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DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS IN
ACME QUALITY PAINTS, ENAMELS, STAINS AND VARNISHES
HIGH GRADE LEADS AND OILS
ARCTIC AND F STREETS
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

May 25 1922

Mr. Ed Fletcher,
920 Eighth St,
City.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

I received yours of the 24th, with your report to the Chamber of Commerce. Also blue prints of the highway, which I appreciate very much, and I will assure you I will be glad to do everything in my power to help finish that road.

I want to say to you Ed, that you are appreciated in this community more than you know. I find that many of the old knockers, and there are always a few in every city, even they are beginning to see what you are doing and have done for San Diego, City and County, and I am with you the whole way.

Yours truly,

JSSR LS

Jerry Sullivan

Mr. Jerry Sullivan,
Sullivan Hardwood Lumber Co.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Sullivan:

I have tried two or three times to get in touch with you, but unfortunately have failed.

Enclosed find copy of letter from the State Railroad Commission in answer to a letter from them; also copy of my letter to Mr. Gould; also copy of clipping from the San Diego Union of November 3d, giving Mr. Higgins' point of view, representing the city.

It means, according to Higgins, that the first step would be to have the courts decide whether the city would be obligated to furnish any water at all outside the city limits, except to the present consumers, and he also says he did not believe that the City of San Diego could afford to sell water any cheaper than it is now doing, which is 20 cents a thousand gallons for irrigating purposes.

It is about time you people out in that country wake up and acquire the Cuyamaca System. With the irrigation district now organized we would be willing to put 1500 acres more in the district, if desired, and you better take some initiative soon.

I would be glad to talk this matter over with you at any time that is convenient, as well as one or two other matters of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

130-5
Nov. 13, 1923.

Mr. Jerry Sullivan, *Plumber*
c/o Sullivan Hardware Co.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Jerry:

Mr. White has asked me to write you giving full particulars telling the reason why the Cuyamaca Company did not sell its system to the La Mesa Irrigation District in 1919. The reason is as follows:

We signed a contract to sell the Cuyamaca System to the La Mesa District, taking six percent bonds at par in payment, the value to be made by the State Railroad Commission, the bonds to be legal bonds approved by Dillon, Thompson & Clay of New York.

We had nothing to do with the calling of the election for the issuance of bonds for this purpose. Thru some intention or foolishness, I don't know which, when the election call was published it called for the issuance of bonds for the construction of a new water system as per plans and specifications by J. B. Lippincott. This limited the issuance of bonds only for one particular purpose as stated above. It was not noticed at the time by us and did not become public. There was a strong feeling against the Cuyamaca Company and certain interests, particularly Mr. Halley, who was on the Board, were in favor of Lippincott's plan, and I am satisfied they deliberately had the election called for the issuance of bonds so as to prohibit the acquisition of the Cuyamaca System.

The Lippincott plan was so preposterous that even the proponents of it turned against it later, and it was those bonds, issued for the purpose of building a system as per Mr. Lippincott's plan that they offered to us in exchange for our Cuyamaca System.

It is true they had an opinion from Dillon, Thompson & Clay certifying to the proceedings as valid up to the point of covering the election proceedings, but the La Mesa District never did ask Dillon, Thompson & Clay for an opinion as to whether those bonds were good to purchase an existing system. Our attorneys said the bonds were worthless.

If the election call had had the following wording- "For the construction of a new water system as per plans and specifications of J. B. Lippincott, or for the purchase of an existing system" then the bonds would have been legal, but as our attorney rendered a decision that the bonds would be absolutely worthless and advised us not to turn over the Cuyamaca System to the district until there was a new election, with the proceedings showing it was for the purpose of buying the Cuyamaca System, or for the purchase of a system existing at that time. We naturally went on the advice of our attorney

I asked the La Mesa District to call a new election. This they refused to do, stating that the bonds were valid altho they had no opinion from Dillon, Thompson & Clay saying that the bonds were valid for our purpose. They tried to cloud the issue and put us in the light of being fourflushers in the papers, but eventually at La Mesa we made Mr. Halley back down completely at a public meeting and admit that our contention was correct.

I am willing today to recommend to my associate that we take six percent bonds of the La Mesa Irrigation District at par in payment for our property, the valuation to be approved by the state engineer and the state bonding commission.

Unfortunately you have a bunch of dead ones to contend with.

The Supreme Court has recently decided, in the Pasadena v. State Railroad Commission case, that if the City of San Diego should buy the Cuyamaca System, the city council will establish rates over the entire system both for domestic and irrigating purposes. The attitude of the city is well expressed by Mr. Higgins, the city attorney, who last week in the Union said he saw no reason why the irrigator on the Cuyamaca System should not pay as much for irrigating water as the city charges inside the city limits, which is 20 cents a thousand gallons. Mr. Higgins also said in the paper that the first step the city would undoubtedly take, if it acquired the Cuyamaca System, was to go into court and determine whether the city was called upon to furnish any additional water to any additional consumer, either domestic

or for irrigating purposes, if the Cuyamaca System were acquired.

It is almost criminal, the lack of interest in their own affairs of the people who get water from the Cuyamaca System. I think they have almost expired of dry rot. Of course, I may be entirely mistaken if it is the desire of all that section to come inside the city and pay city taxes. If this is your policy you are rapidly succeeding and think it is near at hand.

You are the only one I dare write to in that whole community. When the interests I represent are willing to put 2,000 or 3,000 acres into the district as an evidence of our good faith, we in itself ought to show any reasonable person that we believe in it and believe me, if the La Mesa Irrigation District owned the Cuyamaca System, the City of San Diego has not the legal right to condemn and the La Mesa Irrigation District can eventually drive a mighty fine bargain with the city, both in the acquisition of the Mission Gorge No. 3 and El Capitan.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Signature E. J. Fletcher

EF:KLM

1020—9th Street,
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January 8th, 1929.

Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Sr.,
Sullivan Hardwood Lumber Co.,
705 West F Street
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Sullivan:

All the directors of the Club are coming to my house at 7:30 P. M. Thursday night to talk over Club matters.

I hope that you will be there.

Sincerely your friend,

EF:GMF

February 1st,
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Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Jr.,
c/o Western Lumber Company,
San Diego, California.

My dear Jerry:

Enclosed find semi-annual report from the Manager of the Broadway of America Association that I am sure will be of interest.

I hope you will take the time to read it.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

February 7th,
1 9 2 9

Western Lumber Co.,
Ft. of Columbia St.,
San Diego, Calif.

Attention Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Sr.

My dear Jerry:

Is there any way on earth that you can put this young chap, Mr. Claude Rickards to work?

I hope to get him something permanent a little later on.

He is the young man that the Athletic Club instructor wants to keep above all in San Diego., as a member of the San Diego Athletic Club.

Anything you can do will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

February 20th,
1 9 2 9

Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Jr.,
c/o Sullivan Hardwood Company,
San Diego, California.

My dear Jerry:

Enclosed find copy of telegram from Ayres, copy of my letter to Blodgett and Hotchkiss for your information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

WESTERN LUMBER COMPANY
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
YARD AND MILL FOOT OF COLUMBIA STREET
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
H.L. SULLIVAN, MANAGER

April 29, 1929.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,
1020-9th St.,
San Diego, California.

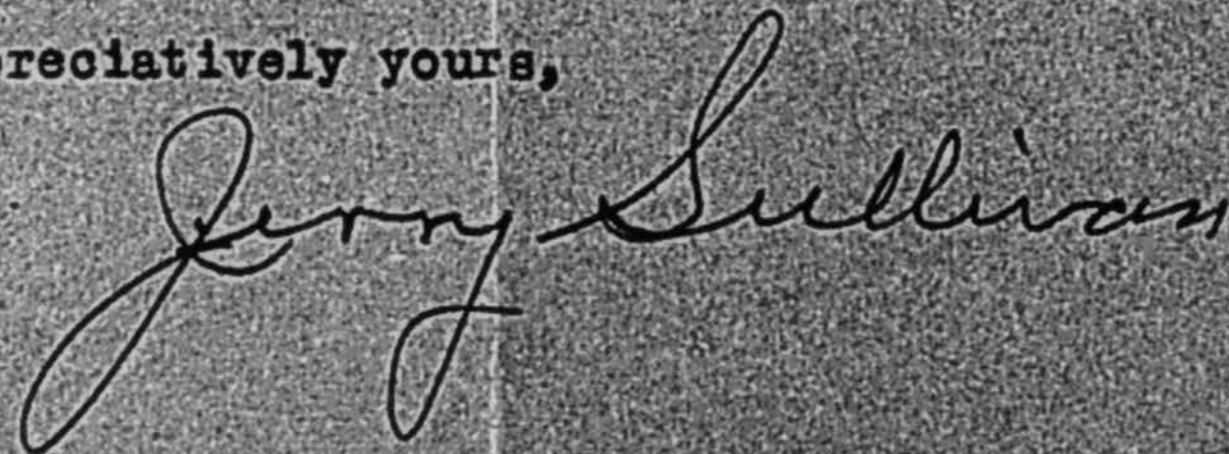
My dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Your letter of appeal for funds to help on the Calexico New Highway Link received.

One thing in your letter I didn't like to see, namely, "this is probably the last time I will ask you for money for highway purposes". We cannot let you quit, if that is your insinuation. You and Fred Jackson got \$200.00 out of me for the Devil's Canyon Road seventeen years ago, before I got my foot on the ground in San Diego - didn't even know where Devil's Canyon was - and I have come across every time you asked me ever since, as I, as well as thousands in San Diego, appreciate what you have done and are doing for roads in the South West, and principally for the benefit of San Diego. Some one has got to be the goat, do the work, collect the money, and get the condemnation of the few knockers that you probably hear from, but you don't hear of all the kind words and appreciation that is extended to you throughout the City and County whenever and wherever the subject of roads comes up.

I am handing you a little check for \$25.00, and if you are short, I will come across again, but I must insist that you stay on the job.

Appreciatively yours,



April 29th, 1929.

Mr. Jerry Sullivan
c/o Western Lumber Company
Foot of Columbia Street
San Diego, California.

My dear Jerry:

It was mighty sweet of you to write as you did in your letter of the 29th and I appreciate the check for \$25.00.

The response is most gratifying for the Calexico campaign.

With a highway from Yuma direct to Calexico and Mexicali, you can count on it that to a man, Calexico will plug for San Diego all the time.

Imperial Valley did not ask for a dollar. They built a first-class paved road from Seeley to Calexico and from Calexico east to the high line canal and then by private subscription across 15 miles of unbroken desert they are building the connecting link hooking up with Yuma. It is up to us to do something and this is a small thing for us to do, yet it will be forever appreciated. I know that. As usual there are about thirty of us who will have to foot the bill. You are one of the chosen and I love the spirit in which you have played the game.

Sincerely your friend,

DEF:GMF

August Fifth
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Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Sr.,
c/o Western Lumber Co.,
Ft. of Columbia,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I regret that I could not attend the meeting called last Monday, the 28th of June, but I was called north unexpectedly Sunday afternoon and did not return until Tuesday. Please excuse my absence.

At the next meeting of the Board I will be glad to tell you what I know regarding the Tax Factors situation.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

September 18th, 1929.

Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Sr.,
Western Lumber Company
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am enclosing copy of my letter to Horace E. Rhoades of September 14th regarding the San Diego Athletic Club, for your information.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF
Encl.

September Twenty-fifth,
1 9 2 9

Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Sr.,
c/o Western Lumber Co.,
Ft. of Columbia,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed find letter from Robinson - his he-man
Club stuff - and copy of my answer in reply.

He has repudiated his obligation on notes heretofore
signed and forced Mr. White and I to pay up not
alone our own obligation but his.

Robinson also refused to sign any renewals of
notes on which he is at the present time.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

October 5th, 1929.

Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Sr.,
c/o Western Lumber Company
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Mr. Evans, that
is explanatory.

Let us discuss this matter at the next meeting
of the Board of Directors.

Yours sincerely,

EF:GMF
Encl.

November Nineteenth,
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Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Sr.,
c/o Western Lumber Co.,
Ft. of Columbia,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Enclosed find list of names who are possible prospects for life memberships with the names of the parties who are to see the different prospects.

Please keep in mind that there are others.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

Ed Fletcher Papers

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