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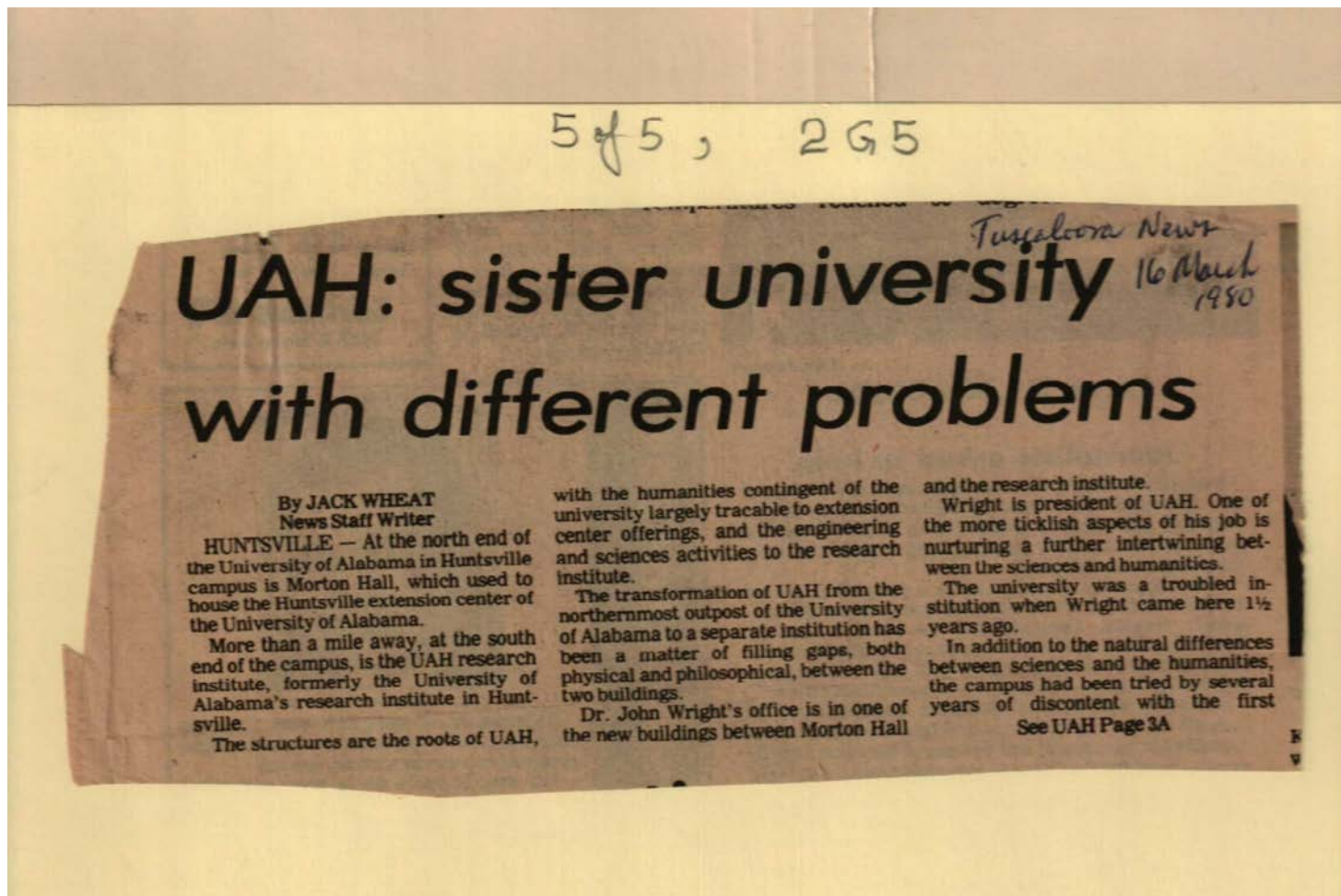
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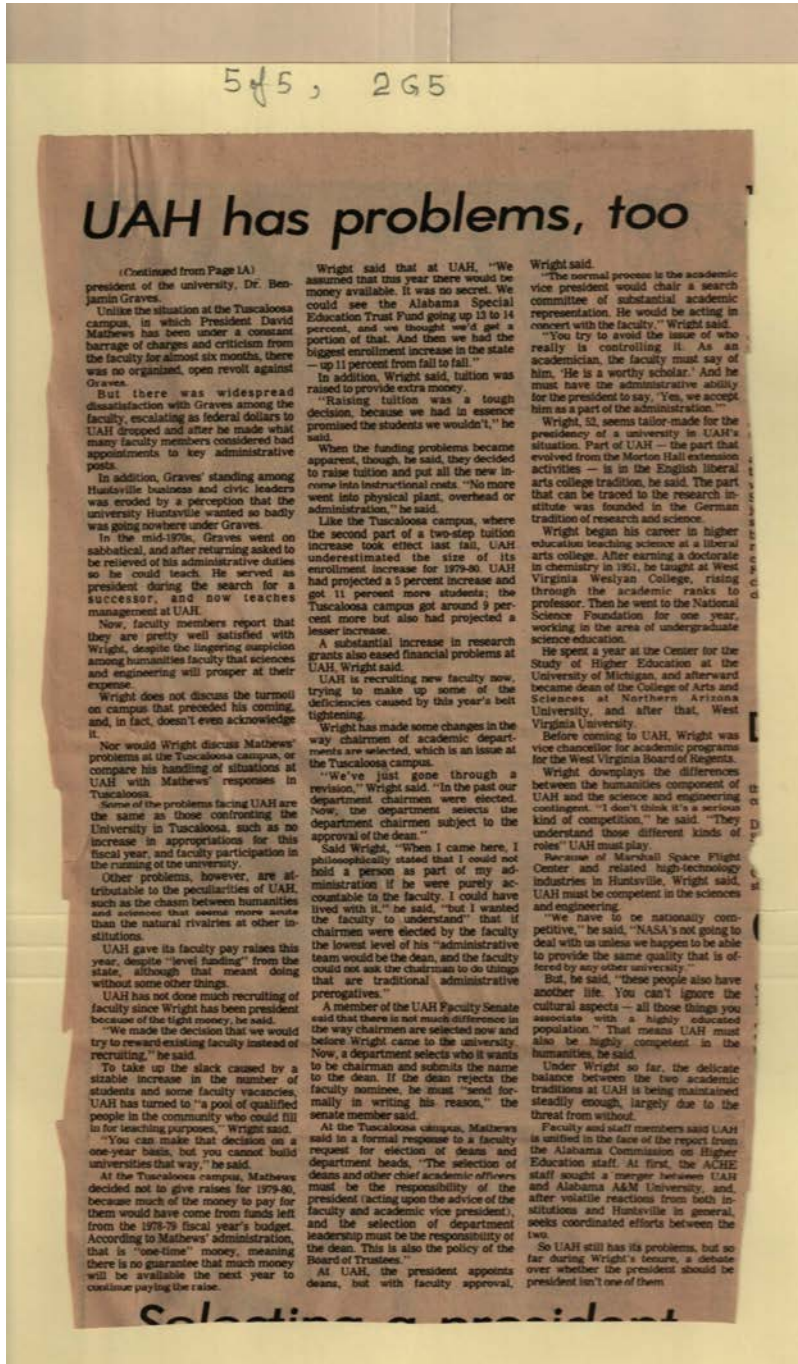
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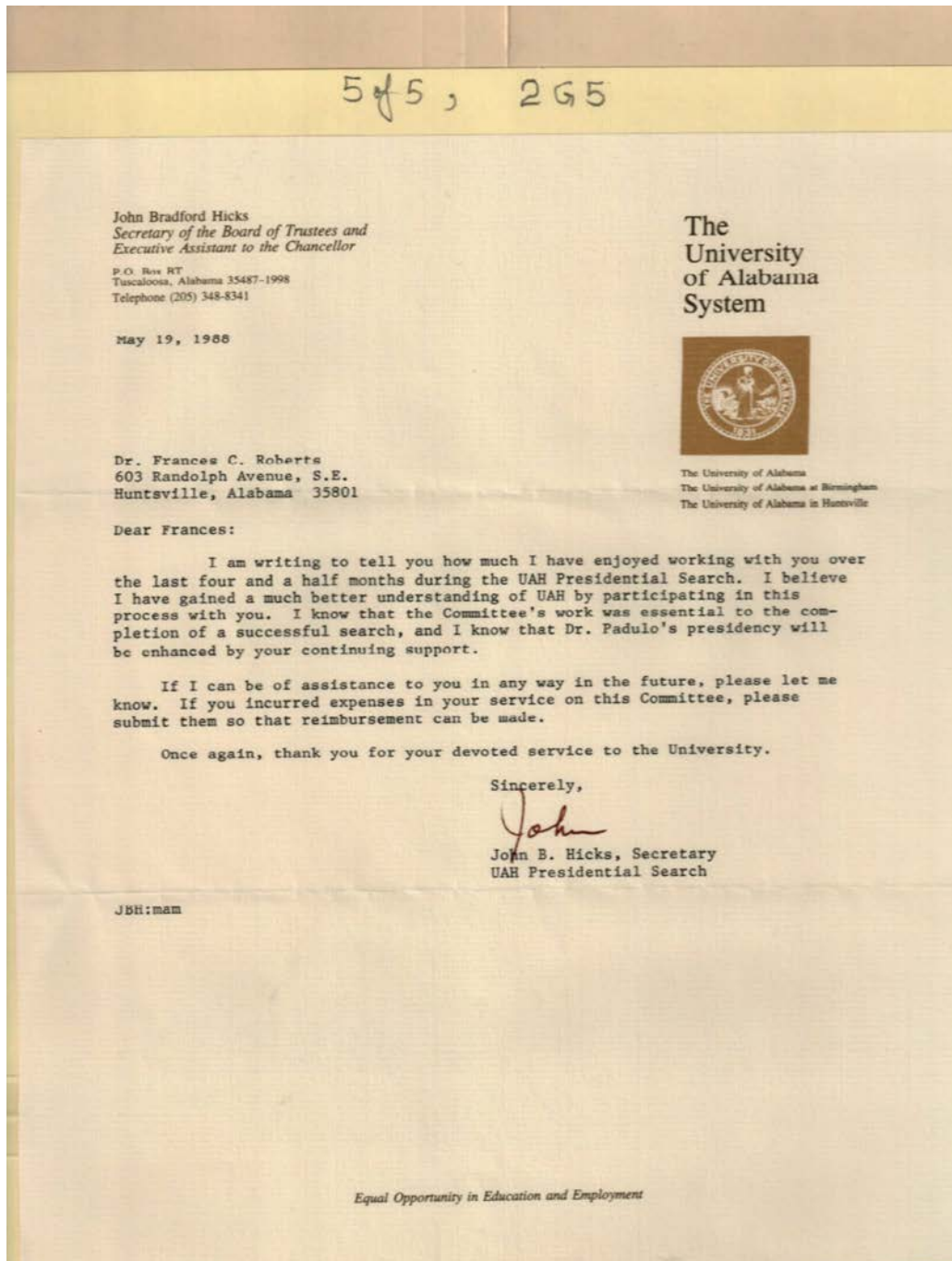
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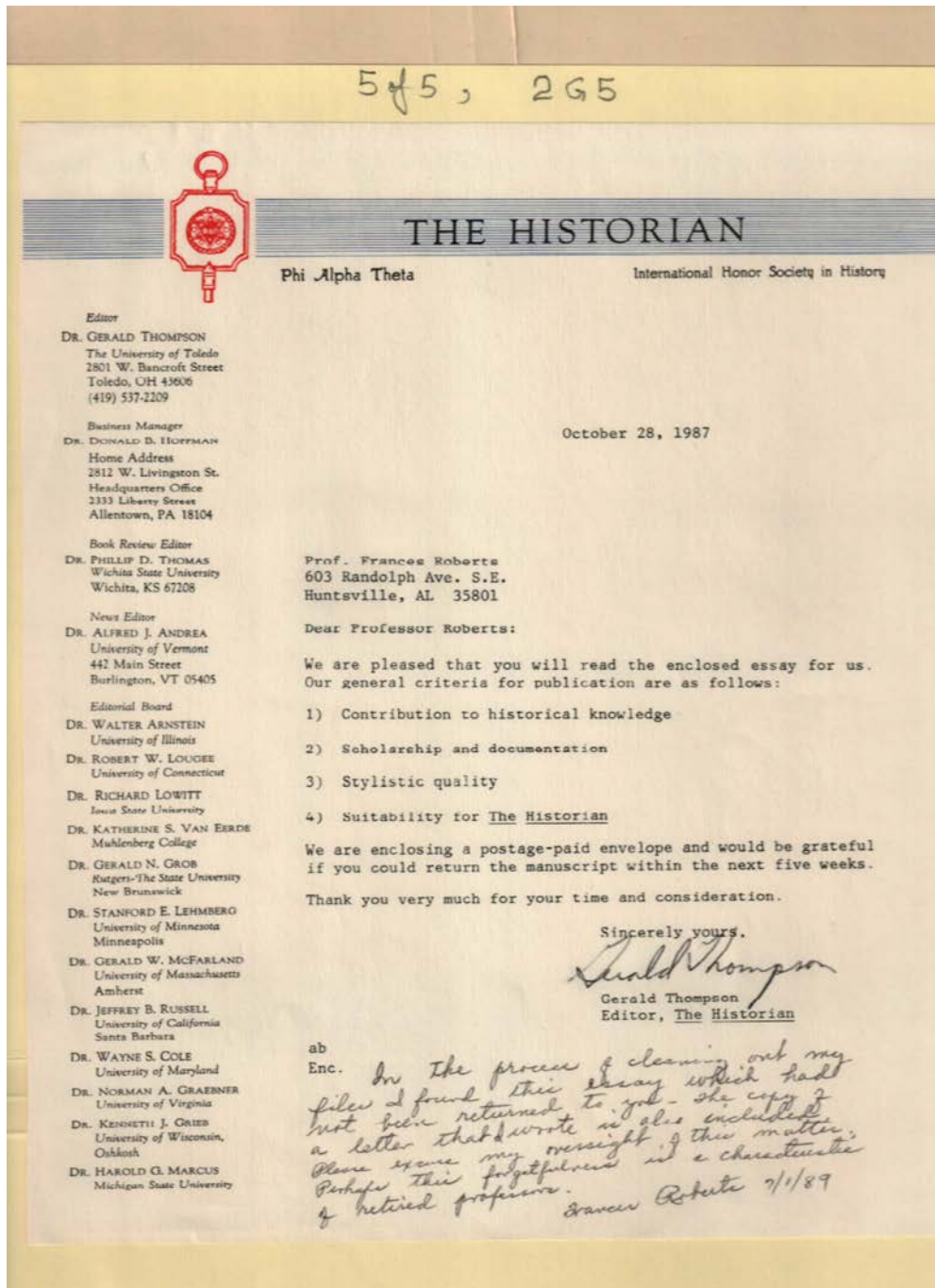
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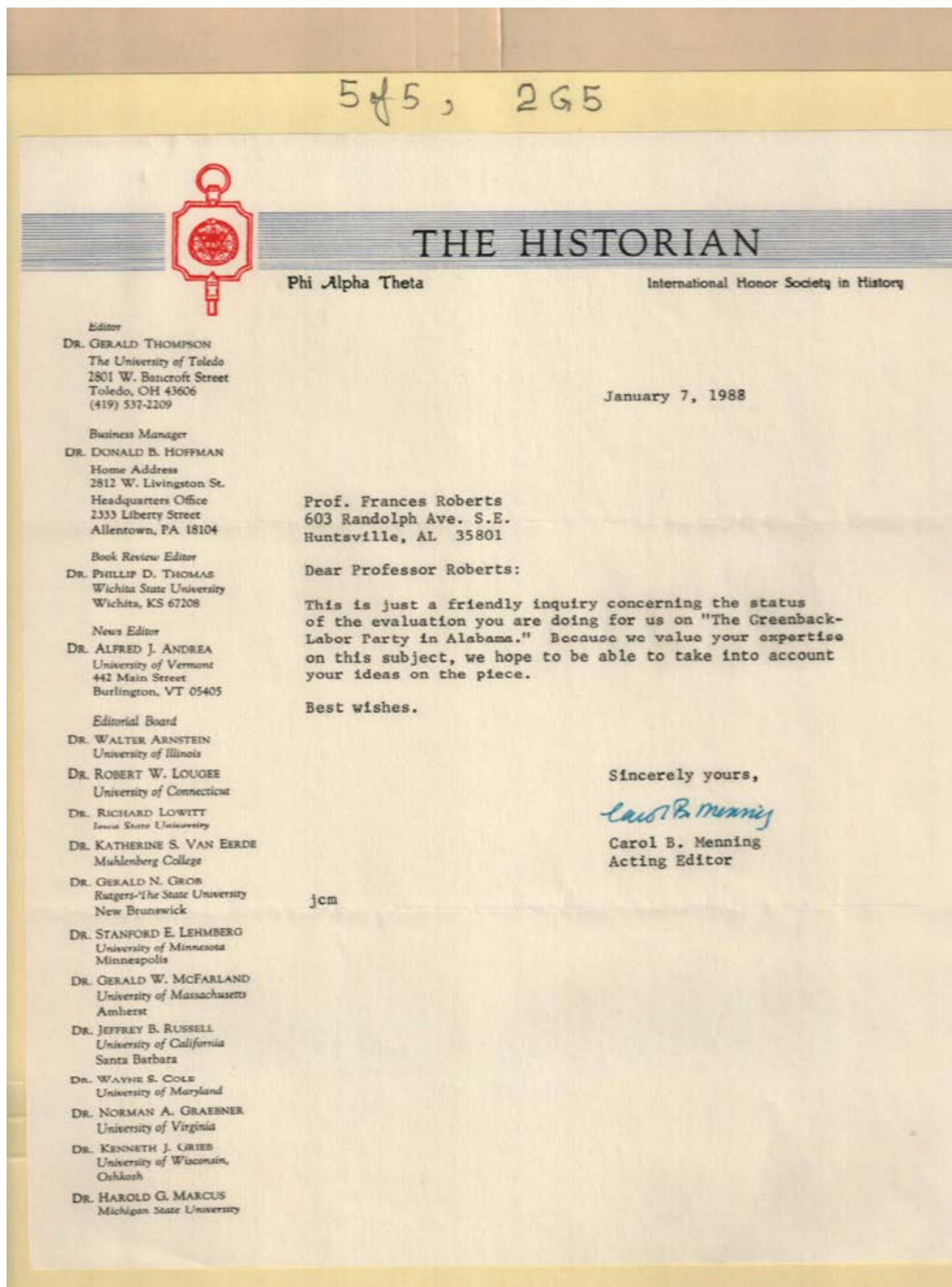
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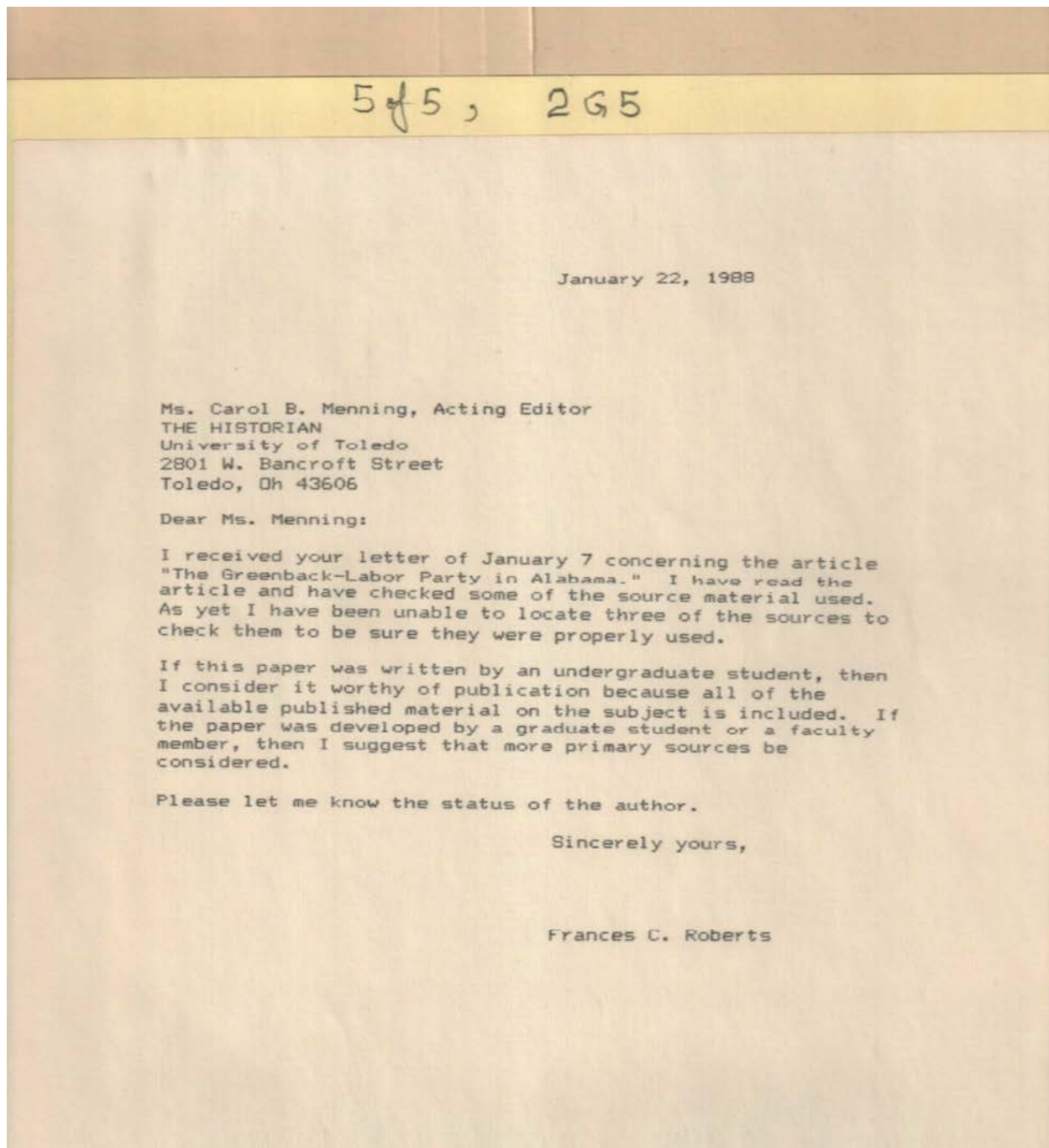
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THE GREENBACK-LABOR PARTY IN ALABAMA

It was officially known as the "Independent-Greenback-Labor Party" of Alabama, although Bourbon Democrats gleefully labeled it the "Independent-Greenback-Labor-Socialist-Radical-Sorehead Party."¹ Later, the epithet was shortened to simply the "hyphenated crowd."² Those hyphens eventually destroyed the Greenback movement before it reached maturity, but the Greenback-Labor Party in Alabama functioned as the spokesman for the poor yeomen farmers and industrial workers in north Alabama, who were opposed to the detrimental effects of Bourbon economic policies.

The economic status of Southerners plummeted in the post-war years and poverty became a way of life in much of Dixie.³ Agricultural prices declined steadily throughout the Reconstruction period, as did the values of land, farm appurtenances and impliments, and livestock.⁴ Small farmers seeking credit found themselves caught in a vice. Since Alabama had few banks and virtually no capital, credit was ordinarily obtained by mortgaging land and personal property. Under the crop lien system, local merchants supplied farmers with seed and tools at the beginning of planting season and were paid off with a percentage of the harvest, taken from the top.⁵ Merchants

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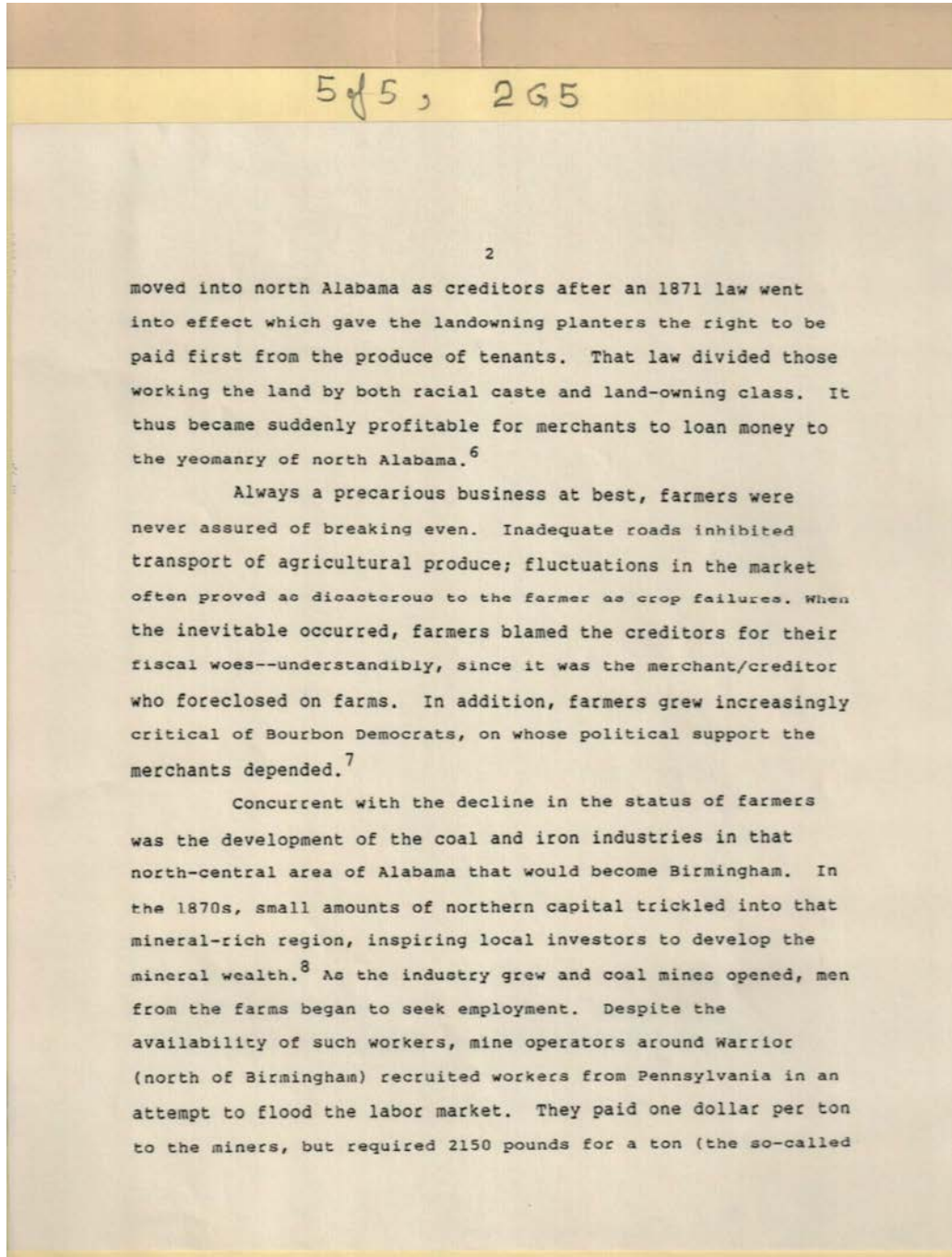
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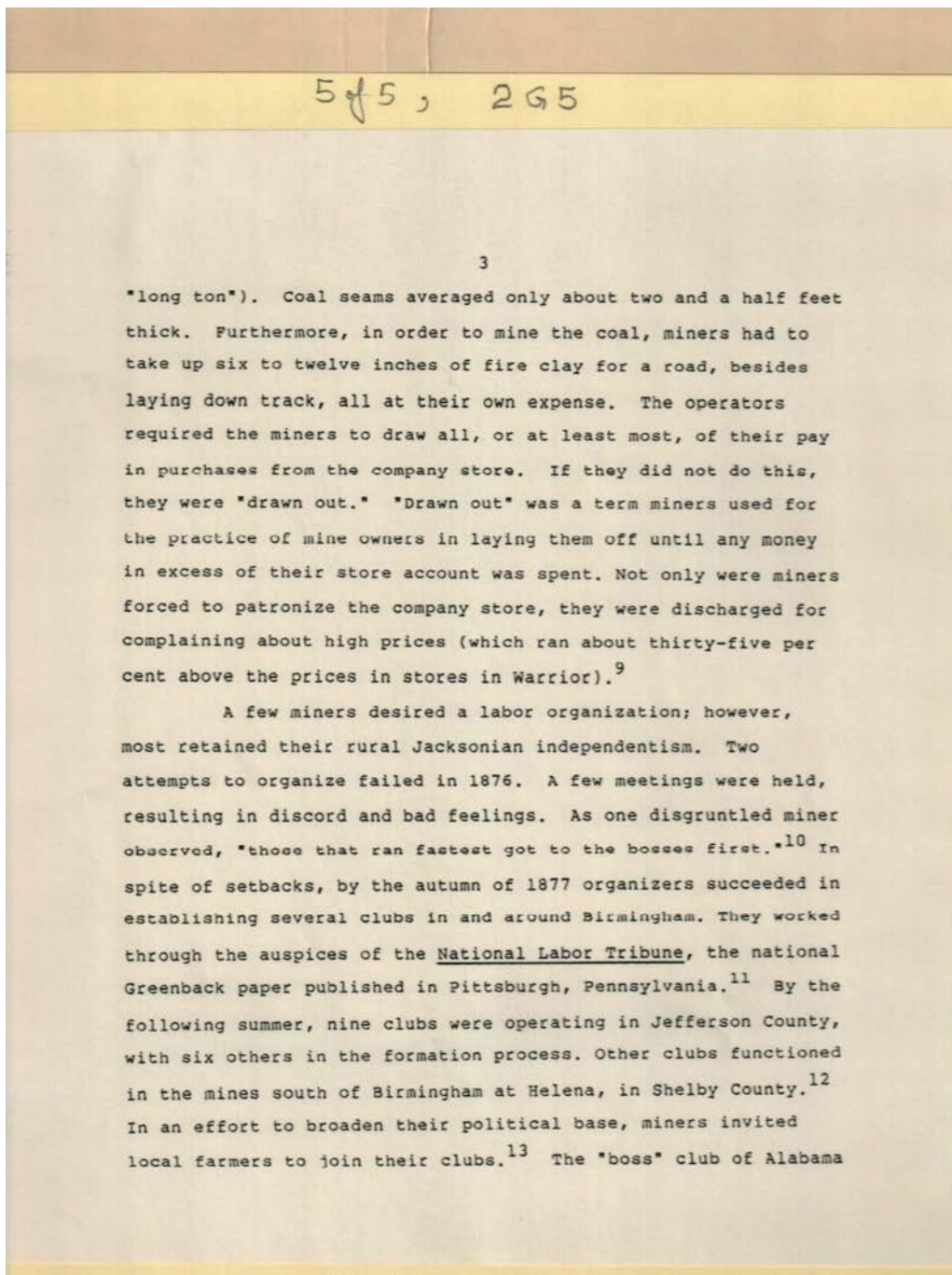
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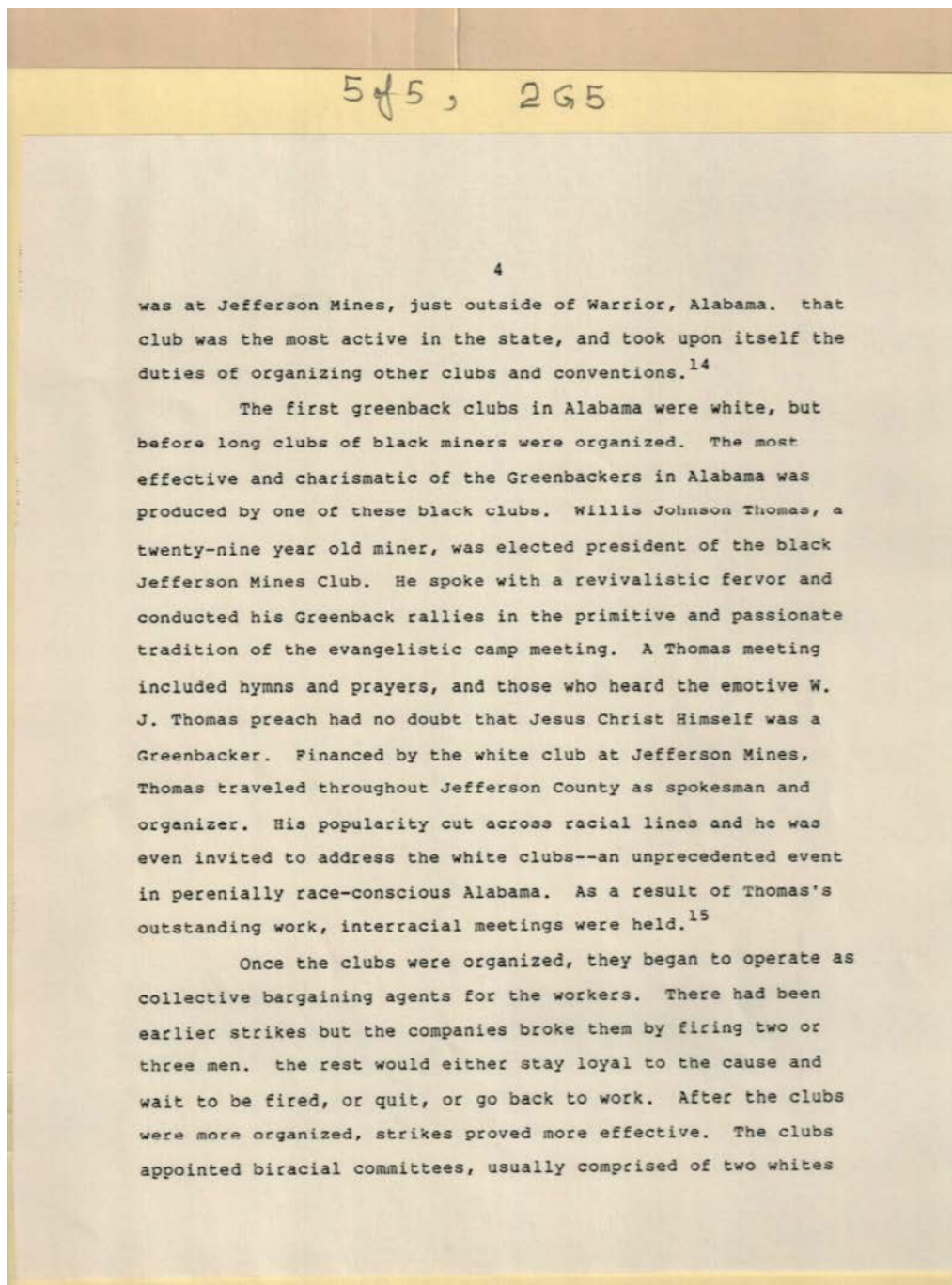
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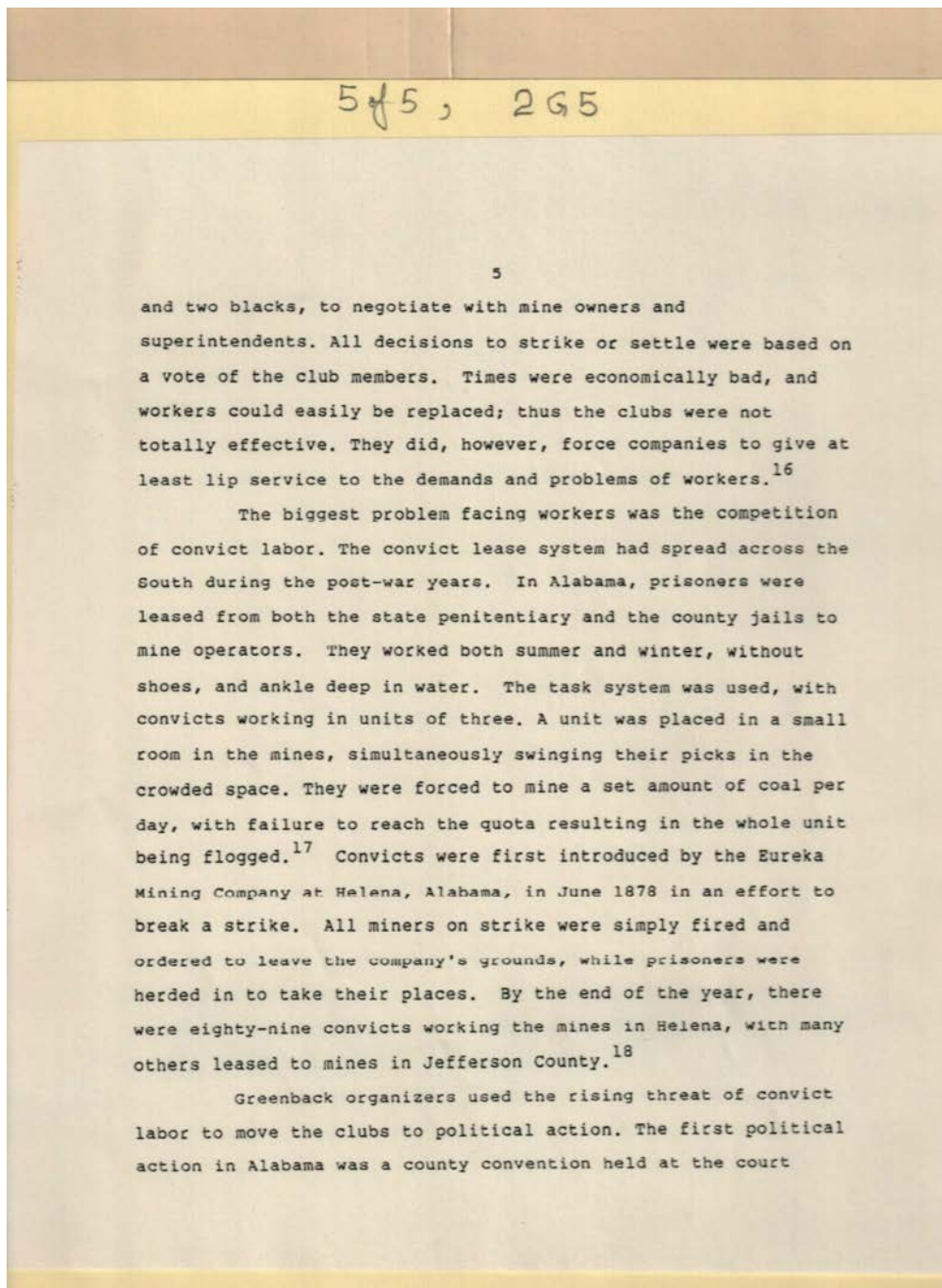
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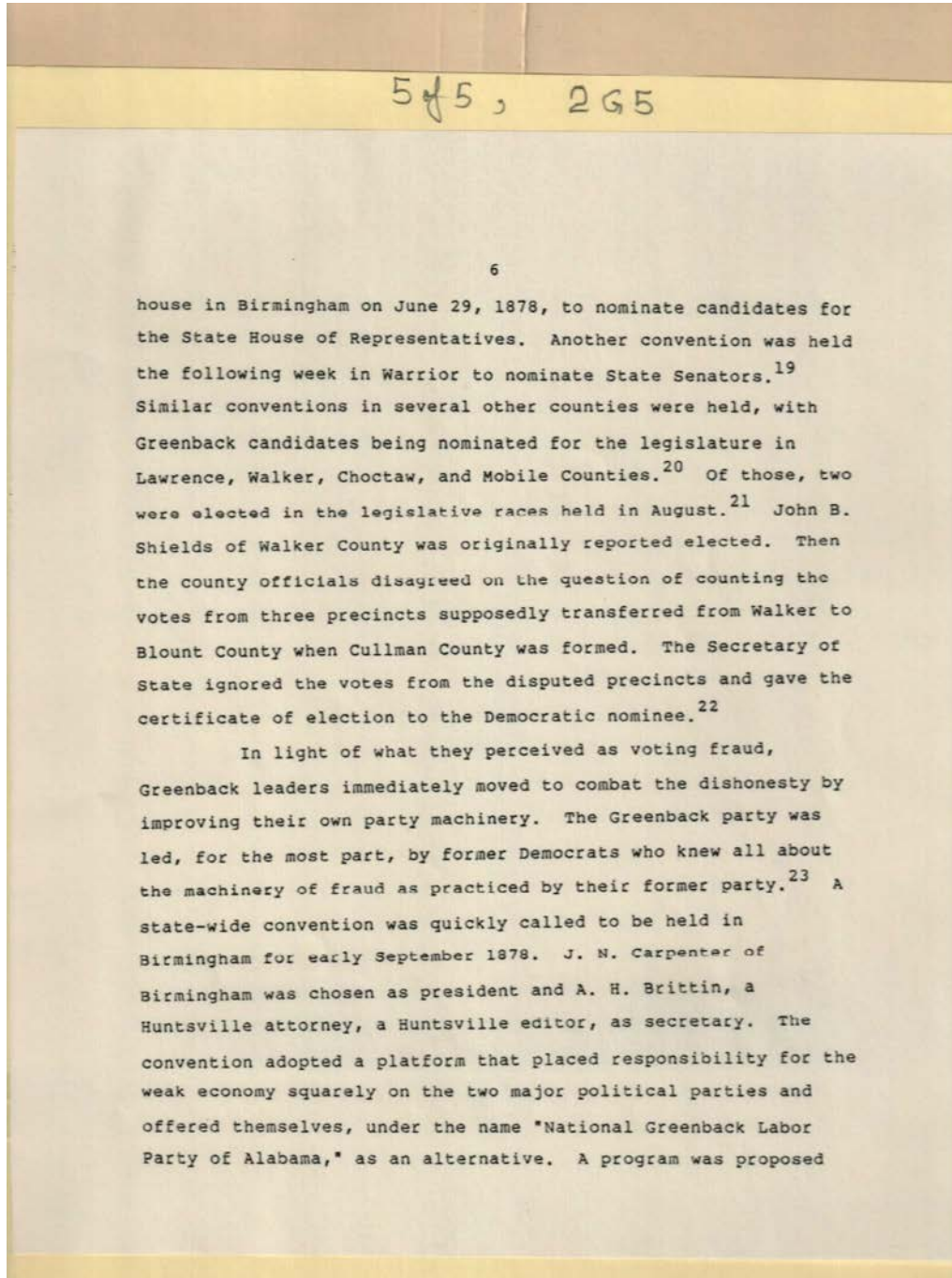
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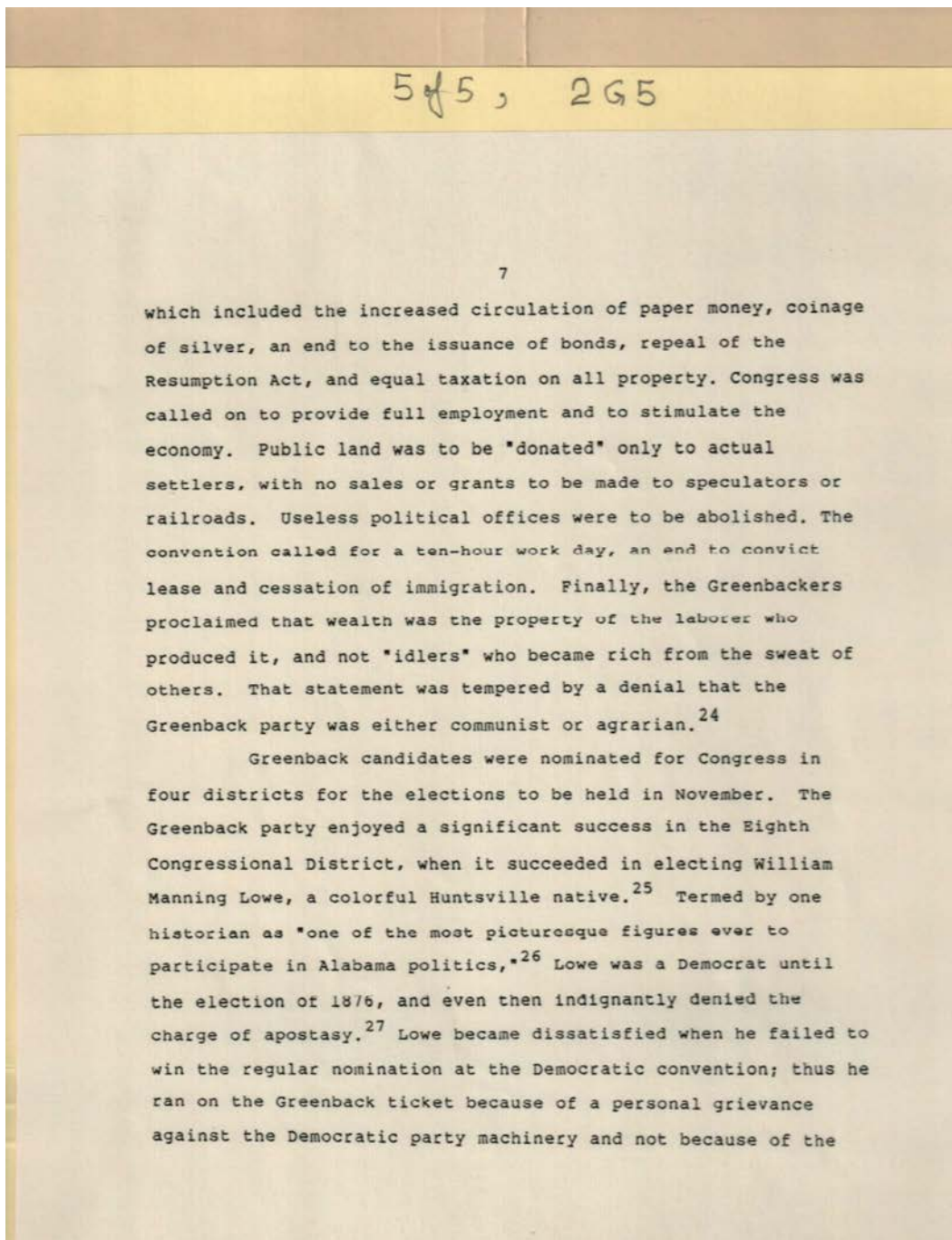
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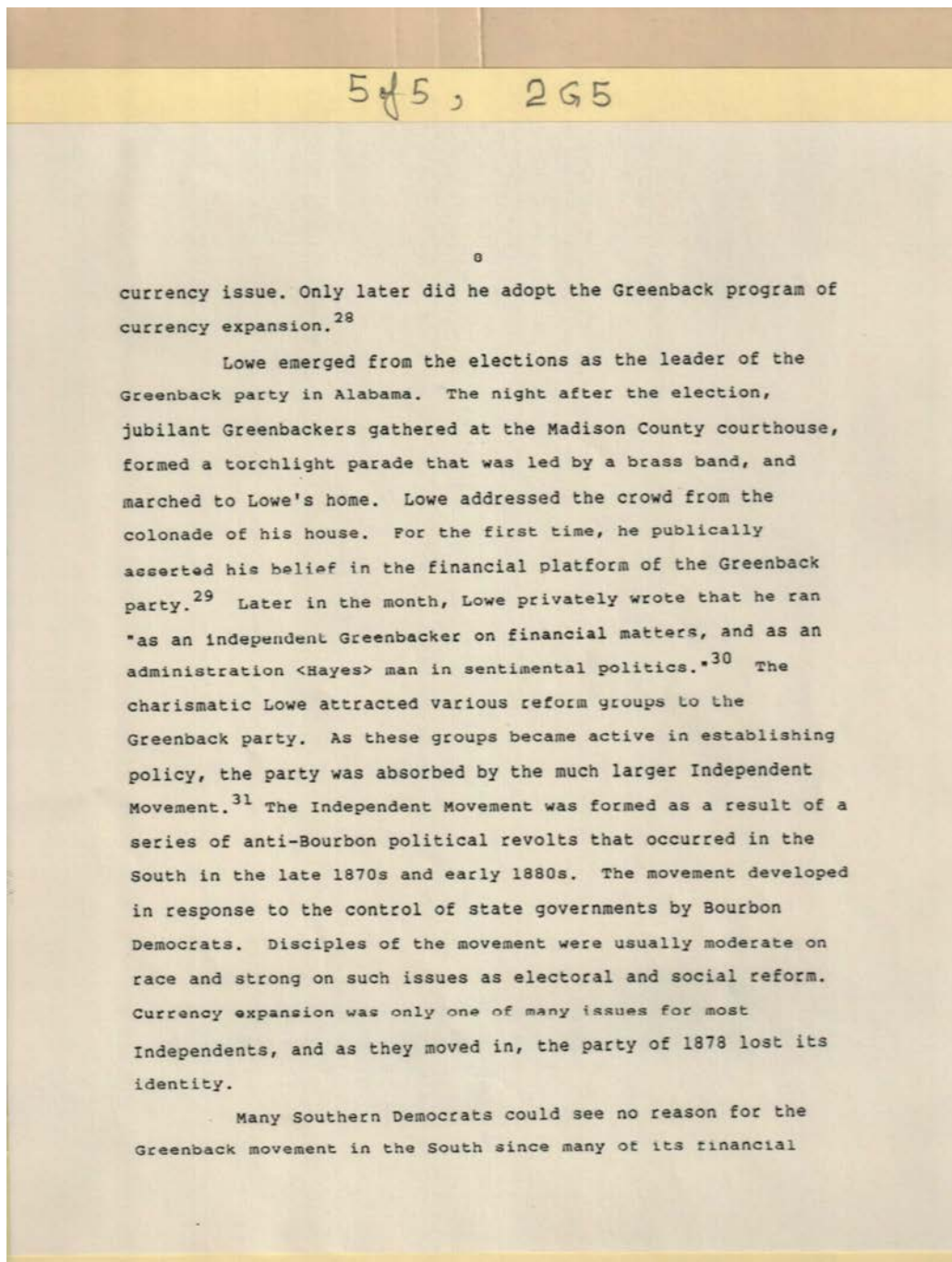
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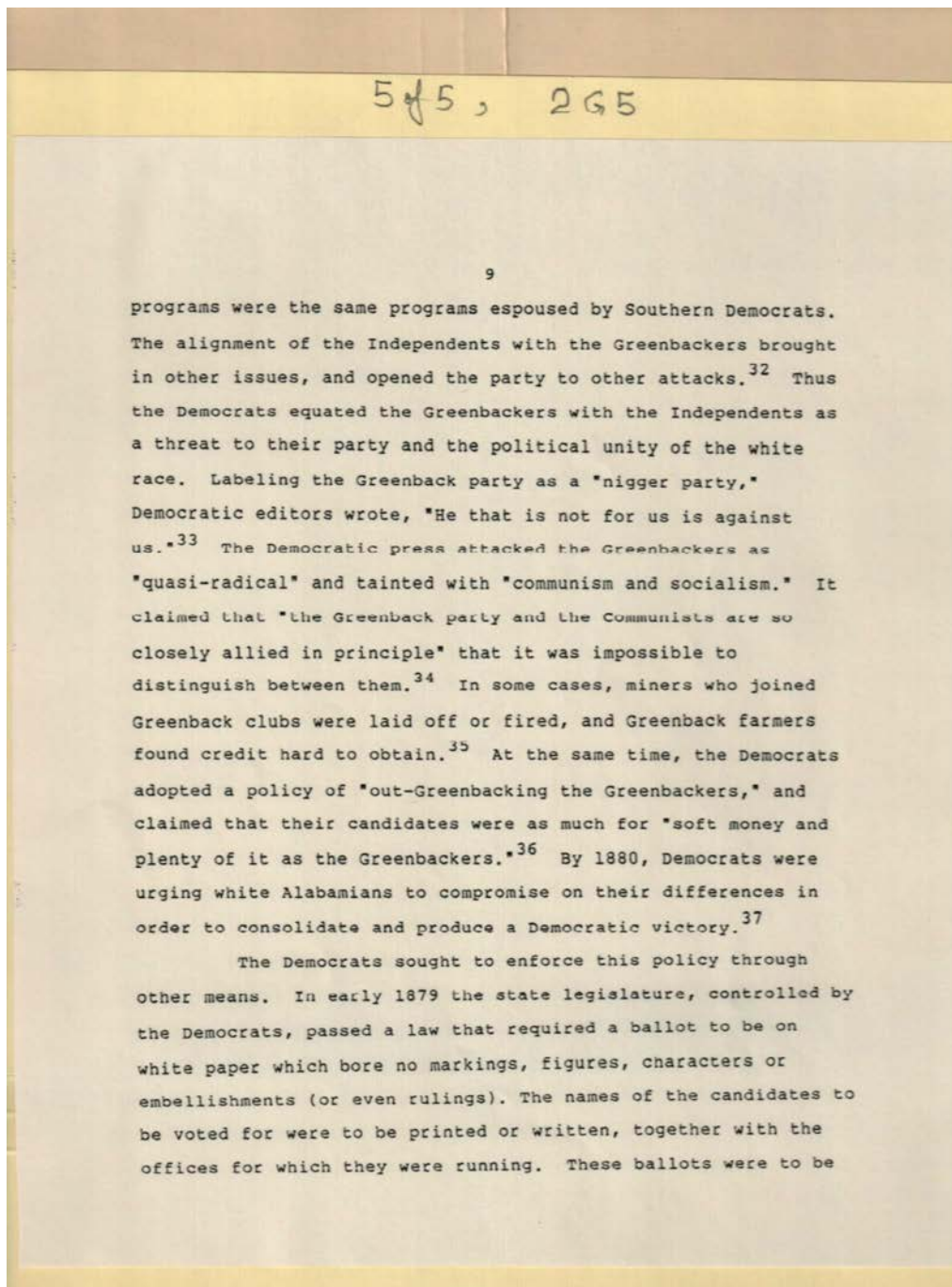
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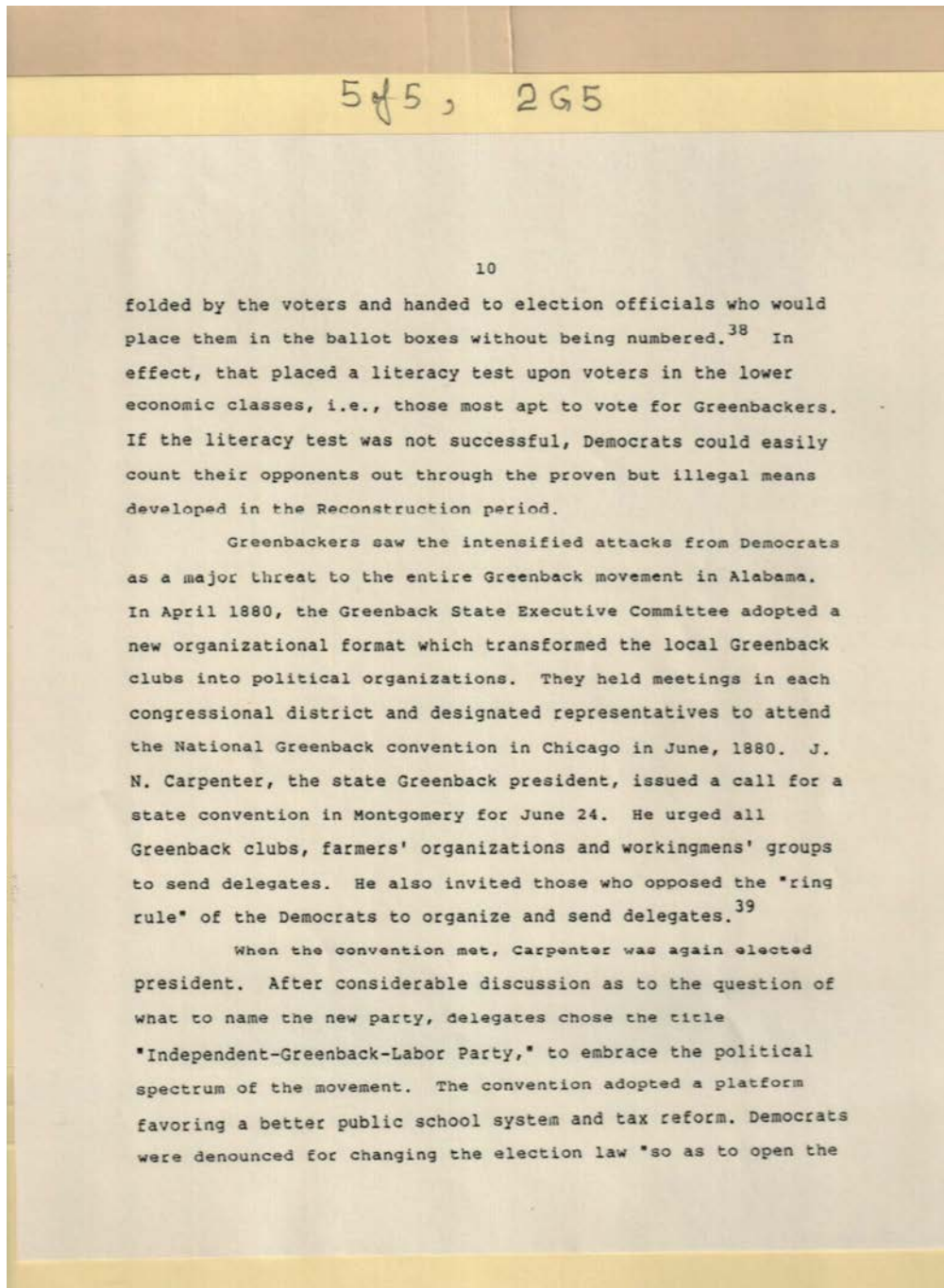
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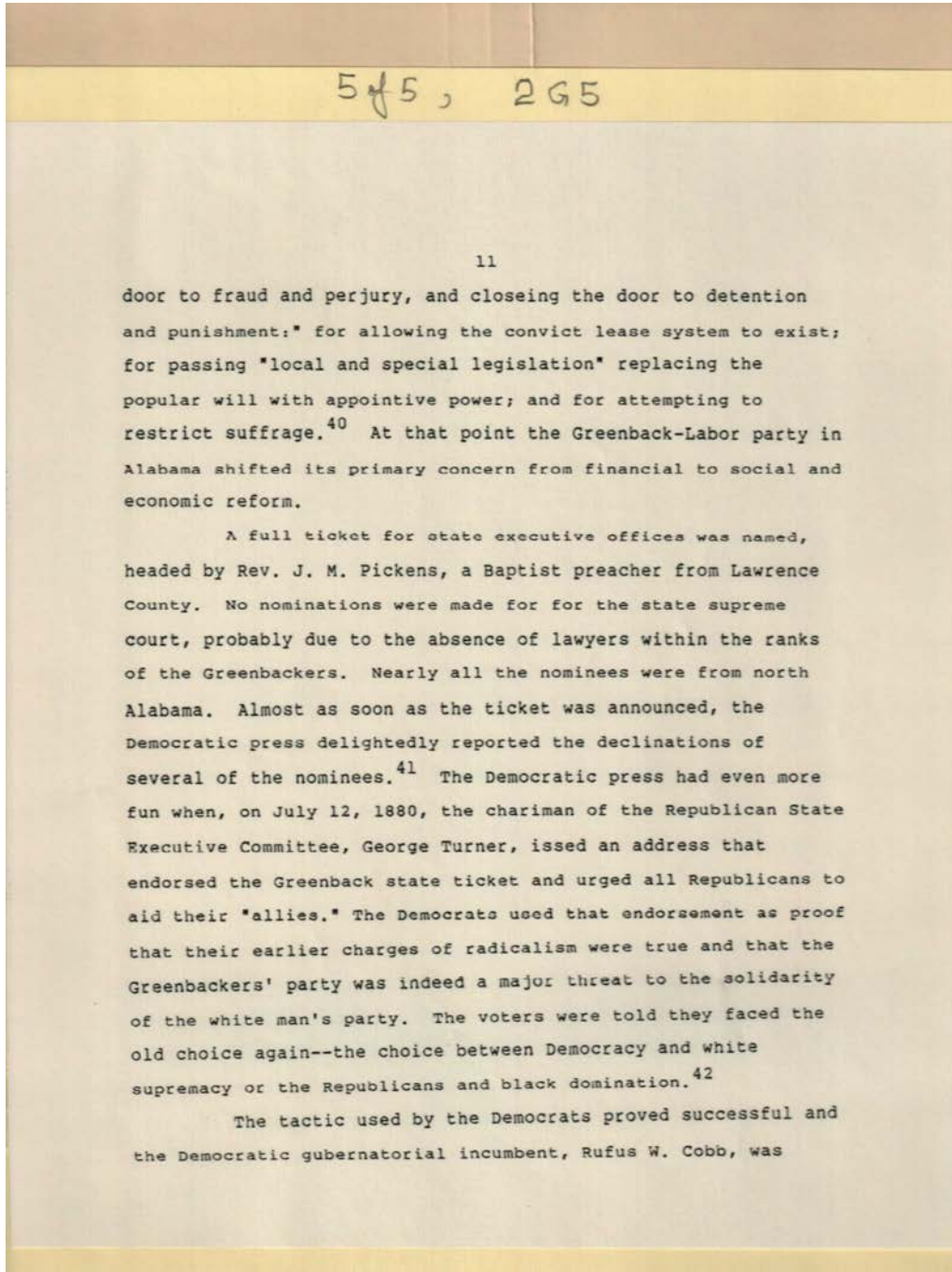
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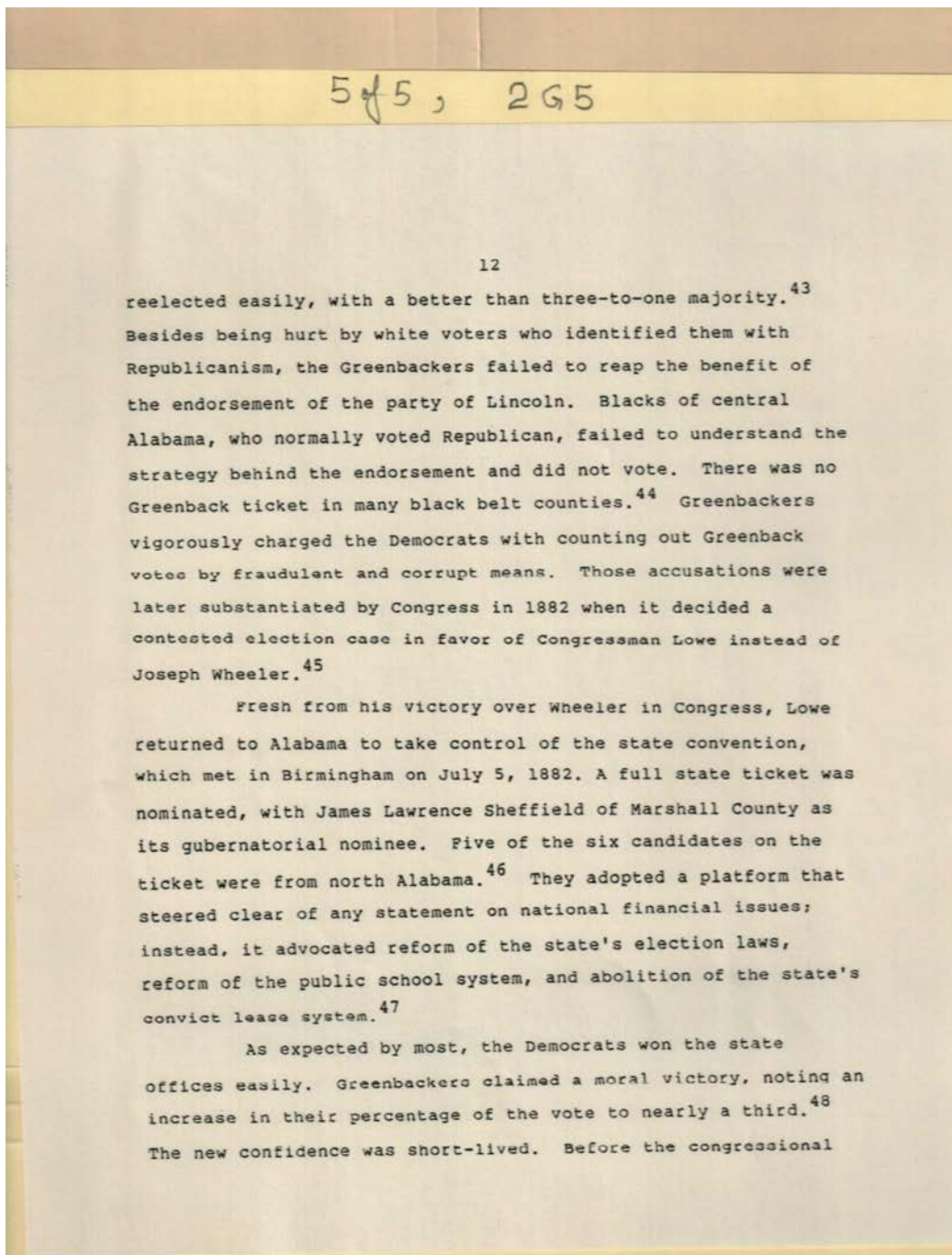
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elections were held in November, the leader of the Greenback party in Alabama, Lowe, died. After his death, many of his followers returned to the Democratic party. They had been willing to vote for Lowe, the former Democrat and Confederate officer. In his absence, they were not willing to stay in a racially integrated political party.⁴⁹

For all practical purposes, the Greenback Labor party of Alabama was dead. Its origins in the small, localized Greenback clubs had represented the interest of coal miners and yeomen farmers who were on the brink of slipping into tenancy. The early state organization that embraced the platform of the national organization had its ideological purity tempered by the role it played in the Independent Movement. Not only was party ideology compromised, but the Greenback alliance with Republicans left it open to charges of radicalism. Finally, the Alabama Greenbackers allowed the movement to focus on a single individual, limiting the vitality of the party to a lifespan of one man. When William Manning Lowe died, the Greenback-Labor party died. Despite the party's problems, it did serve as a political outlet for the lower echelons of Alabama's economic society, and as an educational institution and testing ground for the next rebellion of the plain folk, the Populist Movement.

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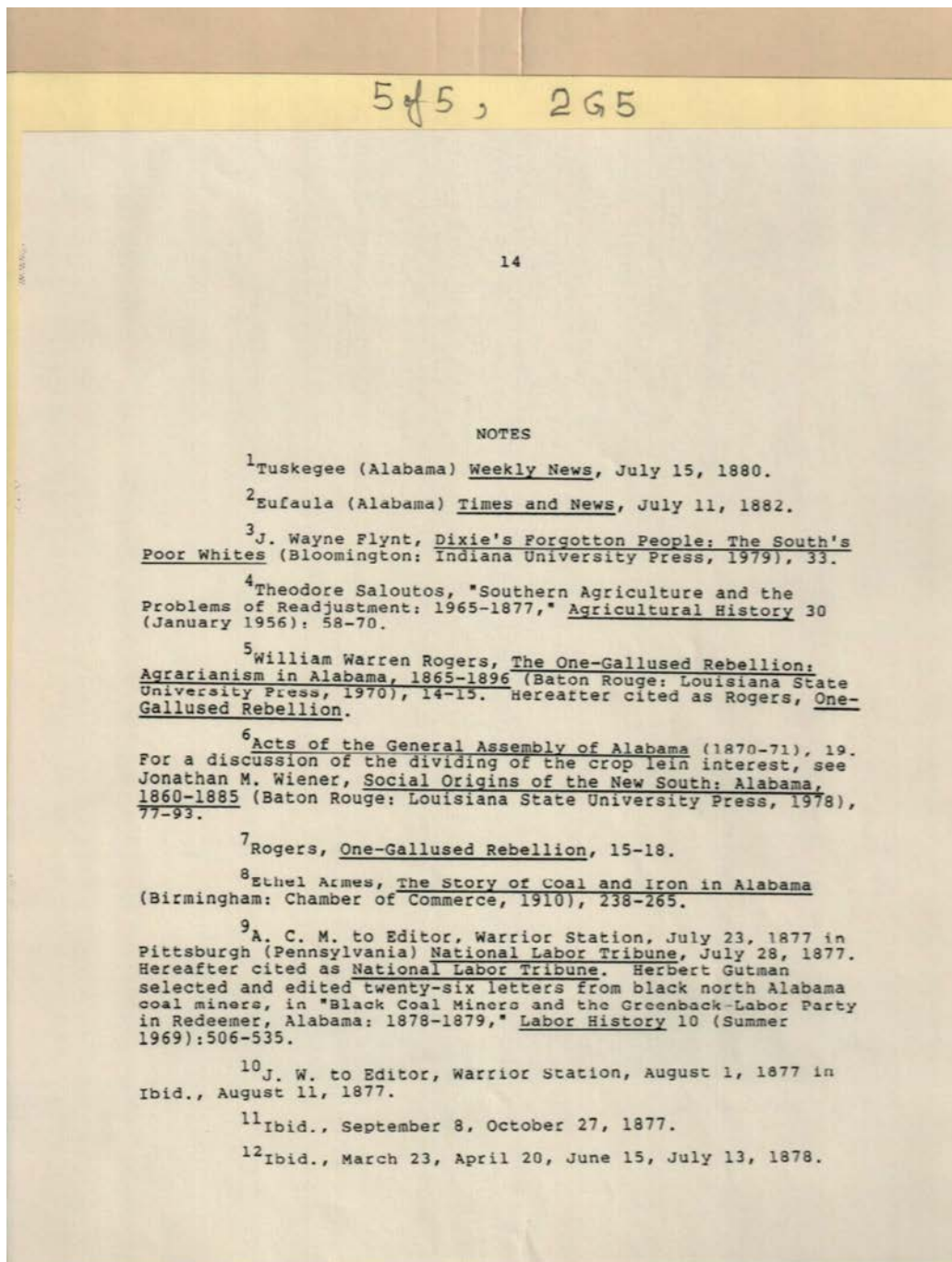
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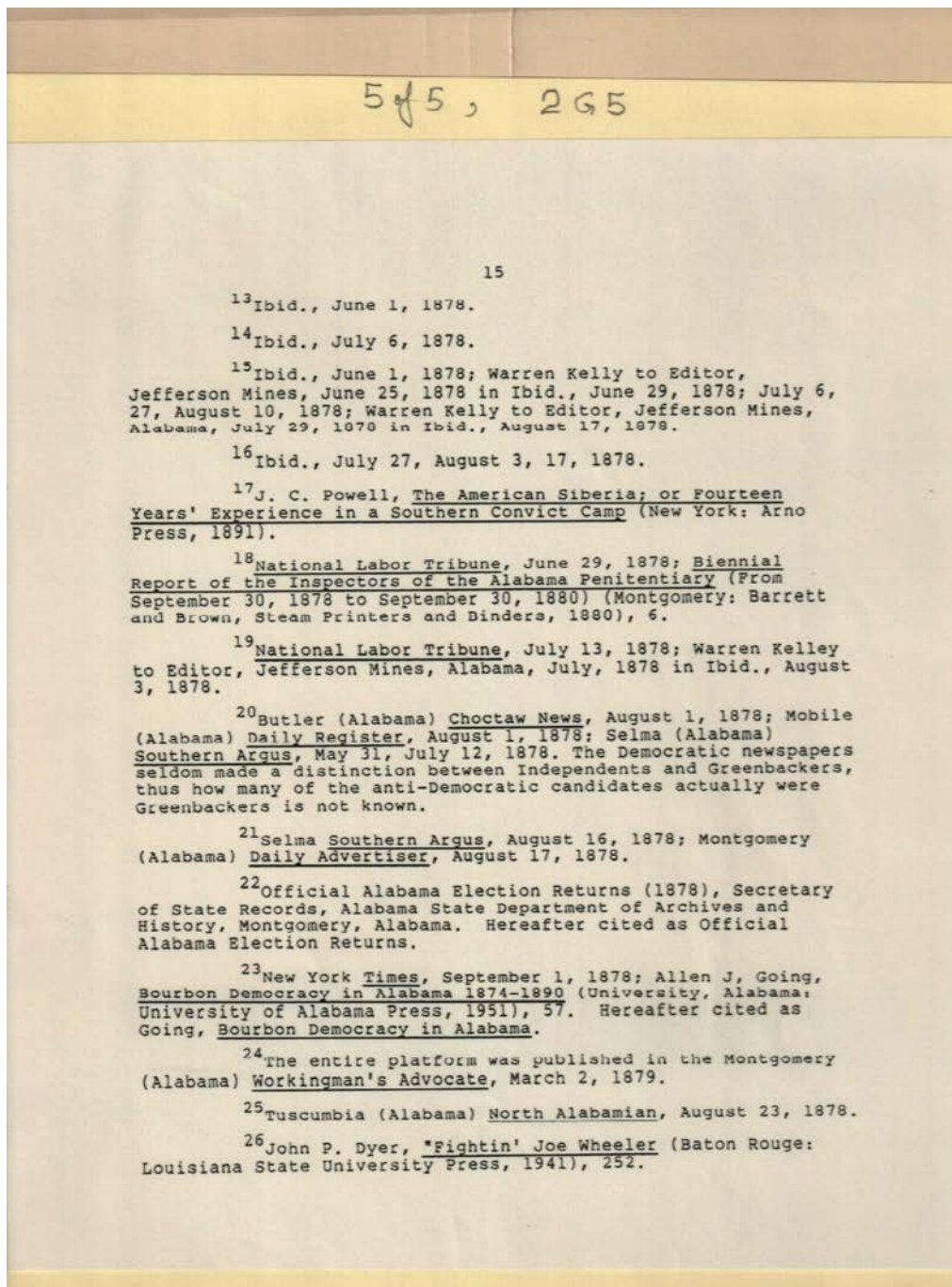
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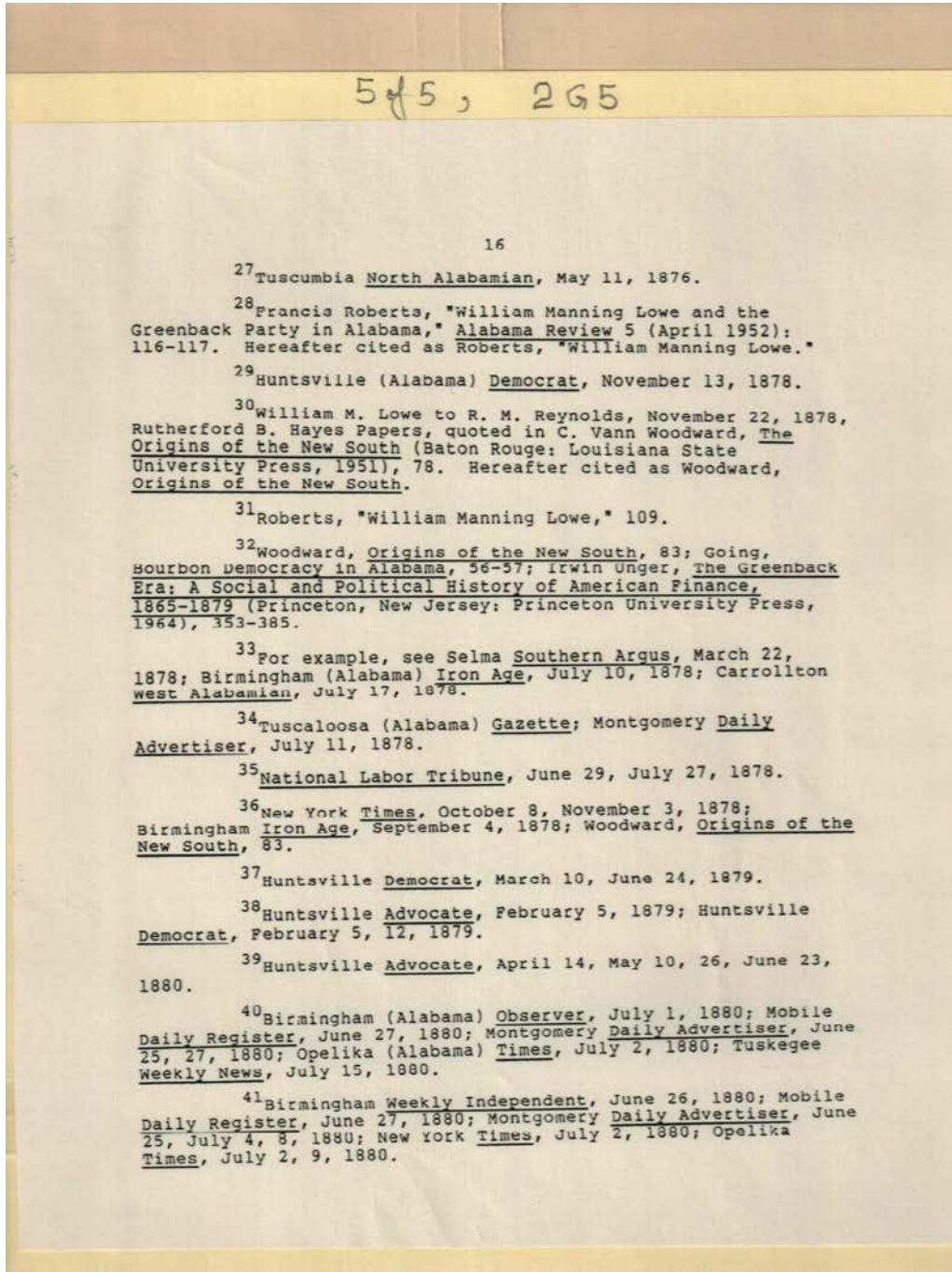
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⁴²Moblile Daily Register, July 30, 31, August 1, 6, 1880; Montgomery Daily Advertiser, July 30, 31, 1880.

⁴³Official Alabama Election Returns (1880).

⁴⁴Walter L. Fleming, Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama (New York: MacMillan Co., 1905), 798.

⁴⁵Lowe v. Wheeler, May 17, 1882, House Reports, 47 Cong., 1 Sess., no. 1273.

⁴⁶Montgomery Daily Advertiser, July 6, 1882.

⁴⁷Huntsville Gazette, July 22, 1882; Montgomery Daily Advertiser, July 15, 1882.

⁴⁸Opelika Times, August 11, 1882.

⁴⁹Roberts, "William Manning Lowe," 120-21.

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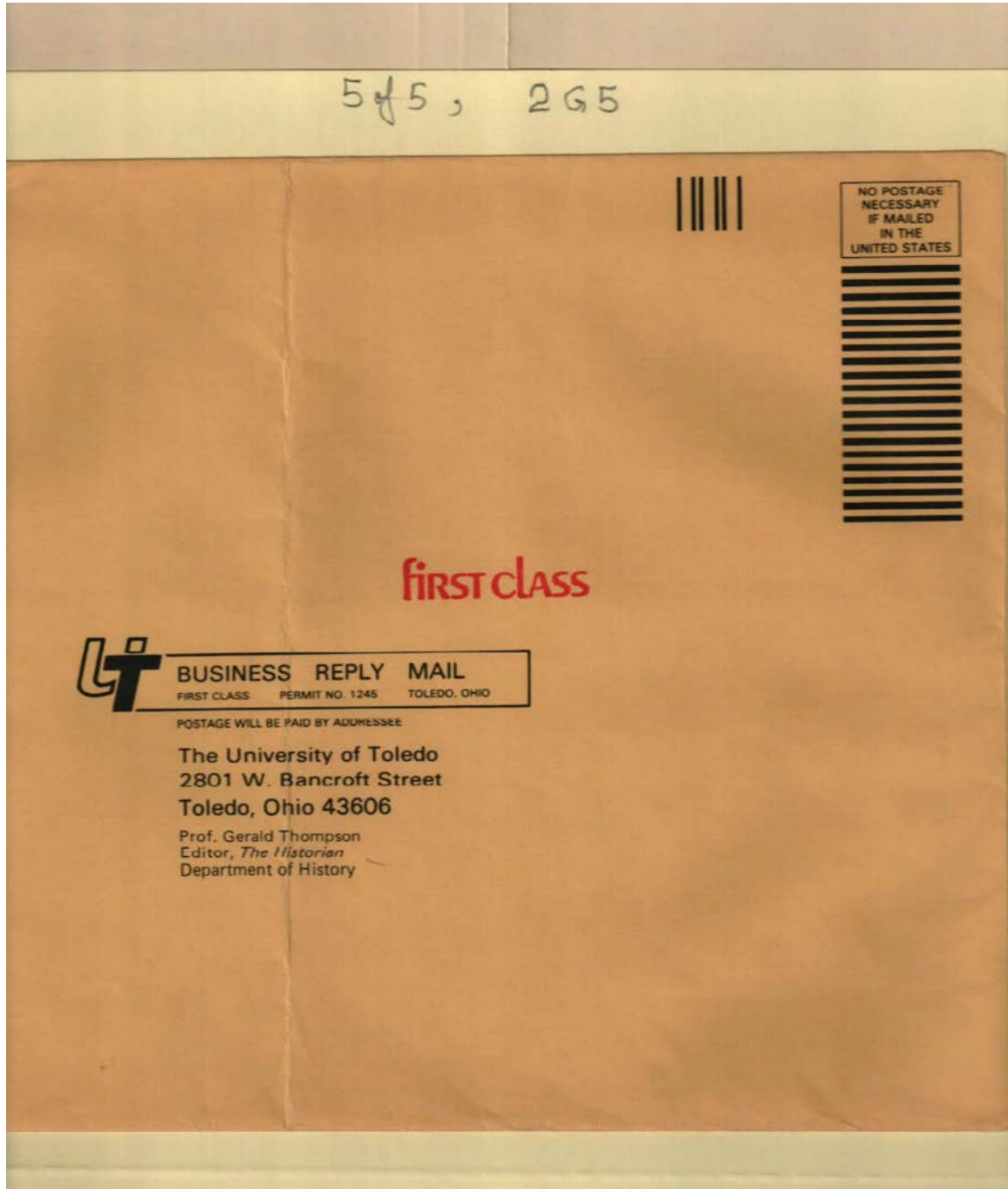
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