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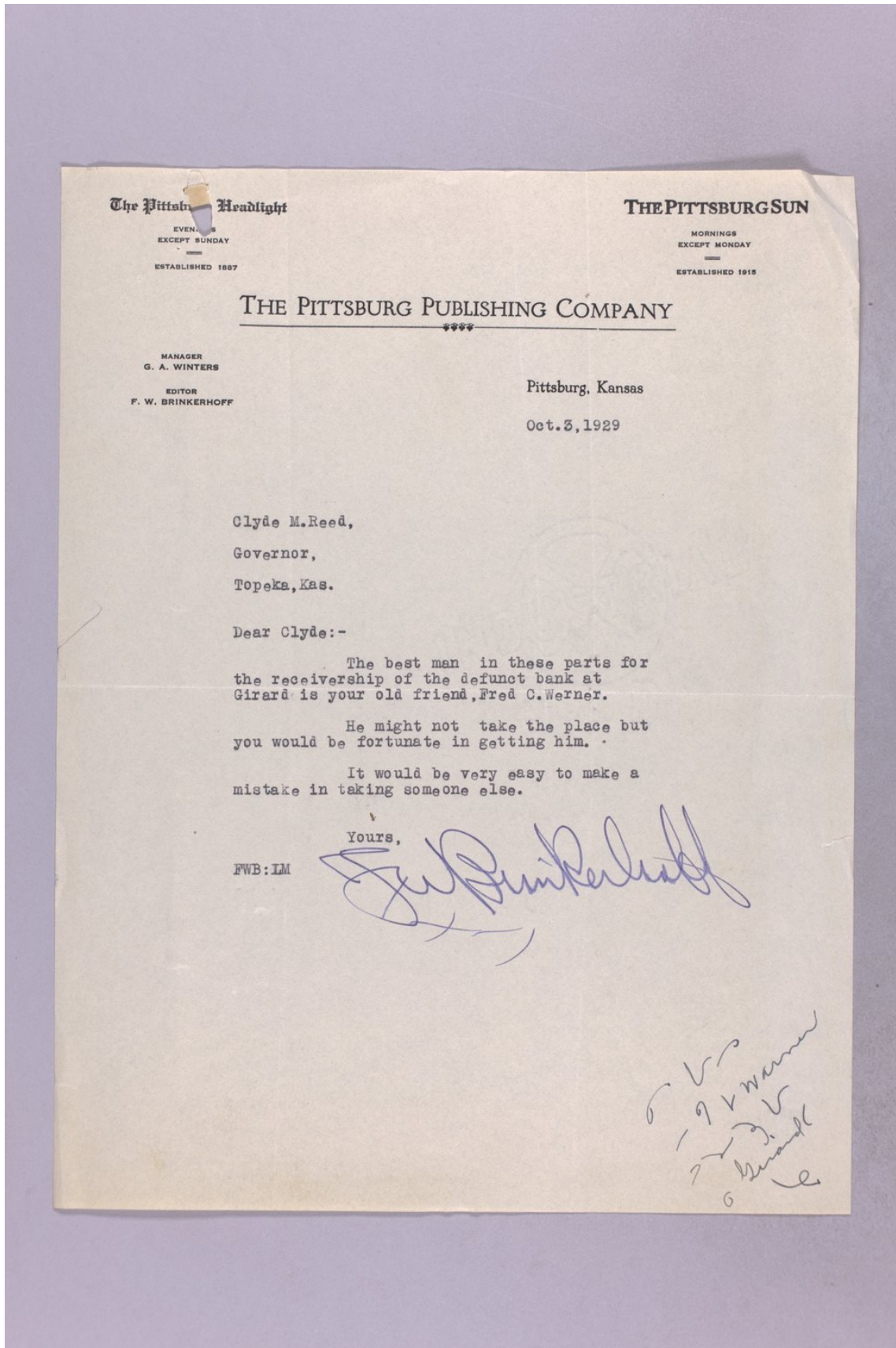
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LAW OFFICE  
OF  
M. H. BARNES

Alma, Kansas, August 31, 1929

*Bank*

Hon. Clyde M. Reed,  
Governor  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

Please accept my thanks for the favor you have extended me by securing for me the position in the Bank Commissioners Office. I assure you that I will give this work my best efforts; and that I certainly appreciate the favor you have granted me.

Whenever I can be of service to you please call on me.

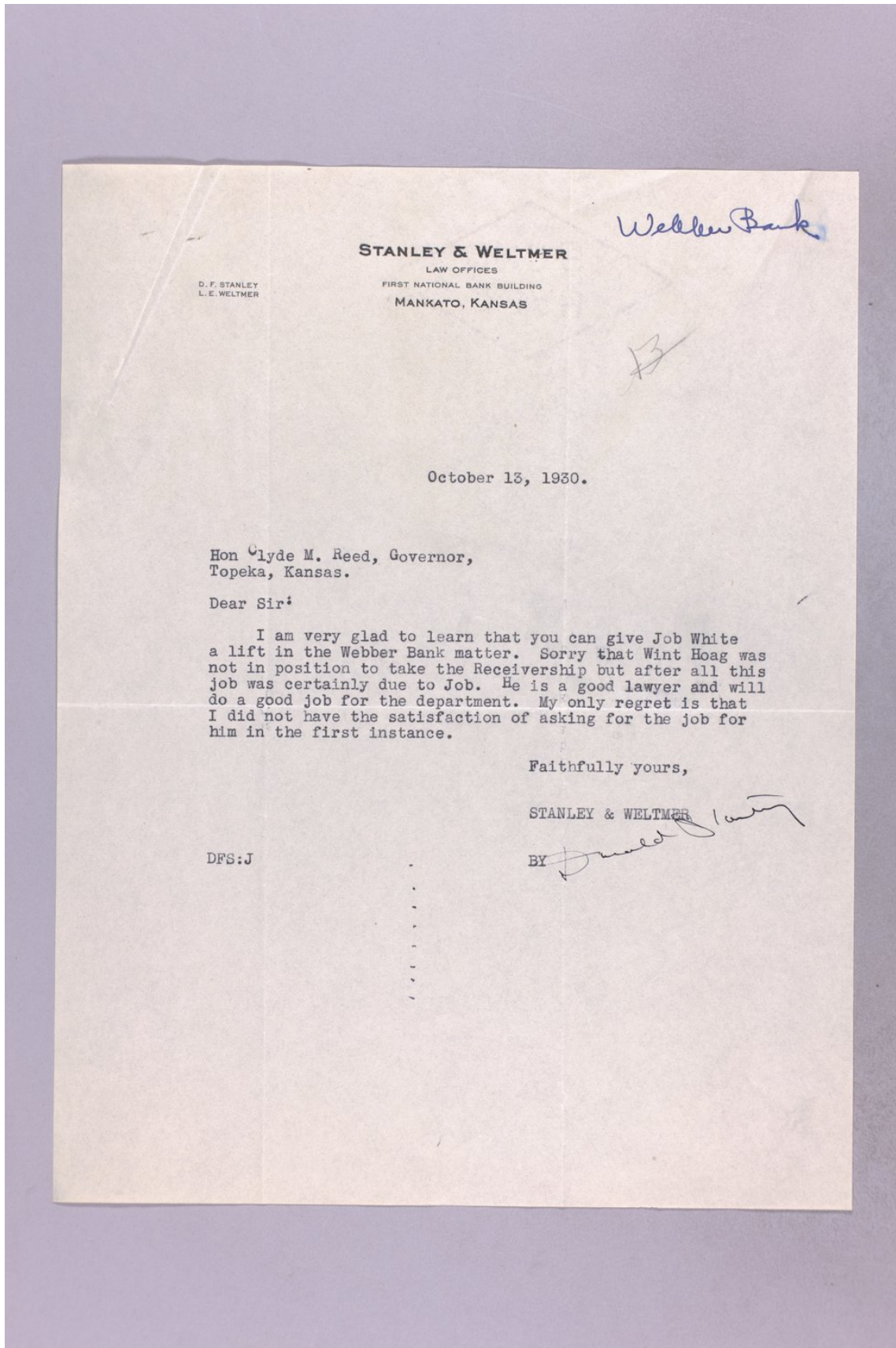
Yours respectfully,

*M. H. Barnes,*



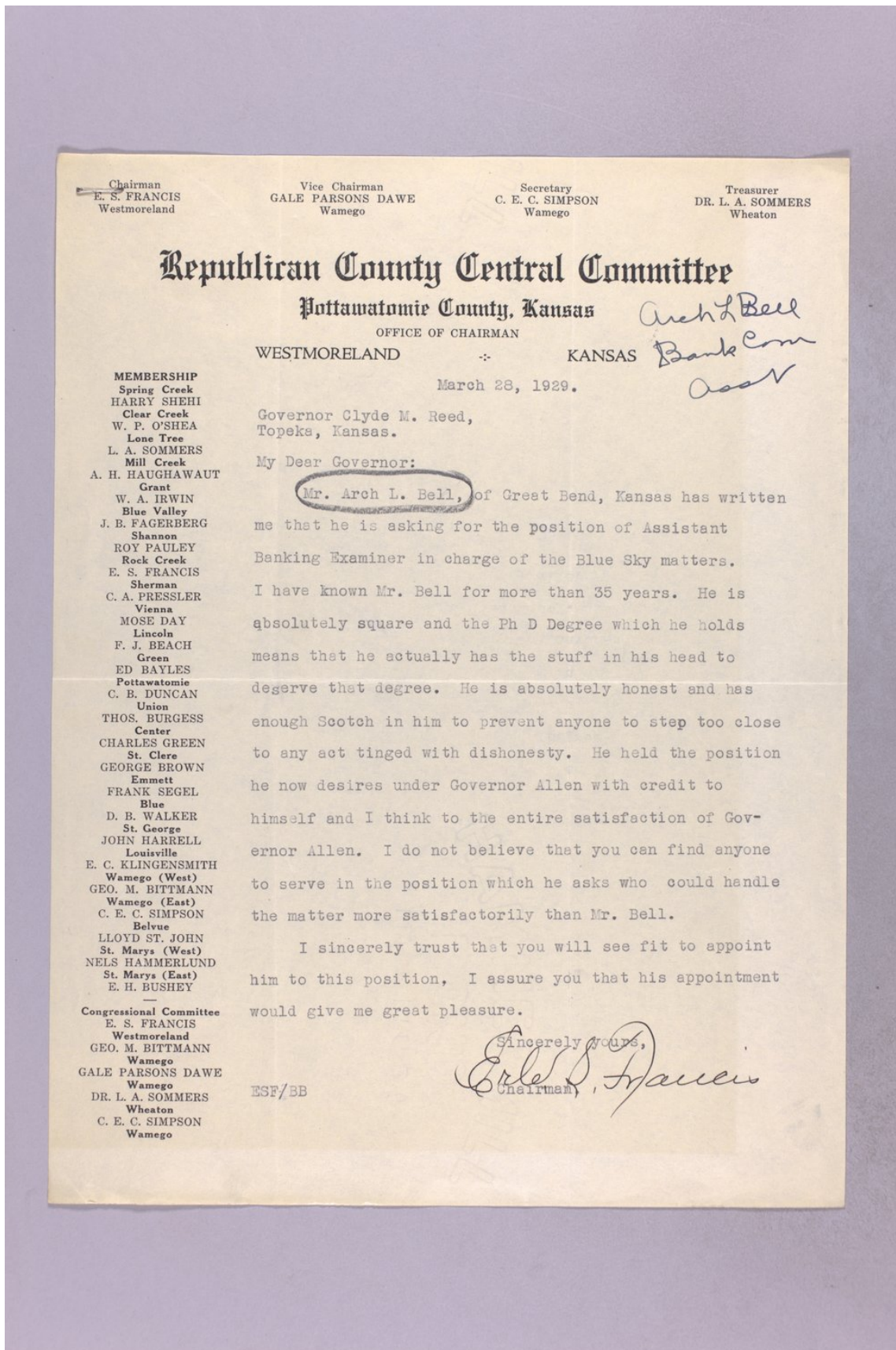


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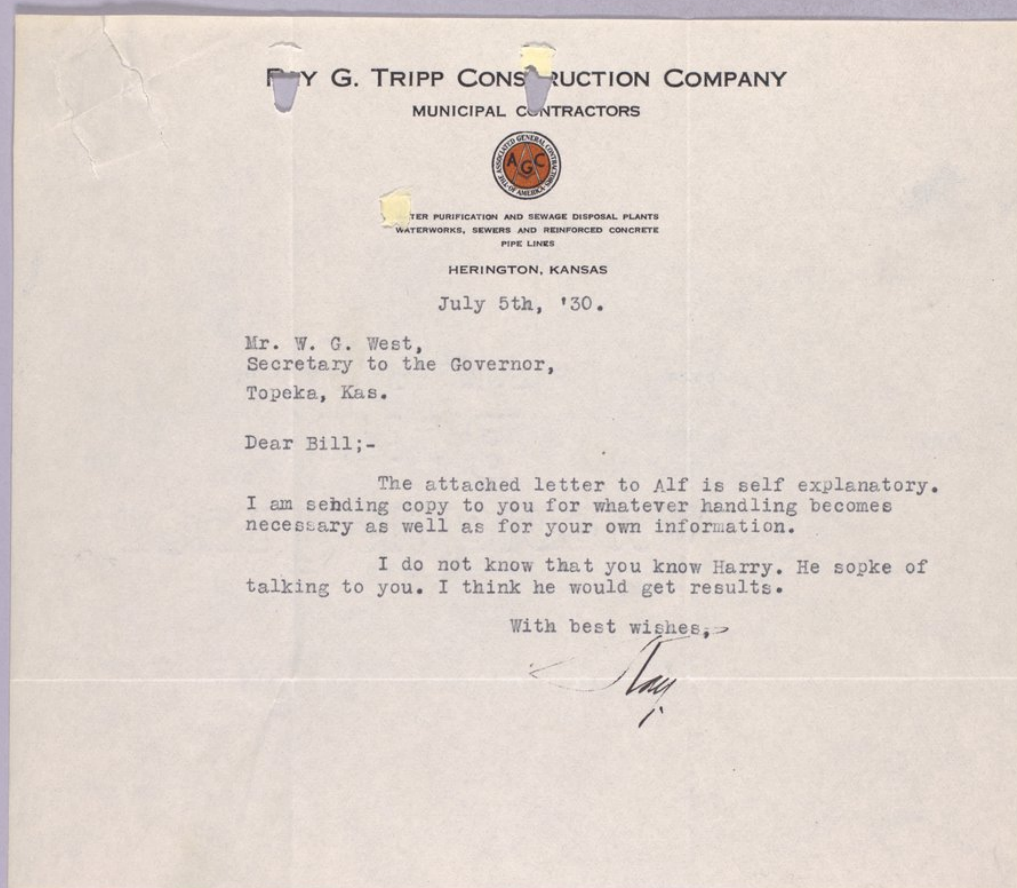




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RAY G. TRIPP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
MUNICIPAL CONTRACTORS



WATER PURIFICATION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS  
WATERWORKS, SEWERS AND REINFORCED CONCRETE  
PIPE LINES

HERINGTON, KANSAS

July 5th, '30.

Mr. Alf. Landon,  
Independence, Kas.

Dear Alf:-

Harry Warren, an old time friend of mine stopped here today and told me of some negotiations he was having with Carl Newcomer for a temporary position.

He said that he did not know you, or rather that you did not know him.

Harry was raised in Pratt Co. Was in the University when I was there. Was later Bank Examiner. Later a Vice-Pres of the Mid-West National Bank in Kansas City during its existence. His duties there was contactman. This as I have know him not as he has told me. He has a real personality, is very active and smart.

I would like to have opportunity to talk to you more fully but from what I understand the nature of the duties he would make a very excellent man.

I have stopped at Headquarters several times to see you, but have never been lucky.

I will send a copy of this letter to Bill West in case it misses you at Independence.

I hope everything is coming O.K. but it dont look so good in spots.

Best wishes and personal regards,



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BENJ. SCHNIERLE, AUDITOR  
S. E. HUSTON, ASSISTANT AUDITOR

OFFICE OF  
COUNTY AUDITOR WYANDOTTE COUNTY  
PHONE DREXEL 1600

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

May 13th, 1930.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed, Govenor,  
Capitol, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:-

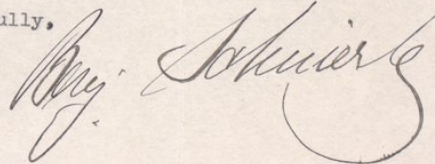
I wish to thank you for the interest you have taken in securing for my son, Herbert A. Schnierle, a position in the Department of the State Bank Commissioner.

Herbert A. Schnierle is considered by the Bankers as one of the ablest young men engaged in the Banking business here. He was assistant Cashier of the Home State Bank before the late war and was first assistant Cashier of the Peoples' National Bank for a number of years since the war. He graduated from the American Bankers Institute and took a two year course in law at the State University.

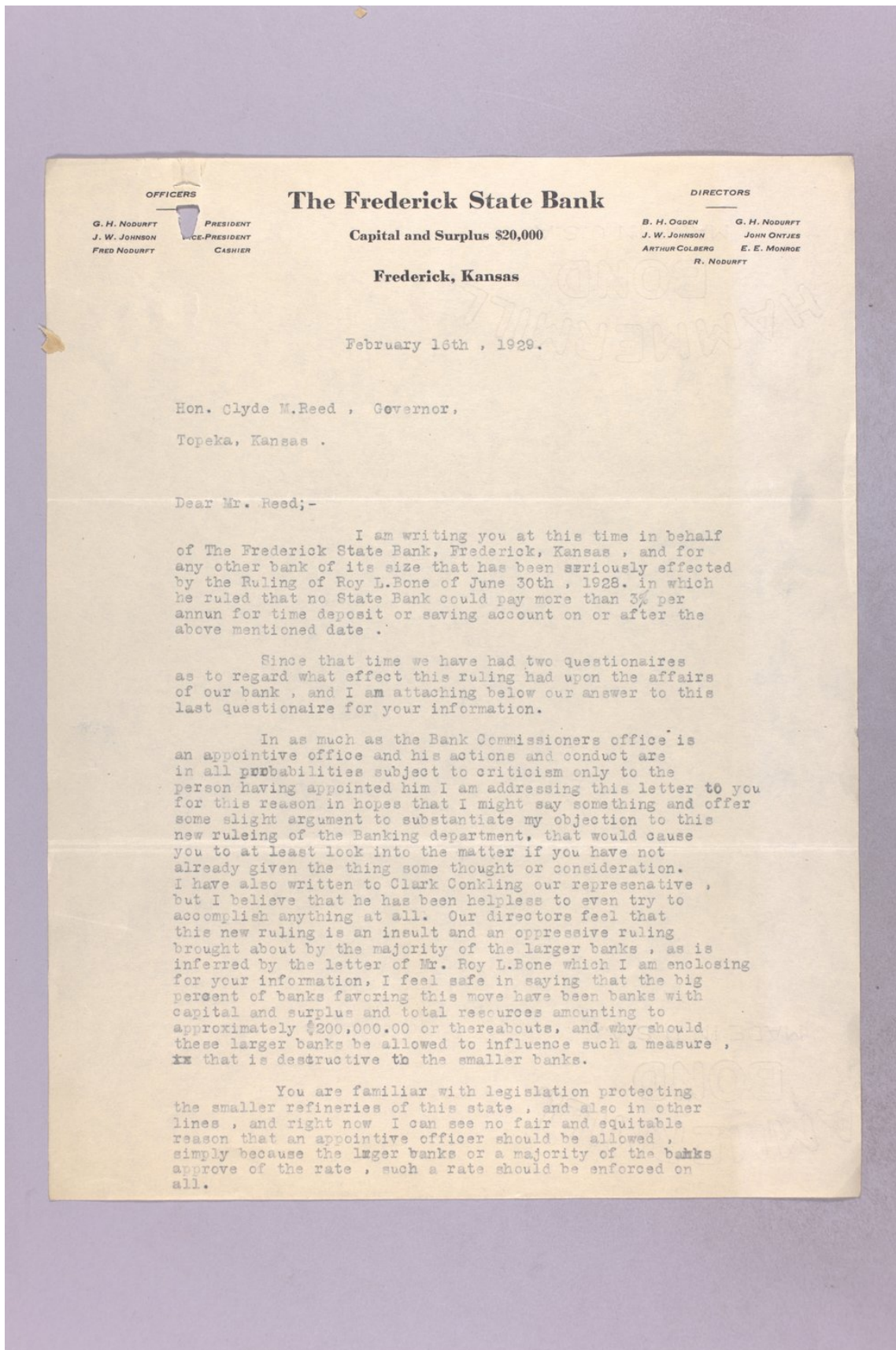
As his appointment is only temporary, would it be asking too much to give him a trial during the summer, at leaset, so he can show his ability as an examiner? I think he is especially qualified to examine City Banks.

As to politics, pardon me if I mention that I was a member of every state delegati~~on~~ to Republican State Conventions from 1894 to 1908 inclusive. I was Chairman of the Henry Allen Campaign Committee in Wyandotte County when he was a candidate for Congress in this district and we gave him more than two thousand majority over Scott. I propose to be active in my small way both at the primary and general election for both yourself and Allen.

Respectfully,







OFFICERS

G. H. NODURFT  
J. W. JOHNSON  
FRED NODURFT

PRESIDENT  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
CASHIER

## The Frederick State Bank

Capital and Surplus \$20,000

Frederick, Kansas

DIRECTORS

B. H. OGDEN  
J. W. JOHNSON  
ARTHUR COLBERG  
G. H. NODURFT  
JOHN ONTJES  
E. E. MONROE  
R. NODURFT

February 16th , 1929.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed , Governor,  
Topeka, Kansas .

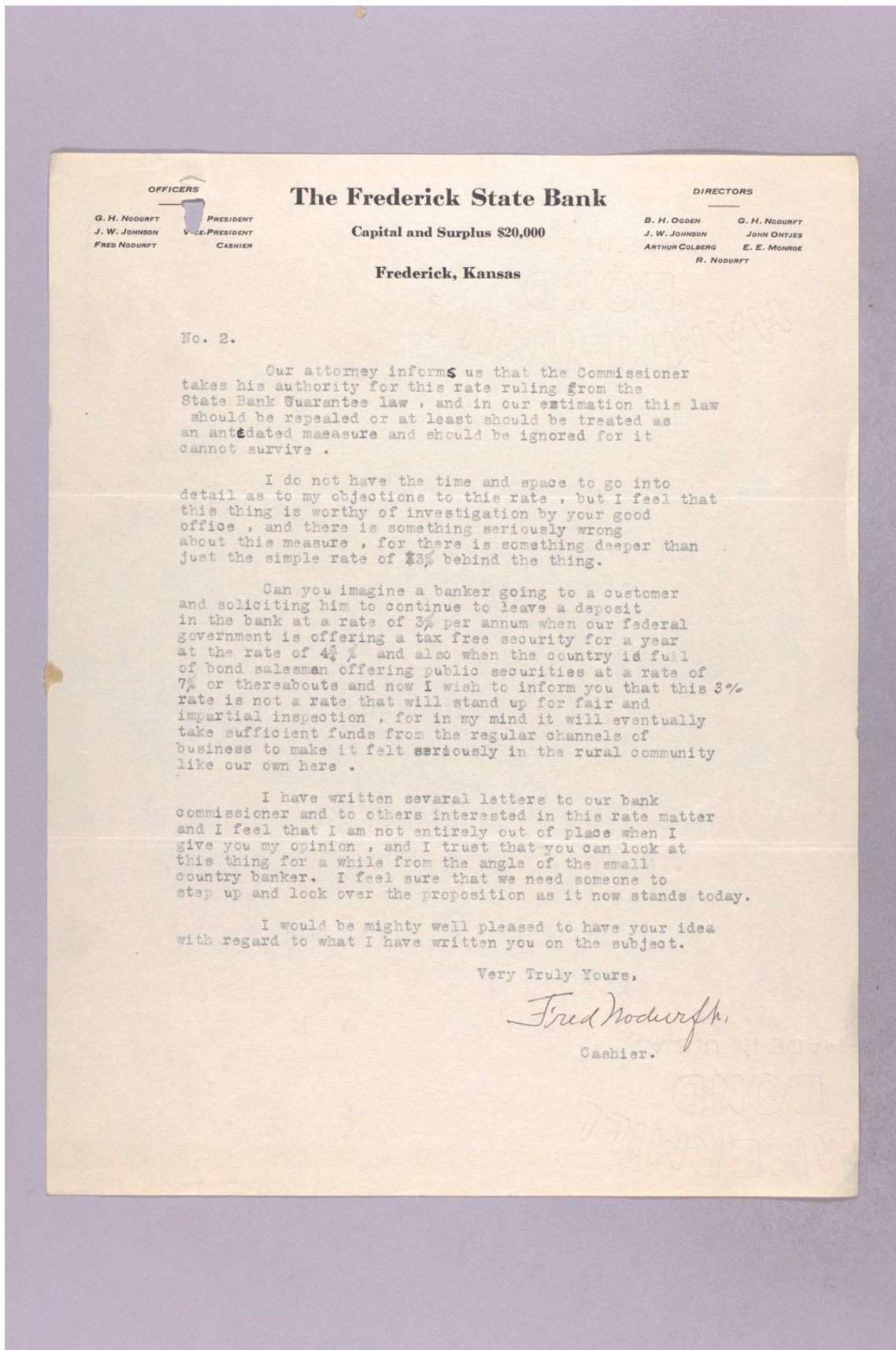
Dear Mr. Reed;-

I am writing you at this time in behalf of The Frederick State Bank, Frederick, Kansas , and for any other bank of its size that has been seriously effected by the Ruling of Roy L. Bone of June 30th , 1928. in which he ruled that no State Bank could pay more than 3% per annum for time deposit or saving account on or after the above mentioned date .

Since that time we have had two questionnaires as to regard what effect this ruling had upon the affairs of our bank , and I am attaching below our answer to this last questionnaire for your information.

In as much as the Bank Commissioners office is an appointive office and his actions and conduct are in all probabilities subject to criticism only to the person having appointed him I am addressing this letter to you for this reason in hopes that I might say something and offer some slight argument to substantiate my objection to this new ruling of the Banking department. that would cause you to at least look into the matter if you have not already given the thing some thought or consideration. I have also written to Clark Conkling our representative , but I believe that he has been helpless to even try to accomplish anything at all. Our directors feel that this new ruling is an insult and an oppressive ruling brought about by the majority of the larger banks , as is inferred by the letter of Mr. Roy L. Bone which I am enclosing for your information. I feel safe in saying that the big percent of banks favoring this move have been banks with capital and surplus and total resources amounting to approximately \$200,000.00 or thereabouts, and why should these larger banks be allowed to influence such a measure , ~~is~~ that is destructive to the smaller banks.

You are familiar with legislation protecting the smaller refineries of this state , and also in other lines , and right now I can see no fair and equitable reason that an appointive officer should be allowed , simply because the larger banks or a majority of the banks approve of the rate , such a rate should be enforced on all.



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No. 2.

Our attorney informs us that the Commissioner takes his authority for this rate ruling from the State Bank Guarantee law, and in our estimation this law should be repealed or at least should be treated as an antedated measure and should be ignored for it cannot survive.

I do not have the time and space to go into detail as to my objections to this rate, but I feel that this thing is worthy of investigation by your good office, and there is something seriously wrong about this measure, for there is something deeper than just the simple rate of 3% behind the thing.

Can you imagine a banker going to a customer and soliciting him to continue to leave a deposit in the bank at a rate of 3% per annum when our federal government is offering a tax free security for a year at the rate of 4 1/2% and also when the country is full of bond salesman offering public securities at a rate of 7% or thereabouts and now I wish to inform you that this 3% rate is not a rate that will stand up for fair and impartial inspection, for in my mind it will eventually take sufficient funds from the regular channels of business to make it felt seriously in the rural community like our own here.

I have written several letters to our bank commissioner and to others interested in this rate matter and I feel that I am not entirely out of place when I give you my opinion, and I trust that you can look at this thing for a while from the angle of the small country banker. I feel sure that we need someone to step up and look over the proposition as it now stands today.

I would be mighty well pleased to have your idea with regard to what I have written you on the subject.

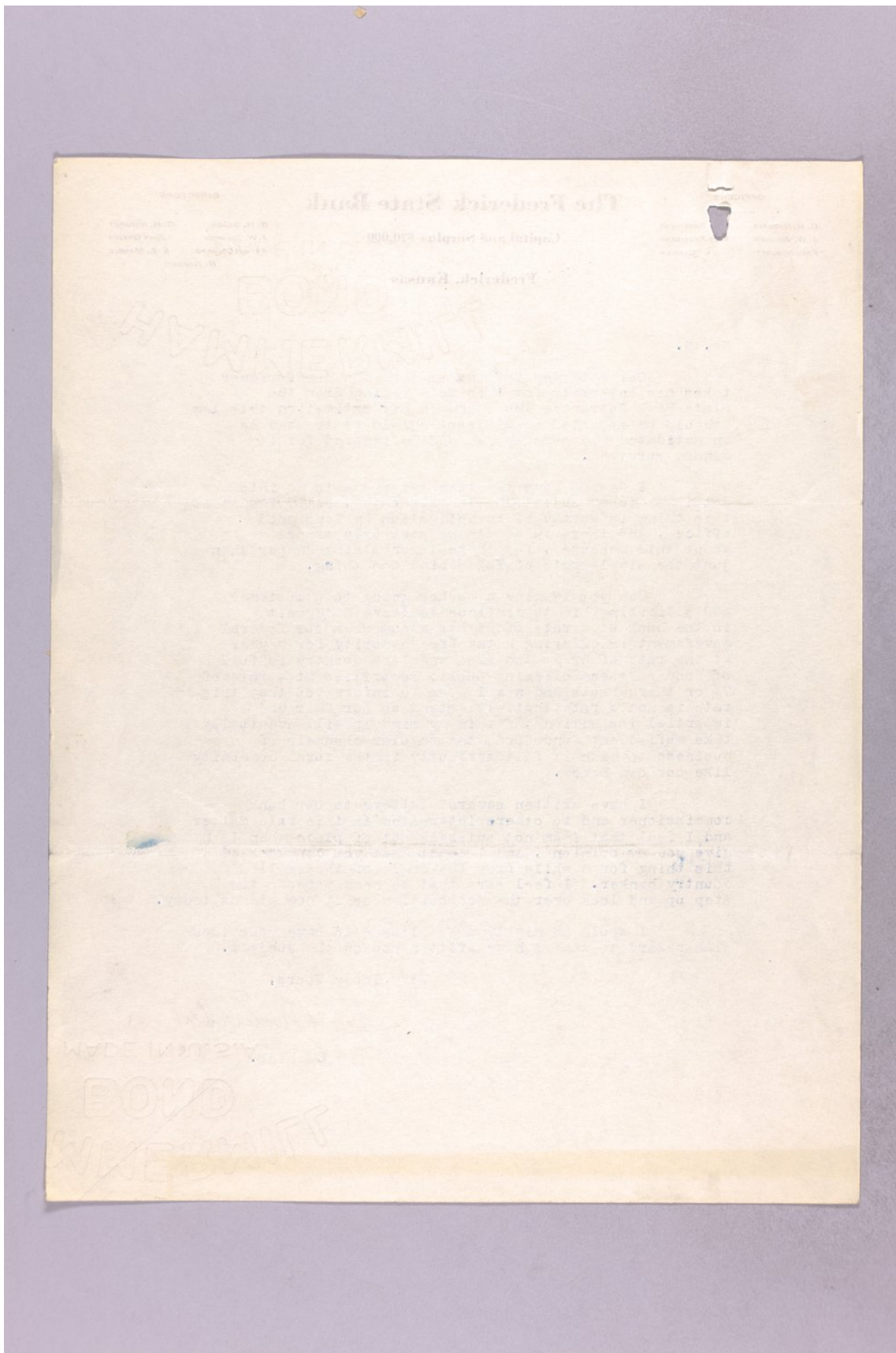
Very Truly Yours,

*Fred Nodurft*

Cashier.



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Phillipsburgh, Ct. Jan. 26, 29.  
Hon. Clyde Reed, Gov.  
Topeka, Kan. Banking Dept. etc

Dear Sir;

We trust that you will clean out the State Banking Dept. from top to bottom. During Mr. Bone's term it has been the most disgraceful political nest in the history of Kansas.

At least a dozen failures of State Banks was due to the friendliness and connivance of the bank commissioner and his subordinates with the Burrows, Guild interests and which is now proved by his being taken in by these people since quitting the dept.

The depositors and assets of the failed banks instead of being protected by the dept. as they should be are still further looted by the munificent salaries paid to officials in charge and extravagances allowed by the Receiver.

We trust you will remedy this.

Yours resp'y.

A Depositor.



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### CHARLES BRADSHAW

LAND BROKER

Room 211 - Thompson Building  
Phone 29

Herington, Kansas

June 1, 1929.

Governor Clyde M. Reed,  
Governor of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

About the first of February of this year I had a conversation with you relative to the appointment of Mr. A. J. Farrell of this city for Bank Commissioner. At a later date Mr. Farrell, accompanied by Fred Palmer, called on you and it was suggested to Mr. Farrell that you might be able to place him as Assistant Bank Commissioner. Mr. Farrell tells me that he was in Topeka the other day and had a talk with the Bank Commissioner, and that he was tendered a position lower down the line. It was his understanding that when he had gained some experience in the working of the department that he would be advanced to the position of Assistant Bank Commissioner. I rather doubt whether Mr. Farrell could afford to accept a lesser position than that of Assistant Commissioner. He is Cashier of The Bank of Herington here which has a capital stock and surplus of \$90,000.00 and deposits of about three-quarters of a million.

I think I explained to you at the time I discussed his appointment with you that Mr. Farrell had been a consistent Republican all his life and that he had been Treasurer of the state organization of the Knights of Columbus of Kansas, for two consecutive terms, which gave him a very large acquaintance in this state. I think I also suggested to you that if an examination was held for the purpose of obtaining a capable Assistant Bank Commissioner, if Mr. Farrell were not first he would not be far down the line as to competency. His appointment would meet with the approval of practically everybody here and anywhere else where he is known.

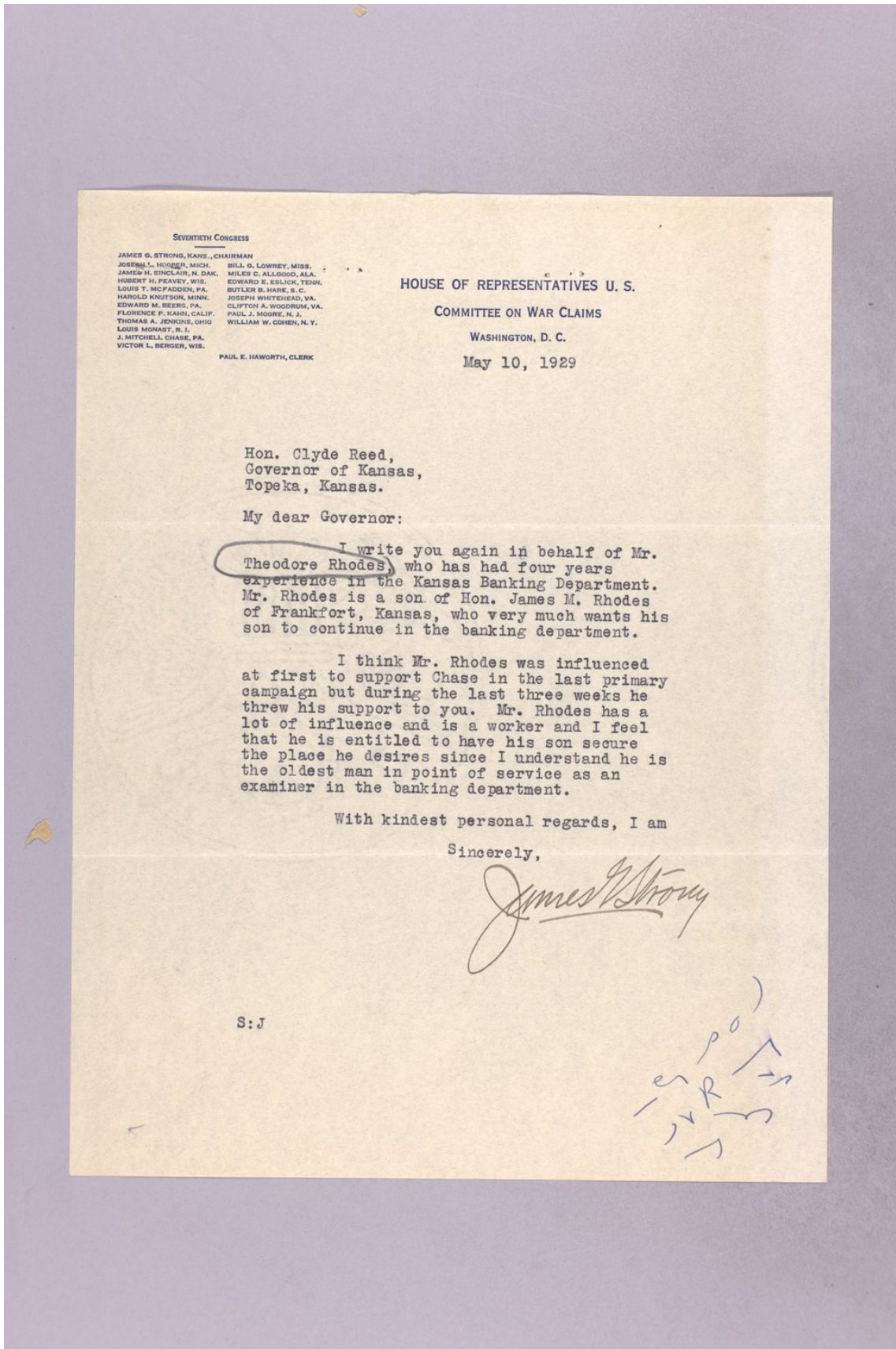
I shall be pleased to hear from you.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Charles Bradshaw*

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O. M. WILHITE, EMPORIA  
PRESIDENT

N. B. WALL, SEDAN  
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

FRANK P. FROST, ESKRIDGE  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

COUNTY VICE PRESIDENTS  
MARSHALL - J. M. RHODES, FRANKFORT  
POTTAWATOMIE - K. D. DOYLE, WANEBO  
WARSAW - R. E. THOMAS, ALMA  
LYON - HERBERT MILLER, ADMIRE  
GREENWOOD - L. A. DALTON, EUREKA  
CHAUTAUQUA - C. W. SPENCER, SEDAN  
ELK - H. G. ZINN, HOWARD

### "BROADWAY OF AMERICA" GULF TO CANADA HIGHWAY KANSAS DIVISION

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While I was for Dan Chase for the nomination on account of a personal friendship between his wife and mine and the fact that his sons family and my married daughters family had spent two summer vacations together, during the last two weeks of the campaign, I plainly saw he had no chance and personally turned many votes to you that I had had promised me for Chase.

Senator Butler can tell you that this is true and the vote in this part of the county also will bear me out.

For fear that you may not know of Theodore's qualifications for the position, I will say that he had 12 years banking experience here, 5 years of which was as Cashier of the Citizens National Bank.

In the four years he has been with the department he was first examiner for this district, then advanced to the Junior City work and then to the Senior City territory and in the last two months has been doing much of the Special work.

I feel sure that some of those who have left the department are doing all in their power to get my boy to leave the department but I have convinced him that it is his duty to stay, if you wish him to, as long as his work is satisfactory to you and Mr. Koeneke.

Of his work in the department you have access to the records which I feel will assure you that he is a valuable man. His superiors have always spoken of him to me as such.

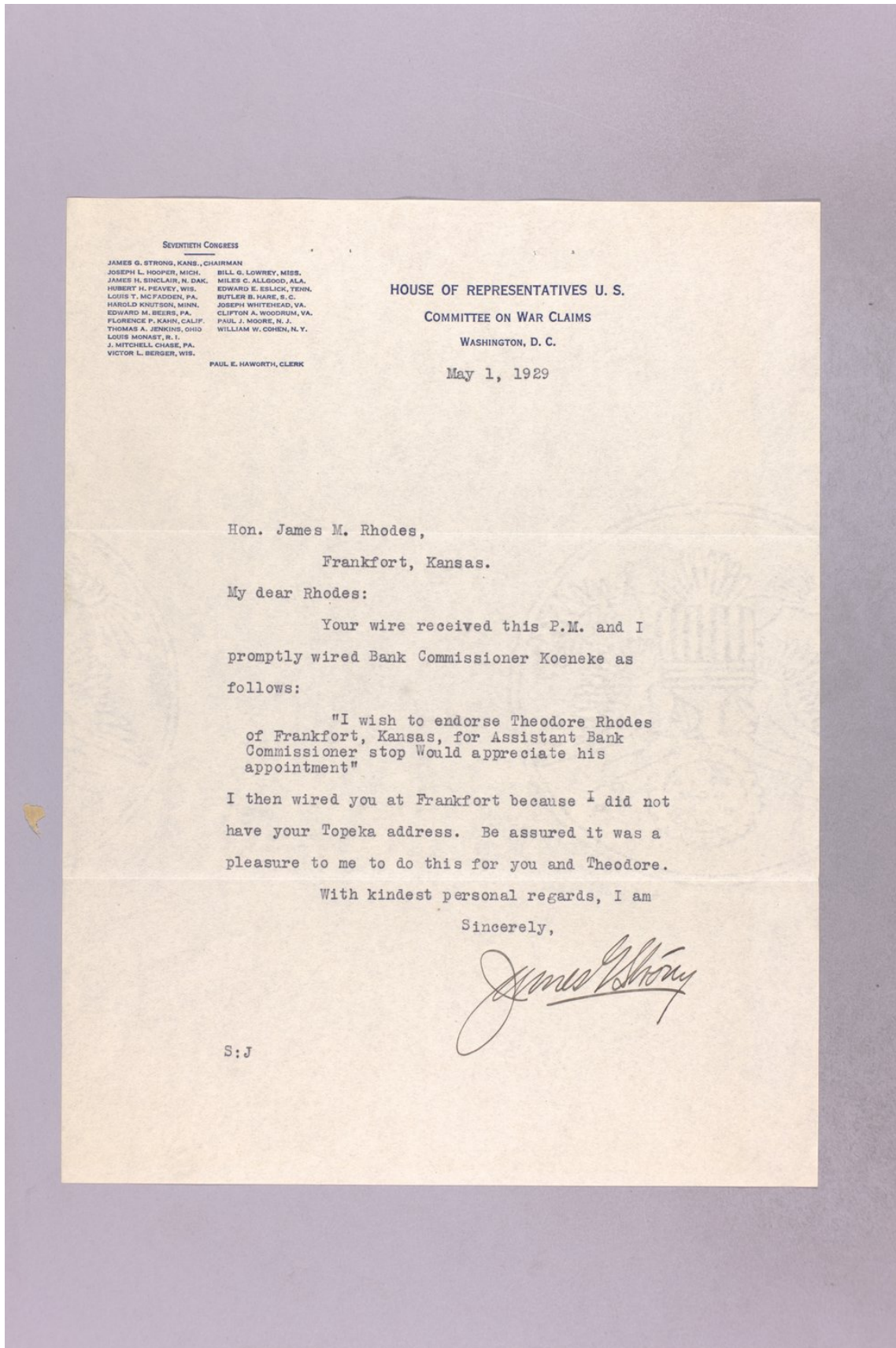
If you do see fit to retain him, I can assure you that he will be loyal, conscientious and honorable in all that he does.

Hoping that you will keep him in his line of work and that you will succeed the Honorable Henry as U. S. Senator, I am as ever, Yours truly,

*Jane M. Rhodes.*



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SEVENTIETH CONGRESS

JAMES G. STRONG, KANS., CHAIRMAN  
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PAUL E. HAWORTH, CLERK

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

COMMITTEE ON WAR CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 1, 1929

Hon. James M. Rhodes,  
Frankfort, Kansas.

My dear Rhodes:

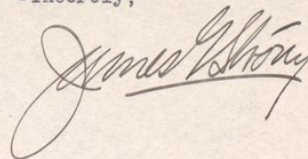
Your wire received this P.M. and I promptly wired Bank Commissioner Koeneke as follows:

"I wish to endorse Theodore Rhodes of Frankfort, Kansas, for Assistant Bank Commissioner stop Would appreciate his appointment"

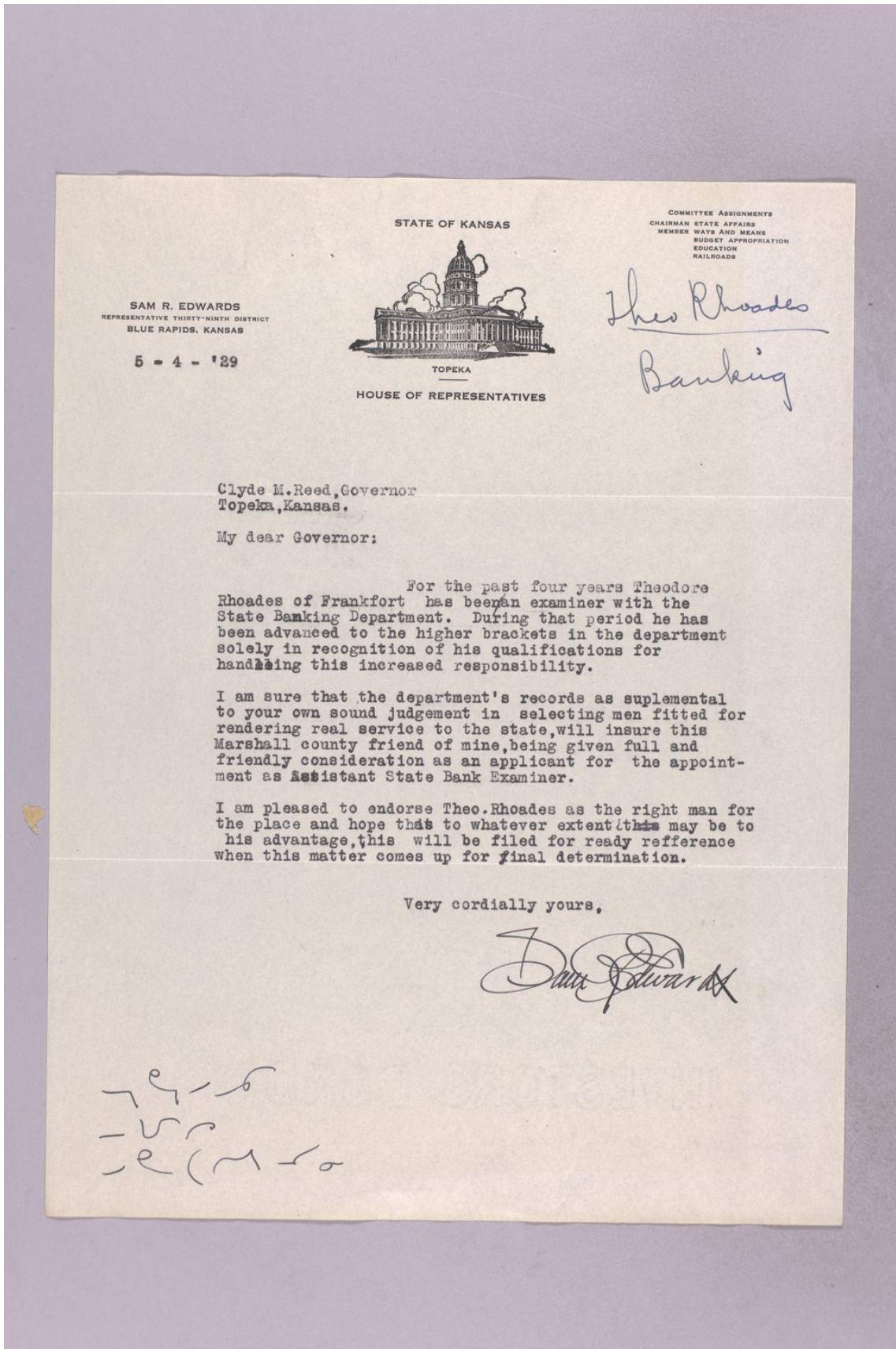
I then wired you at Frankfort because I did not have your Topeka address. Be assured it was a pleasure to me to do this for you and Theodore.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

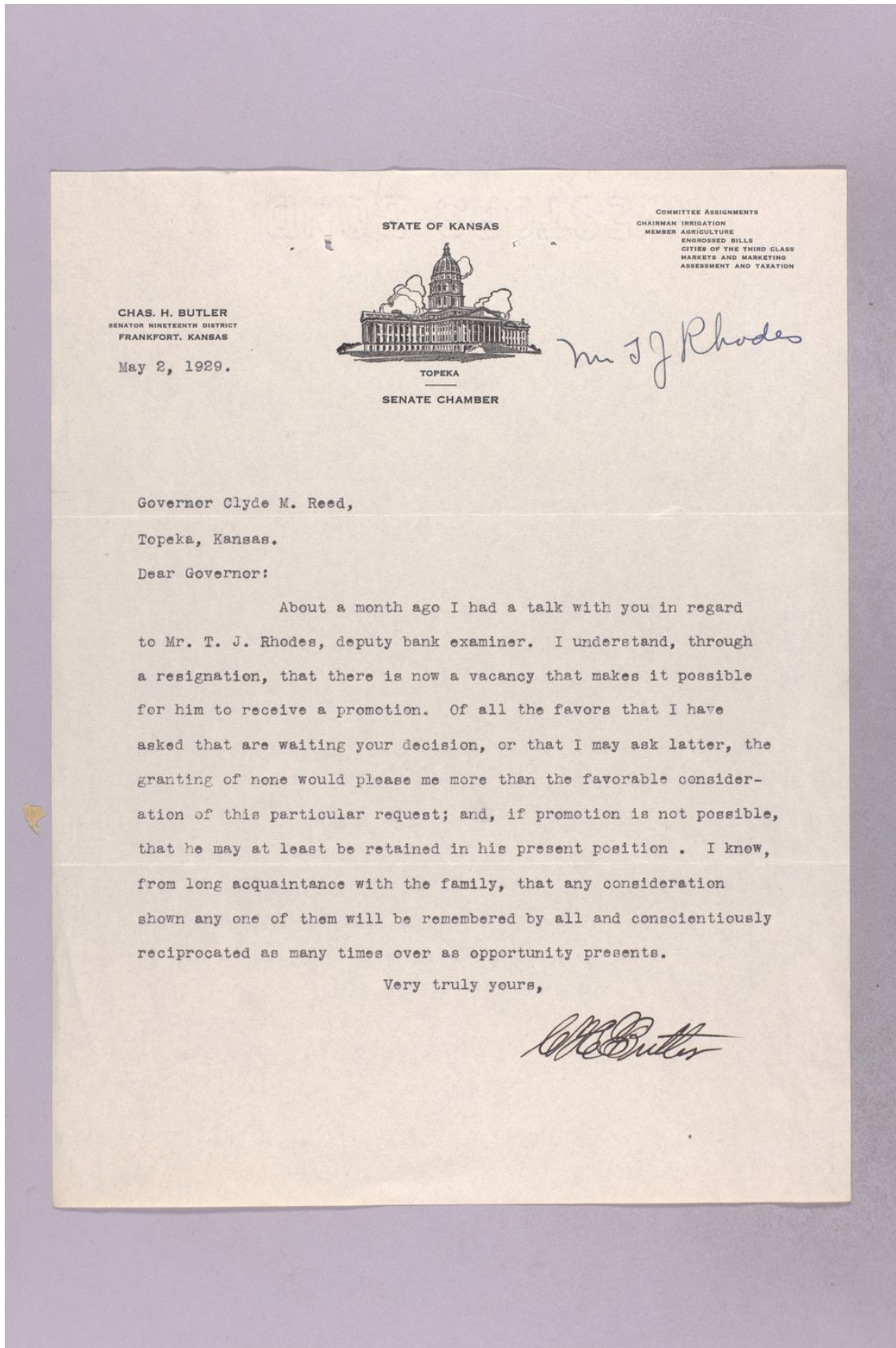


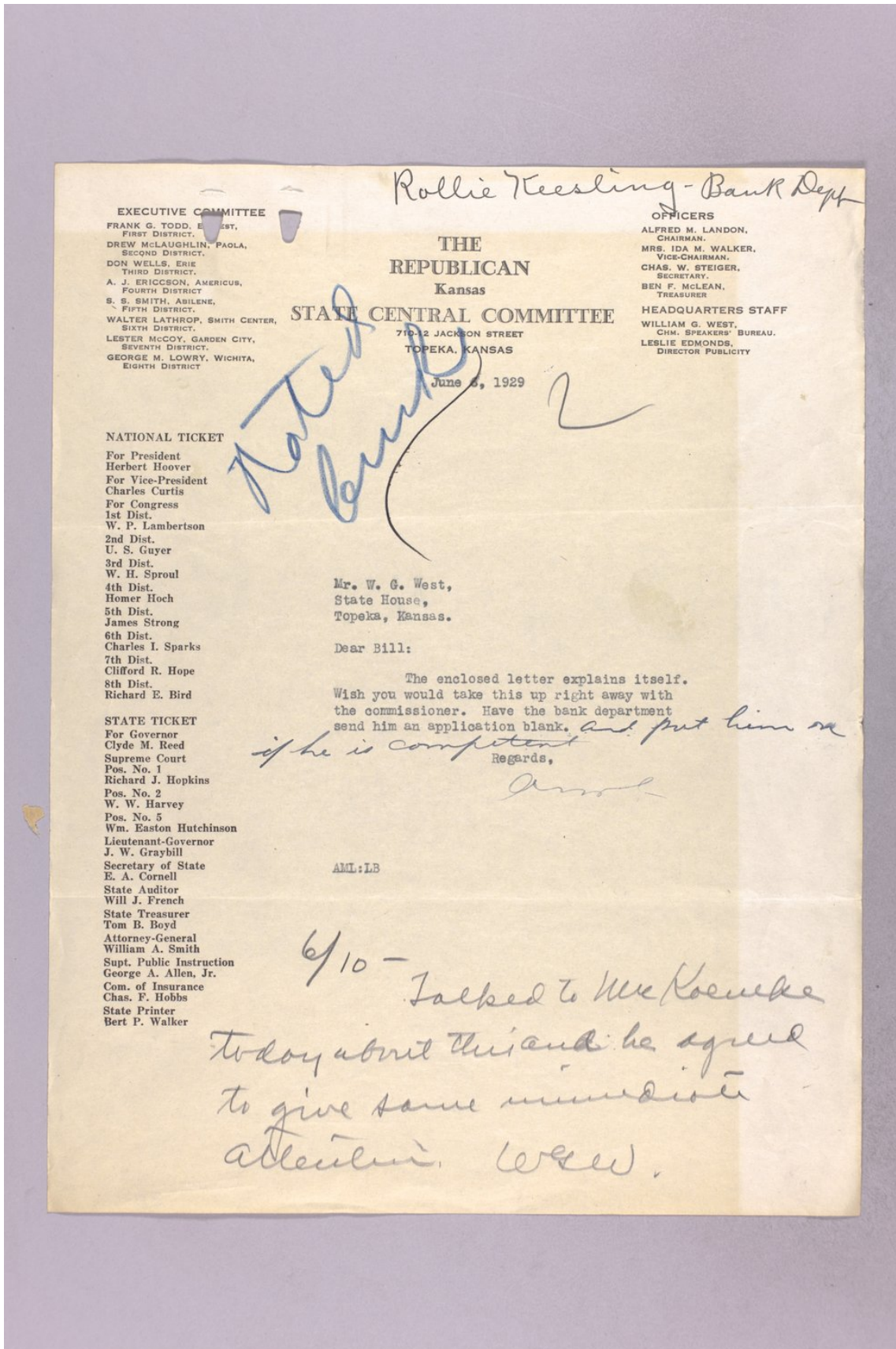
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B. E. LaDOW, President  
H. A. GALLIGAN, Secretary  
C. V. LaDOW, General Manager

THE LADOW GAS COMPANY

FREDONIA, KANSAS

June 5, 1929.

Alfred Landon,  
Independence, Kans.

Friend Al:

Regarding Rollie Keesling who has been in the banking business for a number of years and is a mighty fine up-standing citizen, and who would like to get in the Bank Examiner Department. Bill and I have both spoken to you about this, and I think you are giving it due consideration. However, I notice you are making appointments at this time, and wondered if Mr. Keesling has been considered. There is no question about his ability and he is everything a young man should be.

Trusting that you will take this matter up again with Clyde, I remain,

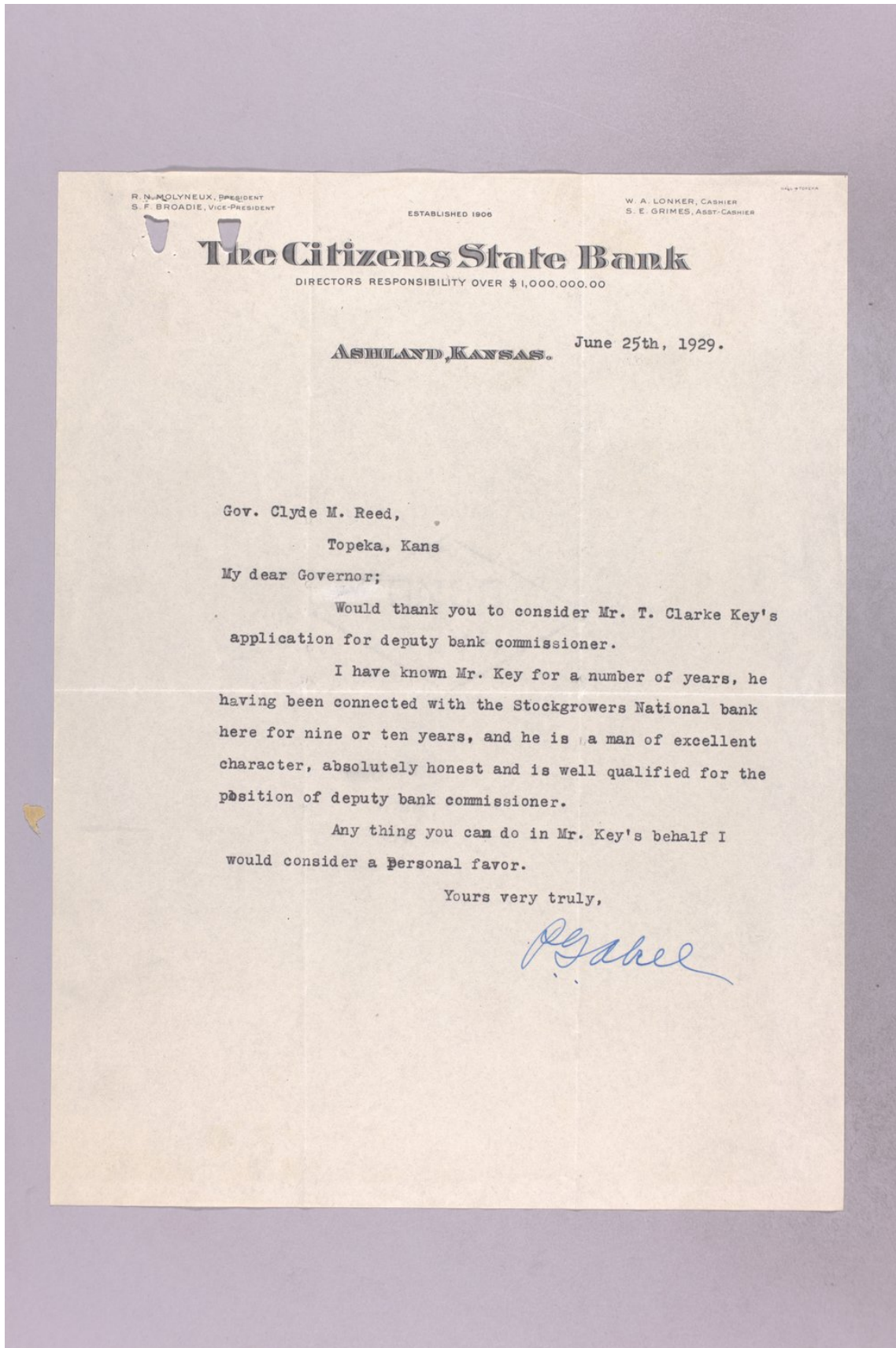
Yours very truly,

BE LaDow

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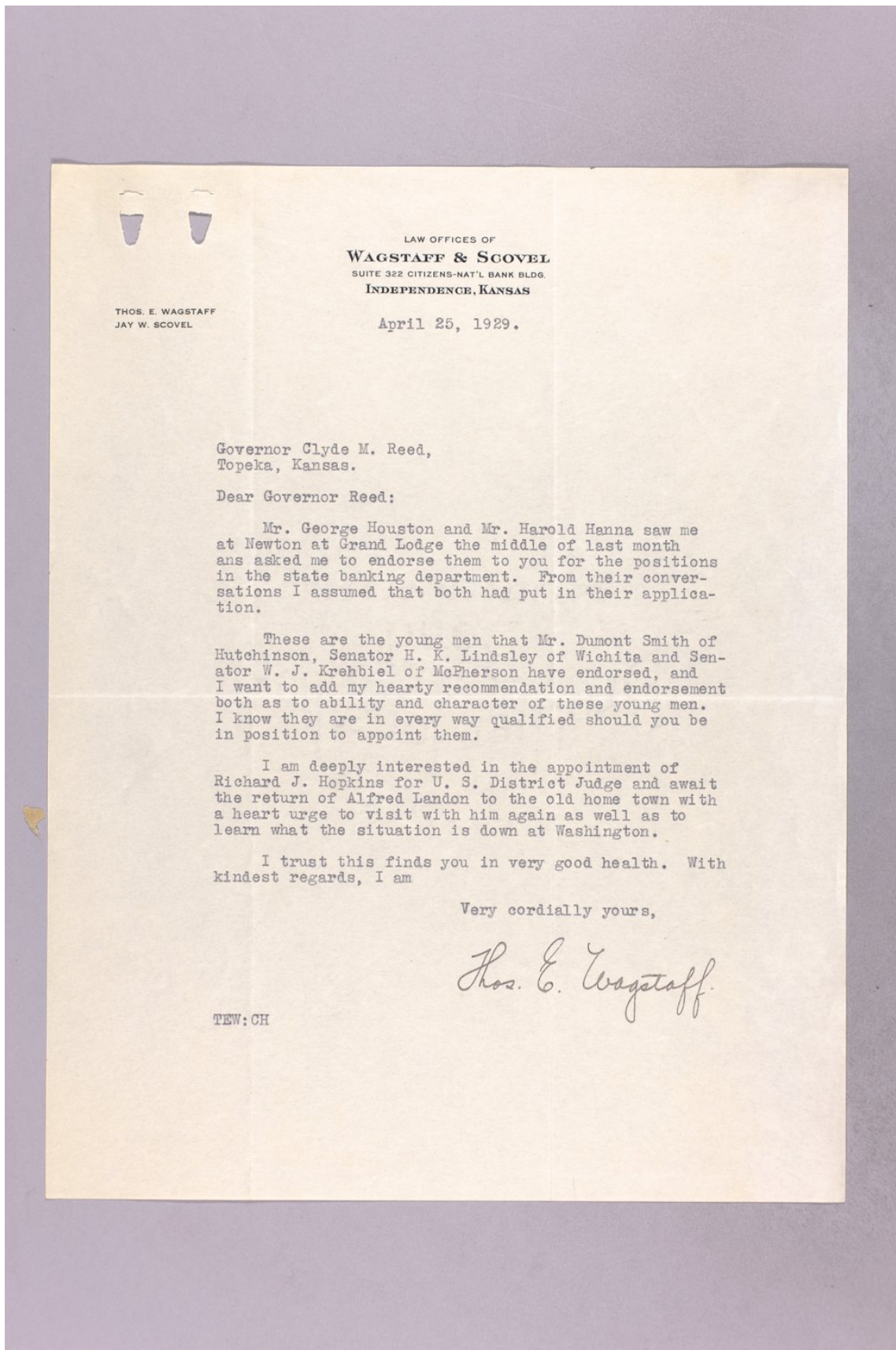
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LAW OFFICES OF  
**WAGSTAFF & SCOVEL**  
SUITE 322 CITIZENS-NAT'L BANK BLDG.  
INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

THOS. E. WAGSTAFF  
JAY W. SCOVEL

April 25, 1929.

Governor Clyde M. Reed,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Reed:

Mr. George Houston and Mr. Harold Hanna saw me at Newton at Grand Lodge the middle of last month and asked me to endorse them to you for the positions in the state banking department. From their conversations I assumed that both had put in their application.

These are the young men that Mr. Dumont Smith of Hutchinson, Senator H. K. Lindsley of Wichita and Senator W. J. Krehbiel of McPherson have endorsed, and I want to add my hearty recommendation and endorsement both as to ability and character of these young men. I know they are in every way qualified should you be in position to appoint them.

I am deeply interested in the appointment of Richard J. Hopkins for U. S. District Judge and await the return of Alfred Landon to the old home town with a heart urge to visit with him again as well as to learn what the situation is down at Washington.

I trust this finds you in very good health. With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Thos. E. Wagstaff*

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