

## Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, alphabetical file (S)

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Wichita Kansas  
July 6. 1930

Mr. Clyde M. Reed

Governor of Kansas.

Topeka Kansas.

I am a  
Man 61 years old & will say I came to Kansas the fall  
of 71. I have been a Citizen of Sedgewick Co. for 12 years  
this winter. I have been out of Employment since Dec. 2. 29  
& I can not get a job. Please tell me what I am going to  
do. I have a wife & daughter & my self to support. I have  
heard people say you have Made Kansas a Great & Good  
Gov. so I would like for you to tell me how to get through  
this Winter for I know it is coming. I am past 40  
years old & I havent been able to get a job at any thing &  
I know a whole lot more in Wichita in the same fix.

now dont throw this in waste Basket  
but answer for I am Interested & Thousands of others are in  
the same Boat.

Yours Resp. H.M. Storey

R. 1. Wichita Kansas.

I am sorry but I do not know how the governor  
could assist you in getting work.

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January 16, 1930

Mrs. Mattie Stover  
417 Kellam Ave.  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Your letter of recent date written to Governor Reed in regard to a parole from the Reformatory has been referred to me for answer.

When a boy is sent to the reformatory he has to serve either ten or sixteen months, owing to the offense he has committed, before he is eligible for parole. When he is eligible for parole he is brought before the Board and given a hearing, and if the Board feels that he has served sufficient time he is paroled; otherwise he has to stay at the reformatory for a longer period. I do not know of anything you can do, or that would be necessary for you to do in the matter. The authorities at Hutchinson always bring these boys up when they are eligible to see the Board. However, a boy may lose his eligibility by violating the rules of that institution, and if he does this he will never be brought before the Board until he learns to obey the rules of the institution.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney

ASF\_J



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417 Killeen ave

Jopuka Plains

I am writing for a little  
information i want to know  
how to get at a potato

Parale I didnt know just  
who to see & where to go  
to get started Will you  
let me hear at an early  
date i would rather  
talk than to write if I  
knew just where to go  
to but the weather is bad  
& my health isnt so  
good so i thought I would  
write & try to find out where  
to go i await hearing

Sincerely

Mrs. Mattie

Over

Stover.

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This parade would be  
at the Hutchinson  
Re



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*Misc - File*

October 25, 1930

Mr. J. S. Strong  
Henrietta, Missouri

Dear Mr. Strong:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 23 recommending a treatment for bronchitis. You may be assured that I appreciate very much your interest in sending me this prescription.

Thanking you very much, I am

Very truly yours,

Governor



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Thank  
Dear

Henrietta Mo.  
Oct-23-30

Gov. Clyde Reed.  
Topeka Kas.

Dear Governor, I see by the  
K.C. Star, a while back you  
was confined to your home  
for a week with bronchitis.  
I have been bothered with  
it for 40 yrs. I get a  
Homeopathic medicine  
for ~~a~~ entire relief 48 hrs.  
very few druggist. Keep it.  
20 drops Blood root.  
20 " Bryonia  
4 of simple Syrup.

I am passing this to you for to relieve  
suffering humanity yours Resp  
J. S. Strong



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August 19, 1929

Mrs. Epha Sturdivan  
Manchester, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Your letter of recent date written to Governor Reed in behalf of your brother, Lincoln Sturdivan, who is now serving time at Lincoln, Nebraska, has been referred to me for answer.

I would consider it very highly improper for the Governor to recommend to the Governor of Nebraska what action he should take with reference to prisoners in the Nebraska penitentiary, unless the Governor personally knew all of the facts in connection with the case.

I am very sorry that the Governor is not in a position to help you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney

ASF-J





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Manchester Kans  
Dear Sir Aug 9 1929

Dear Governor I am  
writing you in regard  
to my Brother Lincoln  
Sturdivan. He is in the  
Pen at Lincoln Nebraska  
has served 4 years this  
fall on a ten year sentence  
and his health is failing  
they want do any thing for  
him He has never ben in  
befor and the fellow he went  
with has served a couple  
times befor We are going to  
try to get his sentence cut  
and I thought maby you  
could write a letter in  
to help out Mother is 76 years  
old and she needs his help  
over

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he is the only boy single  
Now I would appreciate your  
help to get his sentence  
cut to 5 years Maby I  
am asking to much of you  
but if you can do us  
any good will be willing  
to pay you for your  
trouble if you will try  
to help Will be glad  
to get an answer in reply  
to this letter

Yours Sincere

Eptha Sturdivan  
Manchester  
Kans



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} Sturgeon  
"card -  
"Gen" file

March 29, 1929

Mr. J. W. Sturgeon,  
Eureka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 29th  
written to Mr. West, Secretary to Governor  
Reed, has been referred to me for  
answer.

Governor Reed is now in  
Washington and when he returns he will  
have a great deal of work piled up that  
will keep him busy for some time. As  
you probably know, he has a great many  
applicants for office who are constantly  
trying to get to see him and he is doing  
his best to take care of the crowd. I  
think it would be wise for you to forget  
about seeing the Governor until these  
matters are out of the way. If you  
should come to Topeka at this time, you  
might not be able to get to see the Governor  
at all.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

ASF:a



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OFFICE 217 1-2 NORTH MAIN

OVER HOME NATIONAL BANK

OFFICE OF  
J. W. STURGEON  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
EUREKA, KANSAS

Eureka Kansas 3 - 29 - 1929

Secretary of Governor

Dear Sir I am writing you I see in daily papers that The Governor is in Washington D C , and am writing you,

I want to see the Governor as soon as he returns, personally it will not take but A few minnuts, I dont want to go to the expense of the trip, if he is not there, or if he is buisy, at something else,

If you will let me no when he will return and I can have A few minnets with him for consultation, I will be there,

Resp,

*JW Sturgeon*



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PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201-S

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**Received at Kansan Hotel, Topeka, Kans. Telephone 4262**

K46 12=WA KANSASCITY MO 20 1256P 1929 FEB 20 PM 1 11

W G WEST=

SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR STATE HOUSE TOPEKA KANS=

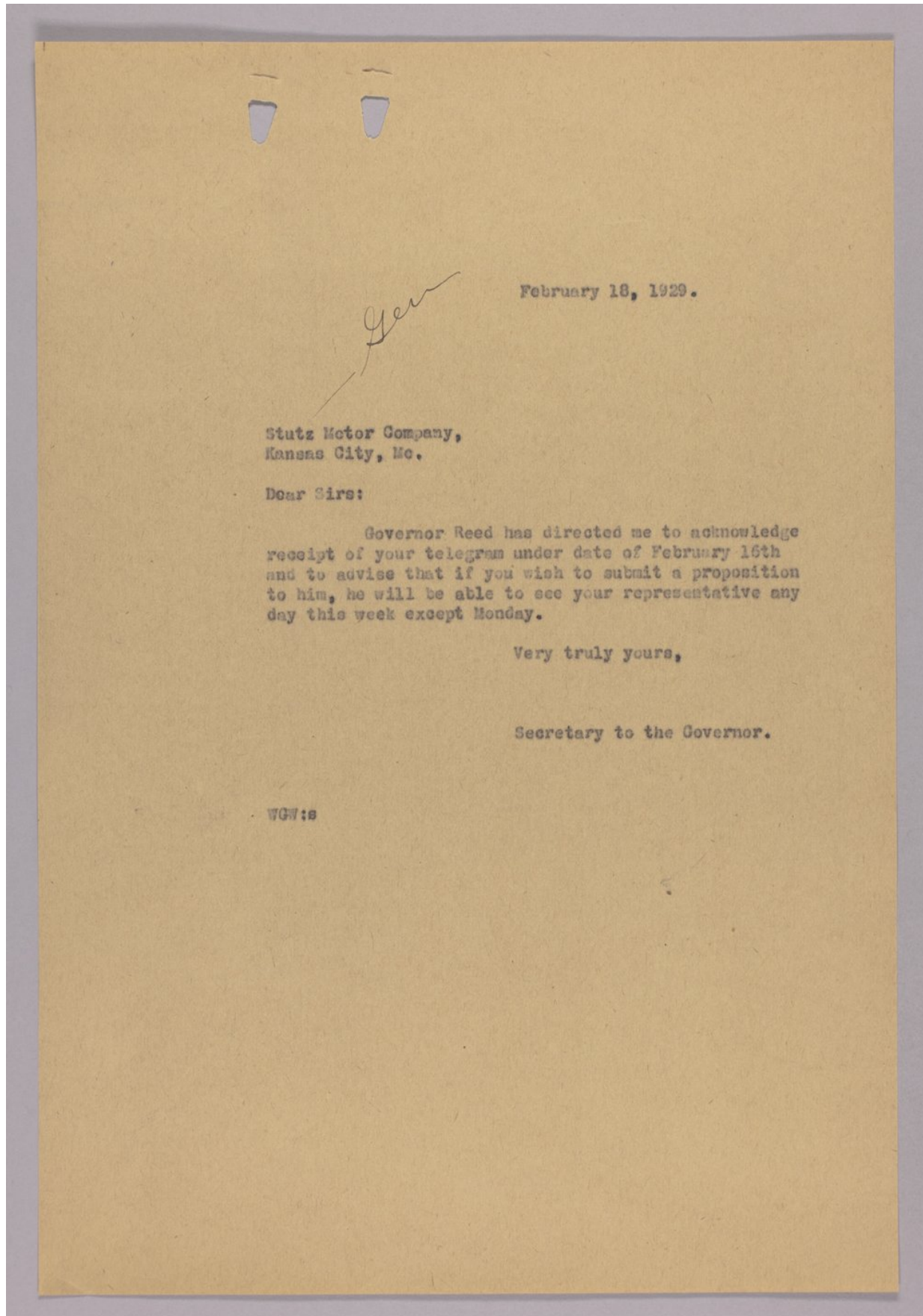
MAY ARRIVE TOO LATE TO SEE YOU THIS EVENING BUT SURE

TOMORROW=

ALBERTSON STUTZ. *Gen*

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

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**Received at**

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HON CLYDE M REED=

1929 FEB 16 PM 12 06

STATE HOUSE TOPEKA KANS=

WE UNDERSTAND YOU ARE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE FURNISHING OF  
NEW SEVEN PASSENGER SEDAN FOR YOUR USE STOP IT IS OUR DESIRE  
TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING INTO THE STUTZ PROPOSITION  
WITH YOU BEFORE YOU PURCHASE STOP WE ARE ACQUAINTED WITH  
THE CAR TO BE TRADED IN AND CAN OFFER APPROXIMATELY  
SEVENTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY FOR SAME STOP WILL YOU GRANT US  
APPOINTMENT TO TELL YOU THE SAFETY AND MECHANICAL FEATURES  
OF THE STUTZ OUR SEVEN PASSENGER SEDAN IS ONE HUNDRED  
FORTY FIVE INCH WHEELBASE AND DELIVERS FORTY HUNDRED FIFTY  
COMPLETELY EQUIPPED=

STUTZ MOTORS.

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

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*Sulentic*  
*Engineer*  
*S*

July 26, 1929.

Mr. S. A. Sulentic,  
537 New England Bldg.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Sulentic:

Governor Reed has directed me to  
acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of  
July 19th giving information concerning Ellsworth  
County.

Governor Reed has read your letter  
with interest and wishes to thank you for the  
information which you have given him.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

WGW/EB

Secretary to the Governor.



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*Thanks*

**S. A. SULENTIC-CONSULTING ENGINEER**

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY ENGINEERS

TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 19, 1929

Gov. Clyde Reed  
State House  
Topeka, Kansas

My Dear Governor:

I just got back from an extensive trip to Western Kansas and I find that you still have lots of friends. The intention of this letter is to let you know that things do not look the best in Ellsworth County. Also, everybody is giving you the credit for the improvement of the Kansas highway No. 14 south to Rice County.

Mr. W. E. Woods, County Commissioner, who is a very dear friend of yours and also mine, told me several things that you should know. Mr. Woods is a large land owner and very influential in the County of Ellsworth and also in neighboring counties. I merely suggest that you get ahold of him and make him come to Topeka to see you and tell you things that I believe should be straightened out.

You know Ellsworth County gave you a wonderful support in the primary and general elections. Time and money spent to achieve the success was mostly done by W. E. Woods and T. G. O'Donnell, the present mayor of the City of Ellsworth and also a very influential man in the community.

It seems to me that the bone of contention is the change made at the Mother Bickerdyke Home. He told all about the exchange of letters between you and Mr. O'Donnell but Tom does not take it that way. Mr. Woods is working hard trying to keep the organization in tact.

I was in Ellsworth the 12th, 13th and 14th of this month and I saw that even the Ellsworth Reporter is going to be for you; thanks to Mr. Woods.

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S. A. SULENTIC

2--Gov. Clyde Reed - 7/19/29

Nobody takes Representative Flanders very seriously and I was told that for the next legislature you will get a new member from Ellsworth County who will cooperate with you and your administration. The gossip is going on by the has-beens and sore-heads. "I told you so." You know that your friends, including myself, are interested in your success. Your success is our success.

With kindest personal regards and wishing you all the success in the world, I am always

Yours most respectfully,

*S. A. Sulentic*  
S. A. SULENTIC

SAS:MJ



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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

CLYDE M. REED  
GOVERNOR

*Sew.  
S.*

July 17, 1929

Governor Reed:

The attached letter from S. A. Sulentic refers to a contract which the Sulentic firm of engineers failed to secure, according to S.A.Sulentic. Chester Woodward, of the Central National Bank, is alleged to have blocked Sulentic's securing the contract. Further, Sulentic wanted you to have this information.

W.G.W.



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S. A. SULENTIC—CONSULTING ENGINEER  
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS  
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY ENGINEERS  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 12, 1929

Thos. W. Williamson & Co.  
Architects  
Topeka, Kansas

Attention: Mr. T. W. Williamson

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to our company, dated July 9, has been received. It appears to me that there was certain influence exercised and this influence, to my best knowledge, was the consequence of my personal political views and friendship toward the present state administration.

I am not seeking any excuses; I will be frank. To make the proper comments concerning the whole matter, it is impossible for me to make any comments because it would be unethical and not becoming of my standing in the National Engineering Organization.

I wish to say to you that I am very glad that this matter has been brought to a final windup. The gentleman connected with a certain banking institution and his influence on you was very plainly demonstrated in your decision.

Considering the matter closed, I remain

Yours very truly,

SAS:MJ

S. A. SULENTIC

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Engineer  
State Institutions

July 26, 1929.

Mr. S. A. Sulentic,  
537 New England Bldg.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Sulentic:

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your communication under date of July 16th with proposal for engineering inspection of the state institutions.

Governor Reed wishes to thank you for the detailed program which you have so concisely presented. He will be glad to give the matter his careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

WCW/EB

Secretary to the Governor.

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### The S. A. Sulentic Consulting Engineer Company Inc.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

POWER PLANTS  
REFRIGERATION  
ELECTRIC LIGHTING  
HEATING AND VENTILATION

537 New England Building  
Phone 28421

Topeka, Kansas

PAVING  
WATER WORKS  
SEWAGE SYSTEMS  
VALUATION AND APPRAISALS

July 16, 1929

*Sew.  
S.*

Hon. Clyde Reed, Governor  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Reed:

What is the meaning of the word "economy"?

Quoting Webster:

Economy, n. Management of domestic affairs, also of any undertaking, corporation, state, etc.; a system of rules by which anything is managed; thrift.

Thrift, n. Economical management.

The definition lies in management.

Bearing in mind the Administration's platform of economy, we earnestly solicit your examination of the enclosure which shows how our services will aid in placing the state institutions on a better business basis.

Yours very respectfully,

*S. A. Sulentic*  
President

*Thomson  
Will give  
consideration  
to  
Sulentic*



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Engineering Inspection  
of  
Kansas State Institutions  
by

The S. A. Sulentic Consulting Engineer Co. Inc.

Topeka, Kansas

The State institutions have grown beyond all plans and expectations of their founders. In many cases, the equipment is obsolete. A state-wide inspection by skilled engineers will locate obsolete equipment and practices. New layouts would be wasteful unless comprehensive plans are made.

When checking the various institutions we will make a complete inventory of equipment and equipment requirements. From this inventory we can recommend exchanges of equipment between institutions. The result is to (1) increase efficiencies all around (2) better meet power requirements and (3) perhaps avoid purchase of new equipment.

Industries and most states have had great benefits from employing competent engineers. Inexperienced engineers try to bring about the ideal regardless of the expenditures involved. Maintenance replacements and new work should be business propositions. The S. A. Sulentic Consulting Engineer Company recommends only work that pays, either from increased efficiency, convenience, health, or safety.

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Services offered by The S. A. Sulentic Consulting Engineer  
Company, A Kansas corporation, include:

Paving and Roadwork

Ventilation      Heating      Refrigeration

Electric lighting      Electric wiring

Power Plant Equipment

Buildings and Structures

Drainage

Sanitation

Sewerage      Water supply

Fire protection

Transportation

Valuations and Appraisals

General Efficiency

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Most of the services listed above are overlapping. Following is a general discussion of the ones most likely to be needed by the state.

Heating: Steam for heating is sent from a central plant to the buildings thru pipes laid in the ground. Where these pipes have been installed many years, the insulation deteriorates and results in exceptionally high heat losses.

Our files contain records of our work rebuilding the steam distribution system at one of the State's institutions. The 35% fuel saving paid for the work in 2½ years.

Refrigeration: Where stores of food are kept, the refrigeration (ice or otherwise) systems must be carefully regulated. Meat may not spoil, but taste is ruined from temperature changes.

The power consumption of the ice plants is high when the piping is poorly insulated or if obsolete compressors are used.

Electric Lighting: Lamp renewals have been such as to make worse lighting conditions in the attempt to get more light. Size of bulbs, location, and style of fixtures, should be checked, and caused to fit the service required.

Present standards are toward saving the eyes rather than electricity, but sometimes an actual saving in electricity is possible by modernizing the lighting equipment.

Electric Wiring in Buildings and Streets: Transformers may be poorly located, and the outside wiring may have become too small to handle increased demands. This results in high line losses and low lamp and motor efficiency.

Special attention should be given to fuses and other safety devices. All hazards are increased by overloaded wiring which has grounds and short-circuits from insulation deterioration.

Power Plant Equipment: The tubes of the boilers may be corroded, or covered with scale. High losses may be present because of improper combustion. The Sulentic Company will make flue gas analyses, and tests on boiler settings and efficiencies. Members of the staff are trained in furnace and stoker design--the new stoker at Ft. Dodge was planned by them. Investigations will be made to determine fuel and furnace economy--to recommend the methods of firing.





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Electric generating equipment will be examined. Losses are often reduced by reconnecting part of the apparatus.

Advancement in engine building has made obsolete many otherwise good prime-movers. Adjustments on present installations often greatly reduce the steam consumption.

Sanitation: In general the water supply, waste disposal, plumbing, and drainage come under Sanitation.

The storm sewers and sanitary sewers may be too small, or buildings may have been erected that do not get full benefit from a sewer.

Waste disposal systems at State institutions are usually obsolete. State laws and regulations govern the dumping of sewage into streams.

Demands for water usually have outgrown the supply. The supply from wells or surface waters must be examined for possible sources of pollution. Water mains should be large enough to afford fire protection.

The Sulentic Company will investigate the sanitary conditions at the institutions and recommend what improvements are necessary.

Transportation: There are long truck hauls where railroad spur tracks can be obtained.

General Efficiency: It is necessary to investigate the whole institution when checking engineering equipment. Loose practices in many departments can be noticed.

Motors and other equipment may have been "picked up" or load conditions may have changed. Overloaded motors may fail. Underloaded motors do not run at maximum efficiency.

With a state-wide check, it is possible to recommend certain exchanges of equipment between institutions to increase the efficiency in all.

Costs: It is impossible to give here an estimate of the costs of this service. For a state-wide check, it would take about six months at a cost estimated to be \$3,500.00. Charges are based on a fee of \$15.00 per diem plus expenses for engineers.



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On new work the scale is as follows:

For preliminary investigations and recommendations 3% of total estimate.

For preliminary investigations and complete plans and specifications and aid in letting bids 5% of total estimate.

Conclusions: Yearly cost of maintenance may be exceeding annual charges on new replacements. Only a careful check will reveal present conditions. Skilful planning can make economical changes in present layouts. New work should be planned to best advantage for present and future use. Exchanges of equipment should be beneficial.

The S. A. Sulentic Consulting Engineer Company of Topeka is equipped with apparatus and personnel to completely analyze the conditions at the State institutions. We are ready to start at once.

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December 12, 1929

Mrs. Jessie M. Sweeney  
Route 1  
Weir, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Your letter of December 7th written to Governor Reed in behalf of your son, who is confined in the hospital in Topeka, has been referred to me for answer.

Governor Reed has the right to parole or pardon convicts, but he has no power to parole persons from the state hospitals. These persons are there because of their mental condition, and they have to be released by people who are capable of judging of the mental condition of the inmate at the time he wishes to be released from the hospital.

You will have to take up the question of your son's release either with the Superintendent of the hospital, or with the Board of Administration, State House, Topeka.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney

ASF-J



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PP Weir Kansas  
Dec 7/1929

Mr Clyde M Reed

I am writing to you to see what you can do in my sons case he has been to the state Hospital three years next month and I am asking for you to get his release he wants me to come after him or get his release his Brother next in age went to see him May 19 1927 and he said his Brother Erwin Sweeney acted and talked as ~~much~~ sensible as he always did and said if he had not acted like a silly and got out of temper with his brother and he would not have been sent there I have all of my sons letters he wrote home to my Daughters and his brother and my self and he wrote me one two years ago this summer for me to come and get him out of there that he was home sick and lonesome his father and my self are alone now and we want him to come home I was a going to get up a petition and have my neighbors sign their names to the statement he was not



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His Brothers or Sisters or myself  
never did have any trouble with  
him and Erwin said it just made  
him sore for the Minister but he  
was sorry right away that is what  
he told their Brother and he told  
him when his brother was up there  
some of the officers up there thought  
he was crazy and tried to make him  
do things but he said they could not  
handle him and they put him in  
a straight jacket and strapped  
him down and my sons arms  
are all scarred up and then they  
operated on him without his  
father's consent or mine we both  
objected to it I wrote them a  
letter of protest I think it would  
be best for them to let him come  
home for awhile and see how he  
gets along and I am sure it will  
not break this State to give his  
fare to him and I can meet him  
in Pittsburg when he comes I  
would like him to be here home  
for Christmas and if you had a  
turn over



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Son away from home as long as  
 my son has been you would like to  
 see him come home and I and his  
 father will be responsible for  
 him I am sure he never will give  
 us any more trouble I have been  
 sorry to many times to mention that  
 his father agreed to his being sent  
 there our son has a very quiet nature  
 and some one has to abuse his good  
 nature to get his quick temper up  
 but he is soon over it and I know  
 he will not abuse any one they  
 wrote me they had to shut him  
 up at night I know what he is a  
 trying to do for he told his Bro.  
 that when he was up there may  
 be he could find a way to get out  
 now please keep it in mind if I can  
 not get the help of the Gov to get  
 his release I will write to Washing-  
 ton D.C. to head quarters I have  
 asked enough for his release  
 Respectfully Mrs Jessie M Sweeney  
 Weir Kansas  
 RFD  
 one