

## Governor Ben Paulen campaign correspondence

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October 11, 1926

Mr. A. P. Woodward,  
Sec'y, Colored Civic League,  
601 1/2 North Main Street,  
Wichita, Kansas.

*Campney  
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Dear Sir:

Your questionnaire regarding my attitude on matters of vital concern to the colored voters came during my absence Saturday.

I have consistently refrained from answering questionnaires and I feel in this particular instance my record toward the colored people is one that can be pointed to with pride by your race and one that gives me considerable satisfaction.

I feel that you well realize my position in this matter and to answer a questionnaire for you would necessitate my complying with hundreds of such requests for others.

I favor equal rights for all citizens of Kansas regardless of color and religious affiliations and I feel that your questions might be better answered by some of the colored people of Kansas who know my attitude in their behalf.

I am proud of the fact that I have made more appointments among the colored people according to the papers edited and published by colored folks than any other previous Governor.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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October 15, 1926.

### COLORED CIVIC LEAGUE OF WICHITA KANSAS.

J.R. Johnston- Pres.

Atty. A.P. Woodard- Secy.

Mr. Ben. S. Paulen, the Colored  
Citizens of Wichita are considering your candidacy, and in order  
to be properly informed on certain vital issues pertaining to our  
group as citizens, we would like to know what stand you take in  
regard to this matter.

We wish you would answer the following  
questions herein stated, by Yes, or No and return the same to  
Atty. A.P. Woodard., 601½ N. Main St. City.

### QUESTIONARY

I. Do you favor employment of Colored Citizens in Office and  
Public Work in the City, County and State? \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Do you favor giving the Colored Citizens of Kansas free use  
and access to all Public Parks? \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Do you endorse the enforcement of the Civil Right Law of the  
State of Kansas in all of its phases? \_\_\_\_\_.

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October 4, 1926

Mr. A. Boregard,  
Pres., Taxpayers League,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of September 30th came during my absence from the city, thus a few days delay in answering same.

As you probably know the situation in Kansas City is one in which the Governor has only limited authority to act, since all legal powers are invested in the Attorney General in so far as he conforms to constitutional rights.

Upon the request of the Grand Jury, I sanctioned the action of the Attorney General in the matter of assisting in the Grand Jury investigation.

I am in hearty accord with the acts of the Attorney General in so far as he has proceeded up to the present time, and I have no desire to interfere in the affairs at Kansas City unless I should be called upon by the citizens to act and then only in case that the people felt the Attorney General had failed in his duty.

I appreciate your writing me and at all times am glad to be informed as to conditions in your city. Kansas City is the state's metropolis and has a wonderful future and the quicker the people adjust their political and civic affairs the sooner Kansas City will enlarge as its location and industrial and commercial possibilities would indicate.

With very kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Ben S. Paulen,  
Governor.

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Kansas City Kansas Sept 30th 1926.

Hon Ben S. Paulen Governor

Topeka Kansas.

Dear and Honorable Sir: After a lengthy conference with Atty General Griffith, yesterday, by a committee of representatives from the Central Labor Union, the West Armordale Improvement Association, the Quindaro Tax Leagues and other similar civic organizations, we told the General that unless there were a change in the present investigation program, which would result in the immediate setting out of office, of the four remaining commissioners and the placing in office of men not known to be "stool pigeons" of our city hall machine, the Republican party will sacrifice the entire ticket in Wyandotte Co this November. Having told the Atty General this, we feel that we are revealing no secrets when we pass it on to you. In fact we feel that you should know the situation as it is here from the viewpoint of the tax payer and voter.

The move in ousting Mayor Gordon, a Democrat, and allowing a Tom Bigger henchman, in the person of J.O. Emerson to virtually nominate himself, and use the offices of the other commissioners, with ousters virtually hanging over their heads, ~~to be used~~ to appoint Mr Emerson, was a trick so brazen as to arouse the just indignation of all well meaning citizens, Republicans and Democrats alike.

Trusting that you can appreciate the true significance of this situation, and believing that you can use your good office either to have the Atty General to remove all the other four at once, or if he cannot, that you might appoint some one who would.

Then either appoint a temporary Board yourself, or ask the Supreme court to do so, until our city election in the spring.

With Very Kindest Regards

*C. Borzquez*  
President of League



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October 24, 1926

John J. Wyatt,  
307 Schweiter Bldg.,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear John:

Was glad to get your letter of October 16th  
and note your remarks with reference to Davis' speech.

We are making every effort to head him off  
and do not feel that there is any doubt but what the en-  
tire Republican ticket will be elected. However, we do not  
want to take any chances.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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W. H. SPROUL  
3d DIST. KANSAS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
~~Washington, D. C.~~

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MINES AND MINING  
INDUSTRIAL ARTS AND  
EXPOSITIONS

Sedan Oct 20, '26

Hon. Ben S. Paulen, Gov.  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Gov.

Have spent a day or so  
at Ark. City recently and faced  
some sentiment there against  
both you and myself - more  
against me - Had to fill a P.M.  
position there recently. Davis  
and Stevens availed themselves  
of the Farmers Union gathering  
to for an audience -

Am putting out a kind of  
letter, which a number of people  
have approved - I send you  
copy of letter from Sam Capper

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EXPOSITIONS

I also send you copy of  
my letter, a portion of which  
you may see fit to use —  
Am putting in a good word  
wherever I can, for you.

Sincerely yours,  
W. H. Sproul



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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D. C.

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Topeka, Kansas  
October 18, 1926

Hon. W. H. Sproul,  
Sedan, Kansas.  
Dear Mr. Sproul:

I wish you would send me a copy of the printed statement as to your campaign platform which you showed me at Neodesha. It seems to me it summarizes the situation in a fine way. I can make use of at least a part of this in the Capital.

I was in several counties in your district the past week and everywhere they told me that you will have the full Republican support and that there is not the slightest doubt about your reelection.

Cordially yours,

Artur Capper

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MISS STELLA B. HAINES  
AUGUSTA, KANSAS  
REP. CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE  
53RD DISTRICT

Augusta, Kansas.

Governor Paulen, Nov. 3, 1926.  
Topeka, Ks.

My dear Governor Paulen: -  
Accept my most sincere congratulations on your election. The "State of Butler" was loyal as ever.

I am now soon to be in the House. Any information you may care to send me, will be so grateful for it.

Very truly yours,  
Stella B. Haines

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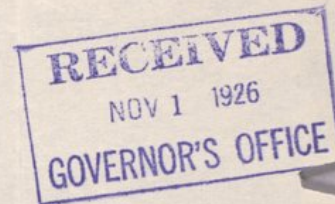
LAW OFFICE

**CHAS. W. STEIGER**

114½ S. MAIN ST.

EL DORADO, KANSAS

October 30, 1926



Hon. Ben S. Paulen,  
Governor,  
Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Governor Paulen:

I am taking the liberty to advise you that Chas. W. Steiger will talk over the radio KFH, Wichita, Monday evening, and that he will discuss National and State issues only, referring specifically to the candidacy of yourself, Senator Curtis and Fred L. Bell for Congressman.

I thought maybe this would be of interest. Was sorry indeed did not get to speak to you when you spoke in El Dorado, but there were so many who had a greater right politically to take your time, but I want to say that we are all for you, stronger than ever, and I trust that again my prophecy is correct, that you will again be elected Governor.

Yours very truly,

McN B

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Iola, Kansas.

November 1st, 1926.

Mr. Chas. F. Scott,  
c/o Register,  
City.

Dear sir:

I noted your statement in the Register on Saturday last that it would be interesting to have an estimate on the Allen County vote for the candidate for Governor from the respective county chairmen of the two parties. I feel no hesitancy in advising you as chairman of the Republican County Committee that we believe Governor Paulen will carry Allen County by a majority of one thousand votes. We believe this figure is a conservative one and we feel like the entire ticket without exception will be elected by the usual majority.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) G. M. LAMER  
Chairman Republican County Committee.

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W. B. DALTON,  
CHIEF INSPECTOR

F. M. FINK,  
FIRST ASSISTANT INSPECTOR

### STATE OF KANSAS

#### GRAIN AND HAY INSPECTION AND WEIGHING DEPARTMENT

MAIN OFFICE, 618-630 BOARD OF TRADE BLDG.,

TENTH AND WYANDOTTE STREETS,

KANSAS CITY, MO.

November 4, 1926.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO  
THE CHIEF INSPECTOR

PROTEIN LABORATORIES AT KANSAS CITY,  
WICHITA AND HUTCHINSON

Governor Ben S. Paulen,  
State House,  
Topeka, Kansas.

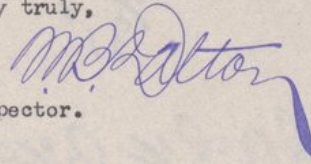
Dear Governor:

Mr. W. H. Kelly of Edgerton, Kansas, who you will perhaps know better as Tom Kelly's brother, and who is a weighmaster on our Department here, brought me the inclosed list of Democrats that he helped line up for you at Edgerton. I told him that I knew you appreciated this assistance, but a letter from you to him, care of the Department here, thanking him would do some good I am sure.

Some of these days there is going to be a vacancy in the United States Senate and you are the logical man to fill the place, and I think every little move we can make with that in view will be that much to the good when the time comes.

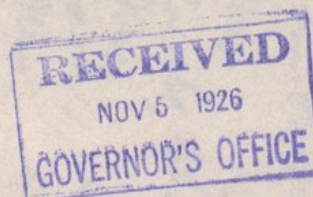
Heartiest congratulations from all the force here. They have certainly been fine in this election and I am proud of the bunch you sent me from out in the state.

Yours very truly,



Chief Inspector.

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<u>Edgerton - Precinct - Johnson Co.</u>		<u>Black Jack Douglas Co.</u>	<u>Richland Sup Miami Co.</u>
Frank Mann	Chas. Reever	J M Dwyer	Thos. Coughlin
H. F. Mann	Mrs. "	Mrs. "	John "
Mrs. "	Wm. Graham	Clarence "	Chas. "
E. G. Mann	Mrs. "	D. F. "	John Rigney
Mrs. "	J. H. Murphy	Ella "	Mrs. "
F. McCarthy	John "	Frank Key	Ando. Shay
Mrs. "	Bart "	Mrs. "	Mrs. "
Ed. F. "	Mrs. "		Jack "
Mrs. "	Anna Larnick		Mrs. "
James Glavin	John Shay		
Kate "	Harvey Beckley		
Chas. Antolf	Mrs. "		
Mrs. "	Mrs. Gabel	<u>Wellsville Franklin Co.</u>	
Jos. Seckings	Mrs. "	H. V. Fryer	
D. P. Dwyer	Mary Dwyer	Mrs. "	
" Marie Dyer	Katie "	David McManus	
Rev. D. C. Hall	Matt Glavin Sec.	Mrs. "	
Carl Gallispi	Mary " K.C.Mo.		
Mrs. "	Janis Holland		
Peter Clark			
Mrs. "			

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Abilene, Kans  
Oct. 28.

Governor Ben. S. Paulen.  
Dear Governor, Am sorry I  
cant be here to hear you  
speak. I will be at Ellsworth  
to night, Lyons. Friday night  
starting, Saturday and Hutchinson  
Sunday. Want to see in Emporia  
Monday if the Committee can  
make arrangement, will speak  
there Monday night, then  
be there for the Election

Things looks Bright  
every where I have gone.

Yours for Success

Robert S. Everett.  
Presiding Elder.  
A. M. E. Church.  
867 W. 5<sup>th</sup> ave.  
Emporia, Kans.

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### MAJORITY MEMBERS

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### House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations

Sixty-Ninth Congress

Washington, D. C.

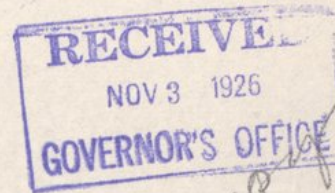
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ROSS A. COLLINS, MISS.

MARCELLUS C. SHEILD,  
CLERK

Hon. Ben. S. Paulen, Governor,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka.



My dear Governor Paulen;

I have visited the following points and done all I could in your behalf; Viz. Atchison, Leavenworth Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka, Newton, Caldwell, Wellington, and Doniphan County.

I am sure you will lead our ticket. The Colored people with whom I have talked, are enthusiastically for you. We all rejoice in having a real Governor of all the people of the State,

We all readily concede that we people have been given greater consideration, under you than any of your predecessors. We rejoice in having real Republicans in Office in our State. Acting in cooperation with you, who believe in Republican principles.

Please accept my best wishes for you continued good health and success.

I am yours sincerely

*Martin R. Powell*

## Governor Ben Paulen campaign correspondence

### Kansas Women Lawyers' Association

MABLE C. FOLTZ, President

Topeka, Kansas,  
August 20, 1926.

Honorable Ben S. Paulen,  
Governor's Office,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:

I submit the following recommendations for Mrs. O. M. Babcock as State Vice Chairman of the Republican Party of Kansas. These gentlemen have all expressed themselves as not only being favorable to Mrs. Babcock's candidacy but anxious to assist her in obtaining the position.

You will note that the list includes all the State candidates with the exception of Mr. French the candidate for Auditor who merely said that if Mrs. Patrick were a candidate he would be favorable to her, she being from his Congressional District. Among the endorsements which I have are Hon. D. W. Milvane, Senator Charles Curtis, Congressman D. R. Anthony, Hon. D.A.N. Chase, Hon. Frank Ryan, Hon. Geo. A. Allen, Hon. Wm. R. Baker and Maror Carl White. This, as you will see comprises all the State candidates with the exception of those for Auditor and Attorney General. The candidate for auditor is not unfriendly to Mrs. Babcock. I have not been able to obtain the endorsement of Wm. A. Smith, candidate for Attorney General, because I have not seen him, but Mrs. Charles R. Martin, Asst. Attorney General, is an enthusiastic supporter of Mrs. Babcock. Senator Capper is away, but Mr. Souders his private secretary expressed himself as having the understanding that Mrs. Babcock would be appointed and knowing that Senator Capper would be favorable to her candidacy. I will secure for you the endorsement of the Atchison County Republican Central Committee in a day or two.

I am apprising you of the position of these gentlemen so that you will know of the unanimity of the State candidates as well as the official leaders of the party in Kansas which shows that if Mrs. Babcock is appointed there can be no possibility of friction. I am sorry if I may seem importunate in this matter, but I really am not at all.

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I am very anxious to do that which will further  
Republican welfare and give recognition to a competent and  
loyal Republican woman whom we feel can take up the work where  
it ended in the last campaign and carry it to a victorious con-  
clusion.

Yours very truly,

MCF:C

(Mrs H) Mable C. Foltz

P.S. I am taking the  
liberty of sending a  
copy of this letter to  
Hon Seth G. Wills.  
mcf

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CAPITAL \$1,000,000

C. W. MILLER, AGENT.

Philadelphia Fire & Marine  
Insurance Company

W. B. FLICKINGER, GENERAL AGENT

WESTERN DEPARTMENT  
209 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD, CHICAGO

HAYS, KANS.



*Nov 12/25*

Ben S. Paulen Gov  
Topeka Kans

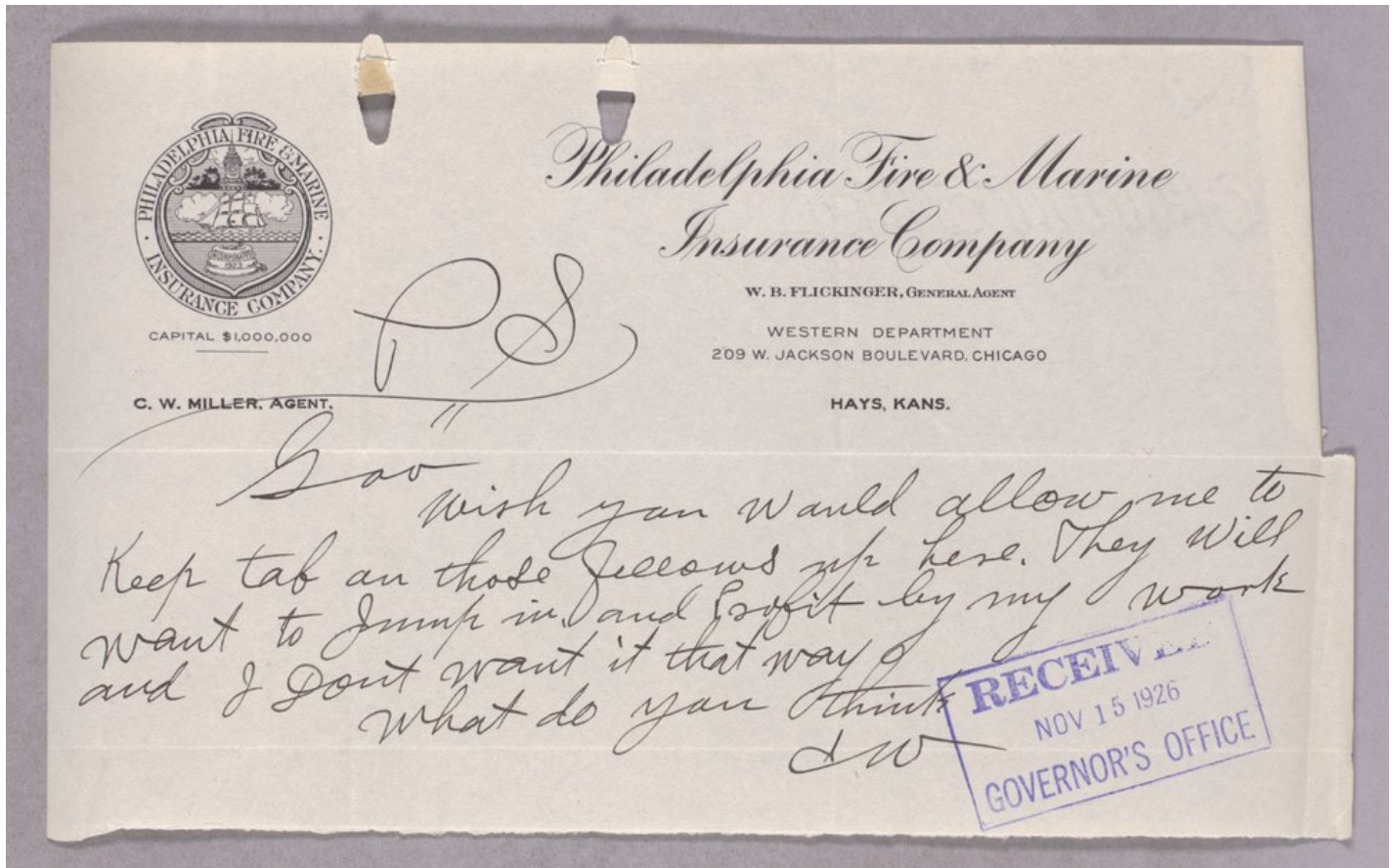
Dear Gov

I thank you for yours relative  
to the Hays Receiver. after I had written  
the same idea I struck me  
if the same reason does not run against  
me. but I have and never did have any connection  
except a Patron. I might hook up with the  
Ellsworth End of the Line.

Ben the campaign in Ells Co was a one  
man deal. I told the wine press alone all I could  
hear was you cant do it. they would not refuse  
to ~~work~~ vote but would not work. but I  
kept my old car cranked all the time. and  
fought for you and Curtis every day  
and gained the End when our fellows  
said I could not. your credit Ben  
all belongs and and Leaf

yours  
C. W. Miller

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AMARILLO GLOBE  
WEEK DAY EVENINGS  
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AMARILLO DAILY NEWS  
WEEK DAY MORNINGS  
EXCEPT MONDAY

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*Amarillo, Texas*

GENE A. HOWE, EDITOR  
WILBUR C. HAWK, GEN'L MGR.  
NORRIS EWING, ASST. GEN'L MGR.

Aug. 20,  
1926

MEMBERS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS, LEASED WIRE  
AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS

Governor Ben S. Paulen,  
Topeka, Kansas.

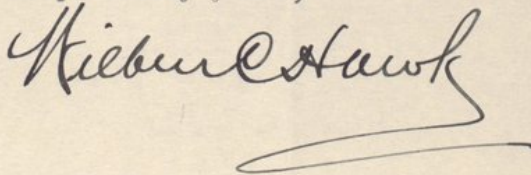
My dear Governor:

I have just returned from Atchison where I spent three weeks previous to the primary.

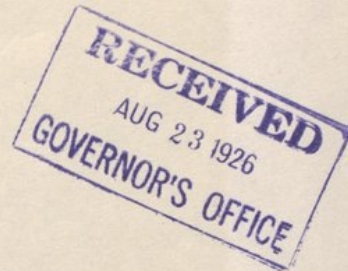
Just before I left we elected E. E. Batty as chairman of the County Central Committee and Mrs. O. M. Babcock as vice-chairman. Today I received a letter from Mrs. Babcock informing me that she is anxious to be re-elected on the State Committee. I want to assure you that Mrs. Babcock has the indorsement of the organization, as well as all of the leading Republicans. Any favors shown Mrs. Babcock will be more than appreciated by the writer.

With highest personal regards, I remain,

Respectfully yours,



WH:VG



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By Rev. W. M. White.

Oct. 15, 1926.

My plan hereby is going back from the beginning of slavery to the ending and I have studied what to say in the behalf of the people.

I must say the Lord was in the plan to reveal to Abraham Lincoln to suffer many to die to bring our people out of bondage. For God was in the plan.

But we realize that the Republican Party saw fit to co-operate with Lincoln on the proclamation and saw fit to walk out on the battle field for the freedom of the colored man knowing that we was under the bondage of a wicked generation for we had no liberty.

But God was in the plan.

Ladies and Gentlemen if it had not been for the Republican Party we would still be in bondage.

We know that there are many thousands of boys and girls that could not go out in the business world all they could do is to drive old kit and beek.

We realize that the Republican power opened up the avenue. We know it to be true that during the time of bondage, storehouses and schools were scarce and just for the richer people; Now we have thousands of millionaires.

We know what power gave us liberty and so let us bring our minds together and back up the republican party.

I speak these words in friendship although the Democrats are sucking the blossom the Republicans are going to make the honey. There has not been much done in behalf of the colored man but what has been done The Republican Party deserves the credit. We must be in friendship and I believe that I understand the work so I was sent out in the field. I believe the Republican Party will win in this great race.

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in this campaign while I was out commerce I was out  
16 days and stay all my night to bring in the people  
in my travelling in fore in this present in person of  
291 votes that were that fore votes before naming  
and I think I done much good I don't look far to pay  
me for my vote I will vote my right and if I am  
think my time is worth a commendation I ask of you  
to send me a donation for I got to eat and wash  
if there is any more republican in the house let them  
read it to ~~the~~ Kansas a slave and the color and  
white give gent to all the republicans in this  
country they was was all poor like my self they  
treat us all right in travelling now we need some  
help at this time can the age of 82 year old and I  
of you want any information right up to the  
the chairman of Esuego Kansas if I live  
in next campaign I will bring out thousand  
right to Esuego Kansas

Yours truly  
Rev. Wm W White  
Esuego Kansas  
Ans soon

this is a sample law ne votes that  
Republican ticket

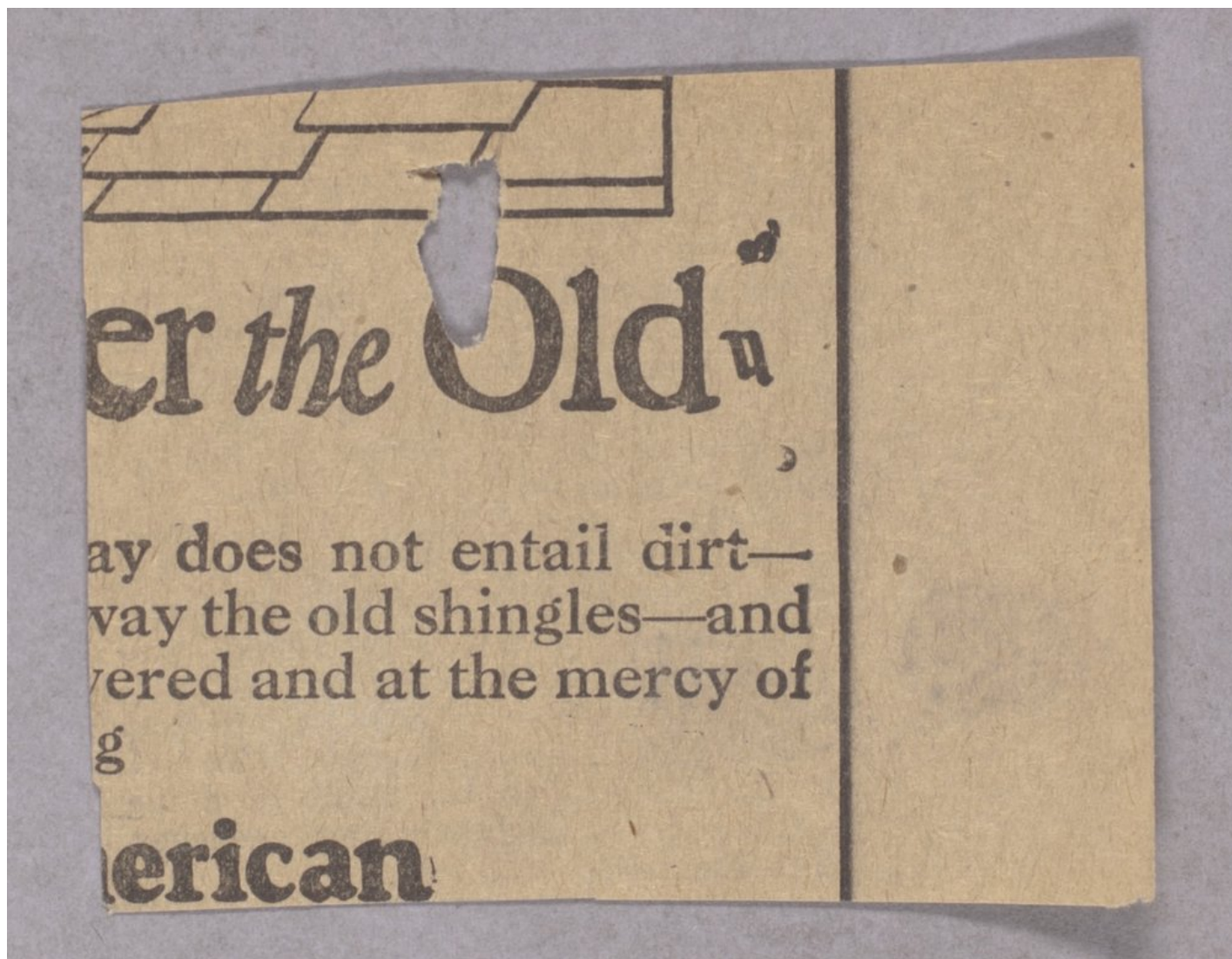
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*Hodge's Olathe*  
*Memorandum*

Governor Paulen and Senator Curtis are having a nice time, but are they getting any more? For all the interest that is being shown they might as well be traveling about the state incognito. No one seems to care whence they come or whither they go. But between, by, and with themselves they are having a nice, quiet —extremely quiet—time.

Watch the farmer vote next month. It is going for Davis with a strength that will surprise and shock Republican leaders. The people will stand for a certain amount of feeling, but there is a limit beyond which parties should not go. The G. O. P. has passed the limit in doing out promises and soothing speeches. The reckoning is coming.

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GEORGE H. HODGES

FRANK HODGES

### Hodges Brothers

Builders' and Farmers' Supplies

Olathe, Kansas

Nov. 6, 1926

Gov. Ben S. Paulen,  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find some sheets torn from  
the Johnson County Democrat, showing the result  
of the election.

Every man that had any suspicion of  
connection with Breyfogle was simply smashed.  
Mr. Mulvane and Senator Curtis will have to get  
a new representative in this county. Curtis  
carried the county by 1200 and yourself by 2500,  
in round figures.

Yours very truly,

*Frank Hodges.*

FH:MG



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### THE MIAMI COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

C.N. EMERY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
FRANK W. SPONABLE, PRESIDENT  
W. H. LEWIS, ACTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

P.W. GOEBEL, VICE-PRESIDENT  
H.H. WHITAKER, CASHIER  
J.W. SPONABLE, ASST. CASHIER

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$200,000.00

PAOLA, KANSAS

NOVEMBER  
8th  
1926

Hon. Ben. S. Paulen,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:--

I wrote you earlier in the day, but I am afraid I forgot to tell you that our member of the Legislature elect, Mr. George L. Robinson, is your friend.

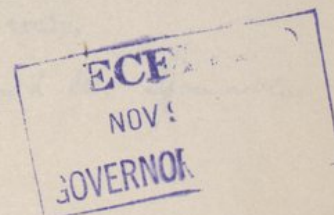
You can count him as Administration Republican. I had this talk with him before he came out, and I had another long talk with him this morning.

He will not make any promises to any one, and he will be in a position to assist you and your administration in every way he can.

Yours very truly,

*Frank W. Sponable*

FWS:G



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### THE MIAMI COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

C. N. EMERY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
FRANK W. SPONABLE, PRESIDENT  
W. H. LEWIS, ACTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

P. W. GOEBEL, VICE-PRESIDENT  
H. H. WHITAKER, CASHIER  
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PAOLA, KANSAS

NOVEMBER  
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1926

Hon. Ben S. Paulen,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:--

Sincere Congratulations! I feel that the election in our state could hardly have been improved upon. I had served notice upon our family that if you were not re-elected we were going to leave the state.

Let me report that you carried our ward, (and Mr. Sheridan lives in that ward) by over one hundred majority, which is considerable above the normal Republican vote in the ward. You carried our county by a substantial majority.

Over at Gardner, Kansas, where I was born and where I spent most of my life and was three times Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, you received 402 votes and Davis 131; Curtis received 321 votes and Stephens 191. Your vote was just about one hundred above the average Republican vote over there. Senator Curtis was about 20 votes ahead of his ticket.

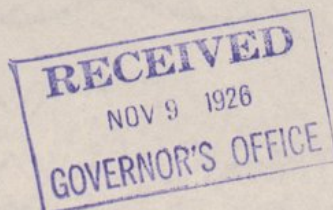
Summing it all up, we just feel it all came out in grand shape.

With sincere regards, I am

Yours very truly,


*Frank W. Sponable*

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MRS. E. K. SEWARD, PROPRIETOR  
PAUL LINVILLE, MANAGER

Mount Ida Kan  
Ottawa, Kansas 10/24 1926

Governor Paulen  
Topeka Kan  
Dear Governor -

My work called me to Colorado  
and Nebraska, before the primary,  
so I did not get to help, but  
I am back to vote and do all  
I can to help in your election -  
With best wishes for your  
return to Governor chair -

I am your very truly  
C S Vanatta  
Mount Ida Kansas  
Anderson Co



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Talmage Kansas  
October 28, 1926

Gov. B. S. Paulen  
Topeka Kansas

Dear Governor:

Replying to your letter in which you asked for any criticism of your administration I am pleased to inform you that to the best of my knowledge there has not been any complaint either of you as a man or as chief executive of our state during the term of office which you have held.

This of course does not include the idle remarks of a few people who make no pretense of voting and carrying out their duties as citizens, but who are always able to tell how the affairs of the government should be handled. You are familiar with this sort of criticism, however, and need not be anxious about it.

We feel confident that you will be successful in the coming election, and with best wishes for that success and another pleasant term as Governor of our state, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Committeeman

*Geo. C. Harden*



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WICHITA, KANSAS

October 29, 1926.

Hon. Ben S. Paulen,  
Governor,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Paulen: -- I wish to inform you that your campaign in this county is progressing nicely. Two years ago you had 8344. I am in the campaign every night; am using the pardon and parole record of Mr. Davis with good effect. I believe that, considering the reduced vote, you will at least have a majority as great as you had two years ago, and it probably will be much greater. Wishing you the best success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

