

July 7, 1931

Honorable J. W. Graybill,
Lieutenant Governor,
Newton, Kansas.

My dear Governor:

I was glad to get your letter of June 27 as I am always glad to hear from you.

I know it is true that you have some gray around your temples and maybe not quite as much hair as you used to have, but I can remember you well, the youngestster you were when I first knew you. I have always enjoyed your acquaintance and hope that our friendship may continue for many years.

I don't blame you for your attitude toward the governorship. It is an office, naturally, to which anyone might well aspire and at times friends have been kind enough to mention my name in connection with the office. I resolved many years ago not to be, either an active or receptive, candidate for any office and although I have since been elected to a number of honorary offices, I have never at any time been a candidate nor have I made any effort whatever to be elected.

If Woodring is successful in his natural gas issue, he will be a mighty hard man to beat. It used to be in Kansas that on a presidential year the people would vote it straight, but voting it straight is about as dead as the Dodo in Kansas.

I am inclined to think that the price \$30,000 that you placed as the cost of a campaign is quite conservative and one could very easily and honestly spend considerably more.

I don't like to be a shirker or to dodge responsibilities but when there are so many patriots who are anxious