

Harry S. Truman
Independence, Mo.

Lyons, Kans.
Tuesday, Aug. 30, '17

Dear Bess:-

Yesterday as I was driving
along west of Olathe I picked
up the nicest looking fellow
thinking he belonged somewhere
around west of town and that
I could put him down at home.
He told me he owned a cleaning
shop in Doyce, Texas and that
he had been making as high as
\$180⁰⁰ a day running it, but that
the Governor of Texas had ruined
his business by sending rangers
in there and chasing all the girls
and gamblers out of town. Claimed
he was trying to sell his cleaning

machinery. Told me his name which
I promptly forgot and asked me
mine. I handed him my card
and he looked at the Judge on
it and said "well I wish I'd
been in your court in Kyo-
terday I'd have had you send me
to St Joe." I began to wonder
what I had done and he said
he was a dope friend and that
he had been since the war, got
the latit in the army and that
he was either going to quit or
die in the attempt. When I went
north to Topeka he got out and
went south said if he went to
a big town some uplifter would
try to sell him dope or hire him
to not a touch. I told him

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if he'd come into court Monday
I'd send him to St. Joe for the case.
I think he was honestly trying
to quit.

I saw the big airplane that
those two fellows who killed
in at Council Grove. It was
some work. They were actually
diving a hundred miles an
hour when they hit. A little too
fast. The whole work ought to be
exhibited for the benefit of the
reckless divers club.

Thompson couldn't go after I
got here and the Mayor of Coun-
cil Grove came with me. His name
is Young. He owns nine farms,
fifty or twenty business buildings.

in Council Grove, a winter home
in Florida and spends his time
building and running the finest
tourist camp in the Country at
Council Grove. Just worries his
head off if some body at Dodge
City or Lyons or some other place
on the Old Trails route, a tourist
around some way to miss his
town. You'd think his life and head
and butter depended on how
many groceries he sold in his
camp and how many paid cus-
tomers he had in his park. He's
making about \$5000 a month off it.
Told me he had to ship 4 car loads
of corn out of his granary to make
room for the new crop on just one
of the nine farms. He's a very

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nice pleasant fellow and has invited you and me and Miss Margie to come down and stay a couple of days at his camp free. He has a slide, many gorilla, monkeys and a dozen other things to entertain touring sets. His park is an elaborate affair.

We found the roads fine I drove from Topeka to Council Grove in two hours and then waited around for the young to get ready until 3 o'clock then drove to Kingston and stayed an hour with Thompson and got here at seven o'clock. It is 68 miles from Topeka to Council Grove and 125 to here so you see the

roads weren't very bad.

I hope you and your daughter
feel fine and that you are having
as hot weather as we are. Have
it need any rest or coat either
today.

Kiss the baby and tell her
to kiss you for me.

Love to both

Harry.