

June 4th, 1929.

Union Fruit Company  
La Mesa, California.

Gentlemen:

As I promised four or five of the creditors of Don Walter that if I made any money out of this potato crop, I would make a donation to Walter in addition to his salary, board and lodging. I am closing up for the year with him and if you intend to take 25¢ on the dollar, including interest, you can send the receipted bill up to my sister, Miss Fletcher, at my office, and she will give you a check, but it must be done within ten days from date.

The San Diego Savings Bank, Ned Gayman, Spreckels Commercial Company, Doyle-Barnes Co., and four or five others, involving \$15,000 or \$20,000, have made this settlement already. This is a moral obligation only and it is up to you to either look to Don Walter or accept this settlement.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF

P. S.

I am leaving the city for about three weeks which is the reason I am writing you so that there may be no misunderstanding.

October Twenty-third,  
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Union Fruit Company,  
La Mesa,  
California.

Attention Mr. Sutton.

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Enclosed find copy of letter to Mr. Higuchi for your information.

I thought possibly that you might want to help Mr. Higuchi out in order to protect any advances you have made.

Sincerely yours,

EFjr:AK

September 13, 1923.

Union National Bank,  
San Diego, Calif.

Attention: Mr. C. W. Landis:

Gentlemen:

This is probably the last time I am going to ask you for money on national highway work.

I have been, within the last two weeks, over to Arizona on business and while there went over the road situation. Phoenix has been industriously working for a direct highway to Blythe marked in red. A bunch of public spirited citizens of Southern Arizona are determined to outwit Phoenix at her own game and they have prepared a map similar to the one herewith enclosed.

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter from Mr. Hunt that is explanatory. This money must be raised. I am giving \$100 myself toward this expense and ask that you send me \$25 to \$50 for the good of the cause to complete the building of the road Gila Bend to Casa Grande along the Southern Pacific Railroad. It is practically as short a route as the Ajo, and is more attractive to the Eastern tourists on account of its following the Southern Pacific Railroad the entire distance. It gives them a safer feeling.

The highway is already built in good shape from El Paso via Lordsburg to Douglas, Tombstone and Casa Grande. It is all built and in good condition from El Paso via Globe and Superior to Casa Grande. It is already completed or under contract from Gila Bend to Yuma, a magnificent highway, which I went over the other day. The connecting link between Gila Bend and Casa Grande is mostly in Maricopa County, dominated by Phoenix, with the result that not one dollar will be spent by Maricopa supervisors to build the Gila Bend, Maricopa Casa Grande road and it all must be done by private subscription.

San Diego will then get its share of the travel without a doubt, when the road is built, and this is the best money we can ever spend.

September 28, 1923.

Union National Bank,  
San Diego, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Colonel Fletcher wrote your bank, attention Mr. C. W. Landis, relative to the Gila Bend-Casa Grande road in Pinal County, Arizona, but as we have not heard from you it may be that Mr. Landis was out of the city.

Mr. Smith, the county engineer in charge of the work writes that it is progressing in good shape, which means that any money San Diego citizens are donating for the good of the cause must be sent them at once. Mr. Fletcher promised that he would raise \$1000 or \$1500 in San Diego, and inasmuch as this cut-off will divert much travel our way and will rebound to the benefit of San Diego City he felt sure he would meet with prompt response to his request.

Ex Governor Campbell of Arizona went over this road on his way back to Phoenix and was surprised to see with what ease a good passable road can be constructed.

If you have already sent your check to Mr. Clement, direct, will you please telephone to this office that we may keep a record of same? If not, we would like to have a check for whatever amount you can give for this work, made payable to Mr. Clement, treasurer, that we may send it to him promptly.

Thanking you, we are

Yours sincerely,

ED FLETCHER COMPANY

By

KLM

P. S. Mr. Fletcher is in the East and we are writing this in his absence for the reason that it is necessary that the money be raised as quickly as possible.

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June 10, 1913.

Union Tool Works,

Robbance, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

Would be pleased to have quotations on the following list of material to be for immediate shipment on receipt of order for same to either Oceanside or San Diego, Cal.. please give price to each place.

1 end-dump car about 16 cu.ft. capacity 24" Gage.  
1000 ft. 20# rail  
100 fish plates ) for  
1 keg spikes ) above  
1 keg bolts ) rail.  
1 sheet iron shooting plate 6'x8' x 3/8" thick.  
4 - 4-ft. spooners.  
4 bars 7/8" octagon drill steel.

Would also like to have the price, weight, power, size and capacity of an electric or gas locomotive for 24" track.

Very truly yours,

Engineer.  
Volcan Land & Water Co.

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Our activities in helping Southern Arizona get a highway direct to Yuma have borne wonderful results. We have many friends and the San Diego & Arizona Railroad is getting a tremendous benefit on account of the friendliness of Southern Arizona toward San Diego.

This money must be raised immediately. We propose to have the work completed in 90 days and I hope to have a check from you by return mail for whatever you can afford to give, made payable to J. E. Franklin, President of the Yuma National Bank, who is custodian of the funds.

With the completion of a good passable road San Diego to El Paso, my highway work is completed.

I want to thank you for the hearty cooperation I have received from you in the past. Our work is bearing fruit. Nearly 100 machines a day are coming thru Yuma now to El Centro. With the work completed you will soon see three to five hundred machines a day coming thru Yuma to the coast. This is the number of machines that are now coming thru Needles and by Barstow. The Chamber of Commerce should immediately take steps to put up proper signs at advantageous points between Holtville and Phoenix and all the way to El Paso, telling of the advantages of San Diego.

Thanking you again for your kind cooperation,

I am

Sincerely yours,

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October Fifth,  
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U. S. Building & Loan Association,  
412 J. D. Spreckels Bldg.,  
San Diego, California,

Attention Mr. A. W. Messner, Mgr.

Dear Mr. Messner:

Enclosed find subscription blank for the Community  
Chest.

I hope you can make that subscription of \$10 a  
month. We need it badly to help out this year.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

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