SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF AMITY CANAL.

To Mr. W. M. Wiley, Mgr.,

Sir:— During the month of February there has been no work done on the Canal and the general conditions are about the same as they were February 1st, with the exception that I had the 150 feet of embankment repaired between mile posts 6 and 7, spoken of in my February report.

The water service for the month of February has been all that could be desired, and all demands have been fully satisfied.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

J. F. McDowell,

Supt.
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 14th, 1898.

S. 1/2 S. 1/2 1-23-43.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I enclose you herewith water deed #3199, two special reports made, witnessed, final receiver's receipt, and land office abstract and warranty deed. I had to purchase this piece of land for $3250 to prevent S.W. Perkins from getting it and cutting it up into five acre tracts. While this has been actually proved up, the first proof was begun so much before our advent in this country and the water right was secured through a personal deal, and these facts could be so readily established that I think there can be no trouble in the matter.

Very truly,

Regarding field notes for this land, there is no copy of the one sent you in this office from which to make one on correct form.

One of the special reports is kept here in this office.
Water Assessments.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favor of March 25th, relative to outstanding water assessments, I may sum this matter up by saying that all water assessments which are on lands that are owned by the purchaser, or lands where he has paid a considerable amount, are perfectly good and are certain of collection, although in some cases it may take a little time.

The Kansas Loan & Trust Company, §208, is an exception to this rule. They claim that when we enlarged the ditch, we stopped the flow of water, and therefore they suffered damage. Of course this is not true, but at the same time it is a claim and may be sustained in court. I have instructed Judge Rogers to bring suit against these people. In view of the claim which they make, it may be wise to compromise with them; they have offered to pay one half.

Another reason that makes us inclined to this action is that it is very questionable whether or not the technical meetings of the Board of Direction which existed before our administration would stand.

I enclose you a detailed statement from our accounts.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO. March 14th, 1898.

Hopkins Application.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Herbert Hopkins, who bought the N. 1/2 S.W. 30-22-42, has just been in the office regarding the difference in his application of $28.78. He is willing to take the figures that you arrived at. However, he thinks that he has not been treated quite fairly in this matter, as your advertising matter shows this at $22.50 per acre.

If you require another application for him, we can have one made out.

Very truly,

THE AMITY LAND & IRRIGATION CO.
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 14th, 1898.

Christopher Application.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Yours of the 5th March regarding application made
by C. Christopher, the same should be the W. 1/2 N.E. 32-
22-43, instead of R. 42 West.

J.D.

THE AMITY LAND AND IRRIGATION CO.
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 14th, 1898.

Field Notes.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find field notes for

various pieces of land.

Very truly,

J.D.

THE AMITY LAND AND IRRIGATION CO.
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 15th, 1898.

Amity & Buffalo
Monthly Reports.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear sir:

Enclosed herewith please find monthly reports of
Amity and Buffalo Ditches. These reports are sent in
without having been approved by Mr. Wiley, as he is in
New York.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
THE GREAT PLAINS WATER STORAGE CO

HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., March 15th, 1898.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear sir:

Among the letters referred to in my previous letter of today, I find three signed by you enclosing vouchers in favor of W. M. Wiley, Manager, which were issued to him for out of pocket traveling expenses, and which you say "Please credit to the Turner loan". In each case these vouchers should have been credited to Mr. Wiley's personal account as against the drafts he has made from time to time on you. If this has not been attended to, will you kindly see to it and oblige.

I enclose the letters referred to, having made a red ink notation on each.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Geo. Wilkinson
Auditor
Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear sir:

When I reached Holly I found a package of papers addressed to you, which had evidently been sent here for the purpose of this audit, so I opened the package and found it to contain the Great Plains and Amity drafts and letters from Mr. Color and others. These I have examined and find correct, and the accounts are in accordance therewith.

Among these papers I also find certain letters and receipts from William Ayers, in connection with the Kentucky Mineral & Land Company; these I have sorted out from the rest of the papers.

I have to-day sent all of these papers back to your address by express.

Very truly yours,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 11th, 1898.

Kastor & Hagedorn Leases.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I have your telegram of the 10th, stating that Hagedorn’s lease is approved, waiving the sale clause, but that you object to Kastor lease. I have acted in accordance therewith.

Very truly,
THE AMITY LAND AND IRRIGATION CO.

HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 11th, 1898.

Wampler Land.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I enclose you deed from John W. Wampler on the S.W. 26-22-44. This land was bought for $800. I also enclose you patent. If abstract is necessary, I shall have to have it made and paid for by us, as it was impossible to get this land with the abstract. It was particularly valuable and was about to fall into the hands of people who were inimical to our interests. It was for that purpose that the land was purchased without first submitting it to you. I have been negotiating for this land for the year past. It is located on the main road north of Holly, and as I say, is particularly valuable.

Regarding the W. 1/2 N.W. 35-22-42, I enclose you deed from Richard M. Millinger covering this piece of land, tax receipt for '97, certificate of redemption for '96, certificate of redemption for '95, patent U. S. Government, and abstract of title. This 80 is particularly good, and was purchased for $205, plus the cost of the abstract. This matter also could not wait, and I was obliged to close it up.

Very truly,
Transportation for

Rogers & Hawkins.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I have your favors of March 9th. I was in Denver Wednesday and Judge Rogers received his transportation and left for New York on No. 6 last night. Mr. Hawkins understands your instructions to call for transportation at the Santa Fe ticket office in Kansas City. He leaves either tonight alone, or tomorrow with me on No. 2.

I had hoped not to be called to New York but a telegram requires my presence, and I shall pass through Chicago Sunday night, arriving on Santa Fe No. 2, and leaving on the Michigan Central at 11:40. I shall hope to stop and see you on my return.

The request for Rogers' and Hawkins' presence in New York at the proposed meeting was sent me by wire; otherwise, I should have written you, instead of telegraphing. I understand the objections.

Very truly,
Chicago Great Western Ry.,
and Santa Fe Certificates.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I note carefully your instructions as to the Chicago Great Western Railroad. I understand that they will sell a ticket to the land-seeker coming here, and upon the presentation of a certificate at Kansas City signed here, that he will receive a ticket from the Chicago Great Western Railroad to his point of starting for one third the regular rate.

There are two kinds of certificates which are signed here. I enclose you a copy of each. One was authorized by Mr. Black and permits us to secure, when properly signed by me, half rate tickets between La Junta and Coolidge, but no farther. The other is the regular one with which you supply us.

No one what ever other than myself has been authorized to sign these certificates, and if any have been signed and are in the hands of the Santa Fe people, I should be very glad to know it. I have tried very hard to watch this certificate business, so that it should not be an annoyance to the Company.
THE AMITY LAND AND IRRIGATION CO.

March 11th, 1896.

HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo.

2--3. Pe Certificates.

One reason that I have not delegated this authority to anyone else is for fear it should be used without judgment.

I enclose you for the use of the Chicago Great Western three copies signed.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 11th, 1898.

Stationery and
Morris and Holzhauer.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of March 8th is received. The stationery as mentioned has been received.

I carefully note what you say in regard to W. S. Morris, and I am very glad that I did not misunderstand your position in this matter. Of course, technically speaking, in returning this money without being authorized to do so by you I was exceeding my authority, and I dislike at any time to be guilty of an act of that sort, because I could offer no reasons for it.

In re to Wm. Holzhauer, the way in which this matter came up was this:—in looking over this land, Mr. Duncan found that some of it was non-irrigable. He also found from the books you had sent us that it had been sold to him for the full price, and probably as irrigable land, and supposed that you would like to know the true condition of affairs. We have no other knowledge of this matter than as set forth above.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 11th, 1896.

Gordon Lease.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Referring to yours of March 3rd, regarding the J. R. Gordon lease, covering Lots 3 and 4 in the E. 1/2 S.W. 18 and Lots 1 and 2, 19-22-43, in planting the 70 acres of alfalfa, Coolidge I discovered had planted it on the sod. This required almost daily irrigation, and our returns for the lease is a good stand of alfalfa. Gordon cultivated nothing but this.

Regarding the Owen F. Cox lease, covering the N.W. 13-22-43, there were no returns from this last year, except a few tons of very badly damaged alfalfa, which had been stacked and was damaged by the hailstorm. The alfalfa was sold to Frisby at $2 per ton, but it turned out to be so bad that a refund will have to be made. It is not yet settled.

The H. Frederick and the Higbee & Maser leases will be reported on later.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. March 11th, 1898.

Lands Offered.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I think you have the papers in regard to the S.W. 16-22-46. It is very important that this matter should be closed at once.

I enclose you warranty deed and abstract of title S.W. 15-22-45. This land is reported by Mr. Ducan as being first class strictly, but he is so busy with Mohl's men this afternoon, that I dislike to stop him to make out a new field note, but this will be made out and sent you in due course.

Very truly,
Canfield Trade.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Regarding the Canfield trade, enclosed find field note again. The 100 acres of land is located on both sides of Cheyenne Creek. Cheyenne Creek takes away about 60 acres of what might be irrigable. We shall probably own the land all around this quarter.

Very truly,
Mickey Contract & Hammr Apps.

Close pres. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find contract of R.L.

Mickey for Lot 11, Block 5 and applications of L. G. Hammr

for S.E. S.E. 26-22-42, B.M. $25.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO. March 11th, 1898.

Trip to New York
and Mr. Mohl.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Krech:

I received your telegram in regard to my
visiting New York in Denver, and after talking the matter
over with Mr. Hawkins and Judge Rogers, I decided that it
seemed necessary for me to accept your invitation and come
to New York.

I shall therefore leave here, unless something arises to
prevent, so as to report at your office Tuesday morning.

Mr. Hawkins will report at the same time.

Mr. Mohl has sixteen land-seekers with him and will
be here to-day.

Judge Rogers left for New York last night and should
arrive Sunday evening.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO.,

March 10, 1898

A.W. Kueh, Coq.,
New York City,
N.Y.

We send today by registered mail the Vouchers covering our January account complete with the exception of one outstanding, viz: Vou. #131 Ch. 111 B. Neuman, Holly, 75¢.

Two press copies of List of Vouchers are also enclosed with them, the original list, together with the other January Invoice having been sent you on the 14th inst.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

D. L. Buxton
Cashier
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO.,     March 8th, 1896.

My dear Mr. Hyde:

I have your kind favor of March 1st, and sincerely hope that your trip to Jekyll Island has proved of great benefit to you.

Everything possible is being done to purchase lands. I agree with you thoroughly, as my former letters have indicated, that the success of the enterprise depends upon acquiring more lands.

Every piece of land under the Amity Canal is being looked after in one way or another, and I hope in a short while to have 95 per cent of the irrigable land owned by us. Of course, that which is not irrigable, we do not wish.

I am now having a map made which will show you all of the land that is owned by us, all the land that we are negotiating for, and the land which we see no present way to secure.

I do not think that adding any person to our staff as a purchaser would help us; I think it would not help us, because it would make competition for land and an increased price, whereas now everything is in tow that can possibly be put there. I do not think it advisable at the present time to increase the price of land. We have several thousand acres in process of purchase now; when these purchases have
been consummated, it may seem wise to increase the price.

As soon as the list referred to above is completed, I will inform you just how much land we will possibly get. This list will be finished in two or three days.

Please rest certain that everything towards the purchase of lands that could be done, is being done, and that if I thought more buyers would help us, or an increase in the purchase price would help us, I should not hesitate for a moment to recommend this policy. I think when this list is made out and sent to you and you see what we are doing, that you will be satisfied that nothing is being left undone.

Just at this time of the year, we are particularly crowded with work, but I permit nothing to interfere with the purchasing of lands.

Yours very truly,

Mr. H. B. Hyde,

120 Broadway,

New York City.
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO.,    March 8th, 1896.

Mr. Wilkinson.

Mr. A. W. Krech,

120 Broadway,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Krech:

    I have taken a great liking to Mr. Wilkinson. Instead of approaching the work which he has in hand here with that technicality that is marked in so many auditors, he seems to have brought with him to the task his brains and common sense, in addition to his rules and regulations. He has taken a great interest in the business itself, trying to grasp its peculiarities, and the conditions surrounding the accounts. He wishes to see the work here and in a general way to see the wheels go round.

    I am leaving with him this afternoon for the headgates at La Junta, and will drive him down the ditch, or a portion of it.

    He was out with me this morning to see the Grader work and to see its results and grasp the savings that had been made, or the loss if there had been any by its use.

    He has hinted that if you requested him to do so, he would make a criticism on the general business management and would make to you such suggestions for checking that sort of matters as he thought necessary.

    I immediately requested him to make such a report
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO.    March 8th, 1898.

A.W.K. #2.

but he said he would not feel warranted in doing so, unless requested by you.

As I suppose you cannot get too much information as to how things are done in Colorado, I imagine you would like to have this done, so that you can enlarge the scope of the report which you wish from him.

I note telegram from Mr. Seward, and am doing my best not to let the delay and apparent lack of interest which Mr. Seward has shown, prejudice me against him.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

O. M. Wiley
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO., March 8th, 1898.

New Era Grader.

Coates Land.

Mr. A. W. Krech,

120 Broadway,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Krech:

Please refer to my letter of January 29th in regard to the Coates water rights. We ought to act on this matter right away. I have no hesitancy in recommending this purchase very strongly.

I had Mr. Wilkinson out watching the New Era Grader work today. I have been out with it for three days. He is ready to certify that we moved 1400 cubic yards of earth in ten hours.

I am delighted with the machine and am prepared to say that when my horses and men are thoroughly broken in I can move 2,000 yards of earth per day at a cost of $13, as follows: eight teams, wear and tear, $4.00; feed, $4.00; one foreman, $1.50 per day; two men, $2.00 per day; feed for men, $1.50.

Mr. Wilkinson figures that on the work we have already done we have saved at the rate of $100 per day.

Yours very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., March 8th, 1893.

Advance in Price of Lands,
Coates Matter,
Mr. Wilkinson.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Krech,

I have carefully noted your favor of the 28th of February, in regard to the advance in the price of lands. I received notice from Close Brothers & Company to that effect to-day.

Please assure Mr. Hyde and the other gentlemen in interest that every possible thing is being done to promote the purchase of lands. Every piece of land under the Amity Canal has been looked up, and we have in negotiations of one sort and another the purchase of all these lands.

I am having a map made which will show you at a glance just how we stand on these matters.

I am afraid of having other purchasing agents in the field under any circumstances, and cannot approve of that idea at all. As I say, we have every piece of land in training now, and another purchaser would only make complication for us. The several thousand acres which we have in hand are being bought at very reasonable prices. I do
not see that it would help us at all in the procuring of the bulk of lands to increase the price. There are some few men who are holding out for a higher price, and after we have secured the bulk of these lands, we can then purchase these at a higher price.

I think we ought to act promptly on the Coates land; that is a thing that will hardly wait.

Yours very truly,

P.S.—Mr. Wilkinson received the Great Plains Vouchers.
RECEIVED at No. 16 Broad St. (Next door to Stock Exchange).

Dated Holly Colo 12

To A W Krech

Seems impossible to leave. If I am specially needed telegraph

Wm M. Wiley
March 6th, 1898.

Snavely Contract.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find contract Wm. Snavely for N.E. N.E. 29-32-43.

Very truly,
March 8th, 1898.

Laterals.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We have purchased a New Era Grader for the purpose of making our large main laterals, and for four days we have been hard at work at this. In addition to this, the road grader which we have had for some time is at work exclusively on these laterals. Also in addition, the grading and laterals outfits have all hands devoted to the laterals, and nothing will be done by any of them until every lateral running to a farmer is in first class shape. It will be impossible to do more in this direction than we are doing.

Very truly,
Renting Hagedorn
and J. B. Kastor.

Gentlemen:

In regard to renting the W. 1/2 N.E. 17-22-43 to
Mr. Hagedorn, and also 160 acres near Cheyenne Creek to
J. B. Kastor, I feel that you are making a mistake in this
decision. I cannot see that it would possibly do us any
harm to have this land for Hagedorn and Kastor taken off
of the market, and I can see where it will do us a great
deal of good. If you see any reason to change your mind
about Hagedorn, please telegraph. If you do not, of course
the matter rests where it is.

Very truly,
March 6th, 1898.

Flowing Fire Guards.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

The money for this has been received within the last week, and will show in our next report.

Very truly,
March 8th, 1898.

Present Business.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

At this present writing, I am confining all of my attention, first, to the securing of water to the settlers through the laterals, and second, to the organization of the River, so as to get our proportion of the water that is in the River, and third, to making out for New York an absolutely list of lands purchased and in process of purchasing.

In addition to this, Mr. Wilkinson is here, to whom I have to devote considerable time, and it is impossible for me at this present moment, to answer all of the many questions before me from your office. At the earliest possible moment that I can take these matters up, they will be attended to. In the mean while, I write you in regard to the purchase of water rights under the Henry Canal.
March 8th, 1898.

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The water rights which we purchase from this Canal will be used to supplement the supply from the Reservoirs, and only those will be purchased which can be used upon land that can be irrigated from the Reservoirs. No land or water rights will be purchased west of the line that the King Reservoir will irrigate.

In this respect, I am instructed from New York to purchase 20 water rights so located.

Very truly,
Field notes for amount
of irrigable land.

March 8th, 1898.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

As relating to that portion or any piece of land
which is irrigable or not irrigable, please discard all maps
of the Amity Canal which you have, and depend solely upon the
field notes.

Very truly,
RECEIVED at the WESTERN UNION BUILDING, 195 Broadway, N.Y. March 9, 1898

Dated Denver, Colo. 9th

To A. W. Kruegh

W. J. R. W. 20

Will Tuesday morning quit for New York answer...

Will answer.

A. M. Wiley
Jno. Duncan, Esq.,

Holly, Colo.

Dear Sir,—

I learn from our agent, Harry Mewhirter of Tronto, S. D., that he has sent a party to Lamar, Colo. His name is Hugh Williams and he goes prepared to buy and Mewhirter feels sure that he will invest. It is probable that he will turn up at Holly, so be on the watch for him. Mewhirter states that he has secured a special low rate from his place to Lamar, and that he will soon leave with a party of 16 solid in a special car.

I am informed by Close Bros. & Co. that they are instructed by the New York office to advance the price of the land to $30. an acre at once. They however state that in view of the fact that they stated that we could have until Mar. 15th to close up on sales partially worked up, the old price would hold good until that date.

I will leave for Colorado again Mar. 8th and will get out there Mar. 10th. As Mr. Graves will not arrive in Chicago until about Mar. 20th, nothing definite can be done until that time, so I do not think best to advertise my next trip after Mar. 8th until after his return.

I suppose that you are now at work on the laterals, so that they will be in shape to use by the time they will be needed for spring irrigation.

Yours Truly,

Fred Mohl

Refuse blank.

Just need

Sunday 3/6/08
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 6th March, 1898.

Letter of Mr. Mohl.

Mr. A. W. Krech,

120 Broadway,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Krech:

I enclose you herewith letter from Mr. Mohl

which I have this morning received.

Very truly,

[Signature]
Engagements Mr. Wiley for this week.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear sir:

Mr. Wiley has instructed me to write you that he is just now extremely busy, and that he must be absent from the office the greater part of this week. He is devoting the major portion of his time to three very important things:

First, the getting of water down to the settlers, as there promises to be a great shortage of water.

Second, to buying land under the Amity; he is having prepared a list of all lands under the Amity, giving the name of owner, price, condition, etc., of each piece of land.

Third, to getting the Fort Lyon Canal in shape to get water down the River.

Mr. Wilkinson, the Auditor, is here, who requires a great deal of his time also.
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO., 7th March, 1896.

A.W.K. #2.

The New Era Grader arrived last week and was set up Saturday and is now at work out on the hill, where Mr. Wiley has this morning gone to see that it works properly. Upon his return this afternoon, he goes by freight train to La Junta with Mr. Wilkinson, who desires to see the Reservoirs and some of the works; from La Junta they drive to Las Animas, and from Las Animas to Lamar, Mr. Wiley going to Denver Wednesday night on No. 5, in order to attend a meeting of the Great Plains Company to approve maps for filing before Judge Rogers leaves on Thursday for New York. He expects to return to Holly on No. 8, Friday noon.

Mr. Wiley has received your 28th February letter, regarding sale of lands, Chief Engineer Hawkins, and purchase of lands, and the enclosed telegram from Mr. Seward stating that he expected to be in Holly by the fifteenth. Also, he has your March 4th letter, referring to various subjects, and enclosing telegram from Mr. Seward to the effect that he
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A.W.K. #3.

cannot leave Omaha before the thirteenth.

Mr. Wiley requests that you will please say to Mr. Hyde for him that he has his letter of the first of March regarding the purchase of lands, and that he (Mr. Wiley) will write him upon this subject just as soon as he can get the necessary time to dictate the letter.

Mr. Wiley will reply to your letters in detail immediately upon his return to the Holly office.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Signature]

W. M. WILEY, Manager.
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 9th March 1898

A. W. Herch Co.-
Mercantile Trust Company
New York

Dear Sir,

Following your telegram on the 7th inst. came the package of September
Great Plains Vouchers together with several that I had noted as missing from other months.
Thank you for your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Geo. W. Wilkinson
Auditor
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo.,  March 4th, 1898.

Henry Water Rights.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Krech:

Water rights in the Henry Canal are one and 44/100 cubic feet per second; those in the Amity Canal are one cubic foot per second. In understanding your instructions to buy twenty water rights in the Henry Canal at $500 per water right, I took it for granted that you meant full water rights of one and 44/100 cubic feet per second each. I am finding it almost impossible to buy these rights at this price, and it has occurred to me that you might possibly have meant not to pay over $500 per cubic foot per second.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
G.P. & Amity Paper.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We are entirely out of both Great Plains and Amity paper, and would like you to send us some as soon as possible.

Very truly,
W. Steven Morris,

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

In regard to W. Steven Morris, I wrote you some while ago recommending that the $20 that Morris had paid us as binding money should be returned to him. My reason for this was that our agents should not have sold a man who was in the financial condition that Morris was in, and that we could not well afford to be in the position of having our agents take advantage of a man's lack of judgment in his purchases.

Not having heard from you I considered you to have acquiesced in the suggestion, but I admit that your silence was not sufficient acquiescence.

Mr. Morris went to work on our ditch and was taken ill and wrote a very appealing letter to have his plow sent him, saying that he was in a desperate circumstance, and that sort of thing, and thinking that the course had your approval I sent him the $20.00 binding money.

Your correspondence under date of March 1st leaves me to infer that you do not approve this act of mine, and that you have taken the view that the binding money should
be kept by us.

I regret extremely that I acted in this matter without having heard from you, and wish to frankly admit the error. Of course my payment of the $20 in person would not right the wrong, but I can only say that if you think that that will tend to remedy the matter, that I will gladly reimburse the Company for $20 that I sent to Mr. Morris.

Very truly,
Holly, Prowers Co., Colo.

March 4th, 1896.

Wm. Holzhauer.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

As we understand the matter in this office, this gentleman purchased at full price the S.E. 13-22-42, and he seems to be paying for it at the regular price. I enclose you a field note of the land for such action as you may think best.

Very truly,
Duncan's Laterals.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your favor of February 23rd, Mr. John Duncan says that there was no agreement for us to put laterals on his land, and we have made no charge for that. If there is an agreement, Please send me a copy of it.

Very truly,
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo. March 4th, 1898

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Have you the abstract for the N. 1/2 NE. 17-21-46

and also of N. 1/2 S. 1/2 13-22-47?

Very truly,

[Signature]
CLOSE BROS. & CO.
Main Office,
1015 Chamber of Commerce,
CHICAGO.

HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO., March 4th, 1898.

Crowley's Application.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We have entered into a contract with W. Frank Crowley, by which he is to put in cultivation 120 acres of land here for the purpose of making a showing for small fruits and vegetables. I send you herewith his application to purchase, upon which he is to pay 5 per cent, together with all of the other disbursements. As soon as Judge Rogers has completed drawing up the contract, I will send you a copy of it, so that you will understand all of the detail of the trade.

In the mean while, this application is sent you so that the land can be taken off of the market.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO

March 4th, 1898.

Purchase of Lands.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I am receiving almost daily the most urgent letters from New York in regard to the purchase of lands. It makes me fear that if I let anything slip through my fingers that I might get at a fair price that I would be considered very much in the wrong.

I have closed trades for three or four pieces of land without submitting the titles to you, near Holly, the papers of which will be submitted to you in a few days. In all cases the title to the lands came direct from the United States government. In doing this, it is done of course subject to your approval, and I sincerely hope that these cases will be in such condition that the abstracts will meet with your approval when they are submitted to you.

I also hope that you will not think that such action on my part is an evidence that I do not appreciate the importance of having you pass on all titles and abstracts.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO

March 4th, 1896.

Abstract E.1/2 S.E. 18-21-46.
Sayers Note.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I send you herewith abstract of title on E. 1/2
S.E. 18-21-46, together with such correspondence in the matter
as I have had.

Very truly,

We enclose you herewith note of Sayer for $100.00.
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., March 2nd, 1898.

Parrish offers S.W. 13-22-45.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Parrish offers to us the S.W. 13-22-45 for $2,500.

It might be bought for $2,000. This includes two old Amity water rights.

Very truly,
Marker Application.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find application to purchase of John W. Marker for the N.W. H.W. 36-32-42. This has been outstanding since the 17th January, but Mr. Marker did not send it in until today.

Very truly,
Holy, Colo, March 6th, '98.

A.W. Kreeh,

#120 Broadway, New York.


Wiley.
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WILLIAM H. BAKER,  JOHN O. STEVENS,  ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
V. P. and Gen'l Manager.  Secretary.  President.
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo. 3 March 1898

Alvin W. Krech, Esq.
Mercantile Trust Company
New York

My dear Sir,

The writer arrived here very early this morning. The vouchers of the Water Storage Company, which you sent by express, have also arrived, and will be very carefully audited. From present appearances the work here will take several days.

Very respectfully,
Geo. Wilkinson
Auditor.
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., March 1st, 1898.

Haven Cancellation.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I have delivered the notice of cancellation to Victor Haven, but he has not deigned to refer to the matter, although he has had an opportunity to see me on one or two occasions. I think we had better consider the matter closed, and have Haven turn over the property.

Very truly,
Price of Lands.

Mr. Seward.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Krech:

I have carefully noted Mr. Seward's letter to you under date of February 17th, together with your reply to him by wire under date of February 26th. Please accept thanks.

I have also carefully noted your letter to Close Bros. & Company, under date of February 26th.

Mr. Mohl's complete outfit consisted of seventeen men, a large percentage of which was buyers; some of them were sub-agents who came out with their land-seekers.

936 acres of land were sold to this outfit, the applications being signed and the binding money paid. 160 acres in addition were practically sold, the man having selected the land and saying that he would take it, but the application has not been signed as yet nor the binding money paid. There is no doubt, however, but that this sale will be closed. This makes a sale of 1576 acres between the dates of Saturday the 19th and Saturday the 26th.
A.W.K. #2.

HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO., March 1st, 1896.

I notice that there is a proposition from Mr. Graves on foot to grade our lands, and place them at different prices. In regard to this matter, I hope that you will not let $30 be the highest price, but that you will grade some lands near Holly at from $50 to $60 per acre, and land further from Holly at a lower price. Lands near Granada should also be a higher price, although Granada, you will notice from the map, is on the south side of the River, and the River is some two miles from Granada, and therefore driving across the bridge makes the nearest land we have to this town, three or four miles away.

As you know, I have been devoting a great deal of time to the organization of a canteloupe association. I also hope to make a contract with Mr. Harvey to supply his eating houses with celery, etc., the contract to be between Harvey and Crowley. We have these advantages to offer Harvey in this matter; – this is the lowest altitude of any irrigation project, and therefore will bring the truck gardening soonest. This is also the nearest point to the Kansas and Missouri eating houses.

I mention the truck gardening and melon growing features in this case, because it is hardly practicable to haul melons or truck gardening to the railroad a distance further than four miles.
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., March 1st, 1896.

A.W.K. -#3.

Ten acre tracts have been cut up near Rocky Ford and sold at very high prices. We are rapidly assuming the same attention from the farming public that Rocky Ford has heretofore had, and will soon be able to get her prices.

When this price of land is further discussed, I wish to put before you my views of the importance of having a clause in the contract of sale requiring the land to be improved within a reasonable time. I don't know whether six or twelve months would be a reasonable time, but some time should be stated. We are handicapped here in our development by having a large body of land owned by non-residents under the Ditch. These purchases are a drag on the development of the country, and are not a help to us, and the few dollars per acre per year which we get for the sale, does not in my opinion, pay us for the disadvantages. One of the great troubles heretofore has been, which is now being overcome to some extent, that the women of the families who have settled here, lacked society, when the lands surrounding the settler are held by non-residents, so that it is entirely out of our power to remedy this evil.

I lay great stress upon this matter of having land settled and improved within a reasonable time. If I have not used sufficient argument above, I shall be glad to go further into the matter.

Mr. Graves will object to this, but you must bear in mind that the selling department of every business that I
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I have ever known, objects to any conditions of sale.

In regard to the land which I mention above as having been sold within a week, there was only one piece for which I was able to get $25 per acre. You will remember that when you and I had a conversation about the increase in price, and March 15th having been set as the date for closing up old sales, that I stated to you that it would be impossible for me, you or any one else to decide what constituted pending negotiations. When Mohl's land-seekers were here last I did my best to pin him down to the fact that some of them did not come under the head of trades in process of closing, but you can readily see the difficulty. While Mohl may not have known of a trade in process of closing, other sub-agents would claim that because he had approached a man on the subject negotiations had been pending, and that that particular sale should be considered as being in process of negotiation.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Mrs. Slaymaker.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Regarding Slaymaker's commission, if this case were not a very peculiar one, I would not annoy you with it again, but this is a widow with a family of small children, who, with her 13 year old son, is making a heroic fight for a living, and certainly if there is any one connected with our enterprise who deserves consideration from us and help, it is she.

I therefore most earnestly ask you to brush aside in this case the technicalities and do for her what you can. Not only is she, from the sentimental standpoint, worthy of our help and assistance, but the way in which she handles her farm warrants us from a purely business standpoint in helping her, because she promises to make more of a success of her farming operations with the small means at her command, than the average settler whom we have on our lands.

I f you cannot secure the return of the $80 commission for her, I think it would be as well if we loaned her this amount of money. I am sure that the gentlemen in New York would not object to such a loan being made under the circumstances.

Very truly,
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., March 1st, 1898.

13-22-46.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find the report on the N.W. 13-22-46.

Very truly,

[Signature]
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., March 1st, 1928.

Add. Lamar Sparks Write-up.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen: I neglected in the article which I wrote descriptive of our enterprise in the Valley, to incorporate the statement defining the position of Amity water owners with reference to Reservoir water.

I enclose you copy of letter which I have written the editor of the "Sparks" regarding this, and enclosed him a copy of the statement.

Very truly,
Laubach Lease &
Approved Lease.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find signed lease of

Henry Laubach for N. 1/2 S.W. 20-22-41.

Please send us some blank leases of the approved

form.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. 25th February, 1898.

Lamar Sparks Write-up.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chamber of Commerce,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

In discussing the matter with Mr. Hawkins, it was considered wise, because this publication would be largely circulated in the Valley, to make some reference to the fight for securing our Right of Way, and it was also, for this reason, considered wise to speak of the Storage Company and the Amity Company as being the owners of this property. Of course I understand the advantages of leaving it to be inferred generally as you did in the pamphlet that you got up, that Close Brothers owned the property, but as a good deal of this will be locally distributed, Mr. Hawkins and I thought that the Storage Company and the Amity Company should come to the front, to some extent.

I have confined this description to the property itself, supposing that the editor of the paper will cover such matters as climate, market, products and other important features, and if I incorporated them into this article, it would be but reiteration, and would probably be cut out. Perhaps in sending the article to the editor, it would be as well to call his attention to this fact. This article

has been criticised and edited by Mr. Hawkins before being sent into you.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO., 26th February, 1898.

Parrish's May Voucher, '96.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chamber of Commerce,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favor of Feb. 19th, please send me a copy of your letter of July 30th, regarding the item of $98.94 in Parrish's May 1896 voucher. I don't seem to be able to find a copy of this letter in the office.

Very truly,
Applications.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We enclose you herewith application of J. W. Bryce for Lot 20 Block 4, Holly Townsite, B.M. $10.00.

Also applications of
Gottlieb Silberberger for N. 1/2 S.W. 33-22-43, B.M. $25.
John H. Perry for N. 1/2 S.E. 1/4 29-22-43, B.M. $50.00

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 26th February, 1998.

Location and Value of Elges.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chamber of Commerce,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your favor of February 24th, in placing the value on the buildings which I did, as equal to three fourths of the value, under which they were insured, I did this because I wished the inventory to show values that were very conservative, and in the event of the sale of any of these buildings, it was my notion that they would probably be held for more than the inventory, and the inventory would be a conservative valuation as of today. At the same time, I considered that if any of these buildings were destroyed by fire, I could prove that the amounts for which they were insured were only three fourths of their real value. If you wish to make the inventory as of the full value of the buildings, it would only be necessary to add one third to the amount for which each has been insured.

I will make out this list for you and send it to you at the earliest possible date, as you request, but I hope that your office will bear in mind that this season of the year we are desperately busy in Colorado, and nearly the whole force is working both night and day. We are settling up the payments on the Enlargement of the Fort Lyon Canal, which are
very complicated.

Mr. Mohl has just been here with 17 landseekers, and the laterals on the hill have to be put in shape, a waste gate has had to be built at Buffalo, and there is a hurry and rush that if you realized, I am sure you would try to relieve us from as much clerical work as you possibly can.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO., 23th February, 1898.


Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We will collect from McPherson the balance of interest due.

We will have a new lease signed for the N. 1/2 S.W. 20-22-41.

We note the acceptance of applications to purchase, and also your remarks as to the N.W.1/2 S.W. 30-22-42. Mr. Duncan explains to me that our land is advertised for sale at $22.50 per acre, and that the method of figuring and arriving at this price in some cases does not produce the same result as $22.50. Please inform us what your customs are in matters of this kind. Mr. Duncan thinks that he is right because $22.50 per acre is our advertised price.

Letter of Louis Korseman was enclosed in your favor and was overlooked by me among the several papers.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 28th February, 1898.

Deed N.W. 13-22-46.
Abstract N. 1/2 N.W. 34-21-46.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find deed to the N.W. 13-22-46. D.E.

Cooper had very urgent reasons for having this promptly paid, and I am sending him a check. I believe you have the abstracts, and I hope you will find the matter satisfactory. He assures me that the abstract is very simple.

I enclose you abstract on the N. 1/2 N.W. 34-21-46; I will have the field note go forward at once.

Very truly,
Alvin W. Krech, Esq.,
The Mercantile Trust Company,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your valued favor of 8th inst. to hand. Under date Jan 20th I had the pleasure to acknowledge my appointment as Auditor for the Amity Companies and Syndicate. I am advised that the books will be ready about March 1st., in the mean time nothing can be done here.

I could proceed to Holly, Colorado, to audit the local accounts of the Amity and the books of the Great Plains Water Storage Company, about the end of next week, by which time I hope to conclude certain other important matters now on hand. My terms are $20.– per diem of 8 hours, and travelling expenses: time being charged for business hours consumed in travelling.

Very truly yours,

Geo. Wilkinson

[Signature]
Alvin W. Krech, Esq.,

G/o The Great Plains Water Storage Co.,

Holly, Colo.

My Dear Sir:

Yesterday afternoon I received a telegram from Mr. Wiley conveying from you the request that I delay my visit to Holly one week. Accordingly I shall arrange to leave here about Monday night next and trust it will be convenient for you to have me reach Holly next Wednesday.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Wilkinson
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 15th February, 1898.

Appointment of Dr. Wilson
as Santa Fe Surgeon.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
Throop House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Krech:

Dr. Kaster of the Santa Fe Railroad was in
La Junta last night, and hearing that I was there, sent for
me. We had a very pleasant conversation which developed the
fact that Dr. Kaster had heartily approved to the general
manager Gen. Fitzgerald's request for the appointment of
Dr. Wilson as local surgeon at this place, and had been very
much surprised that the appointment was not made at his
request, all things considered. Dr. Kaster said that he
would take the matter up again verbally with Mr. Frey, and
see what could be done in the premises.

I write you this to have you explain to Gen.
Fitzgerald the Doctor's attitude in the premises, and his
desire to accede to the General's request.

Yours very truly,
Trip to Colorado.

Mr. A. W. Krach,

Throop House,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Krach:-

While you are in Topeka please get from Mr. Frey a privilege to use freight trains between Holly and La Junta during the time you expect to be in Colorado. This is quite important. Also bear in mind that trains No. 1, 2, 6 and 17 do not stop at Holly. No. 5 flags here, and No. 8 stops always. If you are liable to arrive at Holly on any of these trains, communicate from any Santa Fe depot with Mr. Charles Dyer, Pueblo, whom I am writing, telling him who you are, so that he will have any of the above named trains stop at Holly, which do not regularly stop here, at your request.

I have been putting off a trip to Denver for a very long while, and since you are going to be there Sunday, I shall be at the Brown Palace with you, and we can come down to the Valley together.

I notice that you say you want to go to the Reservoirs with me, but unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall invite Mr. Hawkins to be of the party, because I should not like to have you go out with me to show work for which he has labored so indefatigably, without giving him the
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A.W.K. #2.

pleasure of showing it and explaining it to you himself.
I know that you feel as I do in the matter, and I suppose that this was overlooked by you, which is my apology for making this slight change.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., Colo., 15th February, 1898.

Melon Growers’ Association
of Arkansas Valley.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
Throop House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Krech:

I had a very hard day at Rocky Ford yesterday, trying to amalgamate the different interests in the Melon Growers’ Associations that have heretofore existed at Rocky Ford, and that have been formed this year in the Valley. We succeeded in practically forming one large association for the entire Valley, and in getting the man who has contracted for the Rocky Ford cantaloupes this year to contract with all other associations for their output of cantaloupes, which are in flavor, package and all conditions, equal to the Rocky Ford product. This was a very much more favorable outcome than I had any reason to expect when I went to Rocky Ford.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., 15th February, 1898.

Great Plains Vouchers.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
Throop House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Krech:

Mr. Berdoe thinks it is necessary that the Great Plains Vouchers which are held by you in New York should be here when Mr. Wilkinson makes his examination. I understand that Wilkinson will be here right away. Please telegraph New York and have these vouchers come forward, and upon receipt of this letter, please wire me what disposition of the matter you have made.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., February 3rd, 1898.

Artesian Well.

Mr. A. W. Krech,

120 Broadway,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Krech:

Regarding the artesian well, I can have an artesian well driven for $1 per foot, we to furnish to tubing and casing, the well to be of six inch pipe. The pipe will cost us about $200. Judging from the wells in the other portions of the Valley, it is expected that we can get water from 230 to 250 feet, that is, a good flow.

The contractor proposes to drive the well 275 feet at $1 per foot, and of the money due him to take a five acre tract at $55 per acre, and allow $125 of the amount to go to the payment of the tract, and to pay the $150 that would then be due at five years time at six per cent interest, $30 per year, or in other words to drive the well 275 feet for a five acre tract, we to mortgage the five acre tract to the extent of $150 at 6 per cent, and supply him with the tubing. In this connection, I will say that as soon as an artesian well is decided on for Holly and I am authorized to go on with it, I will raise the price of business lots to $100 and the residence lots to $75.
Mr. Crowley, Senior, who was here a few days since, told me that the first artesian well that got flowing water in Rocky Ford, increased the value of land $10 per acre. He stated that the experience that Rocky Ford had had with artesian wells was such that he considered them the most valuable adjunct that our country could possibly have. Mr. Hawkins agrees with him.

Very truly,

[Signature]
Copy.

LAMAR, COLO.
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO.,
Feb. 3rd, 1898.

W. M. Wiley, Esq.
Holly, Colo.

Dear sir:

I write you in regard to the right of way of the Surface and Underflow Ditch to be procured by Mr. Koen. Mr. Koen has secured all the Rights of Way except across the following tracts, S.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4 18-23-41, N.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4 14-23-42, S.W. 1/4 11-23-42, and N. 1/2 S.W. 1/4 32-22-43.

These tracts are owned by new residents and the Rights of Way cannot be procured from them, as I have tried it myself for Mr. Koen. In six years from the time the Canal was constructed across these tracts, any action for damages will be barred by the Statute of Limitations. About one half of that period has elapsed, and Mr. Koen desires to give a good and sufficient bond to protect the Company against damages, and draw the $500 that is withheld on account of failure to procure rights of way over these tracts. He states that he has to pay the Company a large amount of water assessments and would like to use the money for that purpose. I have written you at his request. In my judgment if he gave the Company a good bond it would protect them.

Yours truly,

C. C. Goodale.
Arkansas Valley Products.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Krech:—

I have sent Mr. Searles a sample of alfalfa honey, and in thanking me for it, he says it is the handsomest honey he thinks he has ever seen.

I am very anxious to make a market in New York for those products in the Arkansas Valley which are superior to any others. I wish you would have the steward of the Cafe Savarin and the Lawyers' Club try a sample case of this honey in both the Cafe and the Club.

It would also be a good idea if you had any person who could visit such houses as Acker-Merrill & Condit and grocery houses of this character, and see if we could not start with them the sale of honey.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Wiley,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 24th February, 1898.

Sale of Land &
Raise in Price.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Krech:

On my return from Denver yesterday, Mr. Duncan informed that he had sold six eighty acre tracts during my absence, to people who had been around the country, looking it up or who had dropped in without coming in with any of Mr. Mohl's regular excursions. I cannot succeed in pinning him down to the fact that any one of these men had opened negotiations since the raising of the price.

I received a telegram from Mr. Mohl yesterday, saying that he would arrive in Lamar this morning with a party of fourteen landseekers. These facts I telegraphed you yesterday. Then this morning Mr. Mohl telephones me from Lamar that instead of fourteen men, his party consists of seventeen. The probability is that he will sell every one of them, because my experience has been that no man with any idea of purchasing would visit this enterprise without buying.

I give you this information so that you may see that the urgency with which I have heretofore borne on the necessity of raising the price was not done too early, and to give
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you the necessary data to take any steps which may seem wise to you at this time.

Yours very truly,
February 28th, 1898

Mr. Trench Esq.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

We have today drawn on you thru First National Bank
Denver, Colo., for $1,500.00 to provide for and secure
wherein to make future payments on Delmay account.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

The Amity Land & Irrigation Co.
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 24th February, 1898.

Reservoir Information.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I have carefully noted your favor of the 22nd.

If you will let me know the name of the U. S. Government publication referring to the India Reservoirs, I will send to Washington and get it providing there is any trouble in getting it from Mr. Soderholm. I note that you will be good enough to write to your English office.

Very truly,
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., 23rd February, 1892.

Train Service.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Some passengers from the East take No. 17 for Holly and others take No. 1 for Holly. If you will note in my request to you, I did not ask that No. 1 or No. 17 should stop for passengers to be taken on at Holly, but should stop to put off passengers which had gotten on east of Dodge City. No. 5, as I have written you before, answers the purpose for traveling West from East to La Junta and Denver as well as either No. 1 or No. 17 would do. Either No. 1 or No. 17 should stop at Holly on the flag to take passengers west or south of La Junta. No. 5 does not go in that direction, but goes north to Denver. No. 8, which stops at Holly, has no sleepers and offers no conveniences to the traveling public going east of Dodge City.

I want No. 2 to stop here to take on passengers for points east of Dodge City, where sleepers would be necessary, and to put off passengers from points west and south of La Junta, from which direction No. 8 does not come.

I feel that in making these requests, we are not making a serious demand of the Railroad Company at all. There must be means for the people outside of a few...
miles of this town to get into it, and also to get out of it with some of the ordinary comforts of traveling.

I don't want to be continually nagging after Mr. Frey or after the Railroad Company. I am going to wait until Mr. Morton or Mr. Davis visit us, which I expect to be in the next few weeks, and if something is not done then, I am going to make a howl that will probably be heard as far as Topeka. While I was in Denver yesterday, the newspapers were wild to take this matter up in the editorial columns, and I feel very certain that the newspapers of Pueblo will do the same thing.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 23rd February, 1898.

Canal Assessments,
Sayers & Insurance.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We received the water assessments for the Buffalo and Amity Canals. I note that you will send us additions up to the first of March.

We will send you the land upon which Sayers' water is to be applied.

The house referred to as the Yagla house, and also as the house built for Coolidge, means the same house and is located on the N.W. N.W. 19-22-43. $300, is, in my judgment, enough insurance to carry on this property.

I had the "Grippe" for a few days, but am better today.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 22nd February, 1898.

Great Plains Paper.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Please have the letter heads printed with the words "The Great Plains Water Storage Company" in a bow line, as indicated on the sheet enclosed herewith.

The drafts should be of heavier paper, but they need not be rejected on that account. The main trouble is that the Great Plains Storage drafts are printed on white paper, whereas they should be printed on blue. Therefore in the case of the Great Plains drafts, have them reprinted on blue paper of a heavier quality than the book sent.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. 23rd February, 1898.

Victor Haven's Cancellation.
Hansen, Mathews, Korseman, & Seeman.
Cancellation N. 1/2 N.E. 13-22-43, & desert claims.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

On receipt of your favor of Feb. 18th, the V. Haven, enclosed notice of cancellation was sent to him by hand.

Regarding the P. K. Hansen matter, this can probably wait until Mr. Graves' return; we will try and have it do so.

I note what you say in regard to Mathews' contract.
We have carefully noted your favor of the 19th.
We will in future notify you as to whether lots are sold for residence or business purposes.

We note what you say regarding the binding money of John Seeman, and also the cancellation of N. 1/2 N.E. 13-22-43.
I note that it is the rule of your office not to negotiate for desert claims until the patent is issued.
I also note your remarks in regard to Louis Korseman.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO., 23rd February, 1898.

Henry Stecher application.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:


Mr. Stecher desires that these applications be made out as two separate contracts.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. 23rd February, 1898.

Lands.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Have you the papers in regard to the S.W. 15-22-46,

the N.W. 15-22-46, and the N.E. 5-22-46?

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., Colo., 23rd February, 1898.

Mrs. Slaymaker.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chamber of Commerce,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Slaymaker has just called on me to explain that she cannot get along very well without the $80 in cash which was received for commission and applied on her land.

I will therefore be obliged if you will either send this $80 to her, or authorize me to pay it to her.

Very truly,
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., 25th February, 1898.

Lamar Sparks Write-up.

Close Bros. & Co.;
Chamber of Commerce,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I have been feeling so badly lately that it has been almost impossible to do this work. I have not been exactly in bed, but the "Grippe" has put my head in such a condition that the wheels in it simply refuse to work. However, I have the work nearly completed, and I hope and believe that I will get it finished today.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., February 25th, 1898.

Contracts Mickey, White & Hopkins.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I have the lot contracts for R. L. Mickey, B. F. White and Louisa Hopkins.

Very truly,
B. F. White,  HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO.  24th February, 1898.

J. P. Sayers' Note.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We received a note from J. P. Sayers for One
Hundred Dollars ($100.00), which closes up the amount due
on his contract.

Replying to your favor of Feb. 17th, we have received
the $10 from B. F. White, payable upon delivery of his
contract.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 24th February, 1898.

S.F. 6-22-45.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I enclose you abstract of title on S.F. 6-22-45, together with two old water rights, for $1500.

Very truly,
Levig Lease, HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 24th February, 1898.

Irvine Leases & Returned Field Notes.


Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find lease signed in triplicate by H. Y. Irvine for the N.E. 1/4 of 9 and Sec. 3, 23-41. Also Lease from W. N. Coler to C. G. Levig, for the W. 1/2 N.W. 16-22-43.

We also enclose field notes on the N. 1/2 N.W. 32-22-43, the N. 1/2 S.E. 34-22-43, the N.W. 18-22-43, and the S.E. 22-22-44.

Very truly,
A149NY MN. G. ----o---- 12 Paid - 205--

Lamar Colo Feb 11 98

A W Kreich,

130 Bway N.Y. -

Water entered reservoirs Feb tenth (10) at (10) ten am

Wiley .-
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WILLIAM H. BAKER,
V. P. and Gen'l Manager.

JOHN O. STEVENS,
Secretary.

ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
President.
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A. W. Krech,

120 Bady N.Y.

Mohl reports fourteen land seekers with him today.

Wiley.
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V. P. and Gen'l Manager.  Secretary.  President.
Holy, Colo., Feb. 23-'98.

Mr. A. W. Krech, 120 Broadway, New York.

Four hundred and eight acres of land sold since Saturday at old price Mehl is due tomorrow with a party and will probably make a number more sales.

W. M. Wiley. 7:17 P.
POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY.

This Company transmits and delivers the within message subject to the following

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Secretary.

ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
President.
Visit to Holly.

Mr. A. W. Krech,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Krech:

I note yours of February 8th, and that you expect to be here on the 21st, and will take up matters which are pending between us at that time.

Yours very truly,

We are very much annoyed by Colton's being delayed to Montana.

The Deane should be at work now if we can get him. Please telegraph me your orders today.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO.  12th February, 1898.

Amity Envelopes.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Please send us just as soon as you can some Amity envelopes. We have just a few of these left, and were under the impression that some were sent with the Great Plains paper.

Very truly,
G.P. Letter Heads. HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. 12th February, 1898.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

In regard to The Great Plains Water Storage Company's letter heads, proof of which I return herewith, please take out the word "Reservoirs" where it is now printed and put it above the reading matter at the left as indicated, in full faced type, so that the full face of this type will make a distinction between that and the light faced type under it. I notice that the line "The Great Plains Water Storage Company" with the other matter makes the heading look very stiff. If you think well of this matter you might have this line curved so as to relieve the stiffness, otherwise it is correct.

Very truly,
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., 12th February, 1898.

A. Dober Sale.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favor of the 8th, I have had no conversation with Mr. McMurtry in regard to his waiving his commission on this sale, and I don't know just how he would feel. I wanted to be sure that I understood just what you wanted me to do in the premises, before I took the matter up. If the disclaimer of commission on this sale is all, please let me know, and I will take the matter up and do the best I can in the premises.

Please put the words "The Arkansas River" on the back of the book showing discharge of the water, etc.

Very truly,
THE GREAT PLAINS WATER STORAGE CO.

HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 12th February, 1898.

Reservoir Map &

Ft. Lyon Canal.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I am sending you under separate cover today a large map showing the contour lines of the Reservoirs.

The enlargement of the Fort Lyon Canal has been completed, and water entered the Reservoirs February 10th, at 10 A.M. We expect the Reservoirs to be completed in May or June.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 12th February, 1898.

Pass for Melin Wiley.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

My son, Master J. Melin Wiley, derived so much pleasure and benefit from his visit to Colorado last summer, that he has been counting the days up to his next vacation.

I should be very much obliged to you indeed, if you would get him another pass from Chicago to Denver as you did last year, so that when school is out, he may come out on another visit.

Should you find any trouble in securing one from Mr. White, I think Mr. Davis or Mr. Morton either would grant it.

Very truly yours,
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., February 9th, 1898.

Contract John Bragg.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find contract # 3197, of John Bragg, upon which the money has been paid.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 19th February, 1898.

S. 1/2 S. 1/2 1-23-43.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I enclose you herewith field notes on the S. 1/2 S. 1/2 1-23-43, together with list of improvements on the land. This list is a very conservative one. Subject to your approval I have offered $925 for this piece of land. The land is to be sold and so is a water right from the Buffalo Ditch, and S. W. Perkins is trying to buy it with the view of cutting it up into five acre tracts, and as I think it is a good purchase at this price, the easiest way out of it is to buy it ourselves. Please report at your earliest convenience.

Very truly,
HOLLY, Prowers Co., Colo., 19th February, 1898.

Train Service.

Close Bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I think that some results on this subject will be accomplished when I see Mr. Davis.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 19th February, 1899.

J. B. Kastor.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

J. B. Kastor wishes to rent 160 acres of land near the Cheyenne Creek Crossing of the Amity Canal. He agrees to move his buildings onto it and to fence it, and each year to put 40 acres in alfalfa. He gives us one third of the second year's crop, and half of the third year's crop. He wishes us to agree to let him occupy the land for that length of time, four years, without selling it, and the end of four years to give him the option of buying it at the price for which we will be ready to sell it at that time.

I heartily approve of this lease and will be glad to hear from you.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO.,  19th February, 1896.

Advance in Price of Land.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I have your favor of the 17th, notifying an advance to $25 per acre.

Very truly,
THE AMITY LAND AND IRRIGATION CO.

HOLLY, PROWSERS CO., COLO., 16th February, 1898.

N.W. 25-21-46,
less 20 acres.

Close pros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I enclose you abstract, recorded deed, and tax receipt for '97.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 16th February, 1898.

S.E. 25-21-46,
less 20 acres.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

If we are not going to make this purchase,
Mr. Goodale wants to have these papers back at the earliest possible date. He has written me a very urgent letter in regard to the matter.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO., 16th February, 1899.

Buffalo Report.

Close bros. & Co.,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We enclose you herewith the superintendent's report

on the Buffalo Ditch for month of January.

Very truly,
HOLLY, PROWERS CO., COLO. 16th February, 1898.

Padley's Contract.

Close Bros. & Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

We enclose you herewith contract of Walter N. Padley for S.W. N.E., all north of R.R. track in N.W. S.E., Sec. 13-23-42.

Very truly,