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This correspondence was sent and received by Kansas State Temperance Union secretaries T.E. Stephens, A.D. Wilcox, and J.E. Everett. Each exchanged letters with religious leaders across the state, including Rev. H.G. Fraser from Ottawa, Rev. C.C. Brown of Tonganoxie, Rev. J.M. Leonard of Iola, Rev. R.A. Bolton of Junction City, Rev. James Kerr of Scandia, Rev. J.K. Miller of Manhattan, Rev. A.W. Cummings of Canton, Rev. John A. Holmes of Harper, Rev. W.H. Eaton of Cherryvale, Rev. H.H. Bowen of Glen Elder, and Rev. Fred Grey of Alton. Organizations involved in the temperance movement include the Kansas State Temperance Union (KSTU), the Twentieth Century Total Abstinence Union (TCTAU), the Anti-Cigarette League, the American Anti-Saloon League (AASL), the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) and others. This collection also includes local subscription lists for those supporting the Kansas State Temperance Union in Phillipsburg, Lakin, LeRoy, Cimarron, Dodge City, Liberal, Greensburg, Cunningham, Sedgwick, Mount Hope and Colwich. Other correspondents include attorney John Wiswell in Columbus, Elmer Lawrence, publisher of The Sunbeam, a weekly Christian journal in Galena, and several members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, including George F. Fullinwider of El Dorado, S.S. Jackson of Scranton, and Mrs. Kate A. Billings of Clyde. Much of the correspondence concerns efforts to advance anti-liquor agendas in local, state, and national politics. Considerable correspondence with organizations in other states is included. Although Kansas was the first state to adopt a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in 1880, the law was largely unenforced.

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that what is true in the work of the other organizers would be true in mine viz "that they are receiving enough from collections & subscriptions, or nearly so, to pay their way - salary & expenses."

As I am not aware what salary the Union pays their organizers it is not an easy matter for me to make a definite proposition, in fact I prefer that the Union make a proposition. I may say that \$800. per annum is the lowest salary & have had since entering the ministry \$1000. — the usual salary. This sum is certainly not extravagant & I should think ought not to be considered more than an organizer should have for his services.

I should prefer on the start to give half of my time & if the Union is pleased with my services then enter upon it for full time.

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By so doing⁽⁴⁾ I can continue to supply a Church mat here for half time. But whatever seems best to the Executive Committee I shall be pleased to consider.

Thanking you very much for your pleasant & prompt reply to my former letter & wishing you great prosperity in your good work for Kansas.

I am

Yours respectfully

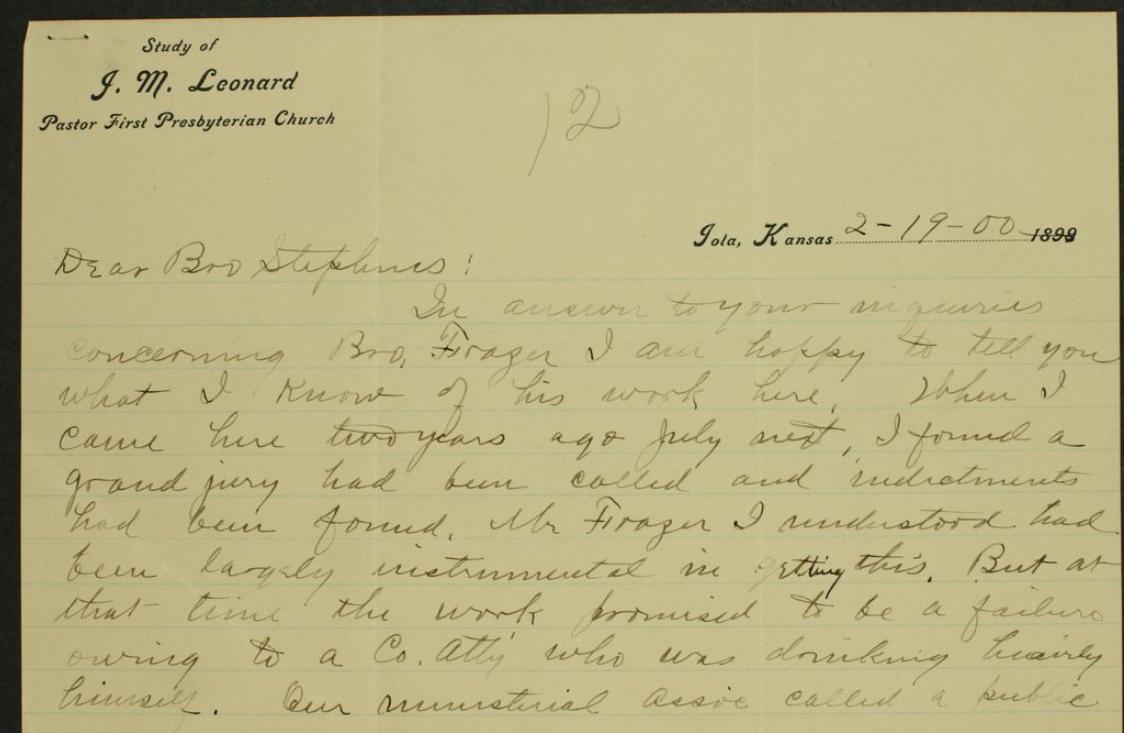
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meeting and we had chosen 15 good names to constitute a Com., to push things. The meeting ratified this plan, and the Com. acted. - The fact really bring they gave some of us ministers a chance to act through that channel, for we were practically ex officio members of that Com. In fact it did nothing except we were present and usually proposed the work. - Sub. Committees appointed to raise \$150 to prosecute by the help of other Atty's, couldnt raise the money. I found Frazer a hustler and a man who could approach men. He and I started out together and raised that money ourselves, in about a day time. after a few months, we found the Com. of 15 hardly representative enough of the Co., and proposed

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to organize the Co., into a Law & Order League, Mr. did it through the Com. of 15; Mr. found that it was necessary to visit every center or neighborhood and organize. This necessitated a competent man, Frazer had just resigned his pulpit here, and I proposed he do this work and the Am. would pay him a nominal sum for his time. It was a cold, bad month, but he started out in his coat and made a very energetic Campaign of the Co., organizing local unions in a dozen or so places. This work was fairly well done considering anything. Mr. should have followed all these places with visits every 2 or 3 months so as to have got a perfect understanding in every place and worked up enthusiasm. Mr. and ^{etc.}

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do this, as those of us who might have done such work had our hands full. Fannie & I spent our summer vacation at it, but to little profit, owing to the fact the farmers were at their harvest. But all in all these organizations have greatly aided us, by giving us a standing as a County organization. Politicians, you know, have respected us. Now Drager had a large part in all this work. - He is energetic, aggressive and not afraid of hard work. I regard him as a splendid good man. He is a very pleasant man to work with, at least I found him so. While having his own ideas, he is open to other's plans, and ready to fall in with workable ones. I do not know just exactly what

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the nature of your plans of organization are. Dr. Frazer
of course was well acquainted here in Idaho &
somewhat throughout the Co. This doubtless
assisted him very materially.

I think though you will do well to employ
him if you are needing workers.

I write this as a coworker. You are mistaken
as to my position as Pres. of the Co. work. I have been
a member of the Executive Com. of the Co. organization
and through that have done my work. I am in
closest touch with the Pres. Dr. Hendricks, but
we preachers have kept out of the offices properly
believing we can accomplish more by thus not
appearing as at the head. - We have just had
our Annual election of Officers, and have I think

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a better Executive Com^b, than last year, Bro. Farn
of Humboldt is on it, also Rev. Shuey of this place.
Both pt class men. - Humboldt is practically dry.
Last Thursday eve, a raid was made here and 4
places pulled - 8 fellows caught & a lot of stuff.
The Co. Atly did it, though some of our Com^b, have
been quietly getting evidence, and interviewing
the Co. Atly. - I have written a letter for all our
Co. papers reviewing our work, and announcing the
meetings of Rankin. This appeared in most of the
papers last week. Others will publish this week.
All the pastors of the Co. have been written to to
make a full announcement from the pulpits.
Especially announcing a day meeting at 11:30 M^ond
the 28th, especially to benefit the country people

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The Opera House has been secured and the meetings are being advertised fully. I look for great crowds & a stirring of the City. I have called the ministers to meet here today, that I may lay the matter alittle more before them.

I expect Rankin to come to my house, I want him to occupy my pulpit Sat. morning. I am asked to dedicate a church at L. & H. & 2nd & Main, east. But will be back for the services. I don't know whom to address him, wish he would drop me a card stating whom he will arrive.

Please pardon this long drawn out letter. That is more about other things I fear than your question - Yours very sincerely,

John W. Leonard

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MARTIN & CO.—
Wholesale & Retail Farm Machinery.
Manufacturers of Vehicles
Binder Twine a Specialty.
318 - 320 S. Washington Street.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 27, 1900.

Rev. Wm. Parsons,
City.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter, asking for my views regarding the enforcement of the liquor laws, of the State of Illinois, I would answer as follows.

I have long ago abandoned the idea of a political party, or men elected by a political party, enforcing any law against the men engaged in the liquor traffic, so long as they must have the support of the rum element to place them in power and keep them there, for the following reasons:

It is well known that when the candidates receive the nomination in such parties that they are instructed at once, by the party leaders, just how to act in connection with the saloon interests, that they must at once visit the dens of vice, the Murder Mills, and show them that they can count on them to swear to a lie, when they take the oath of office, and that they are now ready to pledge themselves in advance to protect their unlawful business, and drink with them to excess, and leave money with them to unlawfully buy votes.

It seems to me that here is where all the trouble arises a few bad men who dictate to, and control a party, not that the rank and file are all bad, but the leaders are willing to keep their parties in power. Men who have been elected in this way, feel that they must carry out the wishes of these party leaders after election, and it is alarming to see how far their power extends.

Can any one doubt for one minute that our President dares to disregard the instructions given him in regard to this evil, for fear that the G. O. P. may be turned down at the next election? So we have the President of the U. S. damning the American Army by forcing and protecting the Saloon in the Camp and thereby ruining the morals and usefulness of our soldiers.

We have a U. S. Court in our city maintained at a great expense by the Citizens. I am sure that I am safe in saying that three fourths of the business transacted there, by the Judge, the Clerk, and the Deputy Marshall, is in connection with the violation of the revenue law, and I am told by the Clerk himself that when a man is convicted by proof or confession, that in every case the fine is fixed at the lowest amount possible, and the criminal told to go and earn the money and come and pay his fine, and not in any case could he recall an instance where

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the fine was paid or any effort made to get it. This is the course followed with a class known as Boot Leggers but the wealthy and influential party men, are not to be interferred with, and so a large firm doing a large business on the principle St. during the Street fair last fall, run a saloon without either Government or City permission and were not interferred with by either W. S. Marshall or mayor.

A man recognized as a leader of his party and a Deacon in the largest church in the City was presentel to the Grand Jury for running a saloon without a license, but the indictment was not permitted to come to trial for its political influence, and this same man said before and audience of young men it gave him pleasure to recommend the candidate of his party for govenor to them, as worthy of thier support, when he knew him to be licentious, a common drunkard and a murdere#.

In municipal affairs, it is as bad or worse. The law requires that a license shall only be issued to men of good moral character, but just the reverse is true, and in violation of law, licenses are given to the worst kind of people, and even sold to them on credit to help them along. There is an utter disregard on the part of the criminal saloon keeper of the conditions of his license. Any chili old enough to walk to a saloon can buy beer, or any drunkari as long as he has the money to pay for it. Their dens are kept open all day Sunday and they are open for business all night, not only for selling grog and gambling but for other evils that go hand in hand with the Saloon and one of their sorces of revenue and a part of their business.

When the saloons become so bad that the lives of the patrons are in danger and some of them lost, the license is taken away, but in nearly every case given back again to the same criminal, or his bar-tender, or wife. As a result of all this, Peoria can show a record of a murder, directly or indirectly, of at least one for every week in the year.

No, under the existing state of affairs, we need not look for enforcement of the laws by either of the old parties.

Very truly yours,

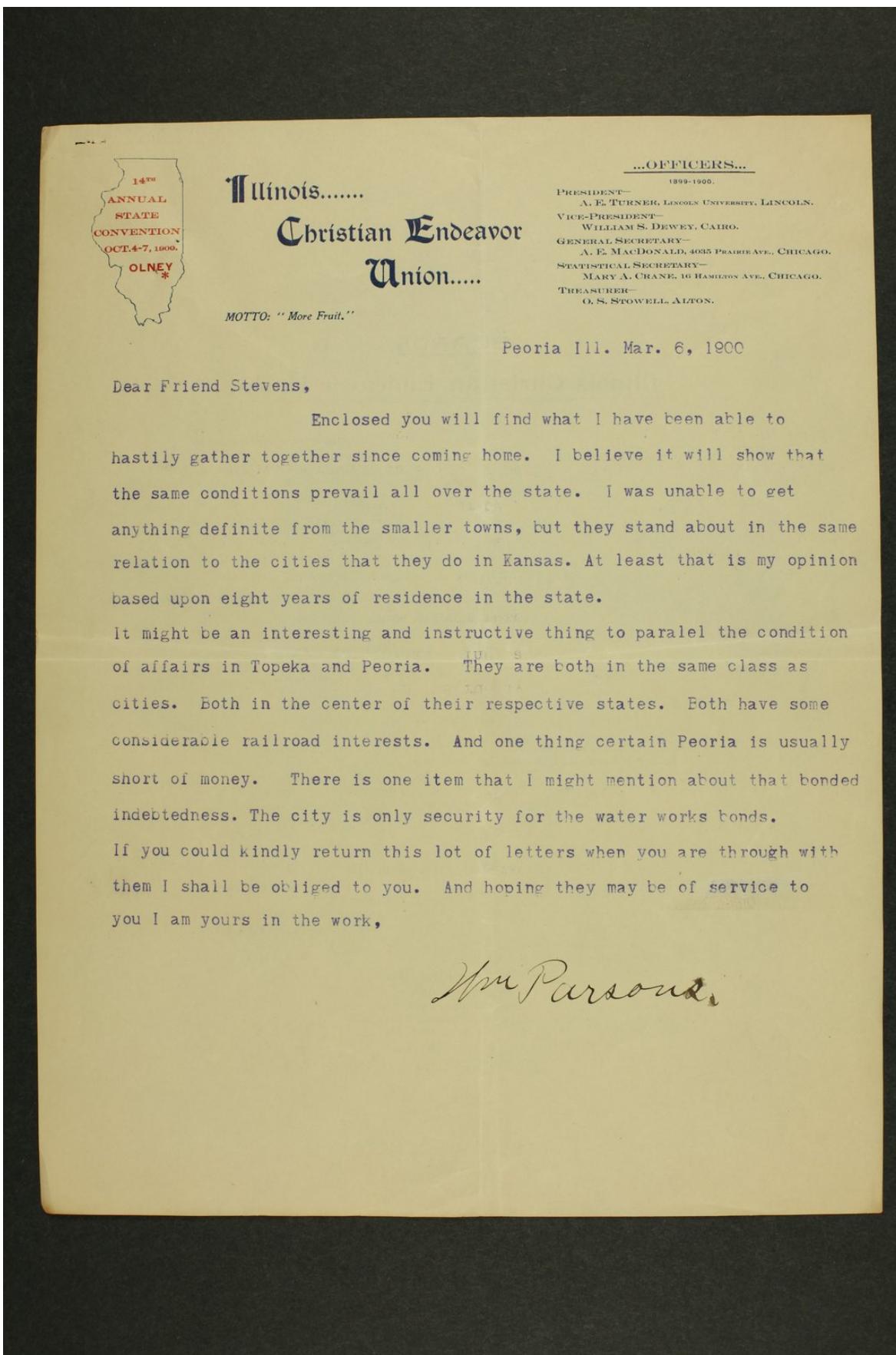
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The Non-enforcement of Liquor Laws in Peoria.

The State high license law provides that no saloon shall be allowed to exist within two miles of the limits of an incorporated town or city. But in defiance of this provision, saloons exist on all the principal roads leading into the City. When the matter has been reported to the Grand Jury on unimpeachable testimony, it has been ignored and the saloons allowed to run unmolested.

The provisions of the City Ordinances regarding the selling after 11:00 o'clock P. M.; selling on Sunday and to minors and to drunkards are wholly ignored. The Mayor has given permission to the saloons to run to midnight and to keep open on Sunday if the front doors are closed and the blinds drawn down. All the saloons and beer-gardens run as freely on Sunday as on any week-day and do a much larger business than on week-days.

In the matter of the payment of license fees, the law provides that the fee shall be paid annually in advance but the saloon-keepers have been paying about as they pleased, - the breweries going their security for the payment. On unsecured payments, the City has in the past ten years lost thousands of dollars by the non-enforcement of this provision of the law. There is not a single provision of the license law that is not violated, open and notoriously, year in and year out.

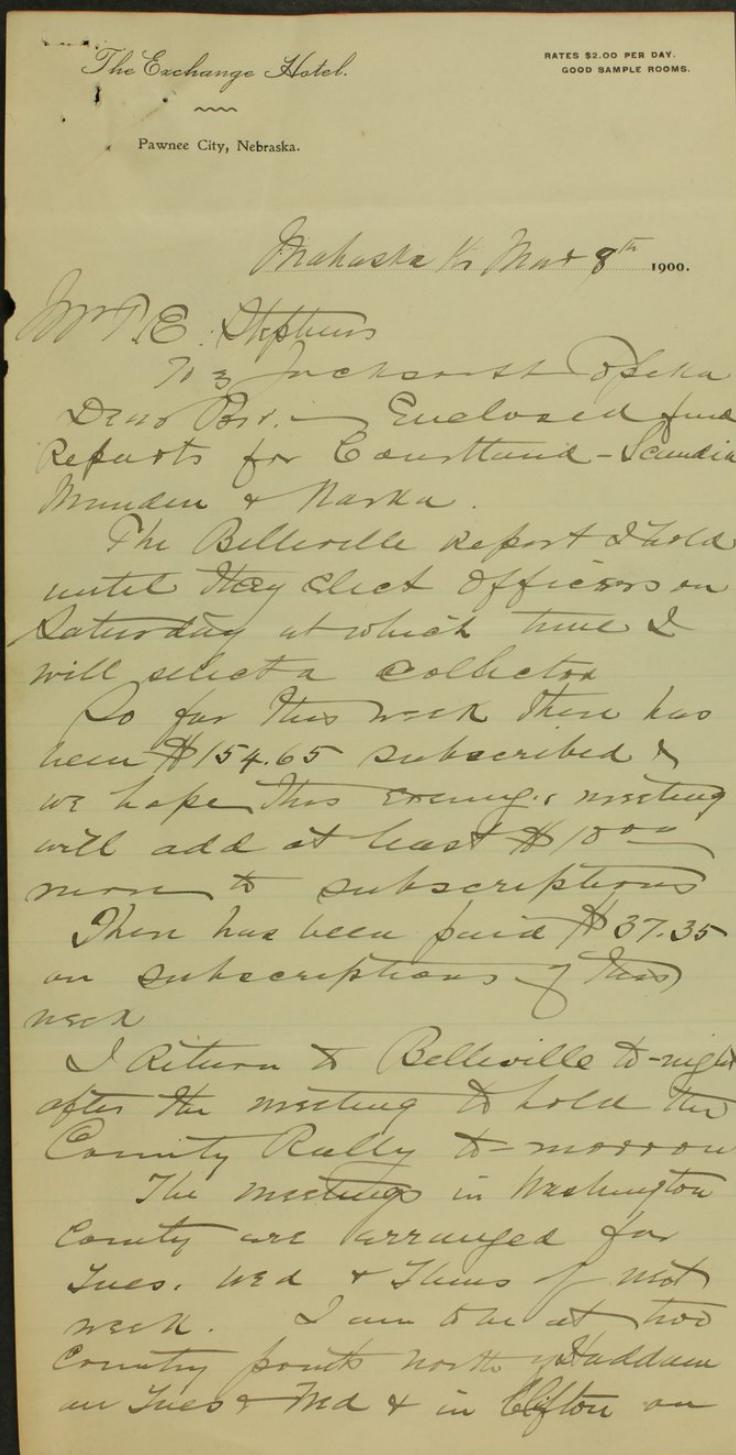
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Glad to find says in body of
One said about others.
will refer another since
let to Com.

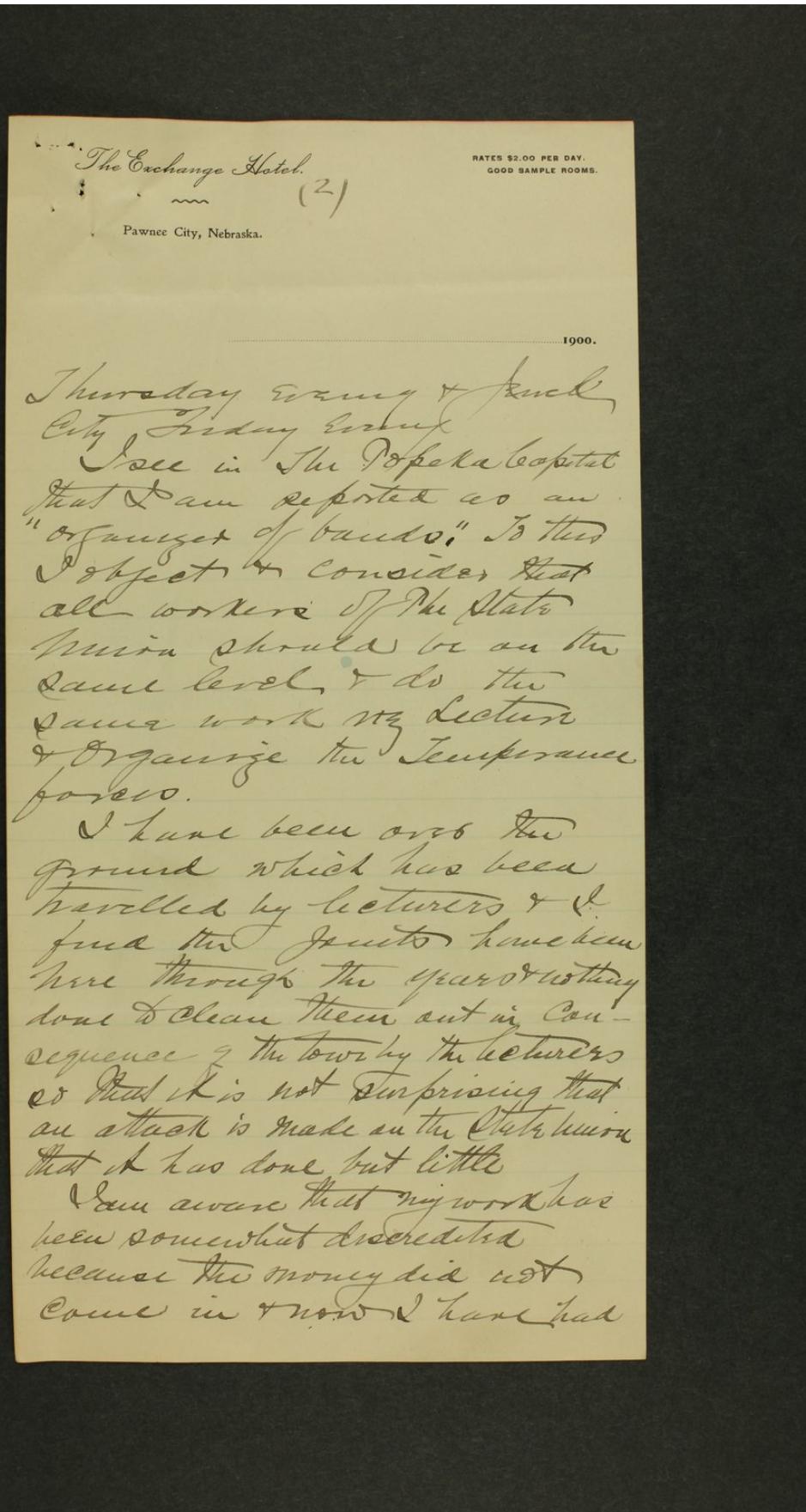
Other men if he does not
want to keep on.
Plan of work

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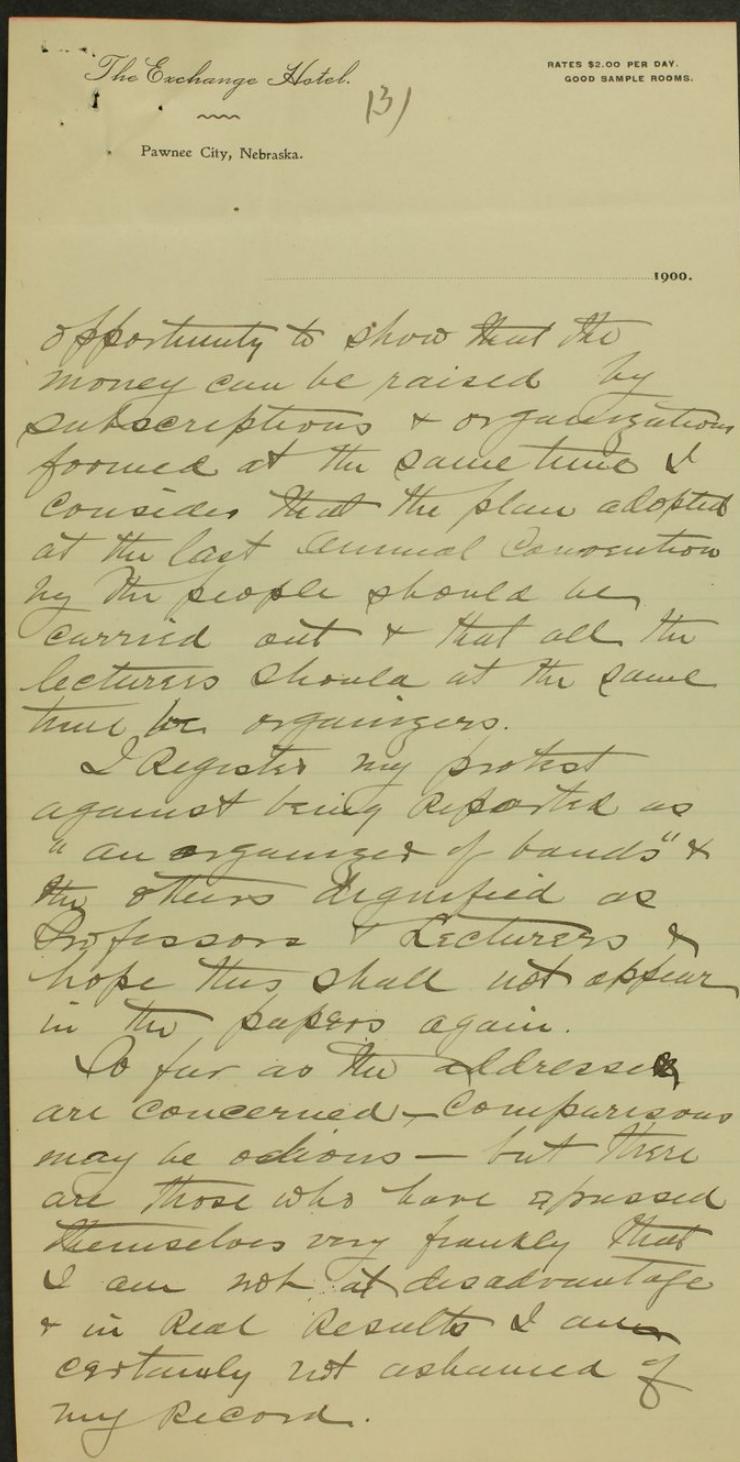


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The Exchange Hotel.

RATES \$2.00 PER DAY.
GOOD SAMPLE ROOMS.

Pawnee City, Nebraska.

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1900.

I understand the others are
paid \$25.00 a week, of this
to correct, I ask that it
be paid the same, as they
are. The work I am doing
is more arduous & of far
more benefit to the cause
than simply speaking &
therefore I should be paid
as much as the others.

If the others are not paid
more than \$20.00 a week
I ask for its advance but
if they are I ask that
I be paid the same amount
that they are receiving

Yours truly
H. P. Bassett

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J. C. Stephens
See K.S. J. &.

N

Wellesville Kansas March 12th 1910

Dear Co-worker

Yours of 18th instant at hand

You ask for some of the facts in the case of Dr. Davis."

His grand mother I. has been a cherished friend of mine, since we first met as strangers in Kan. almost 30 years ago. Her son Henry and wife are respected neighbors. I would not for the world add one iota to the grief they will carry to their graves.

But I do think parents and I would write the same with the largest kind of capital - Parents and all interested in good citizenship ought to learn something by this sad event. My friend Mrs. E. M. D. has been active in various dep'ts. of church work, Temperance included, but Henry and wife live very much within themselves, apparently anxious only that Frank & Fannie rank well in day school. Mrs. D. called on me that same Fri afternoon, when Frank was so near the end of life. She seemed so happy, and proud of him.

Frank was a bright boy - quick to learn - allowed to go to all, if he willed, to have a boy - and of course soon outgrew the desire. - graduated from Wellsville High School with Class of '97, and as he had always been a shy boy we were quite surprised when he delivered his oration, and some thought he might win distinction in that line. But after good attention to business in Dr. Bennett's Drug Store, where he entered K. C. Medical College, from which he graduated in '98 - the Spring he

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attained his majority. He soon after located at Hall's Summit, nine miles from Waverly. The the town was small, there was no other Physician nearer than W, and he had excellent success, and I heard nothing to the contrary - or against him, till since his death.

While in K.C. his indulgent father, denied himself, to gratify Frank's extravagant habits; and altho' his took acc^d in ^{Hall Summit} showed an income of more than \$1000 the first ten years, Father and mother, continued denying themselves to help him!

Sat AM Feb 3^d a dispatch came to his father "Dr. Davis was shot killed, last night" -- The body was brought that evening, attended by a delegation from citizens and Lodges. Henry desired me to write his mother, who was spending the winter in Chicago. Of course many rumors were abroad. I interviewed one of the Hall Summit people to get the straight of it. He said Dr. D. had been very popular & successful in practice. He had known him well, often driven for him, as he ^{Davis} felt sometimes afraid to handle his gay team. Had not drank ^{much}, till last fall, when he told the boys, his girl had gone back on him (she had been his choice from childhood) and he seemed reckless till, for about a month he had been restraining himself. Dr. D. liked "a good time", and with young F. Hill he was having a good

time that night. Hill half tipsy went with him, to persuade an old time soldier, who was batching across the street. Reinhart was very ugly when in liquor. Frank was always fond of teasing. Hill went to Reinhart's door. Reinhart told him he "didn't want them there - he hadn't any fuel and wanted to be let alone". Dr. D. went to his office, & brought a load of coal & ^{got} went in - and

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B--- had what they called "fun" with him - F took the cartridges from his revolver, and passed it to him - of course this is all Hill's act. He said he that they had better leave Druhart, & had himself reached the open doorway, as Dr. Davis said to Druhart, "If, make you dance". Druhart replied "I must you, dance", at same moment taking a shot gun, that stood near by - the report followed. Dr. Davis said "I'm done for", as he fell, & the stroke kill all, as he Hill, glanced around & ran. Rev. — from Hell Summit - preached the funeral sermon had been a friend of Dr. Davis - they had adjoining rooms at the hotel - were near same age, both beginning life in a sense together. He spoke of ^{his} kindness, popularity & rare mental ability. twice, when Druhart had been on the verge of the grave from delirious tremors, Dr. D. had saved his life. It was all to comfort the broken hearted - but not one word of condemnation of the accursed traffic, which is every ^{day} breaking hearts all round the globe, wherever our Christian nation gets a foothold the enterprising whiskey seller follows, and our robes are increased! How long & Lord how long. —

Two years last Dec. Charlie Sloan, three miles from town was fatally shot in a drunken brawl in his own yard. Later, Nate Hildebrand - a young man also, but with wife and family of four children - under influence of drink fell under a passing train - result - one leg amputated, the other foot barely saved - of course he soon recd to taste again, but he was intoxicated a few weeks ago.

Within a half decade, I think, a stranger stepped off the train as it stopped at our station, fell under & was killed. Gardner, our neighboring town, last 4th of July had a similar sad scene. Young Groves was arrested for drunkenness. His mother and sister persuaded the Marshall to let them take him home. He afterward escaped from them.

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The next morning his sister found a part of his dead body on the R.R. track as she went for her cow!!

Who may be the next victim, I shudder to think!

Each, to the near & dear, has been like an awful earthquake, to the community a temporary shock.

"Some short bustle caused,

A few inquiries —

And all's forgotten —

It is not very unusual or rare, to hear that as many as a dozen gallons of liquor, are put off at one time, at our station, and many would be astonished if they were told where they all go, so we are told.

To beg pardon for taking so much of your time. Have had many interruptions, besides being taken out in the country for a visit, since I commenced writing.

Influential men, and women also are sadly indifferent about temperance work.

Praying that the right may triumph soon
keep faith for
the — soon!

yours truly

M. E. Brockway

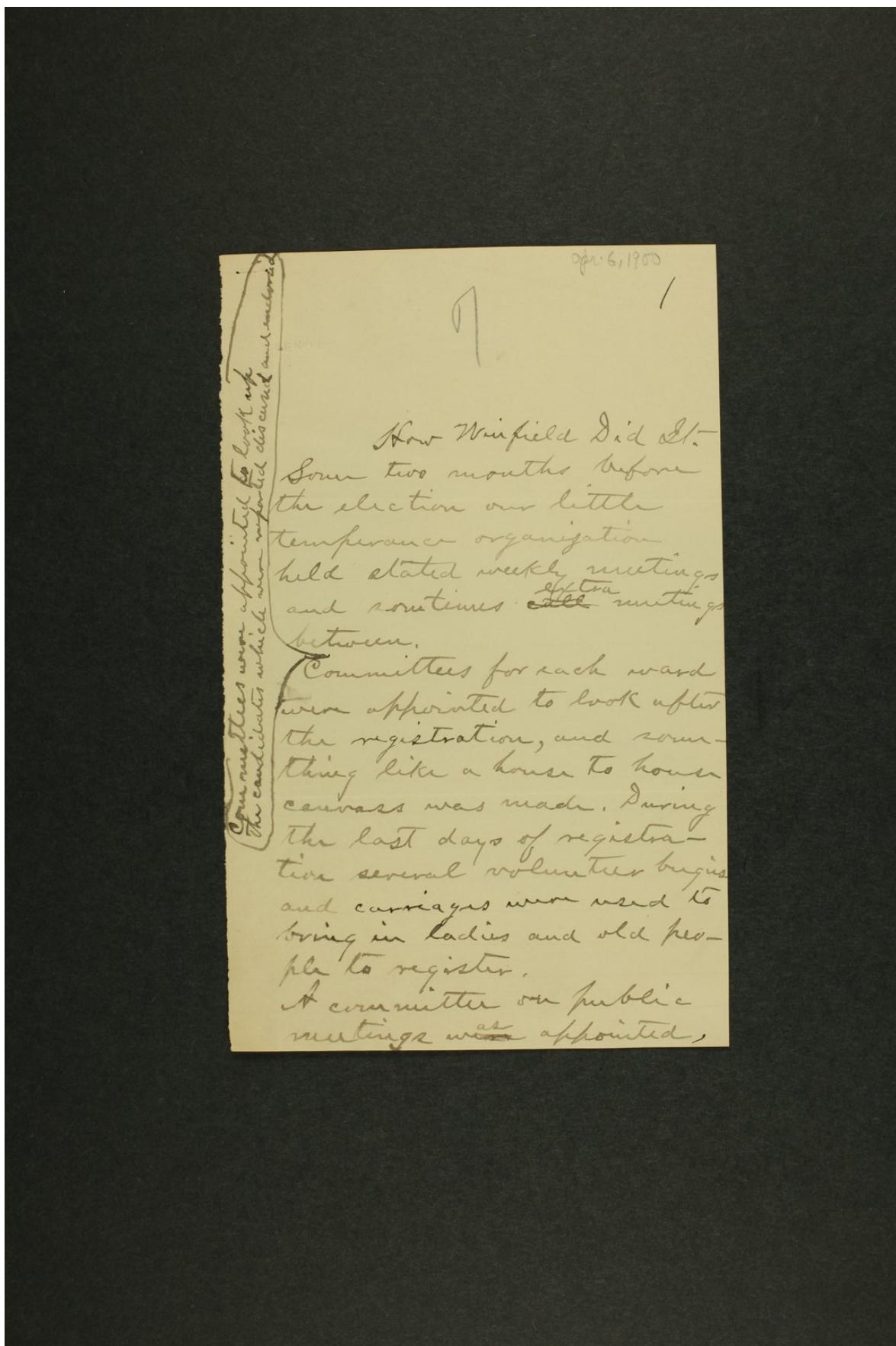
Conscious, that I need to leave
To "Boil down"

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and several enthusiastic meetings were held in the different churches, aided by a chorus which practiced temperance songs for the campaign. We had only home-talent speakers, generally ministers.

One member was appointed to solicit a few subscriptions to defray expenses.

A good many cards on which were the names of our candidates and sample ballots were distributed.

Our ticket was called the Citizens Reform Ticket and under this head but three candidates were placed, viz. City Atty. Marshall, and the councilman. Many ladies voted only for these,

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and thus avoided confusion
and voting for the constables
which would cause their
ballots to be thrown out.

A ~~large~~ number of lady's
votes were lost last year in
that way.

On election day of course
many rigs were out, a few
of which were hired. Our total
expense for printing, carriage
hire, helpers &c. was less
than thirty dollars, all paid
and money left.

The Citizens Reform ticket
swept the field. The temper-
ance candidate for city attor-
ney received about five hun-
dred more than the combined
vote of the two opposing candi-
dates.

Now the poor back room

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saloons on Main St.,
which have so long disgraced
Winfield and which have
cast such a disgraceful
reflection upon our state,
county and city officers,
are closed.

Until our political ma-
chines turn out better
material, it will be nec-
essary for private patriotic
citizens to go into politics.

Very truly
W B Denton

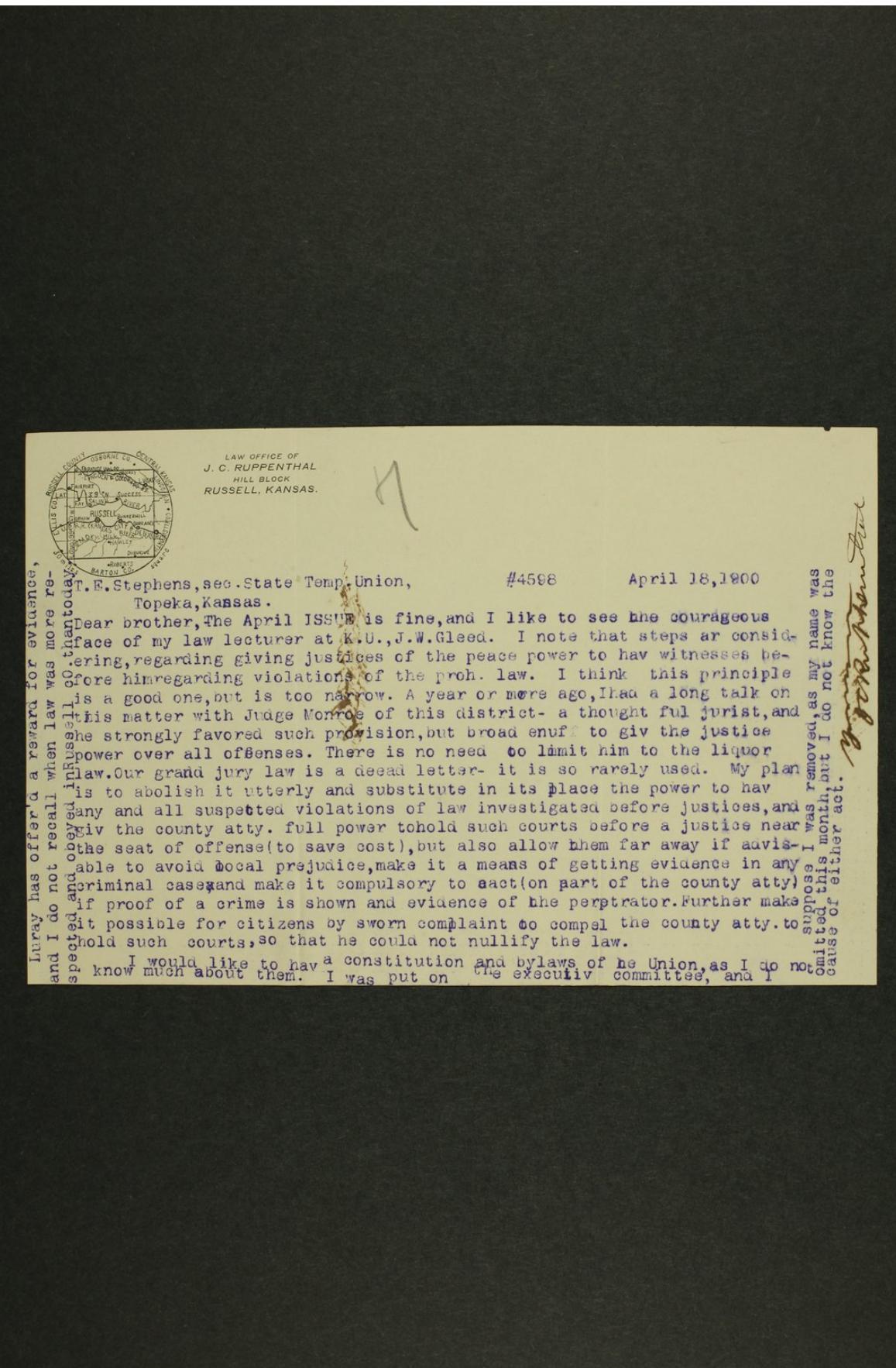
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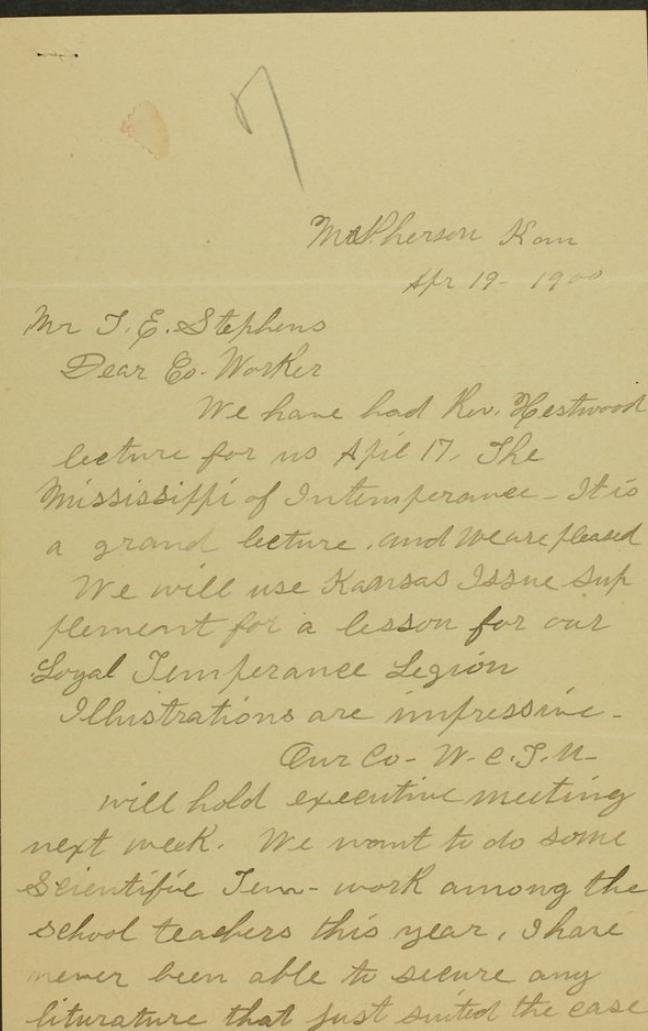


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and now I thought isn't there
some one who will gladly prepare
suitable articles to present to the
teachers of Kansas at Normal
and Co. Institutes.

We have sometimes been given
time at these Institutes and had
addresses or papers. Would it be
possible to prepare supplement to
Kan-Issue for this purpose to
present to teachers with an address
from a Professor or Minister.

Teachers are an example and
a power if we can gain helpers
from their ranks.

Yours in the Work

Lavinia Annie

P.S. May thanks for the
Kansas Issues sent to me -