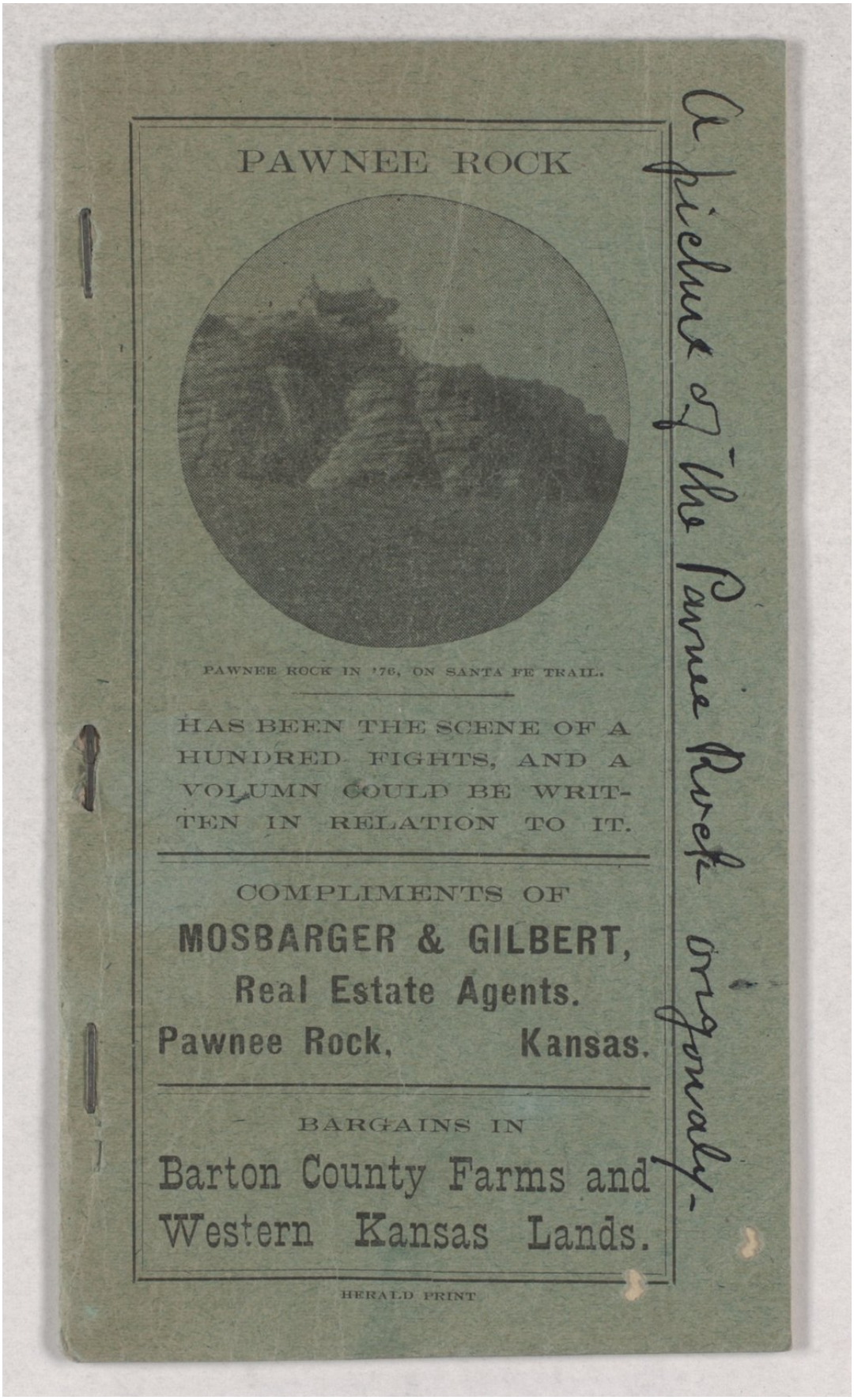
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PAWNEE ROCK

PAWNEE ROCK IN '76, ON SANTA FE TRAIL.

HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF A HUNDRED FIGHTS, AND A VOLUMN COULD BE WRITTEN IN RELATION TO IT.

COMPLIMENTS OF

MOSBARGER & GILBERT,

Real Estate Agents.

Pawnee Rock, Kansas.

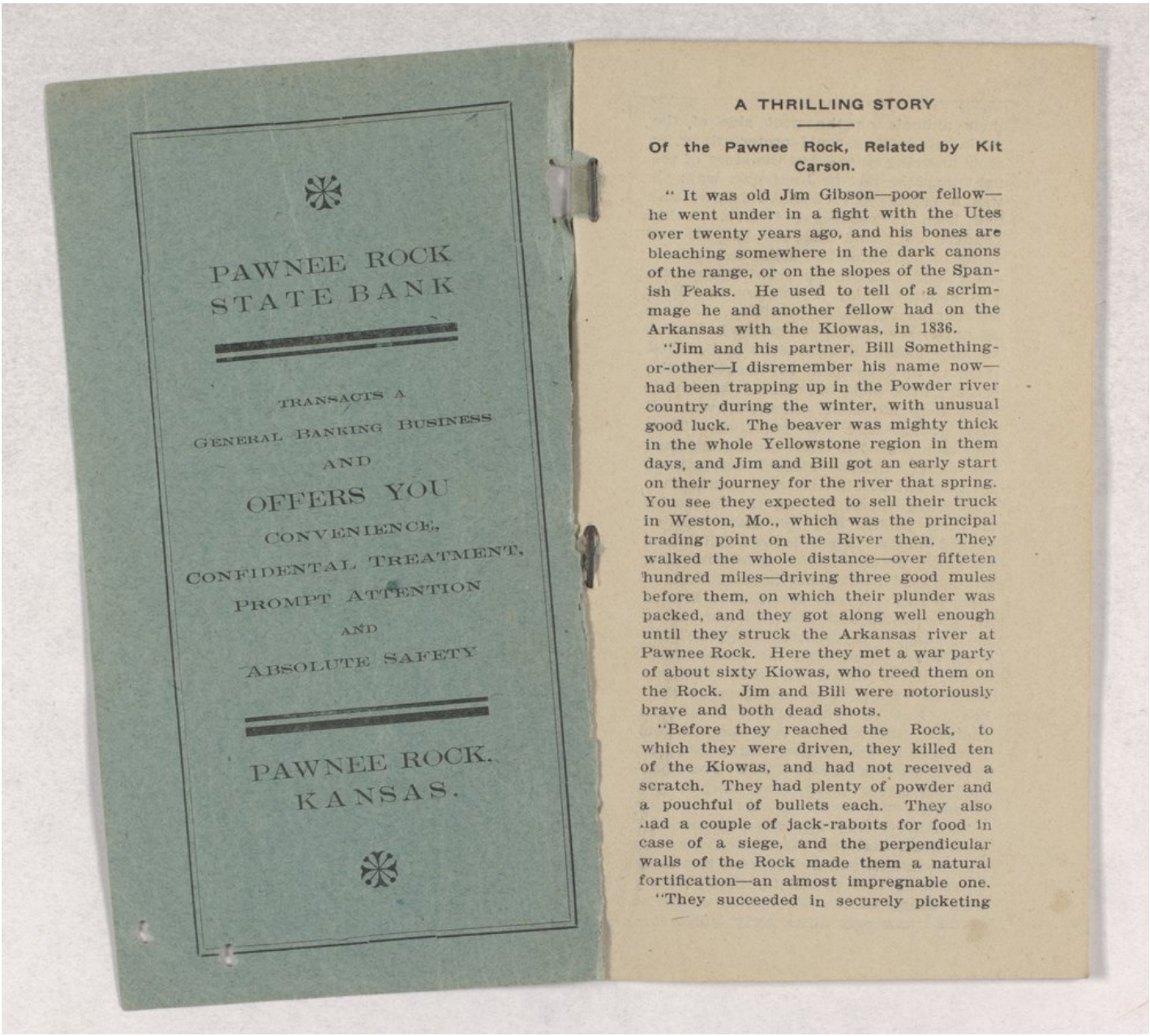
BARGAINS IN

Barton County Farms and Western Kansas Lands.

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A picture of the Pawnee Rock originally

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PAWNEE ROCK,
KANSAS.

A THRILLING STORY

Of the Pawnee Rock, Related by Kit Carson.

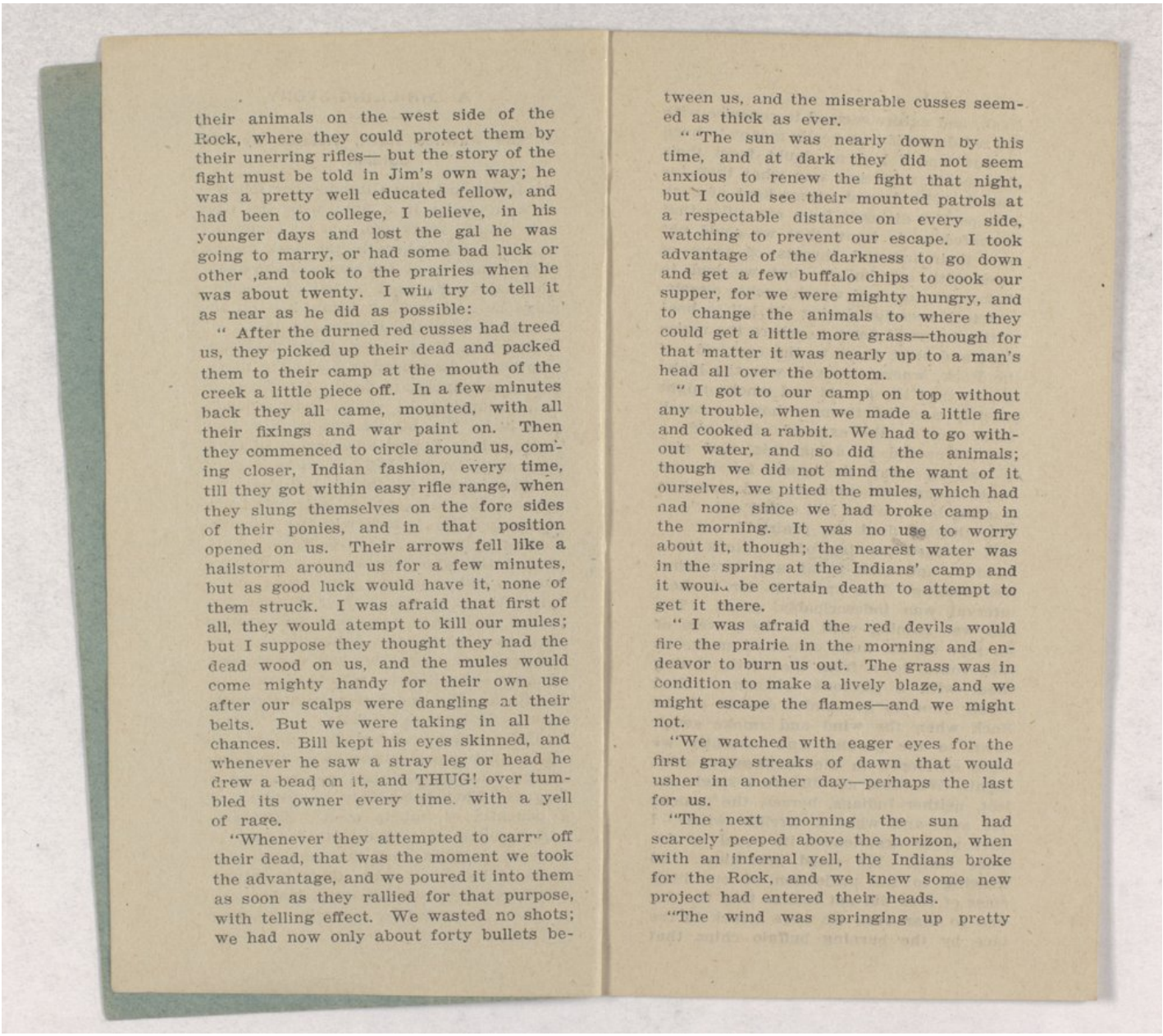
" It was old Jim Gibson—poor fellow—he went under in a fight with the Utes over twenty years ago, and his bones are bleaching somewhere in the dark canons of the range, or on the slopes of the Spanish Peaks. He used to tell of a scrimmage he and another fellow had on the Arkansas with the Kiowas, in 1836.

"Jim and his partner, Bill Something-or-other—I disremember his name now—had been trapping up in the Powder river country during the winter, with unusual good luck. The beaver was mighty thick in the whole Yellowstone region in them days, and Jim and Bill got an early start on their journey for the river that spring. You see they expected to sell their truck in Weston, Mo., which was the principal trading point on the River then. They walked the whole distance—over fifteten hundred miles—driving three good mules before them, on which their plunder was packed, and they got along well enough until they struck the Arkansas river at Pawnee Rock. Here they met a war party of about sixty Kiowas, who treed them on the Rock. Jim and Bill were notoriously brave and both dead shots.

"Before they reached the Rock, to which they were driven, they killed ten of the Kiowas, and had not received a scratch. They had plenty of powder and a pouchful of bullets each. They also had a couple of jack-rabbits for food in case of a siege, and the perpendicular walls of the Rock made them a natural fortification—an almost impregnable one.

"They succeeded in securely picketing

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their animals on the west side of the Rock, where they could protect them by their unerring rifles— but the story of the fight must be told in Jim's own way; he was a pretty well educated fellow, and had been to college, I believe, in his younger days and lost the gal he was going to marry, or had some bad luck or other ,and took to the prairies when he was about twenty. I will try to tell it as near as he did as possible:

" After the durned red cusses had treed us, they picked up their dead and packed them to their camp at the mouth of the creek a little piece off. In a few minutes back they all came, mounted, with all their fixings and war paint on. Then they commenced to circle around us, coming closer, Indian fashion, every time, till they got within easy rifle range, when they slung themselves on the fore sides of their ponies, and in that position opened on us. Their arrows fell like a hailstorm around us for a few minutes, but as good luck would have it, none of them struck. I was afraid that first of all, they would atempt to kill our mules; but I suppose they thought they had the dead wood on us, and the mules would come mighty handy for their own use after our scalps were dangling at their belts. But we were taking in all the chances. Bill kept his eyes skinned, and whenever he saw a stray leg or head he drew a bead on it, and THUG! over tumbled its owner every time. with a yell of rage.

"Whenever they attempted to carry off their dead, that was the moment we took the advantage, and we poured it into them as soon as they rallied for that purpose, with telling effect. We wasted no shots; we had now only about forty bullets between us, and the miserable cusses seemed as thick as ever.

" The sun was nearly down by this time, and at dark they did not seem anxious to renew the fight that night, but I could see their mounted patrols at a respectable distance on every side, watching to prevent our escape. I took advantage of the darkness to go down and get a few buffalo chips to cook our supper, for we were mighty hungry, and to change the animals to where they could get a little more grass—though for that matter it was nearly up to a man's head all over the bottom.

" I got to our camp on top without any trouble, when we made a little fire and cooked a rabbit. We had to go without water, and so did the animals; though we did not mind the want of it ourselves, we pitied the mules, which had had none since we had broke camp in the morning. It was no use to worry about it, though; the nearest water was in the spring at the Indians' camp and it would be certain death to attempt to get it there.

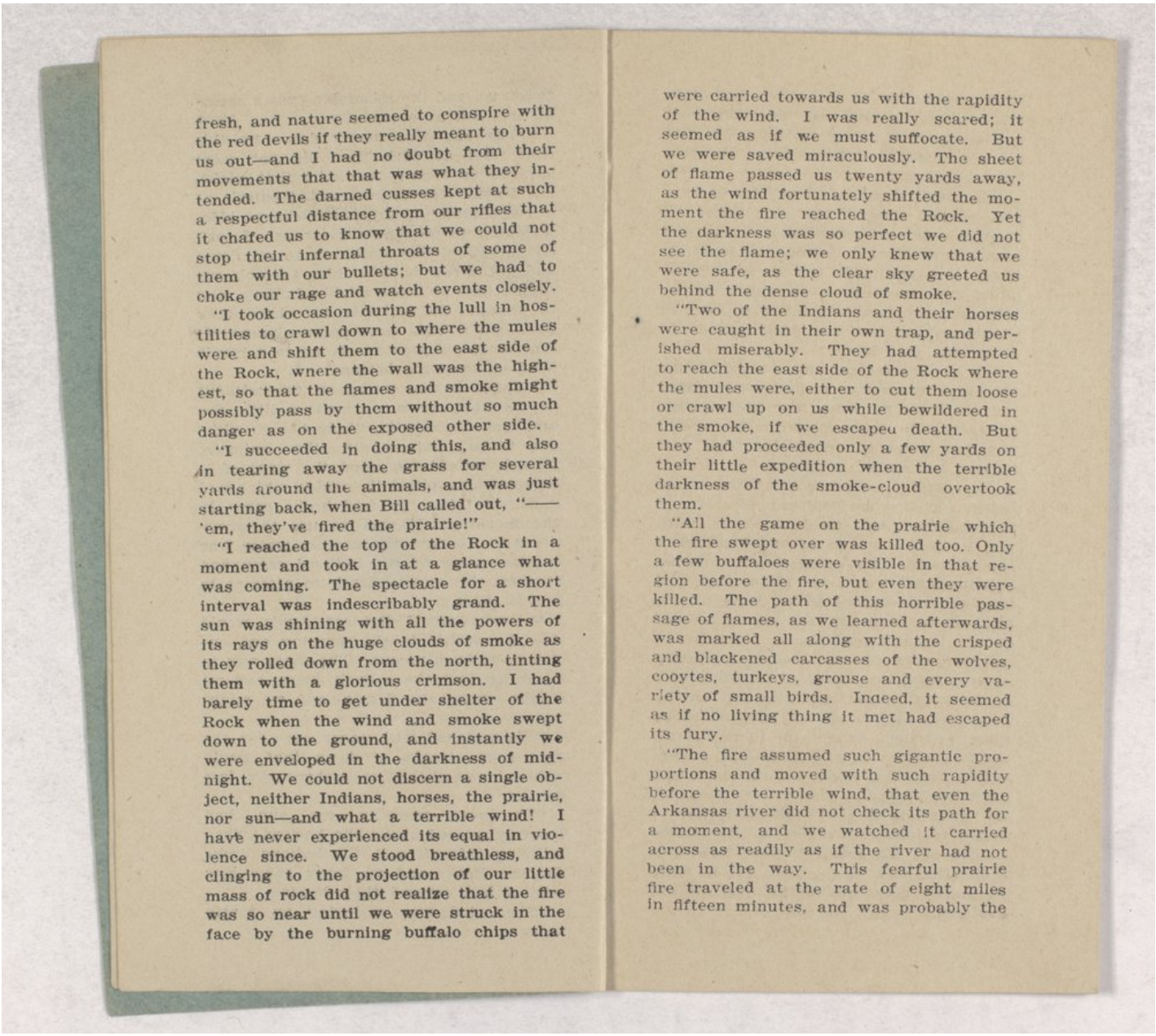
" I was afraid the red devils would fire the prairie in the morning and endeavor to burn us out. The grass was in condition to make a lively blaze, and we might escape the flames—and we might not.

"We watched with eager eyes for the first gray streaks of dawn that would usher in another day—perhaps the last for us.

"The next morning the sun had scarcely peeped above the horizon, when with an infernal yell, the Indians broke for the Rock, and we knew some new project had entered their heads.

"The wind was springing up pretty

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fresh, and nature seemed to conspire with the red devils if they really meant to burn us out—and I had no doubt from their movements that that was what they intended. The darned cusses kept at such a respectful distance from our rifles that it chafed us to know that we could not stop their infernal throats of some of them with our bullets; but we had to choke our rage and watch events closely.

"I took occasion during the lull in hostilities to crawl down to where the mules were and shift them to the east side of the Rock, where the wall was the highest, so that the flames and smoke might possibly pass by them without so much danger as on the exposed other side.

"I succeeded in doing this, and also in tearing away the grass for several yards around the animals, and was just starting back, when Bill called out, "—— 'em, they've fired the prairie!"

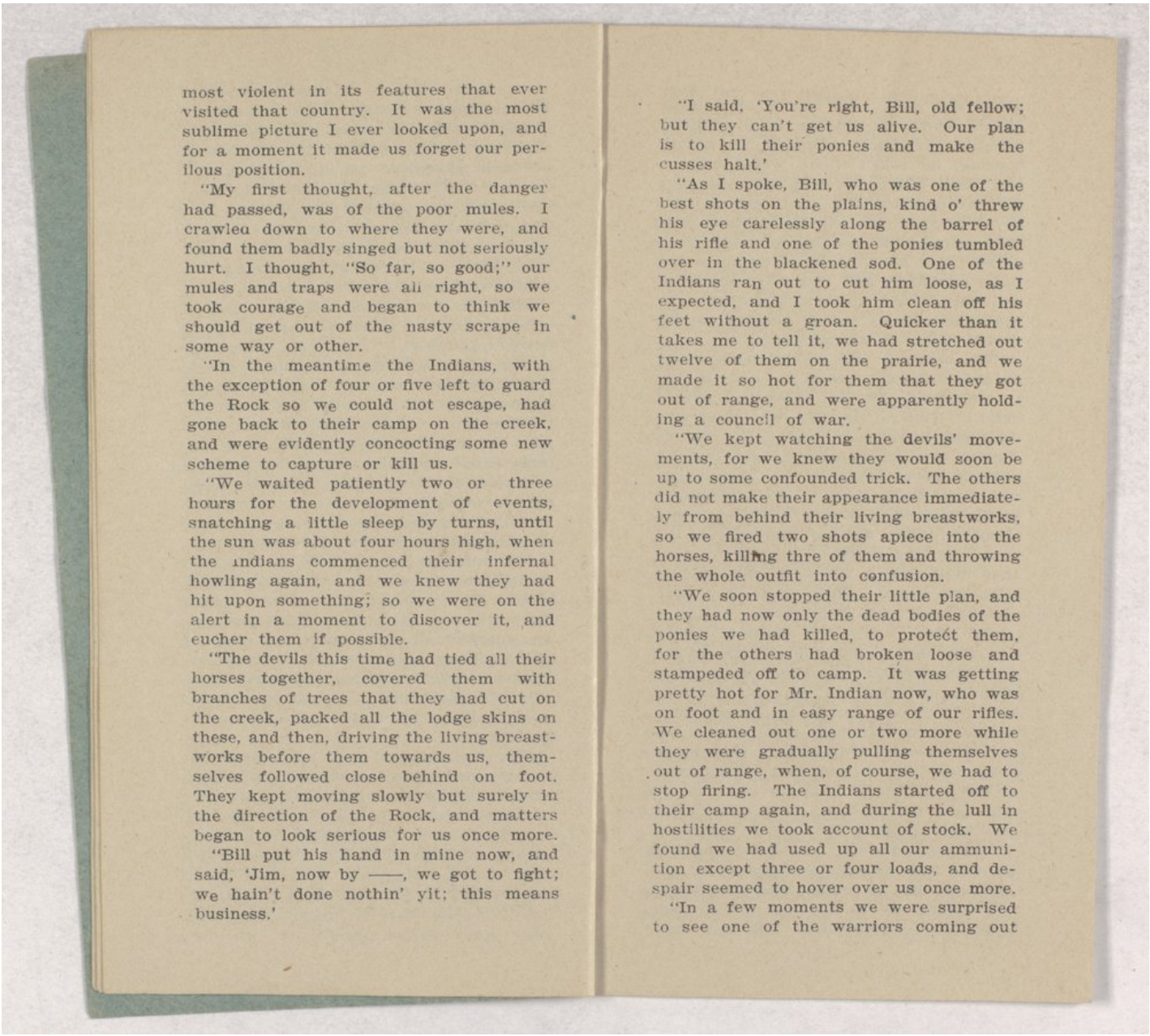
"I reached the top of the Rock in a moment and took in at a glance what was coming. The spectacle for a short interval was indescribably grand. The sun was shining with all the powers of its rays on the huge clouds of smoke as they rolled down from the north, tinting them with a glorious crimson. I had barely time to get under shelter of the Rock when the wind and smoke swept down to the ground, and instantly we were enveloped in the darkness of midnight. We could not discern a single object, neither Indians, horses, the prairie, nor sun—and what a terrible wind! I have never experienced its equal in violence since. We stood breathless, and clinging to the projection of our little mass of rock did not realize that the fire was so near until we were struck in the face by the burning buffalo chips that were carried towards us with the rapidity of the wind. I was really scared; it seemed as if we must suffocate. But we were saved miraculously. The sheet of flame passed us twenty yards away, as the wind fortunately shifted the moment the fire reached the Rock. Yet the darkness was so perfect we did not see the flame; we only knew that we were safe, as the clear sky greeted us behind the dense cloud of smoke.

"Two of the Indians and their horses were caught in their own trap, and perished miserably. They had attempted to reach the east side of the Rock where the mules were, either to cut them loose or crawl up on us while bewildered in the smoke, if we escaped death. But they had proceeded only a few yards on their little expedition when the terrible darkness of the smoke-cloud overtook them.

"All the game on the prairie which the fire swept over was killed too. Only a few buffaloes were visible in that region before the fire, but even they were killed. The path of this horrible passage of flames, as we learned afterwards, was marked all along with the crisped and blackened carcasses of the wolves, cooytes, turkeys, grouse and every variety of small birds. Indeed, it seemed as if no living thing it met had escaped its fury.

"The fire assumed such gigantic proportions and moved with such rapidity before the terrible wind, that even the Arkansas river did not check its path for a moment, and we watched it carried across as readily as if the river had not been in the way. This fearful prairie fire traveled at the rate of eight miles in fifteen minutes, and was probably the

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most violent in its features that ever visited that country. It was the most sublime picture I ever looked upon, and for a moment it made us forget our perilous position.

"My first thought, after the danger had passed, was of the poor mules. I crawled down to where they were, and found them badly singed but not seriously hurt. I thought, "So far, so good;" our mules and traps were all right, so we took courage and began to think we should get out of the nasty scrape in some way or other.

"In the meantime the Indians, with the exception of four or five left to guard the Rock so we could not escape, had gone back to their camp on the creek, and were evidently concocting some new scheme to capture or kill us.

"We waited patiently two or three hours for the development of events, snatching a little sleep by turns, until the sun was about four hours high, when the Indians commenced their infernal howling again, and we knew they had hit upon something; so we were on the alert in a moment to discover it, and eucher them if possible.

"The devils this time had tied all their horses together, covered them with branches of trees that they had cut on the creek, packed all the lodge skins on these, and then, driving the living breastworks before them towards us, themselves followed close behind on foot. They kept moving slowly but surely in the direction of the Rock, and matters began to look serious for us once more.

"Bill put his hand in mine now, and said, 'Jim, now by ——, we got to fight; we hain't done nothin' yit; this means business.'

"I said, 'You're right, Bill, old fellow; but they can't get us alive. Our plan is to kill their ponies and make the cusses halt.'

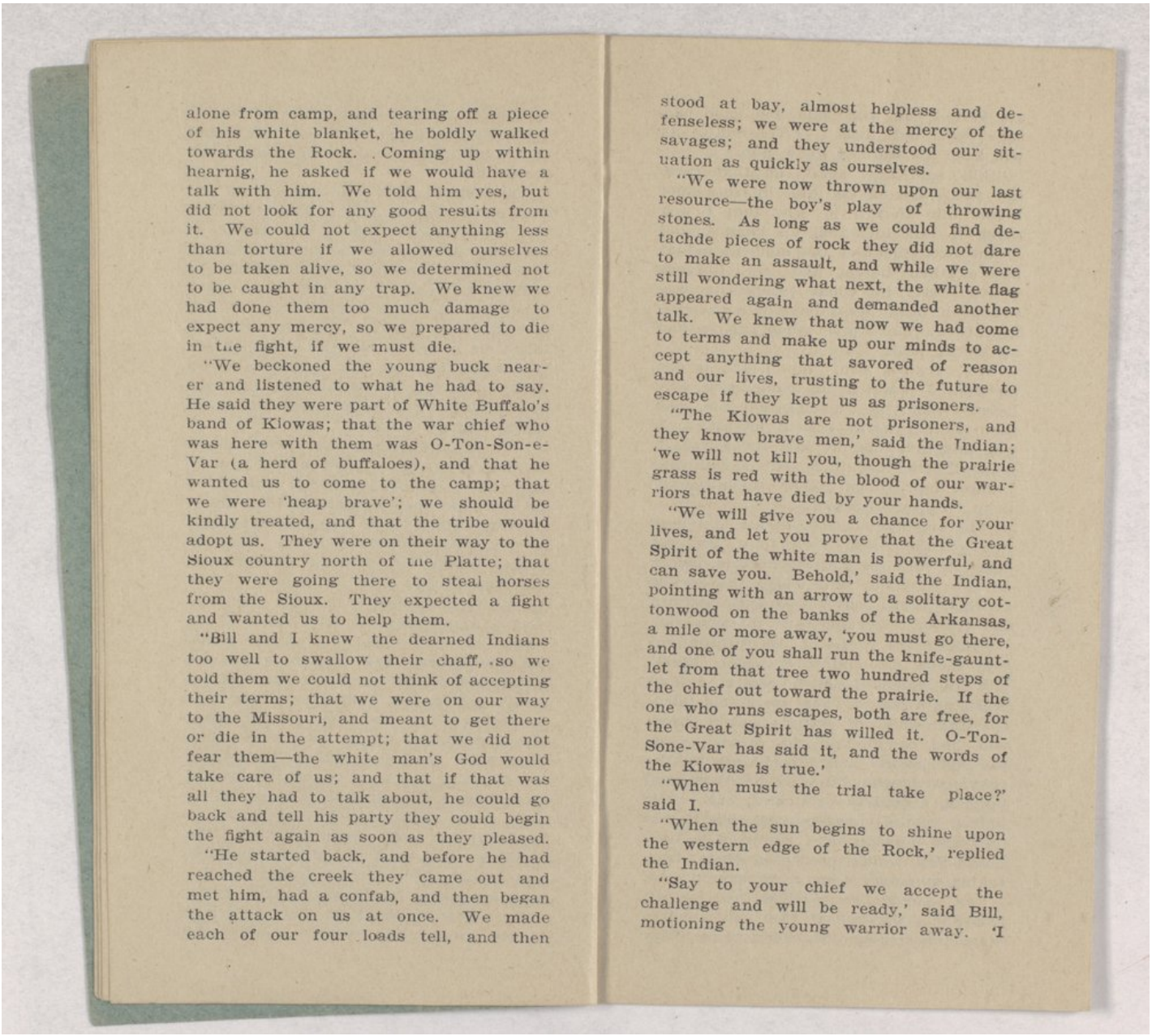
"As I spoke, Bill, who was one of the best shots on the plains, kind o' threw his eye carelessly along the barrel of his rifle and one of the ponies tumbled over in the blackened sod. One of the Indians ran out to cut him loose, as I expected, and I took him clean off his feet without a groan. Quicker than it takes me to tell it, we had stretched out twelve of them on the prairie, and we made it so hot for them that they got out of range, and were apparently holding a council of war.

"We kept watching the devils' movements, for we knew they would soon be up to some confounded trick. The others did not make their appearance immediately from behind their living breastworks, so we fired two shots apiece into the horses, killing thre of them and throwing the whole outfit into confusion.

"We soon stopped their little plan, and they had now only the dead bodies of the ponies we had killed, to protect them, for the others had broken loose and stampeded off to camp. It was getting pretty hot for Mr. Indian now, who was on foot and in easy range of our rifles. We cleaned out one or two more while they were gradually pulling themselves out of range, when, of course, we had to stop firing. The Indians started off to their camp again, and during the lull in hostilities we took account of stock. We found we had used up all our ammunition except three or four loads, and despair seemed to hover over us once more.

"In a few moments we were surprised to see one of the warriors coming out

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alone from camp, and tearing off a piece of his white blanket, he boldly walked towards the Rock. Coming up within hearnig, he asked if we would have a talk with him. We told him yes, but did not look for any good results from it. We could not expect anything less than torture if we allowed ourselves to be taken alive, so we determined not to be caught in any trap. We knew we had done them too much damage to expect any mercy, so we prepared to die in the fight, if we must die.

"We beckoned the young buck nearer and listened to what he had to say. He said they were part of White Buffalo's band of Kiowas; that the war chief who was here with them was O-Ton-Son-e-Var (a herd of buffaloes), and that he wanted us to come to the camp; that we were 'heap brave'; we should be kindly treated, and that the tribe would adopt us. They were on their way to the Sioux country north of the Platte; that they were going there to steal horses from the Sioux. They expected a fight and wanted us to help them.

"Bill and I knew the dearned Indians too well to swallow their chaff, so we told them we could not think of accepting their terms; that we were on our way to the Missouri, and meant to get there or die in the attempt; that we did not fear them—the white man's God would take care of us; and that if that was all they had to talk about, he could go back and tell his party they could begin the fight again as soon as they pleased.

"He started back, and before he had reached the creek they came out and met him, had a confab, and then began the attack on us at once. We made each of our four loads tell, and then stood at bay, almost helpless and defenseless; we were at the mercy of the savages; and they understood our situation as quickly as ourselves.

"We were now thrown upon our last resource—the boy's play of throwing stones. As long as we could find detachde pieces of rock they did not dare to make an assault, and while we were still wondering what next, the white flag appeared again and demanded another talk. We knew that now we had come to terms and make up our minds to accept anything that savored of reason and our lives, trusting to the future to escape if they kept us as prisoners.

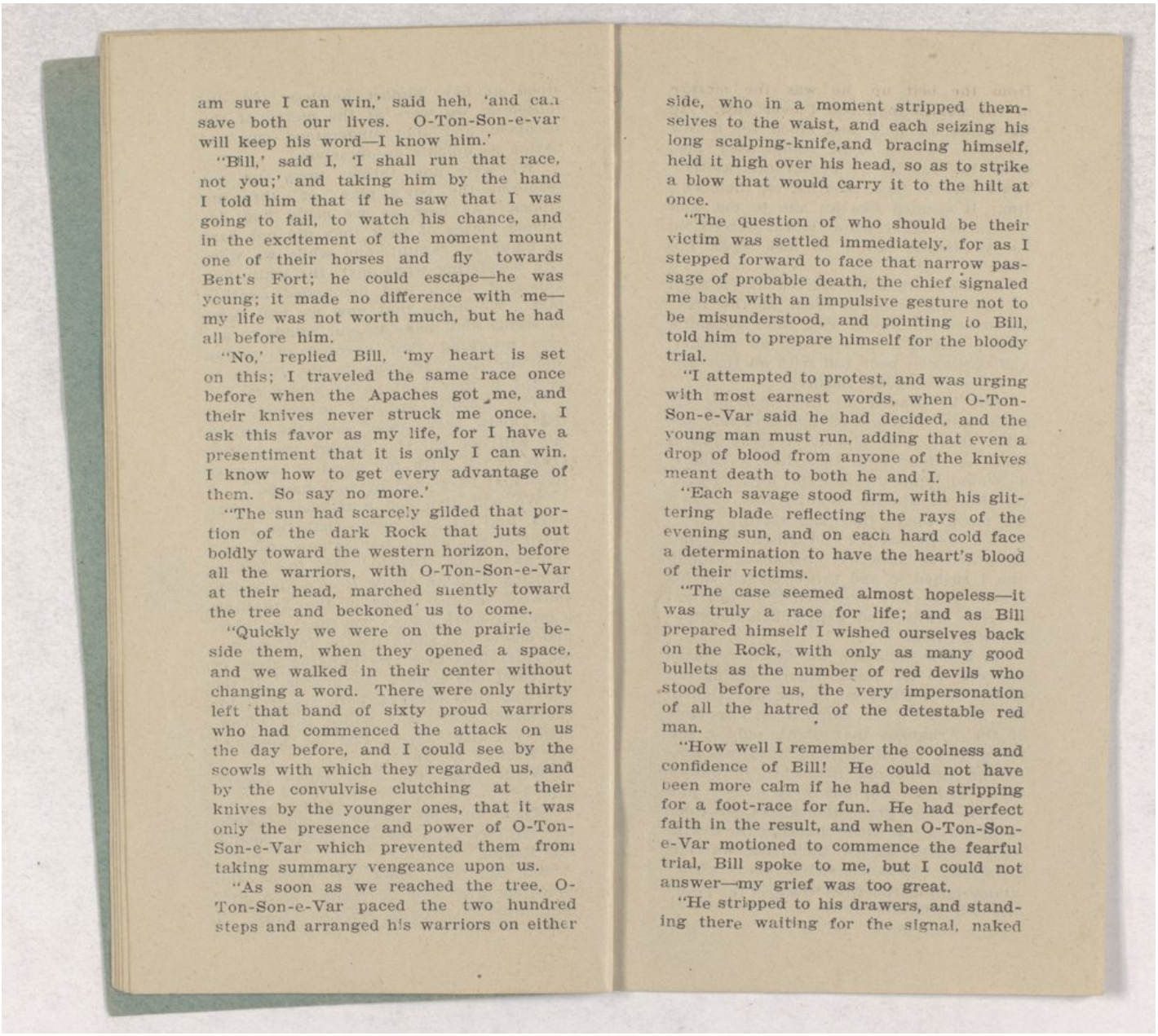
"The Kiowas are not prisoners, and they know brave men,' said the Indian; 'we will not kill you, though the prairie grass is red with the blood of our warriors that have died by your hands.

"We will give you a chance for your lives, and let you prove that the Great Spirit of the white man is powerful, and can save you. Behold,' said the Indian, pointing with an arrow to a solitary cottonwood on the banks of the Arkansas, a mile or more away, 'you must go there, and one of you shall run the knife-gauntlet from that tree two hundred steps of the chief out toward the prairie. If the one who runs escapes, both are free, for the Great Spirit has willed it. O-Ton-Sone-Var has said it, and the words of the Kiowas is true.'

"When must the trial take place?' said I.

"When the sun begins to shine upon the western edge of the Rock,' replied the Indian.

"Say to your chief we accept the challenge and will be ready,' said Bill, motioning the young warrior away. 'I



am sure I can win,' said heh, 'and can save both our lives. O-Ton-Son-e-var will keep his word—I know him.'

"Bill,' said I, 'I shall run that race, not you;' and taking him by the hand I told him that if he saw that I was going to fail, to watch his chance, and in the excitement of the moment mount one of their horses and fly towards Bent's Fort; he could escape—he was young; it made no difference with me—my life was not worth much, but he had all before him.

"No,' replied Bill, 'my heart is set on this; I traveled the same race once before when the Apaches got me, and their knives never struck me once. I ask this favor as my life, for I have a presentiment that it is only I can win. I know how to get every advantage of them. So say no more.'

"The sun had scarcely gilded that portion of the dark Rock that juts out boldly toward the western horizon, before all the warriors, with O-Ton-Son-e-Var at their head, marched suently toward the tree and beckoned us to come.

"Quickly we were on the prairie beside them, when they opened a space, and we walked in their center without changing a word. There were only thirty left that band of sixty proud warriors who had commenced the attack on us the day before, and I could see by the scowls with which they regarded us, and by the convulvise clutching at their knives by the younger ones, that it was only the presence and power of O-Ton-Son-e-Var which prevented them from taking summary vengeance upon us.

"As soon as we reached the tree, O-Ton-Son-e-Var paced the two hundred steps and arranged his warriors on either side, who in a moment stripped themselves to the waist, and each seizing his long scalping-knife,and bracing himself, held it high over his head, so as to strike a blow that would carry it to the hilt at once.

"The question of who should be their victim was settled immediately, for as I stepped forward to face that narrow passage of probable death, the chief signaled me back with an impulsive gesture not to be misunderstood, and pointing to Bill, told him to prepare himself for the bloody trial.

"I attempted to protest, and was urging with most earnest words, when O-Ton-Son-e-Var said he had decided, and the young man must run, adding that even a drop of blood from anyone of the knives meant death to both he and I.

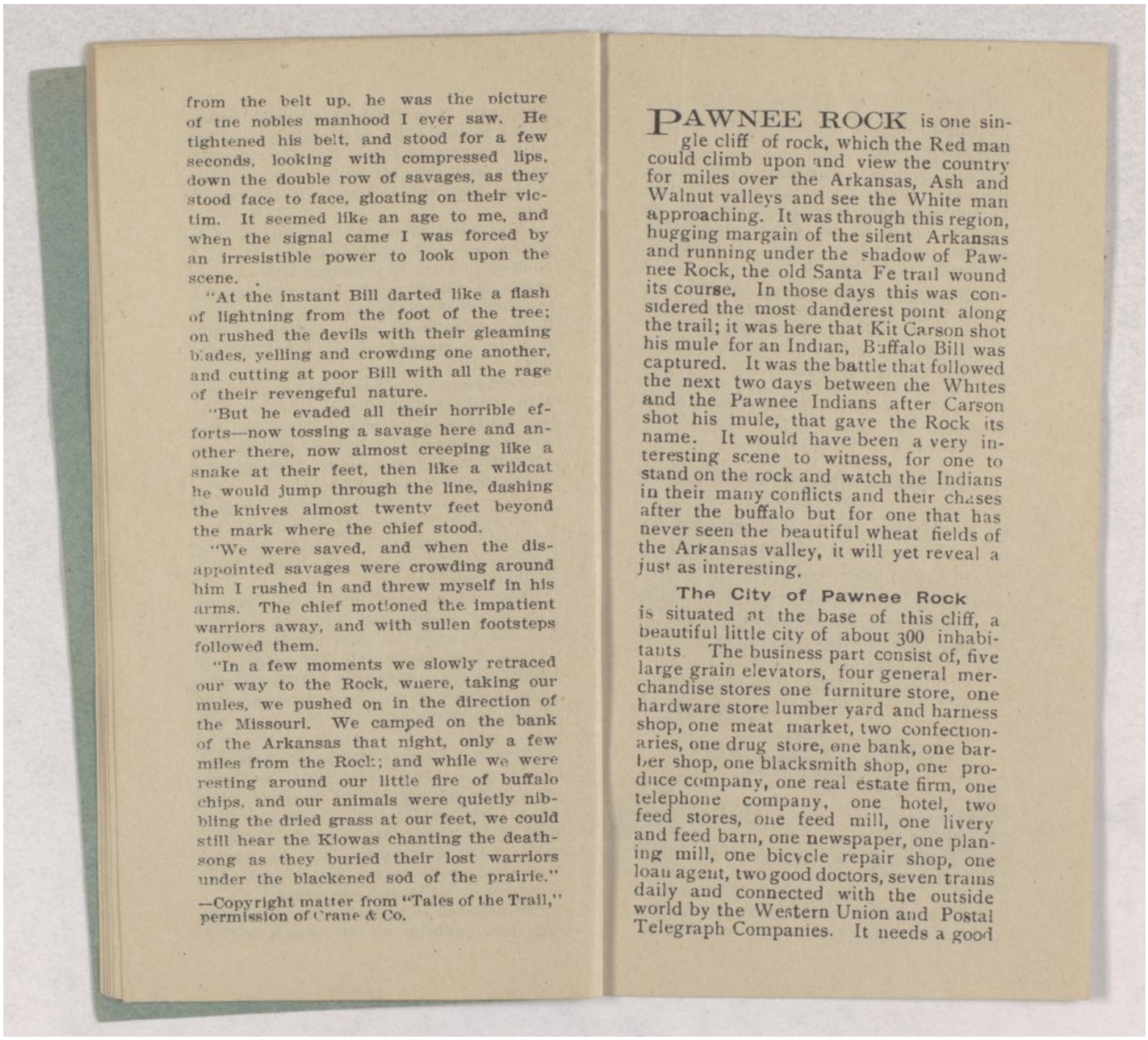
"Each savage stood firm, with his glittering blade reflecting the rays of the evening sun, and on each hard cold face a determination to have the heart's blood of their victims.

"The case seemed almost hopeless—it was truly a race for life; and as Bill prepared himself I wished ourselves back on the Rock, with only as many good bullets as the number of red devils who stood before us, the very impersonation of all the hatred of the detestable red man.

"How well I remember the coolness and confidence of Bill! He could not have been more calm if he had been stripping for a foot-race for fun. He had perfect faith in the result, and when O-Ton-Son-e-Var motioned to commence the fearful trial, Bill spoke to me, but I could not answer—my grief was too great.

"He stripped to his drawers, and standing there waiting for the signal, naked

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from the belt up, he was the picture of the nobles manhood I ever saw. He tightened his belt, and stood for a few seconds, looking with compressed lips, down the double row of savages, as they stood face to face, gloating on their victim. It seemed like an age to me, and when the signal came I was forced by an irresistible power to look upon the scene.

"At the instant Bill darted like a flash of lightning from the foot of the tree; on rushed the devils with their gleaming blades, yelling and crowding one another, and cutting at poor Bill with all the rage of their revengeful nature.

"But he evaded all their horrible efforts—now tossing a savage here and another there, now almost creeping like a snake at their feet, then like a wildcat he would jump through the line, dashing the knives almost twenty feet beyond the mark where the chief stood.

"We were saved, and when the disappointed savages were crowding around him I rushed in and threw myself in his arms. The chief motioned the impatient warriors away, and with sullen footsteps followed them.

"In a few moments we slowly retraced our way to the Rock, where, taking our mules, we pushed on in the direction of the Missouri. We camped on the bank of the Arkansas that night, only a few miles from the Rock; and while we were resting around our little fire of buffalo chips, and our animals were quietly nibbling the dried grass at our feet, we could still hear the Kiowas chanting the death-song as they buried their lost warriors under the blackened sod of the prairie."

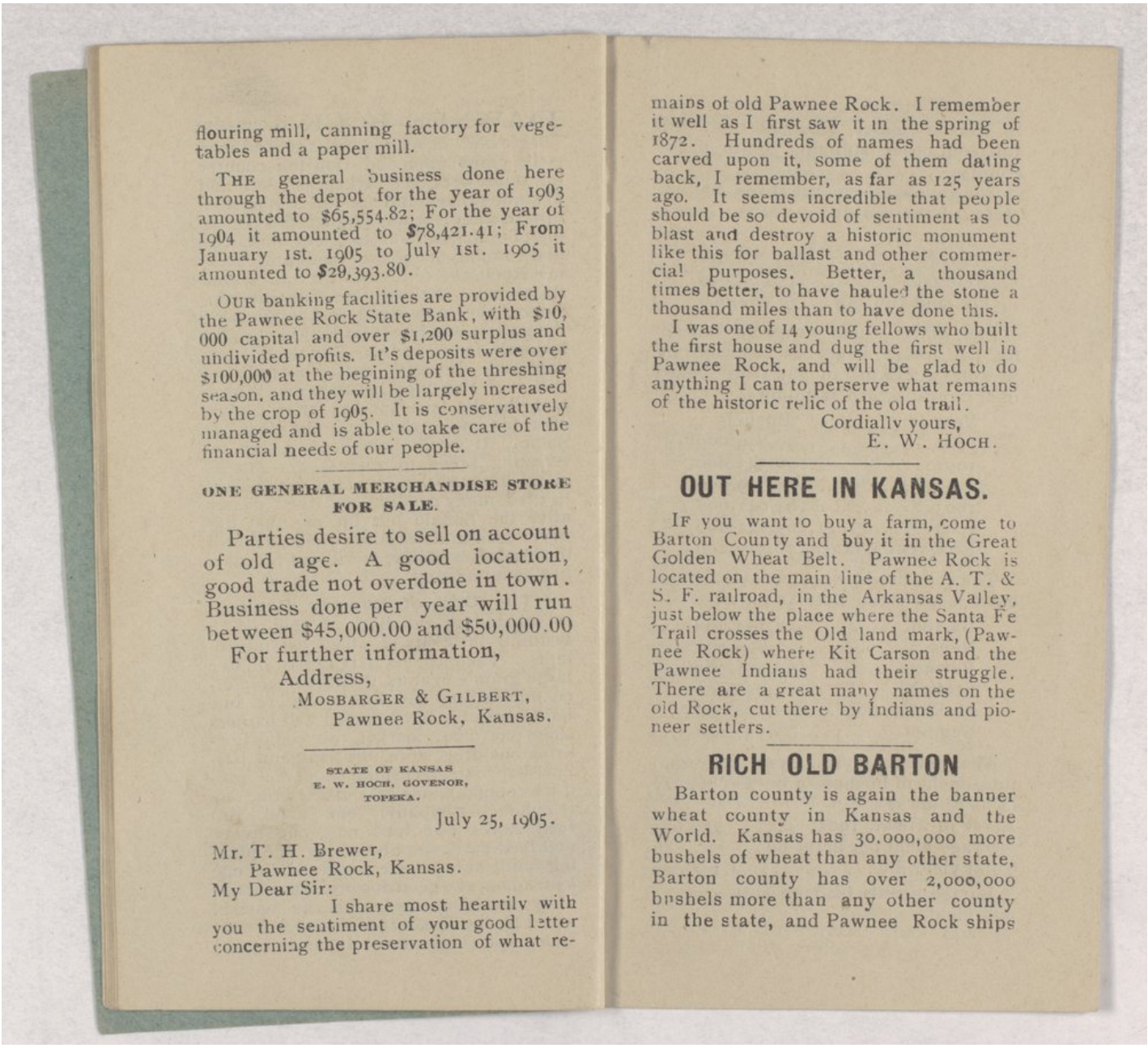
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PAWNEE ROCK is one single cliff of rock, which the Red man could climb upon and view the country for miles over the Arkansas, Ash and Walnut valleys and see the White man approaching. It was through this region, hugging margain of the silent Arkansas and running under the shadow of Pawnee Rock, the old Santa Fe trail wound its course. In those days this was considered the most danderest point along the trail; it was here that Kit Carson shot his mule for an Indian, Buffalo Bill was captured. It was the battle that followed the next two days between the Whites and the Pawnee Indians after Carson shot his mule, that gave the Rock its name. It would have been a very interesting scene to witness, for one to stand on the rock and watch the Indians in their many conflicts and their chases after the buffalo but for one that has never seen the beautiful wheat fields of the Arkansas valley, it will yet reveal a just as interesting.

The City of Pawnee Rock

is situated at the base of this cliff, a beautiful little city of about 300 inhabitants. The business part consist of, five large grain elevators, four general merchandise stores one furniture store, one hardware store lumber yard and harness shop, one meat market, two confectionaries, one drug store, one bank, one barber shop, one blacksmith shop, one produce company, one real estate firm, one telephone company, one hotel, two feed stores, one feed mill, one livery and feed barn, one newspaper, one planing mill, one bicycle repair shop, one loan agent, two good doctors, seven trains daily and connected with the outside world by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies. It needs a good

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flouring mill, canning factory for vegetables and a paper mill.

THE general business done here through the depot for the year of 1903 amounted to $65,554.82; For the year of 1904 it amounted to $78,421.41; From January 1st. 1905 to July 1st. 1905 it amounted to $29,393.80.

OUR banking facilities are provided by the Pawnee Rock State Bank, with $10,000 capital and over $1,200 surplus and undivided profits. It's deposits were over $100,000 at the begining of the threshing season, and they will be largely increased by the crop of 1905. It is conservatively managed and is able to take care of the financial needs of our people.

ONE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE FOR SALE.

Parties desire to sell on account of old age. A good location, good trade not overdone in town. Business done per year will run between $45,000.00 and $50,000.00

For further information,
Address,
MOSBARGER & GILBERT,
Pawnee Rock, Kansas.

STATE OF KANSAS
E. W. HOCH, GOVENOR,
TOPEKA.

July 25, 1905.

Mr. T. H. Brewer,
Pawnee Rock, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

I share most heartily with you the sentiment of your good letter concerning the preservation of what remains of old Pawnee Rock. I remember it well as I first saw it in the spring of 1872. Hundreds of names had been carved upon it, some of them dating back, I remember, as far as 125 years ago. It seems incredible that people should be so devoid of sentiment as to blast and destroy a historic monument like this for ballast and other commercial purposes. Better, a thousand times better, to have hauled the stone a thousand miles than to have done this.

I was one of 14 young fellows who built the first house and dug the first well in Pawnee Rock, and will be glad to do anything I can to perserve what remains of the historic relic of the old trail.

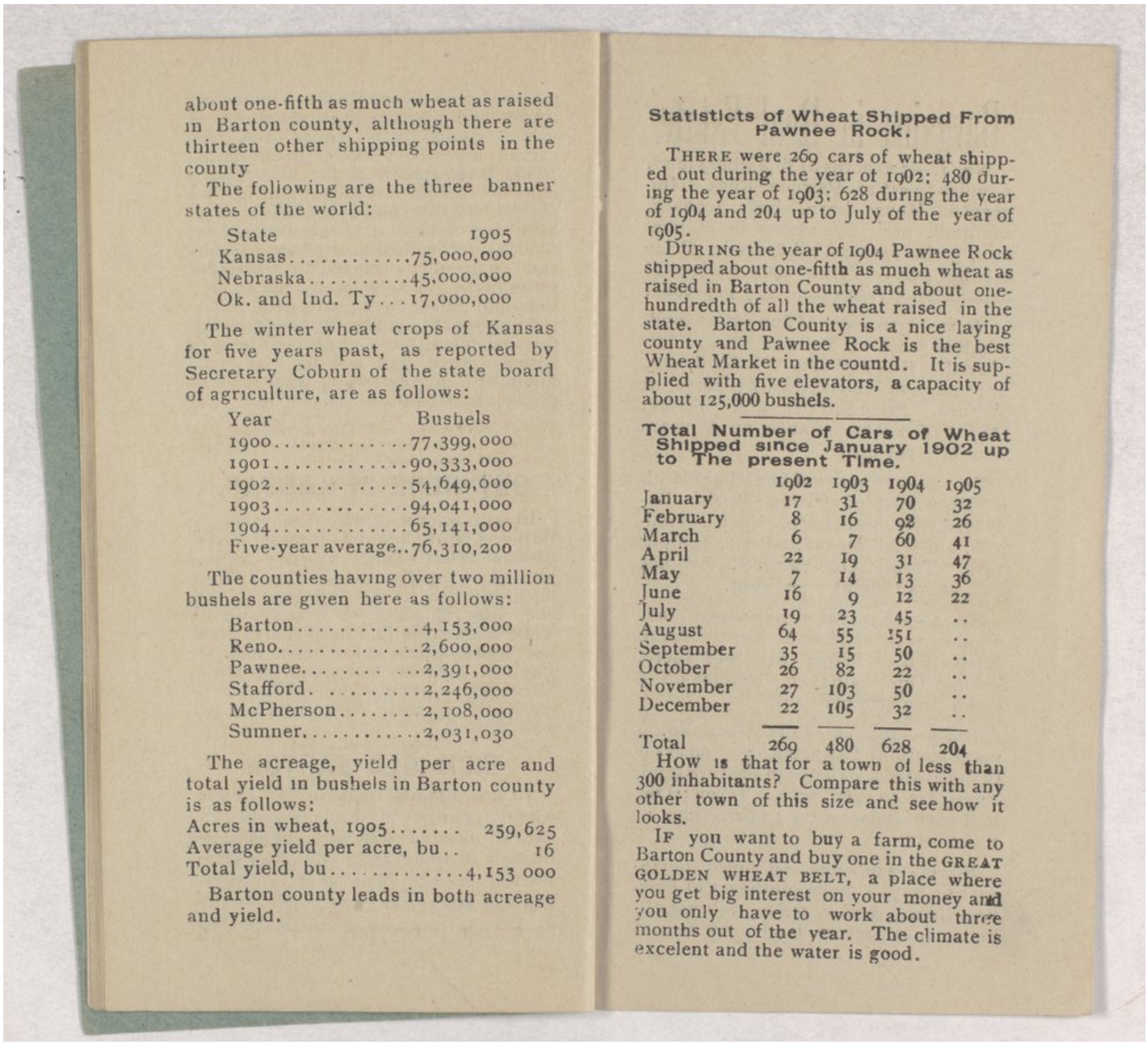
Cordially yours,
E. W. HOCH.

OUT HERE IN KANSAS.

IF you want to buy a farm, come to Barton County and buy it in the Great Golden Wheat Belt. Pawnee Rock is located on the main line of the A. T. & S. F. railroad, in the Arkansas Valley, just below the place where the Santa Fe Trail crosses the Old land mark, (Pawnee Rock) where Kit Carson and the Pawnee Indians had their struggle. There are a great many names on the old Rock, cut there by Indians and pioneer settlers.

RICH OLD BARTON

Barton county is again the banner wheat county in Kansas and the World. Kansas has 30,000,000 more bushels of wheat than any other state, Barton county has over 2,000,000 bushels more than any other county in the state, and Pawnee Rock ships



about one-fifth as much wheat as raised in Barton county, although there are thirteen other shipping points in the county

The following are the three banner states of the world:

State	1905
Kansas	75,000,000
Nebraska	45,000,000
Ok. and Ind. Ty	17,000,000

The winter wheat crops of Kansas for five years past, as reported by Secretary Coburn of the state board of agriculture, are as follows:

Year	Bushels
1900	77,399,000
1901	90,333,000
1902	54,649,000
1903	94,041,000
1904	65,141,000
Five-year average	76,310,200

The counties having over two million bushels are given here as follows:

Barton	4,153,000
Reno	2,600,000
Pawnee	2,391,000
Stafford	2,246,000
McPherson	2,108,000
Sumner	2,031,030

The acreage, yield per acre and total yield in bushels in Barton county is as follows:

Acres in wheat, 1905	259,625
Average yield per acre, bu	16
Total yield, bu	4,153 000

Barton county leads in both acreage and yield.

Statistics of Wheat Shipped From Pawnee Rock.

THERE were 269 cars of wheat shipped out during the year of 1902; 480 during the year of 1903; 628 during the year of 1904 and 204 up to July of the year of 1905.

DURING the year of 1904 Pawnee Rock shipped about one-fifth as much wheat as raised in Barton County and about one-hundredth of all the wheat raised in the state. Barton County is a nice laying county and Pawnee Rock is the best Wheat Market in the countd. It is supplied with five elevators, a capacity of about 125,000 bushels.

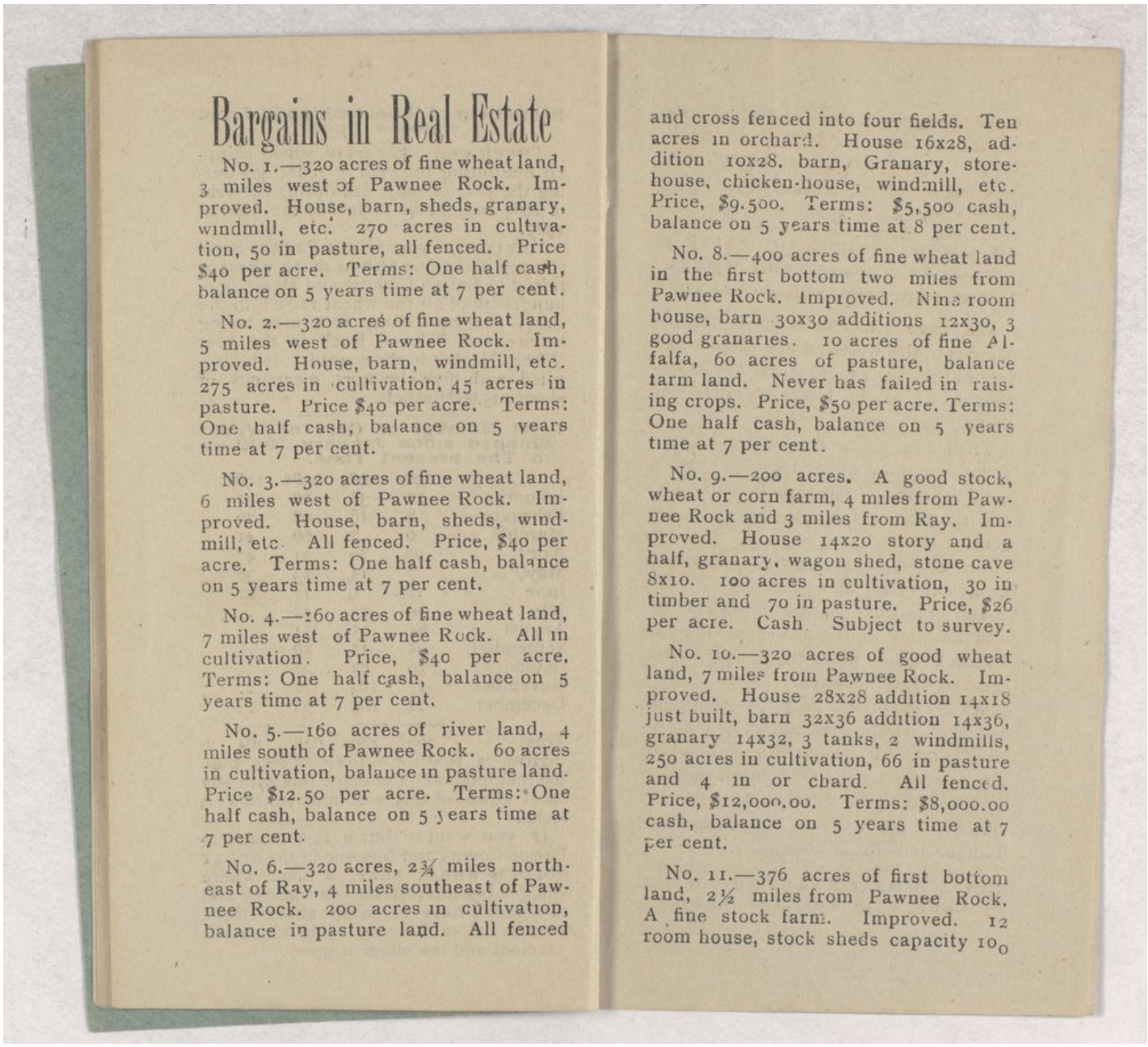
Total Number of Cars of Wheat Shipped since January 1902 up to The present Time.

	1902	1903	1904	1905
January	17	31	70	32
February	8	16	92	26
March	6	7	60	41
April	22	19	31	47
May	7	14	13	36
June	16	9	12	22
July	19	23	45	..
August	64	55	151	..
September	35	15	50	..
October	26	82	22	..
November	27	103	50	..
December	22	105	32	..
Total	269	480	628	204

How is that for a town of less than 300 inhabitants? Compare this with any other town of this size and see how it looks.

IF you want to buy a farm, come to Barton County and buy one in the GREAT GOLDEN WHEAT BELT, a place where you get big interest on your money and you only have to work about three months out of the year. The climate is excelent and the water is good.

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Bargains in Real Estate

No. 1.—320 acres of fine wheat land, 3 miles west of Pawnee Rock. Improved. House, barn, sheds, granary, windmill, etc. 270 acres in cultivation, 50 in pasture, all fenced. Price $40 per acre. Terms: One half cash, balance on 5 years time at 7 per cent.

No. 2.—320 acres of fine wheat land, 5 miles west of Pawnee Rock. Improved. House, barn, windmill, etc. 275 acres in cultivation, 45 acres in pasture. Price $40 per acre. Terms: One half cash, balance on 5 years time at 7 per cent.

No. 3.—320 acres of fine wheat land, 6 miles west of Pawnee Rock. Improved. House, barn, sheds, windmill, etc. All fenced. Price, $40 per acre. Terms: One half cash, balance on 5 years time at 7 per cent.

No. 4.—160 acres of fine wheat land, 7 miles west of Pawnee Rock. All in cultivation. Price, $40 per acre. Terms: One half cash, balance on 5 years time at 7 per cent.

No. 5.—160 acres of river land, 4 miles south of Pawnee Rock. 60 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture land. Price $12.50 per acre. Terms: One half cash, balance on 5 years time at 7 per cent.

No. 6.—320 acres, 2¾ miles northeast of Ray, 4 miles southeast of Pawnee Rock. 200 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture land. All fenced and cross fenced into four fields. Ten acres in orchard. House 16x28, addition 10x28, barn, Granary, storehouse, chicken-house, windmill, etc. Price, $9.500. Terms: $5,500 cash, balance on 5 years time at 8 per cent.

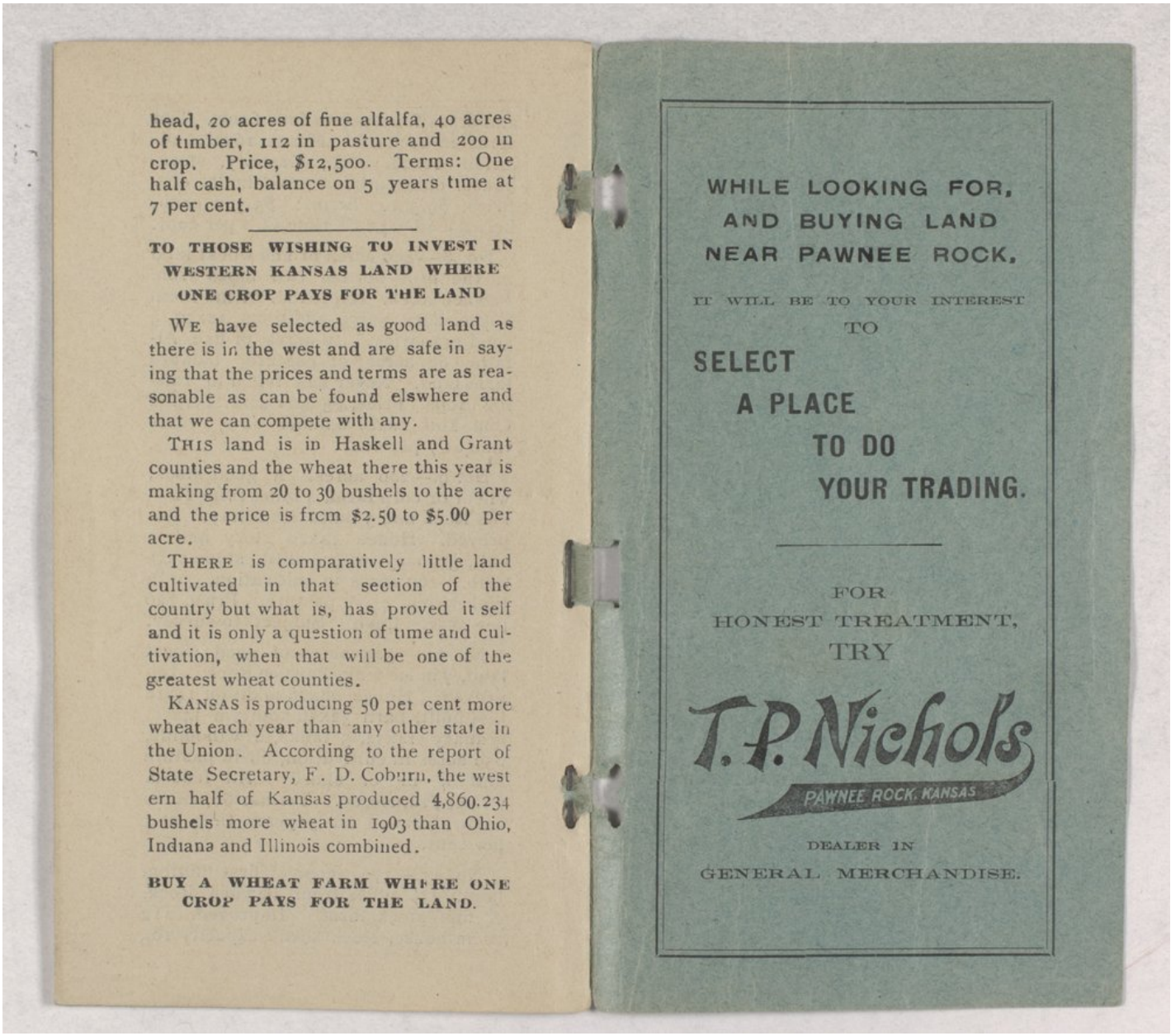
No. 8.—400 acres of fine wheat land in the first bottom two miles from Pawnee Rock. Improved. Nine room house, barn 30x30 additions 12x30, 3 good granaries. 10 acres of fine Alfalfa, 60 acres of pasture, balance farm land. Never has failed in raising crops. Price, $50 per acre. Terms: One half cash, balance on 5 years time at 7 per cent.

No. 9.—200 acres. A good stock, wheat or corn farm, 4 miles from Pawnee Rock and 3 miles from Ray. Improved. House 14x20 story and a half, granary, wagon shed, stone cave 8x10. 100 acres in cultivation, 30 in timber and 70 in pasture. Price, $26 per acre. Cash Subject to survey.

No. 10.—320 acres of good wheat land, 7 miles from Pawnee Rock. Improved. House 28x28 addition 14x18 just built, barn 32x36 addition 14x36, granary 14x32, 3 tanks, 2 windmills, 250 acres in cultivation, 66 in pasture and 4 in orchard. All fenced. Price, $12,000.00. Terms: $8,000.00 cash, balance on 5 years time at 7 per cent.

No. 11.—376 acres of first bottom land, 2½ miles from Pawnee Rock. A fine stock farm. Improved. 12 room house, stock sheds capacity 100

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head, 20 acres of fine alfalfa, 40 acres of timber, 112 in pasture and 200 in crop. Price, $12,500. Terms: One half cash, balance on 5 years time at 7 per cent.

TO THOSE WISHING TO INVEST IN WESTERN KANSAS LAND WHERE ONE CROP PAYS FOR THE LAND

WE have selected as good land as there is in the west and are safe in saying that the prices and terms are as reasonable as can be found elswhere and that we can compete with any.

THIS land is in Haskell and Grant counties and the wheat there this year is making from 20 to 30 bushels to the acre and the price is from $2.50 to $5.00 per acre.

THERE is comparatively little land cultivated in that section of the country but what is, has proved it self and it is only a question of time and cultivation, when that will be one of the greatest wheat counties.

KANSAS is producing 50 per cent more wheat each year than any other state in the Union. According to the report of State Secretary, F. D. Coburn, the western half of Kansas produced 4,860,234 bushels more wheat in 1903 than Ohio, Indiana and Illinois combined.

BUY A WHEAT FARM WHERE ONE CROP PAYS FOR THE LAND.

WHILE LOOKING FOR,
AND BUYING LAND
NEAR PAWNEE ROCK,

IT WILL BE TO YOUR INTEREST
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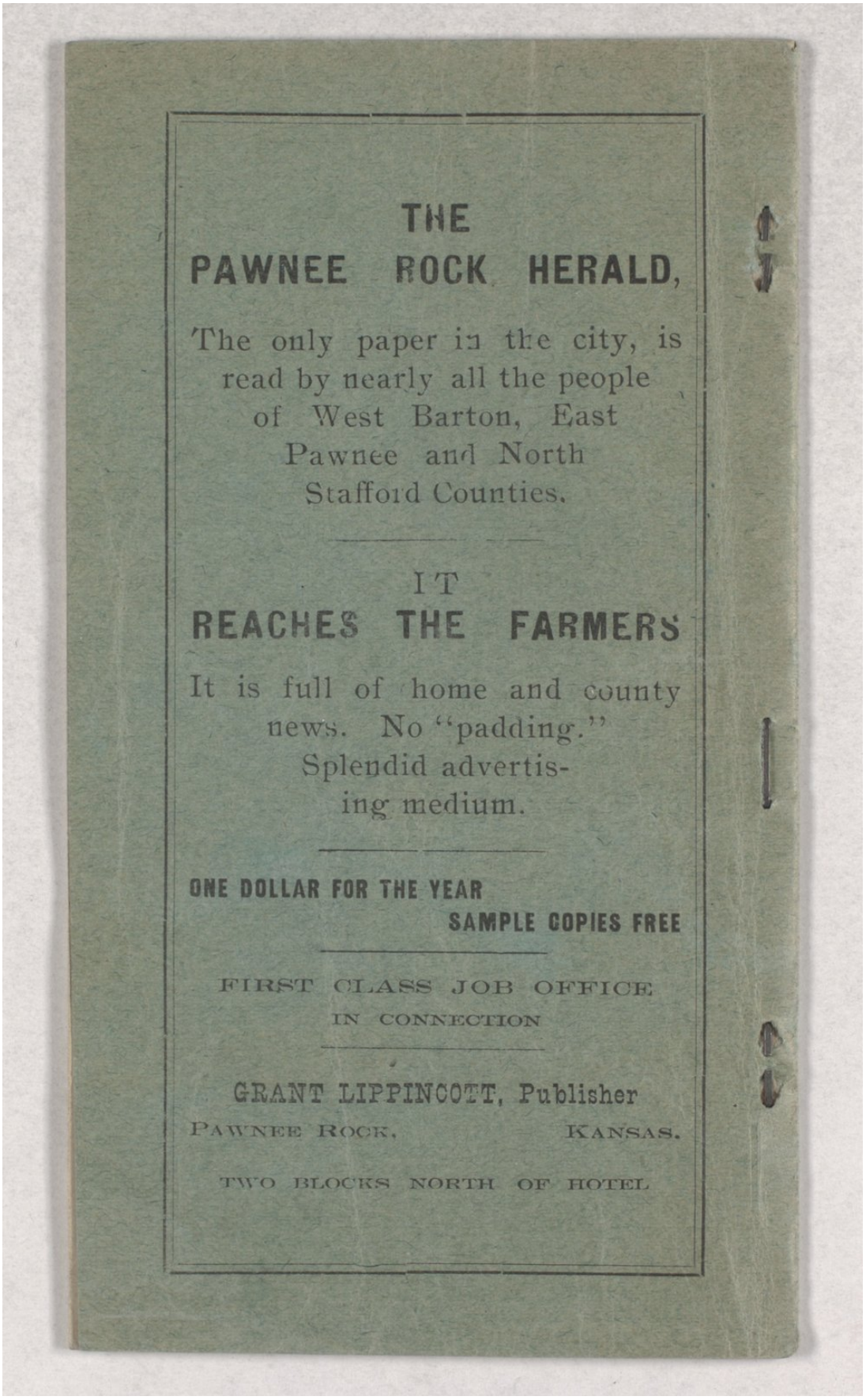
SELECT
A PLACE
TO DO
YOUR TRADING.

FOR
HONEST TREATMENT,
TRY

T. P. Nichols
PAWNEE ROCK, KANSAS

DEALER IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

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Pawnee Rock donations in answer to letter.

Date received.		
July 17th,	Mrs. Higganbothin, Manhattan,	$1.00
" 17th,	Mrs. Julia A. Chase, Hiawatha,	1.
" 16th,	Some lady name not given Salina,	1.
" 25th,	Mrs. Margaret P. Earl, Leavenworth,	5.
" 25th,	Mrs. C. H. Lawrence, Hiawatha,	1.
" 26th,	Mrs. D. W. Nellis, Topeka,	1.
" 26th,	Mrs. H. F. Leib, Oberlin,	1.
" 29th,	Mrs. J. R. Mulvane, Topeka,	2.
" 29th,	Mrs. W. F. Dennison, Topeka,	1.
" 30th,	Mrs. T. J. Herrick, Wellington,	1.
Aug. 8th,	Mrs. Ansel Clark, Sterling,	1.
" 13th,	Mrs. Hiatt Brown,	1.
" 14th,	Mrs. Mary A. Sullivant, Topeka,	2.
" 22nd,	Mrs. Cora J. Huycke, Ellsworth,	1.
"	Mrs. Frank Organ, Howard,	1.
Sept.23rd,	Mrs. Harry Richter, Collected for me at Topeka,	1.
" 23rd,	Mrs. Rykder of Hutchinson, " " " " "	1.
" 23rd,	Mrs. Kanaval, " " " " "	1.
" 23rd,	Mrs. Judge Clark, " " " " "	1.
" 23rd,	Mrs. Tully, " " " " "	1.
" 26th,	In answer to letters sent out	
" 26th,	Mrs. Mary S. Ripley,	1.
	Mrs. Geo. T. Gurnsey, Independence,	5.
Sent in by	Mrs. L. H. Riddle from a club in Herrington,	5.
	Mrs. Mary Vance Humphrey, Junction City,	1.
	The Alpha Club of Garfield,	5.
	Mrs. Meisenheimer of Hutchinson	2.
	Mrs. Ella Hurd, Abilene,	5.
	Mr. A. L. Bigger	5.
	Mrs. Ida M. Selts,	1.
	Donations by three persons each 25 cts.	.75
	Mrs. R. F. Smith, Stockton,	1.
	Mrs. Agnes Scott, San Antonia, Tex.	1.
	Another donation name not recorded	1.
Donation	Mrs. M. E. Bretzer, Topeka,	1.
	Miss Margaret Bretzer, Topeka,	1.
	Harry Bretzer, Topeka,	1.
	Mrs. James Hurley,	5.
	Mrs. Freeman of Copeland Hotel, Topeka,	1.
	Mrs. Dave Mulvane, Topeka,	1.
	Mrs. Joab Mulvane, Topeka,	2.
	Mrs. Geo. Martin, Topeka,	2.
	Mrs. J. B. White, Dighton,	5.
	Mrs. Mc Laughlin,	1.

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Donations	Mrs. Burch, Topeka,	$1.
	Mrs. Beaty,	1.
	Mrs. C. J. Crumbine, Topeka,	1.
	Mrs. C. L. Davidson, Wichita,	1.
"	Mrs. J. W. Creech, Herrington,	1.
"	Mrs. Harry Richter,	1.
"	Mrs. L. Fisher, Baldwin,	1.
"	Mrs. Willard,	1.
"	Mrs. Emery	1.
"	Mrs. Ida E. Guyer, Stafford,	1.
"	" Noble Prentis	1.

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By copying deposit slips I find in P. R. Bank to date.

Proceeds of Ball game at Great Bend	$70.50
" " " " " "	35.40
Sent in by Mrs. Simmons-	
By Geo. Martin, Old State House fund,	50.
Money collected donations	74.15
By D. A. R. fund left from marking train	23.83
By State Federation of Womens Clubs	50.
By Mrs. J. S. Simmons, donations	12.
By Mrs. Kate A. Applington,	2.
By Mrs. Ita Hann,	2.
By Mrs. M. P. Earl, membership dues,	25.50
By Mrs. E. Hoagland, Hutchinson W. R. C.	5.
By Mrs. Lillian Hall, D. A. R. of Lawrence	10.
By Mrs. F. B. Wheeler, Pittsburg, donation,	5.
By Mrs. C. W. Smyser, Sterling, D. A. R.	10.
By Mrs. B. F. Shumate, W. K. D. C. Treasurer,	52.
By Mrs. B. F. Shumate, " "	215.
By. Mrs. Lilliam Hall, D. A. R.	10.
By. Mrs. Grant Mill, Larned, Kansas,	10.
Mrs. Francis Bank, Larned, Kans.	10.
By Mrs. Keystone Mill, " "	10.
By Chronoscope " "	10.
By H. Eckert, " "	5.
By H. Lawton, " "	5.
By J. C. Mc Connoryhay," "	5.
By Roberts Auto. Co. " "	5.
By Row Hardware Co. " "	5.
By Barber Drug Co.,	3.
By Mrs. J. S. Simmons $5 by Ella Hurd & $2 Mrs. Meisenheimer,	7.
By Mrs. Minnie C. Huffman, Columbus,	1.
By Mrs. E. L. Meyer, Hutchinson,	10.
By Mr. R. E. Edwards, Kinsley,	25.
By Emma Weston, dues	3.25
By Mr._____(can't recall the name) of Kinsley,	10.
By "Echoes of Pawnee Rock" sold at Kinsley,	20.
By Mrs. Simmons, at Kinsley, donations, cards and memberships,	35.
By Osage Co. Fed. of Clubs,	5.
By Judge W. D. Atkinson, Parsons,	5.
By F. B. Hine, Kinsley,	5.
By Contribution from Great Bend to M. E. Heynes	50.
By Mr. E. T. Egelston, Larned, Kansas,	5.
By The Krouch Company, Larned,	25.
By John Landis "	25.
By Judge C. E. Lobdell, "	25.
By Mayor E. E. Frizell, "	25.

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By A. H. Moffitt, Larned,	$25.	
By A. A. Doerr, "	10.	
By A. T. Grath, "	10.	
By M. B. Laudaner, "	10.	
By E. C. Wickwire, "	10.	
By Dr. Sharp, "	10.	
By J. C. Edwards, "	10.	
By Mrs. C. W. Bitting, Sale of P. R. E.	19.	
By donations from Dodge City,		6.75
By " " Great Bend,	35.	

Statement as per P. R. Bank, W. K. D. C.	$1073.55	cash
Pawnee Rock folks	874.15	"
" " "	221.50	work
W. K. D. C.	200.	hauling
"	500.	fence
"	157.	cement
	$3026.70	

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552 new members habe been enrolled.
97 new members will be enrolled when money is sent in.

Total amount of dues new members,		$138.
" annual dues collected,		4.25
40 No. of ladies sending	$1 donations each,	40.
5 " " " "	$5 " "	25.
3 " " " "	$5 " "	15.
4 " " " "	$2 " "	8.

2000 total No. of 1 cent stamps used in mailing after June 1, 20.

1750 total Nol of 2 cent stamps used in mailing after, June 1, 35.

All stamps used prior to June 1st donated by the Pres.

Money from sale of post cards	65.70
" " " " tags "	30.10

Total expense, stationery, circulars, post cards to sell, post cards used to receipt for money donated, and dues received, post cards used to send with about 1500 letters asking women to help with the W. K. D. C. work, and post cards distributed among the officers of W. K. D. C. of 1908. Expense of about 2000 application envelopes, 1500 returned envelopes, enrollment sheets to send to W. P. C. for recording charter members, and any others wishing to join W. K. D. C. postage and other expense of Mrs. Chas. E. Hall, 7th Dist. V. P. letter heads, etc. including stamps above mentioned and prepaid express in sending out supplies of cards and blanks and circulars, $301.47

I have on hand enrollment blanks, about 1000 envelopes, post cards to deliver to my successor and post cards out with ladies to be sold about 5000. Tags and circulars left are now useless as conditions have changed. Enrollment blank sheets several hundred.

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This is an amended copy that has not been submitted to Mr. U-

C O N T R A C T.

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Benjamin P. Unruh of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, is the owner of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 20, Range 15, West, in Barton County, Kansas, containing a contract of land on which is situated the historic rock which is known as "Pawnee Rock" and

Whereas, the Women's Kansas Day Club is an organization of loyal and patriotic women who are anxious among other things to preserve to posterity, some of the historic spots in the State, valuable on account of the associations, history and traditions that surround them, one of the first of which is the said "Pawnee Rock."

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Kansas on the____ day of February, 1908, by joint resolution, authorized the State of Kansas to accept as a donation, the said tract of land on which the said Rock is situated and authorized the Governor of the State of Kansas, to appoint a Board of Trustees, known and called the Board of Business Managers, which Board is to manage and direct the work hereafter provided for and

WHEREAS, the said Board consisting of the following members: Chairman, Mrs. W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson; other members, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Courtland; Mrs. W. A. Johnston, Topeka; Mrs. Lavina J. Smyser, Sterling; Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Abilene; Mrs. Grace Bowman, Pawnee Rock and Mrs. J. S. Simmons, Hutchinson, the Board of Business Managers and

WHEREAS, the said Benjamin P. Unruh and wife have executed a deed to the said land and deposited the same in the Pawnee Rock State Bank of Pawnee Rock, Barton County, Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE, this contract is made in triplicate and one copy deposited with the said deed and the said deed shall be delivered upon the following conditions to-wit: The said Women's Kansas Day Club shall raise a fund to restore and improve said Rock and the grounds conveyed by said deed as hereinafter set out and to pay for the said roadway, which fund shall amount to at least the sum of $3000 and shall pay the said Benjamin P. Unruh the sum of $650 in cash for said roadway. Said $650 to be taken from the

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$3000 deposited in the Pawnee Rock State Bank and said $650 to be the first money paid out of the said $3000 deposited in said Pawnee Rock State Bank, and shall duly execute the agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Then said deed is to be delivered to the Board of Business Managers to be delivered by them to the Governor of the State of Kansas and placed on record, provided however, that the said conditions of raising said $3000 and paying therefrom the said Benjamin P. Unruh the sum of $650 and entering into said contract, shall all be performed by the said Board of Business Managers on or before the 31st day of December, 1908. If these conditions are not performed by said 31st day of December, 1908, then the said deed is to be re-delivered to the said Benjamin P. Unruh to be by him destroyed and time is made the essence of this contract.

The Women's Kansas Day Club shall have immediate possession of the property conveyed by the aforesaid deed, and also of the roadway, if they so desire, and shall liquidate and settle with present tenant any damages caused by the said Women's Kansas Day Club to the crops now growing on the aforesaid property.

E X H I B I T "A".

WHEREAS, Benjamin P. Unruh of the first part has this day delivered to the Board of Business Managers, parties of the second part, a certain deed heretofore held in escrow, conveying to the State of Kansas, the historic spot known as Pawnee Rock and

WHEREAS said $3000 has been raised and is now or has been on deposit in the Pawnee Rock State Bank of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and the sum of $650 has been paid therefrom to the said Benjamin P. Unruh for the said roadway,

NOW THEREFORE in compliance with the further terms of the said agreement, the undersigned Board of Business Managers bind themselves and their successors as follows:

First. That they will proceed forthwith to restore and improve said grounds by placing on the Rock at a place to be selected by them, a monument, by building upon the same, a reproduction of said Rock or by building some other substantial or permanent monument to cost not less than $1500, the details of which shall be determined by said Board, but to contain in any event, a tablet placed in a conspicuous place and bearing the following inscription, to-wit: "Pawnee Rock given to the State of Kansas by Benjamin P. Unruh in the year 1908."

Second. They shall set or cause to be set on the roadway, between 10 and 20 feet from each edge thereof, a row of shade trees adapted to growth and longevity in this climate, and also plant or cause to be planted on tillable land above conveyed, a suitable grove of shade trees best adapted to this climate, and not less than twenty feet apart in every direction, for a park.

Third. Certain citizens of the City of Pawnee Rock have organized themselves into a society known as_____ _____for the purpose of caring for said park and trees or causing the same to be cared for, and the burden of caring for the same shall not rest on the Women's Kansas Day Club. But in case this park shall fail to be cared for in any way for six consecutive years, then the land conveyed by said deed or deeds shall revert to the original owner, Benjamin P. Unruh or his heirs, but

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all monuments or statutes or buildings or portable property thereof, shall be the property of the State and said Benjamin P. Unruh may cause the State to remove the same in in case the State shall fail to remove the aforesaid property, then the same shall revert to the said Benjamin P. Unruh and his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth. They shall build a cement walk not less than 4 feet in width on the west side of said avenue connecting said park with the City of Pawnee Rock, said walk beginning at the south limit of said avenue and ending at the south limit of said park unless there be ample funds to continue the walk to the north limit of the park and in that case, it shall be continued to the north limit.

Fifth. They shall erect a wind mill and dig or drill a well at some suitable and convenient place within said park or on the land so conveyed, the same to be used for the convenience of said park and for all necessary purposes.

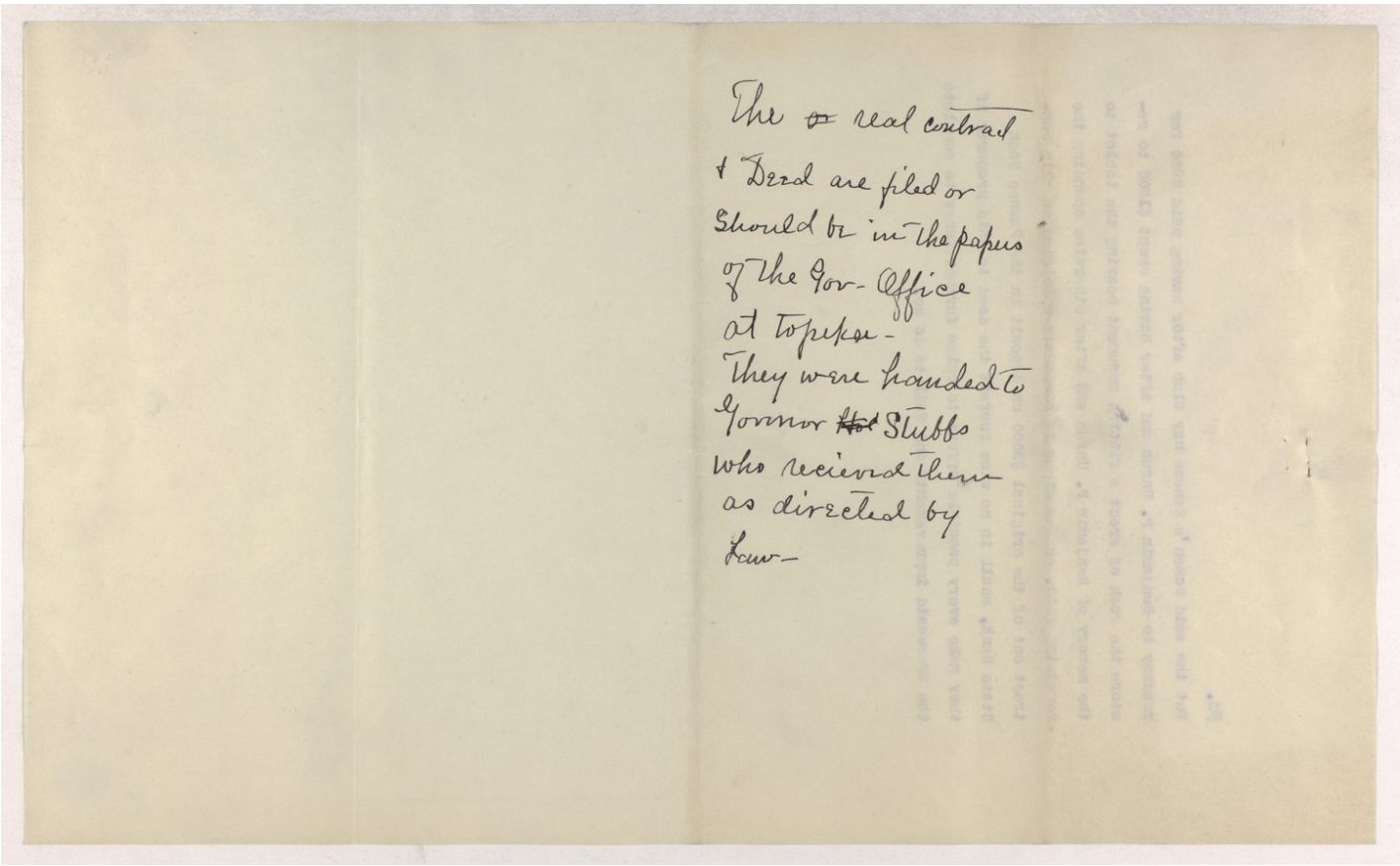
Sixth. They shall fence with good and suitable wire fence the said ground conveyed, including the avenue from the said ground to the city of Pawnee Rock and provide a crossing over said avenue midway between the north corporation limits of said city and said park and provide the same with gates.

The said Benjamin P. Unruh has deeded this land to the State of Kansas for the purpose of marking the historic spot known as Pawnee Rock and making of the land deeded by him to the State, an attractive place of interest open to all well behaved people, under proper restrictions and the said State of Kansas has accepted the said land with the same idea and the said Board of Business Managers are the trustees for the purpose of carrying out this intention and they hereby bind themselves to carry out said intention ~~and they~~ in every way possible and to make said land as nearly as possible all that is indicated above and they bind themselves in every way to work for the success of the undertaking and to raise and expend $3000 and as much more money as possible to carry out said intention so long as anything herein stated remains undone.

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But the said Women's Kansas Day Club after having paid $650 for roadway to Benjamin P. Unruh and after having spent $1500 to restore the rock or erect a fitting monument bearing the tablet to the memory of Benjamin P. Unruh and after otherwise spending the remaining $850. on the other improvements specified in this contract out of the original $3000 on deposit in the Pawnee Rock State Bank, shall in no wise forfeit the deed to said property if they make every possible effort to raise further money to complete the aforesaid improvements and fail to do so.

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The ~~o~~ real contract
& Deed are filed or
should be in the papers
of the Gov. Office
at Topeka -
They were handed to
Governor ~~Hod~~ Stubbs
who recieved them
as directed by
Law -

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CLOSING OF THE PAWNEE ROCK FUND.

Among matters of business to be considered at the meeting of the Woman's Kansas Day Club" at Topeka on Jan. 29th will be the report of the Pawnee Rock committee and the report of Mrs. Lavina J. Smyser of Sterling, treasurer of the "Pawnee Rock State Board", and member of the Woman's Kansas Day Club Committee.

Report of the Treasurer of the Pawnee Rock State Board. Pawnee Rock, the Historic Kansas Land mark, and five acres of land, adjoining and containing the said Pawnee Rock, was in the year 1908, donated to the State of Kansas by Benj. P. Unruh. The deed of gift was signed by Benj. P. Unruh and Mary Unruh, his wife.

The market value of the land and rock donated was $3000.

This gift was made to the state in accordance with a contract existing between Benj. P. Unruh and the Pawnee Rock State Board, a board of seven members selected by the Woman's Kansas Day Club President, approved by the Woman's Kansas Day Club Executive Board, and appointed by the governor of Kansas, to transact all business pertaining to the improvement of Pawnee Rock Park.

By the terms of this contract, the women of Kansas were to raise a fund of not less than $3000 to improve the rock and land given by Mr. Unruh.

Report of Fund raised by W.K.D.C.

By	Mrs.J.S.Simmons	Pres. 1908 and a member of the Board to 1912.	$2738.31
"	Mrs.A.H.Horton	" 1909	100.00
"	Mrs.E.W.Hoch	" 1910	200.00
"	Mrs.Cora G.Lewis	" 1911	55.00
"	Mrs.Cora P.Hopkins	1912	5.00
			$3098.31

Donated by other women's organizations.

"	Daughters of American Revolution	205.00
"	Woman's Relief Corp	179.00
"	State Federation of Woman's Clubs	50.00
"	State Woman's Christian Temperance Union	50.00
		$ 484.00