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This correspondence was sent and received by Kansas State Temperance Union secretaries Rev. J. E. Everett and Rev. W. L. Dexter. Correspondents include Howard H. Russell, Superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, Rev. H. W. Chaffee and Rev. C. S. Nusbaum of the Ottawa Chautauqua Assembly, Harry A. Caton, Mayor of Winfield, Woman's Christian Temperance Union representatives from several states, and several members of Congress. Included are subscription lists with members' names from several counties including Brown, Butler, Jackson, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, and Reno. Much of the correspondence concerns efforts to advance anti-liquor agendas in local, state, and national politics. 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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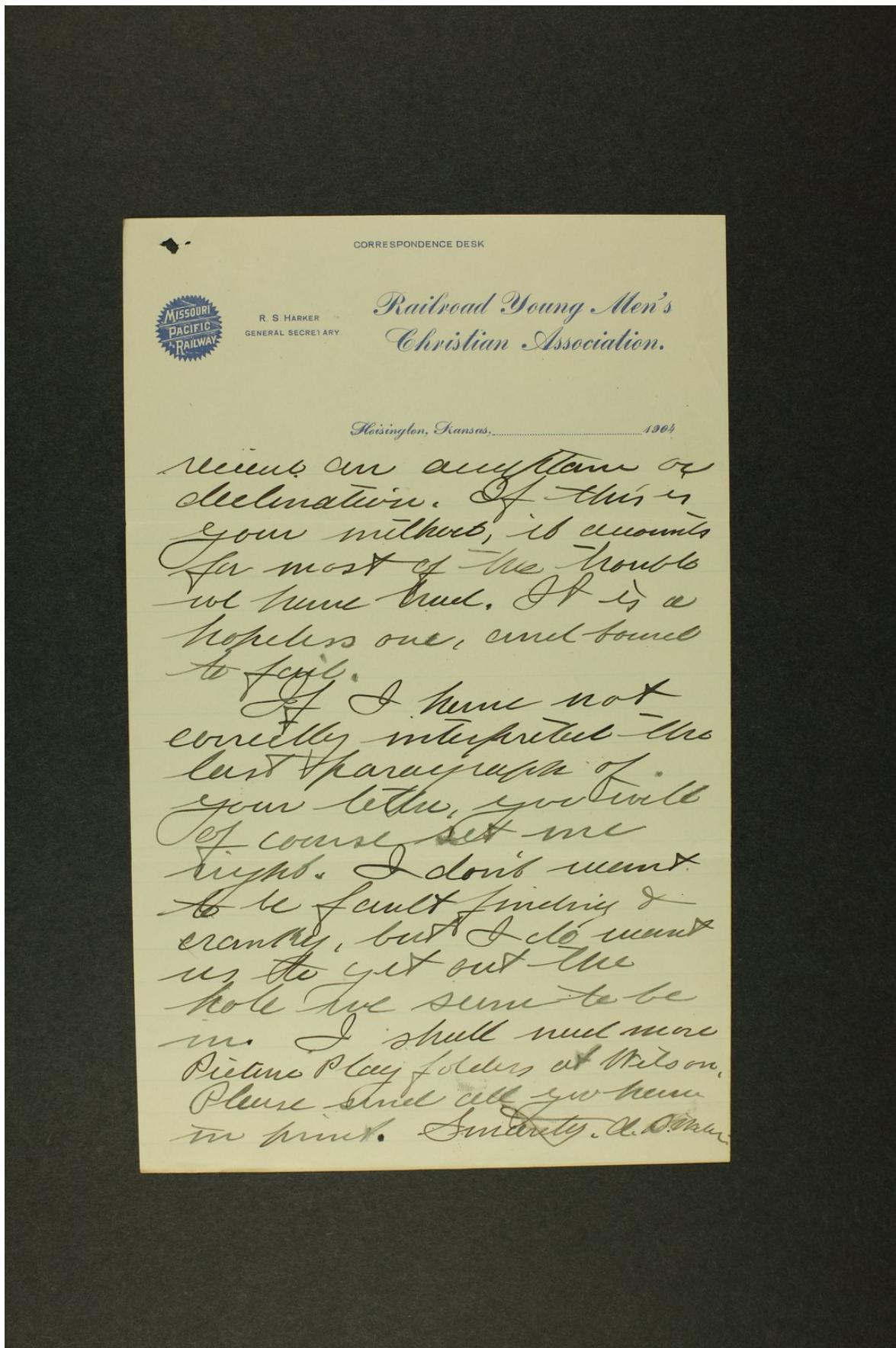
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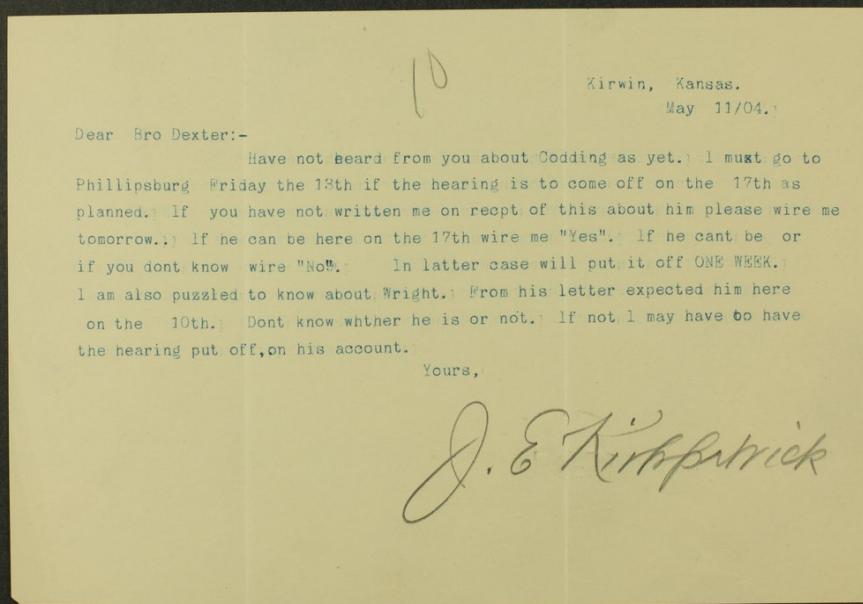
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Dear Bro Dexter:-

Have not heard from you about Codding as yet. I must go to Phillipsburg Friday the 13th if the hearing is to come off on the 17th as planned. If you have not written me on receipt of this about him please wire me tomorrow. If he can be here on the 17th wire me "Yes". If he cant be or if you dont know wire "No". In latter case will put it off ONE WEEK. I am also puzzled to know about Wright. From his letter expected him here on the 10th. Dont know whther he is or not. If not I may have to have the hearing put off, on his account.

Yours,

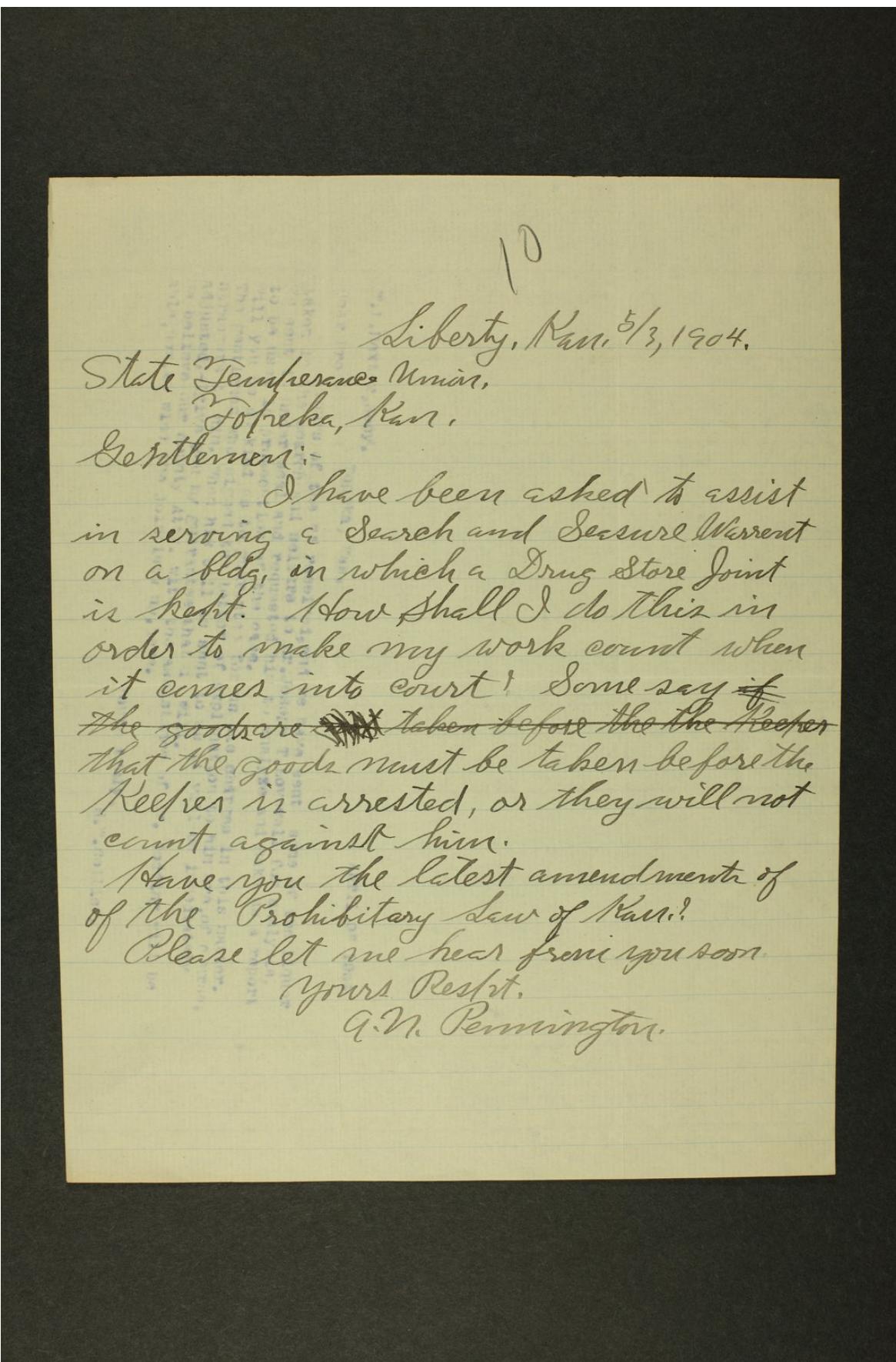
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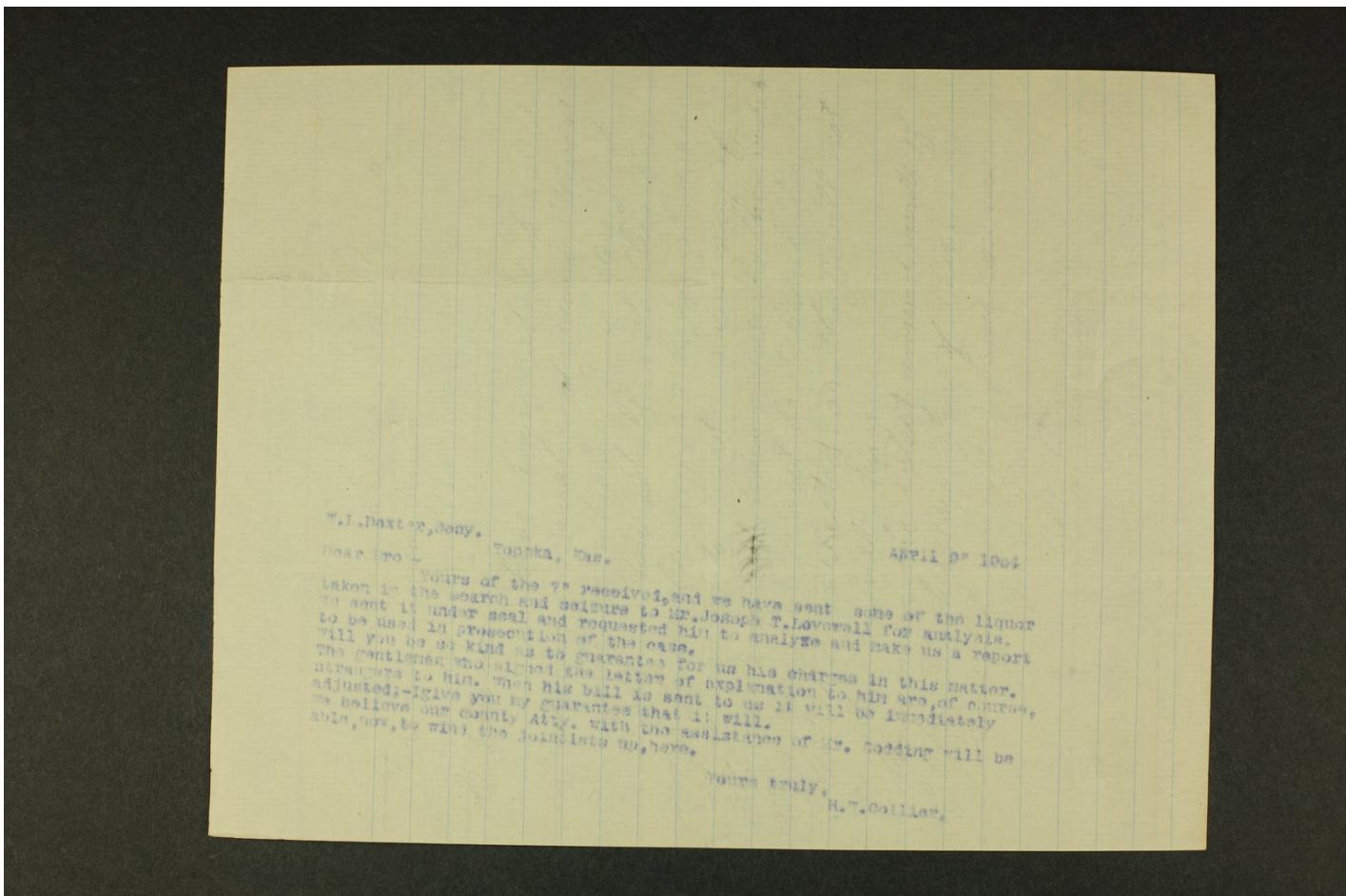


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E. F. MURPHY,

COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS.

GOODLAND, KANSAS. 5-18-'04.

Mr. W. L. Dexter, Secretary,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir : -

I am in receipt of yours of May 17th and in reply will state that I am not surprised at your inability to procure the evidence in the way of certified copies in accordance with my suggestion. However, there are other ways in my opinion by which this evidence or a substitute for the same may be obtained. I wish that you would show this letter to Judge Garver and get his opinion as to my ability to procure evidence necessary to enjoin this man Coffin in accordance with the following suggestion:

My verified petition will be a sufficient basis for the issuance of a temporary injunction and after the case is started in the District Court and the temporary injunction has been allowed can I not then take the deposition of the person having the custody of the application to the revenue collector upon which the stamp was issued giving due notice of the taking of such deposition to the defendant and show by the revenue collector or by the person in his office having charge of the application for such stamp what its contents are? Is there anything that will prevent or excuse such person from testifying to the same at a time and place set for the taking of the deposition, and *duces tecum* subpoena having been issued for the party as in other cases. In other words is there any reason <sup>why</sup> because of the official position of the person in charge of this application that will excuse him from testifying relative to the application in his custody.

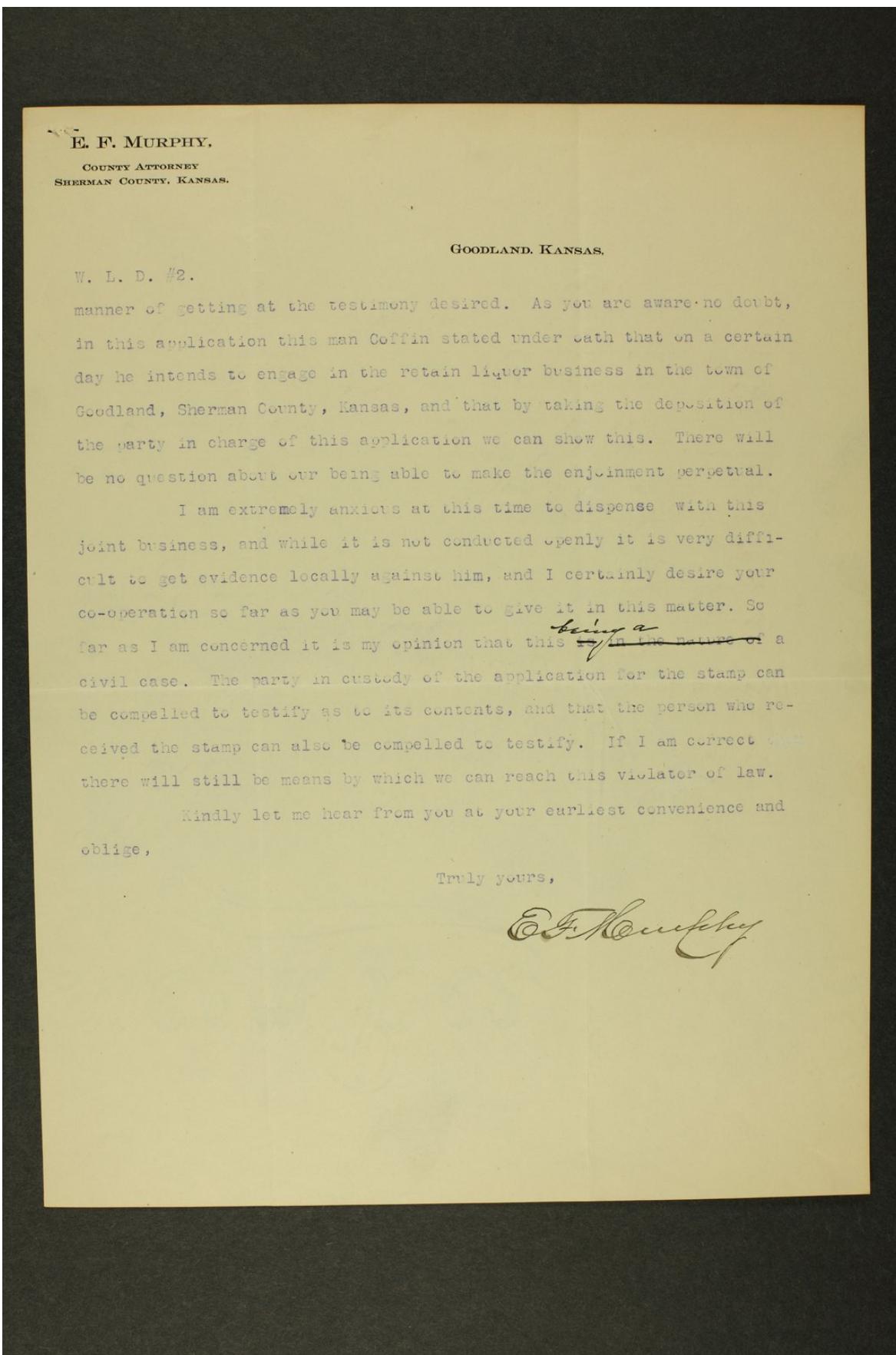
Kindly have Mr. Garver give his opinion relative to this

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GOODLAND, KANSAS. 5-14-'04.

Mr. W. L. Dekster, Secretary,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir : -

Yours of yesterday enclosing the information that one B. E. Coffin of this City had on April 30th, 1904, made application for and received a United States revenue stamp No. 231,313 for the purpose of engaging in the retail liquor business is at hand. This man Coffin is a joint keeper and a gambler of long standing here. He was such until about thirty days after I commenced my term of office, since which time ~~he~~ has been law abiding, that is until the present time, but was for a large portion of the time almost insane because he did not dare to enter into his old business.

I am now satisfied that he has concluded to risk it again. It is going to be hard to get direct evidence against him. While there are a number of revenue stamps held by people in this county none of them with this exception are making any effort or are in fact, violating the law or attempting to violate the law of the state. <sup>some</sup> The saloons ~~have~~ all left the state with this one exception, and the two drug-stores here have been permanently enjoined by me, so that this man Coffin is the only one with whom I have to deal at the present.

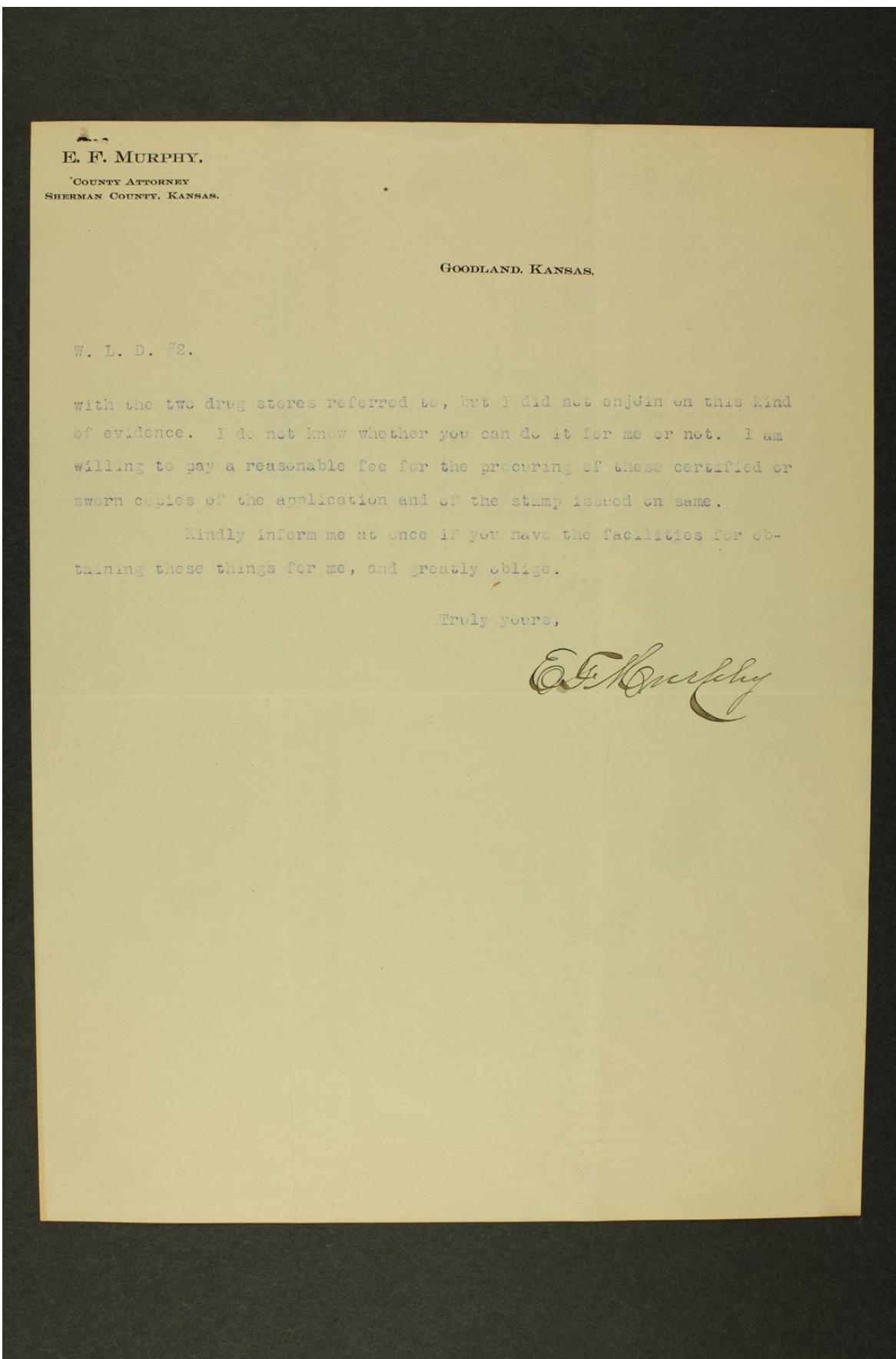
Now it is my desire that you render me some assistance in this matter if possible. If you can procure for me a certified copy from the office of the Internal revenue collector of the application made by Coffin for this revenue stamp, and a copy of the stamp issued to him on such application, duly certified by an officer of that office, or sworn as a copy by some one who has inspected the original, I am satisfied that I can successfully and permanently enjoin this man, as I have already done

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Chanute Grain Company.  
GRAIN, HAY, SEED, AND COAL.

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WALNUT, KANSAS, May 28, 1904

Kansas State Temperance Union,  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sirs:-

I have written to you two or three times and have been very much pleased with your thorough answers. Referring to our past correspondence you will find reference made to E.H. Burns obtaining a druggist permit.

I have a young man here who says he can buy all the liquor of Mr. Burns, without signing an affidavit, that he wants. This young man is of a good family and bears a good reputation for truthfulness.

I thought of this plan - what do you advise?  
Have this man buy whiskey bring it to me and I would seal it with a label bearing his signature and stating when, where, and of whom purchased. or would you have him then put it under lock so I can swear that it is the bottle and contents given me for safe keeping he having filed some special mark on the bottle, or would you let him keep the liquor.

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WALNUT, KANSAS, ..... 1904

Mr. Burns has a boy in the store as clerk who also makes considerable of his liquor sales the boy's father is interested in the store.

1. Would the evidence I mentioned be enough to convict Mr. Burns?

2. Could the liquor be purchased of the boy and both be convicted for the sale?

3. Would you notify the owner of the building so as to hold him responsible for the fire?

4. Would you have the party make two or three purchases so as to show continuous sales and have several counts?

5. The young man talked of trying to get two or three of his young friends (who have Burns' confidence) to go in and witness his purchases and then incidentally to bring them in as witnesses would you risk that part of it? We have \$100<sup>00</sup> for witness,

6. The young man who is helping is a minor will that make any difference?

I want to arrest him under the city ordinance which is an exact copy of the one in Prohibition in Kansas.

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We have no atty. here and therefore stay as hard & fair in Crawford Co. give instructions as to making out the complaint etc.

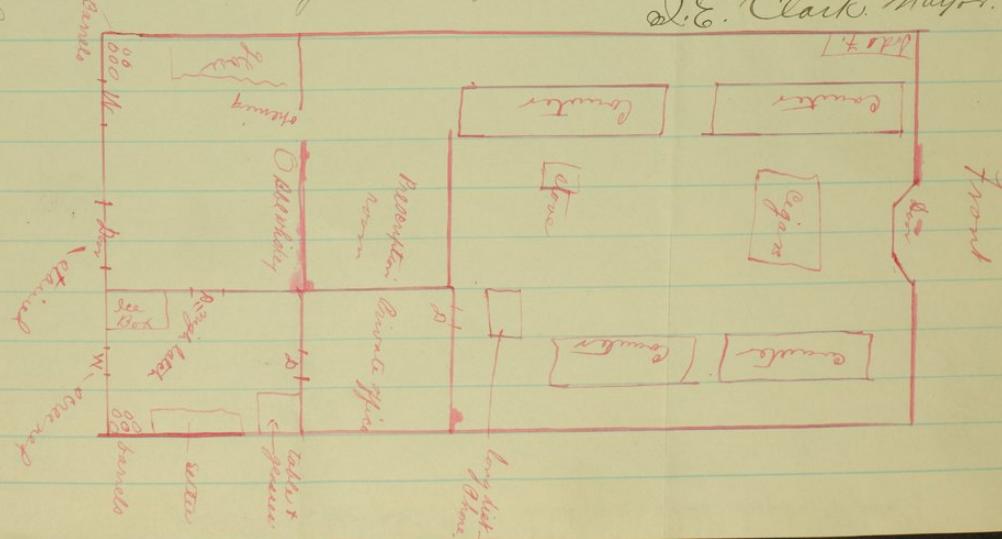
7 Can we collect an attorney's fee if he is convicted?

8 Our Police Judge is O.K. Do you think Burns will appeal to the D-Court?

9. We want to convict Burns, secure his fine, make him lay out his jail sentence, take his permit from him, and do him up in every way possible. What suggestions can you make?

Burns is very cautious and only allows the chosen ones to visit his drinking room. I will give a drawing of his place as given by our man. Kindly advise me at once. I enclose Ch for \$100 to help out the cause in general am saving up to fight this case.

S. E. Clark Mayor.

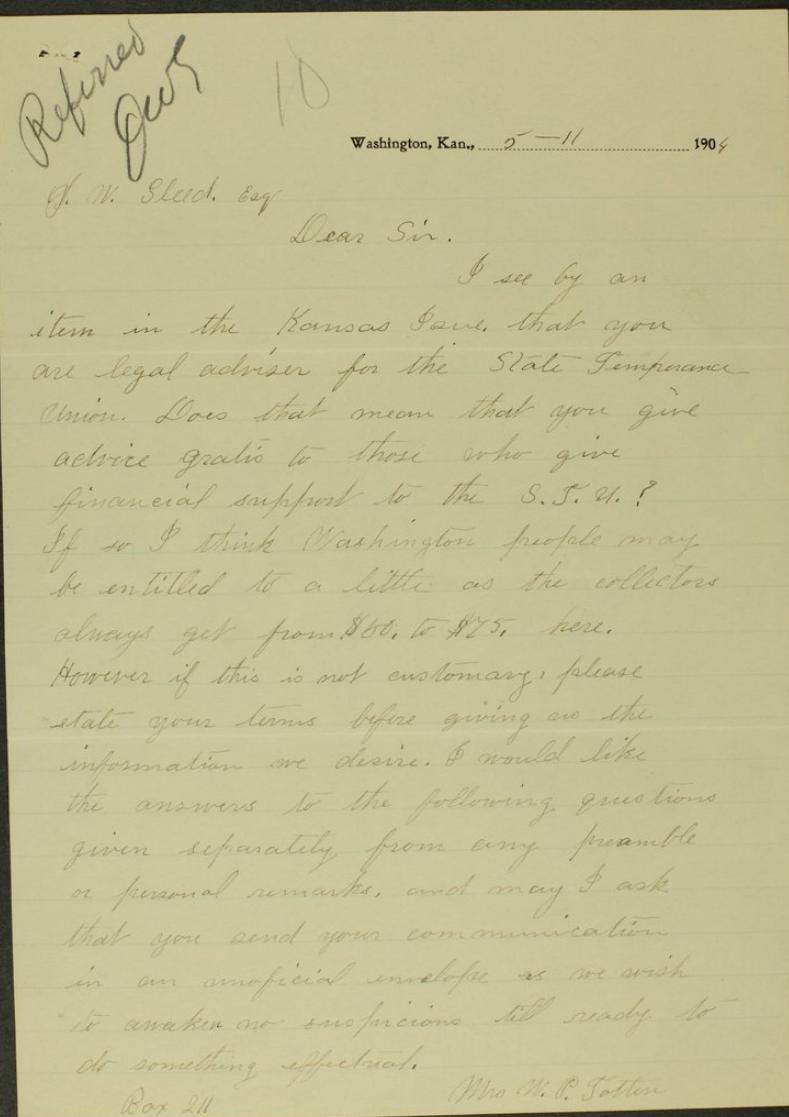


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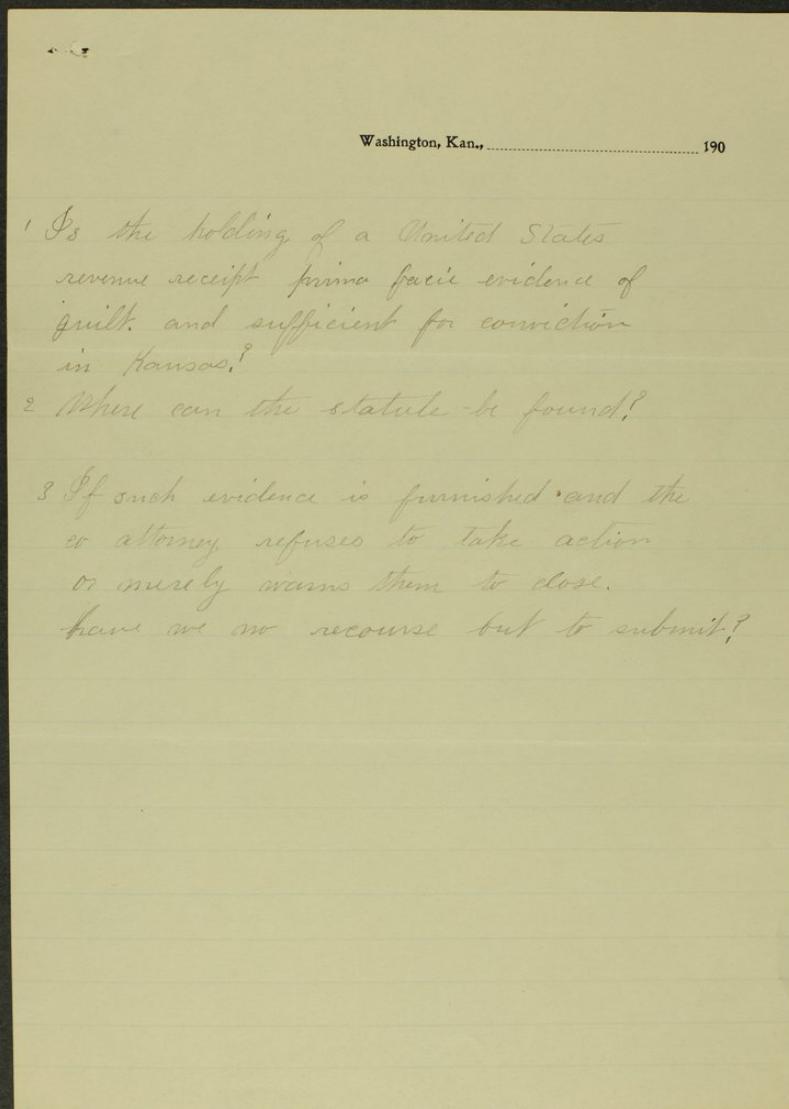


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CODDING & KEYSER,  
Lawyers,

WAMEGO AND WESTMORELAND,  
KANSAS.

J. K. CODDING,  
W. J. KEYSER.

Wamego, Kansas, May 26, 1904.

Rev. W. L. Dexter,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Brother:

Just returned from a two days stay at Kirwin, left things in excellent shape there. Am having a desperate time of it at Tonganoxie but am bound to win eventually. I have more on hands than I can attend to and will have to have some help or will neglect some very important matters.

I will be at home from now until Sunday noon. Would like very well to see you if only for a few hours.

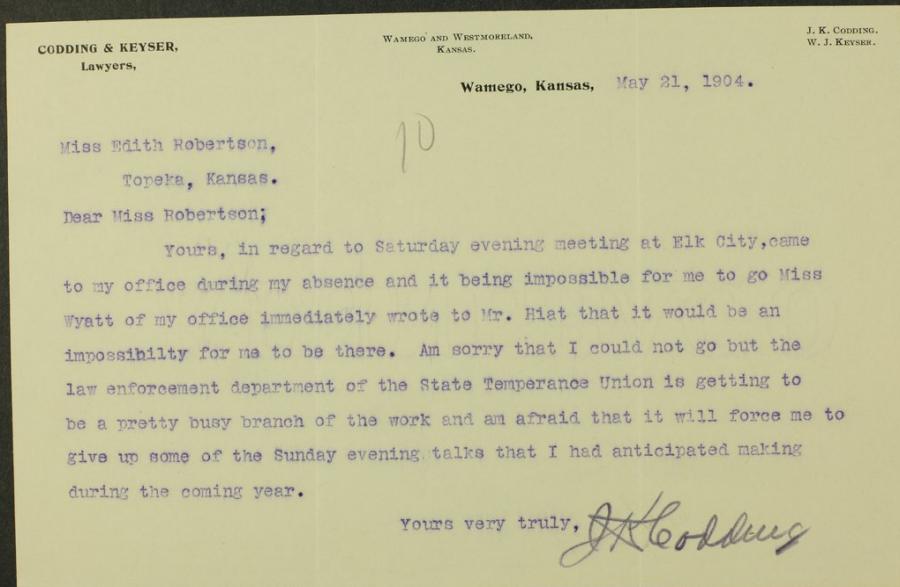
Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. K. Codding".

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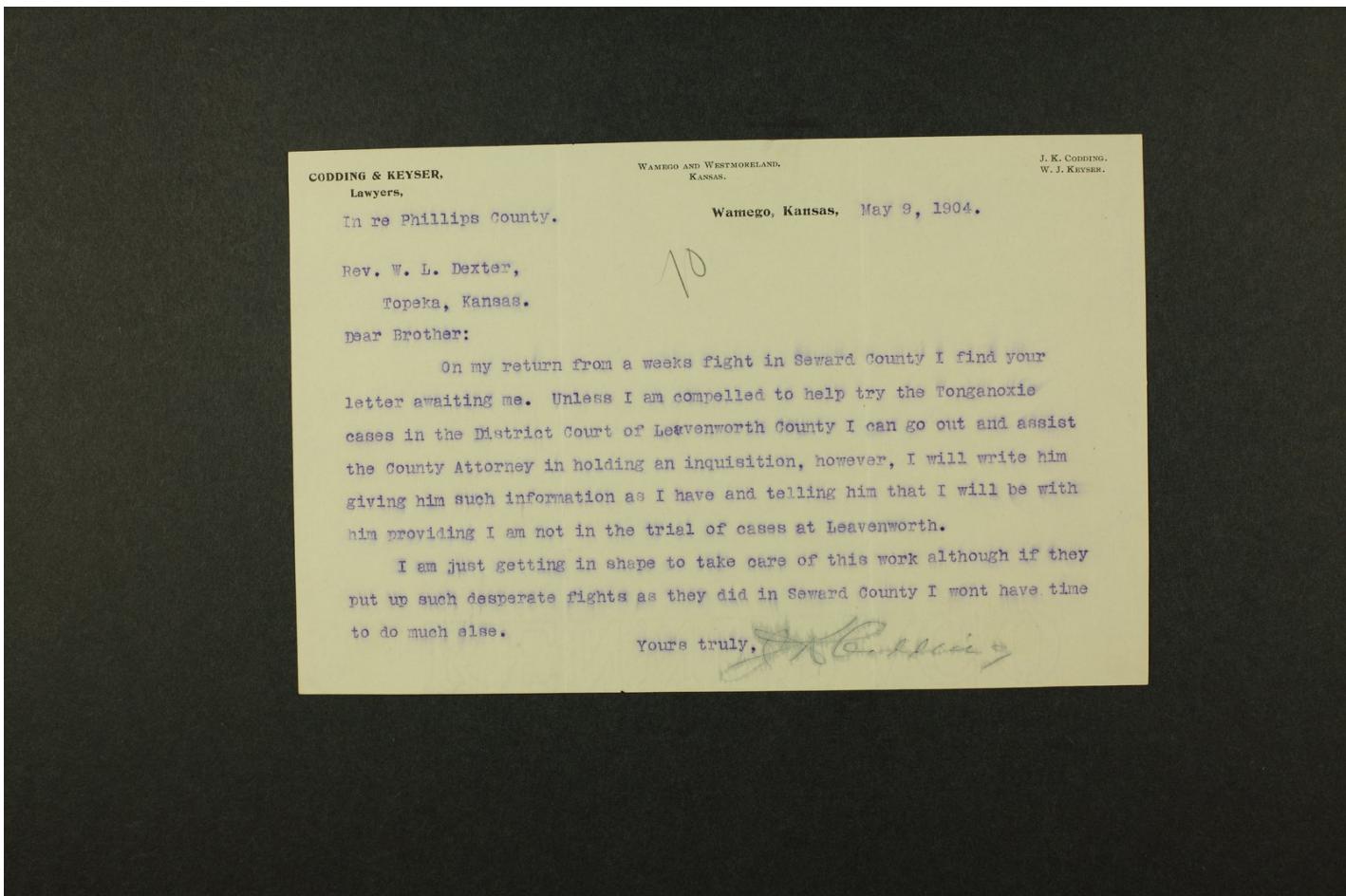
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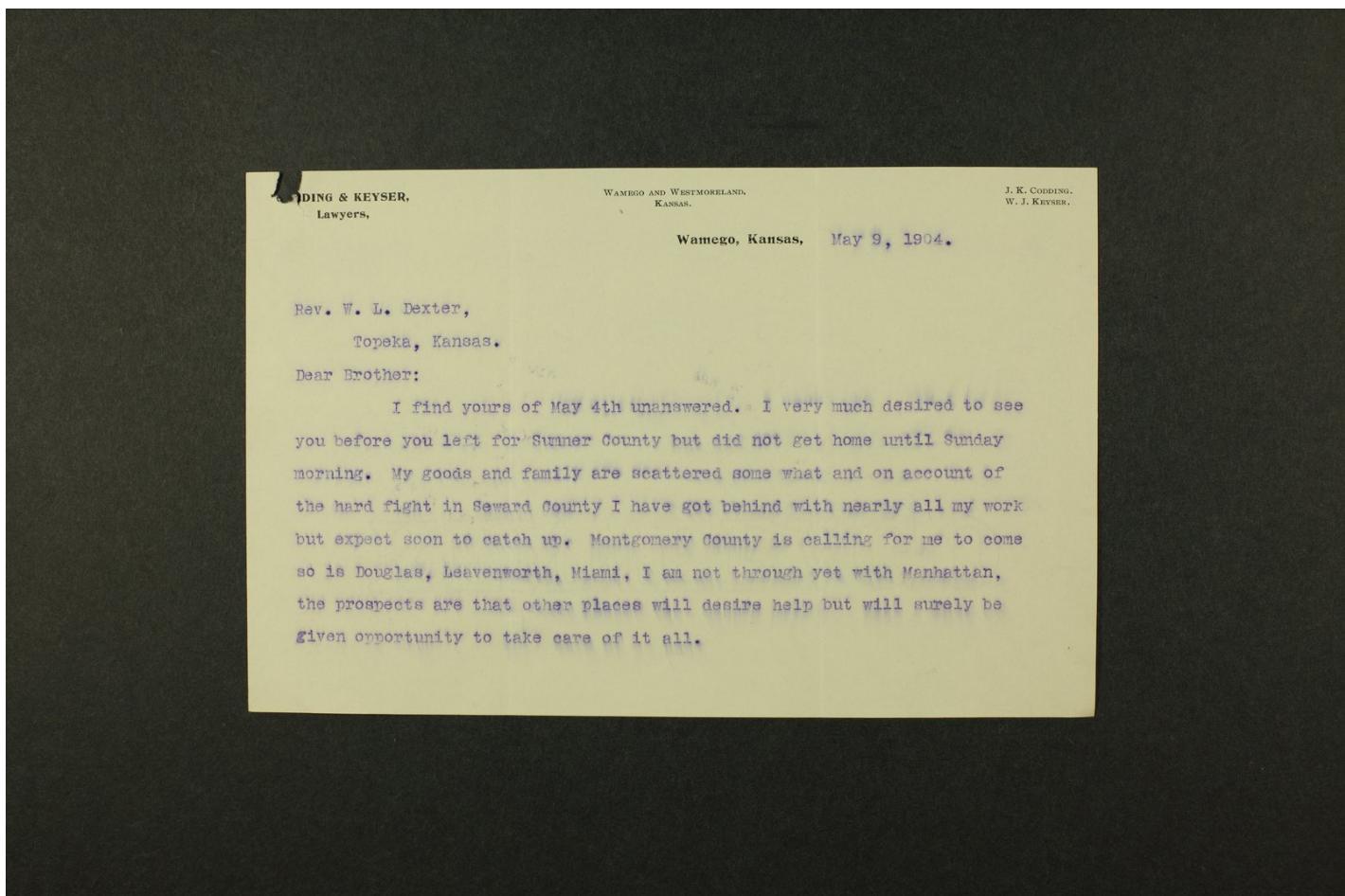
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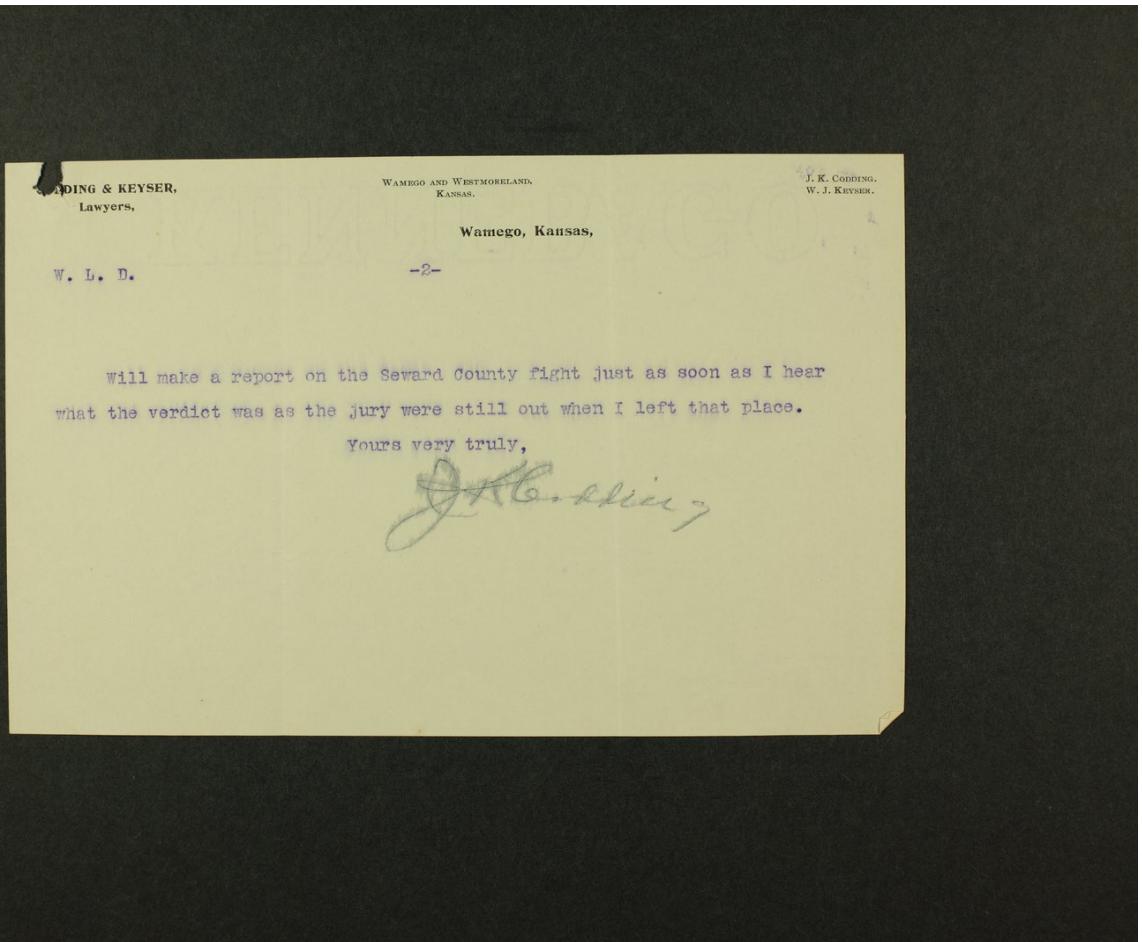


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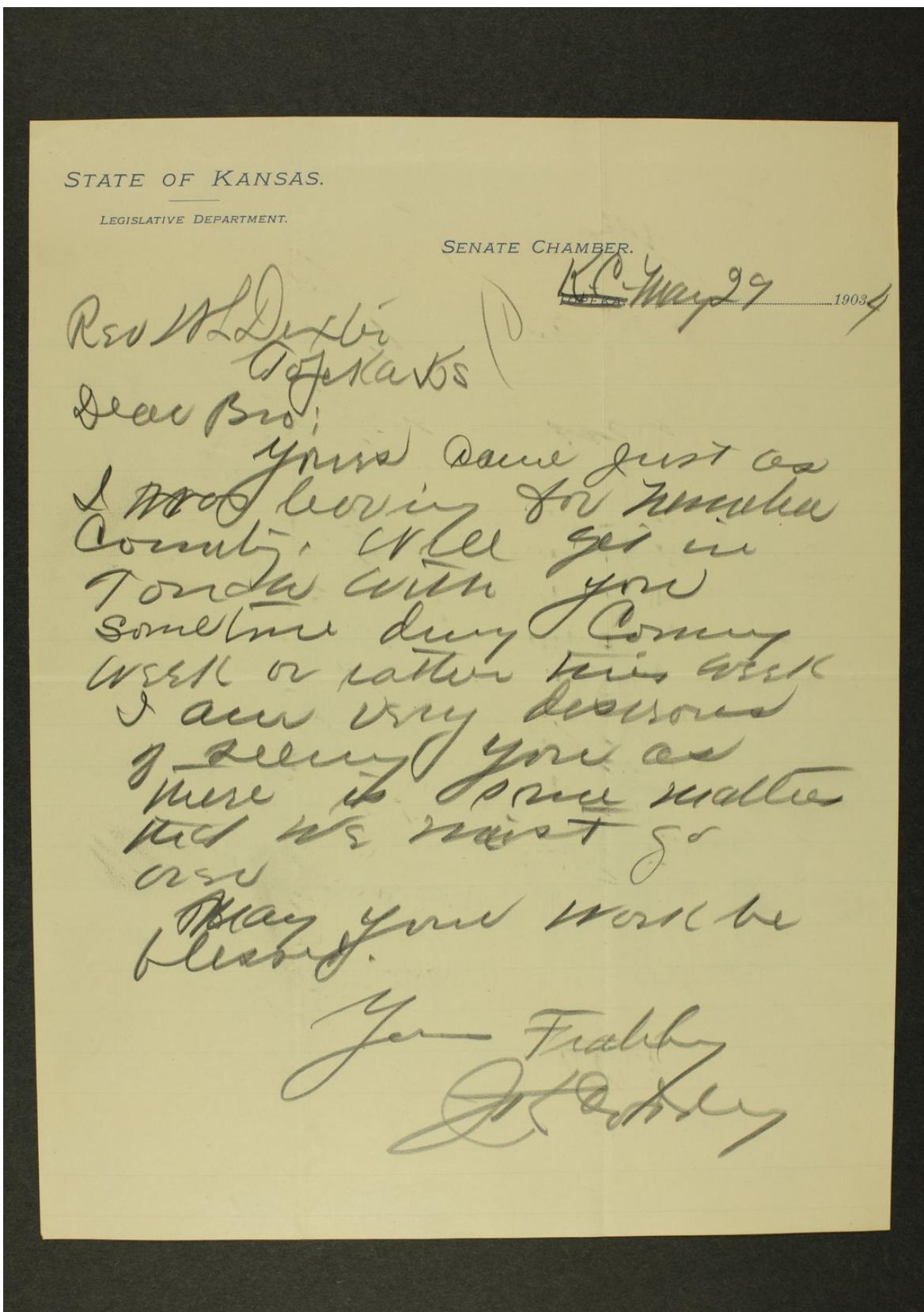


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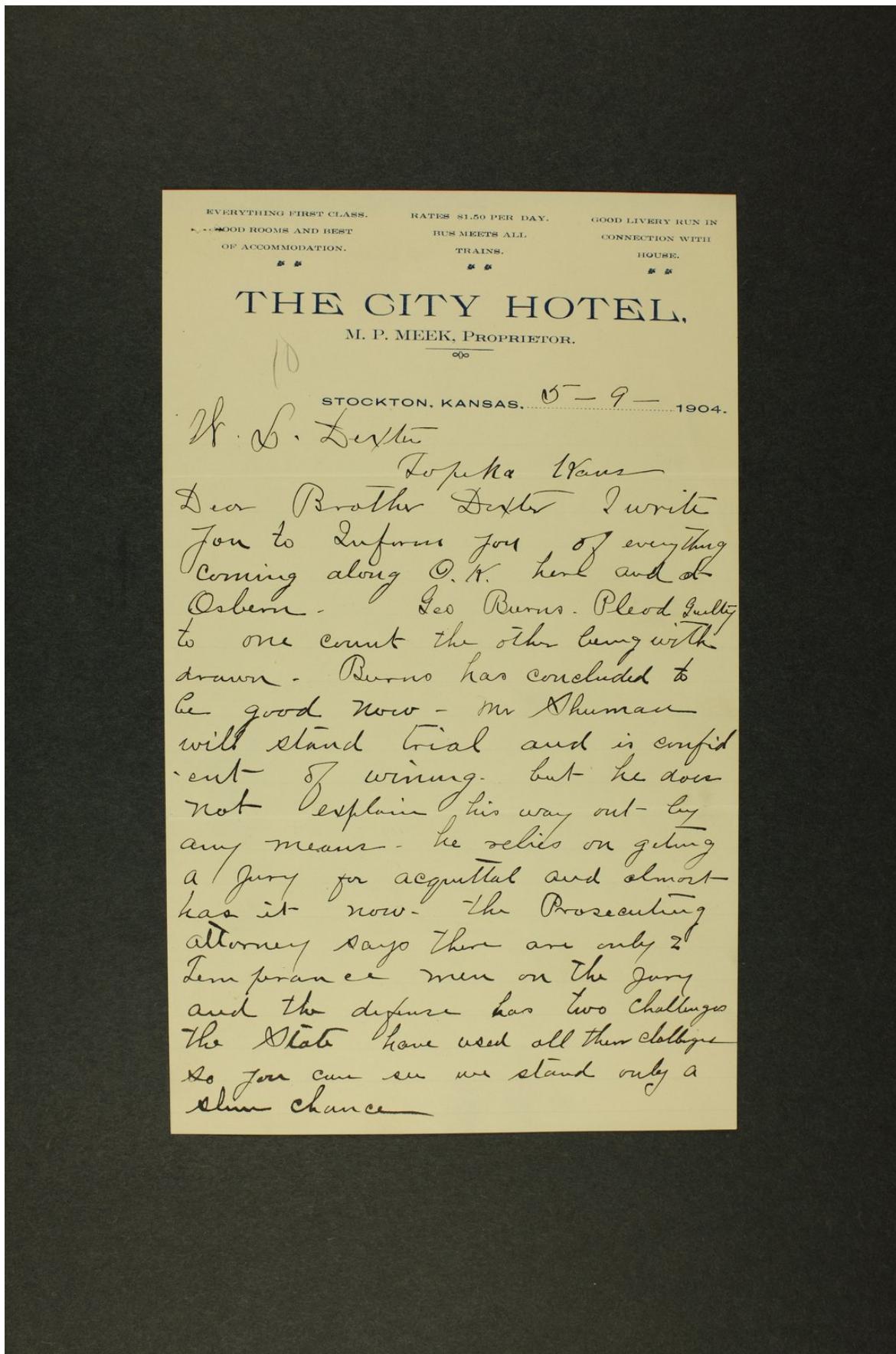


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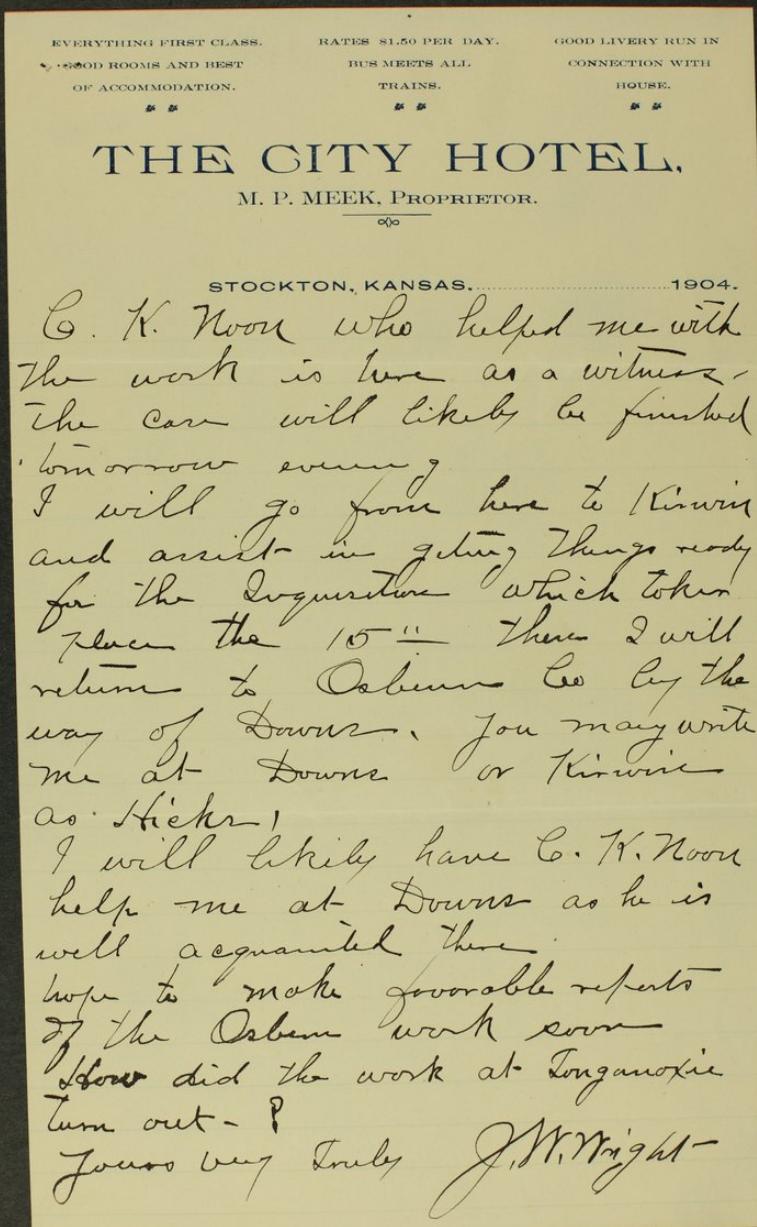


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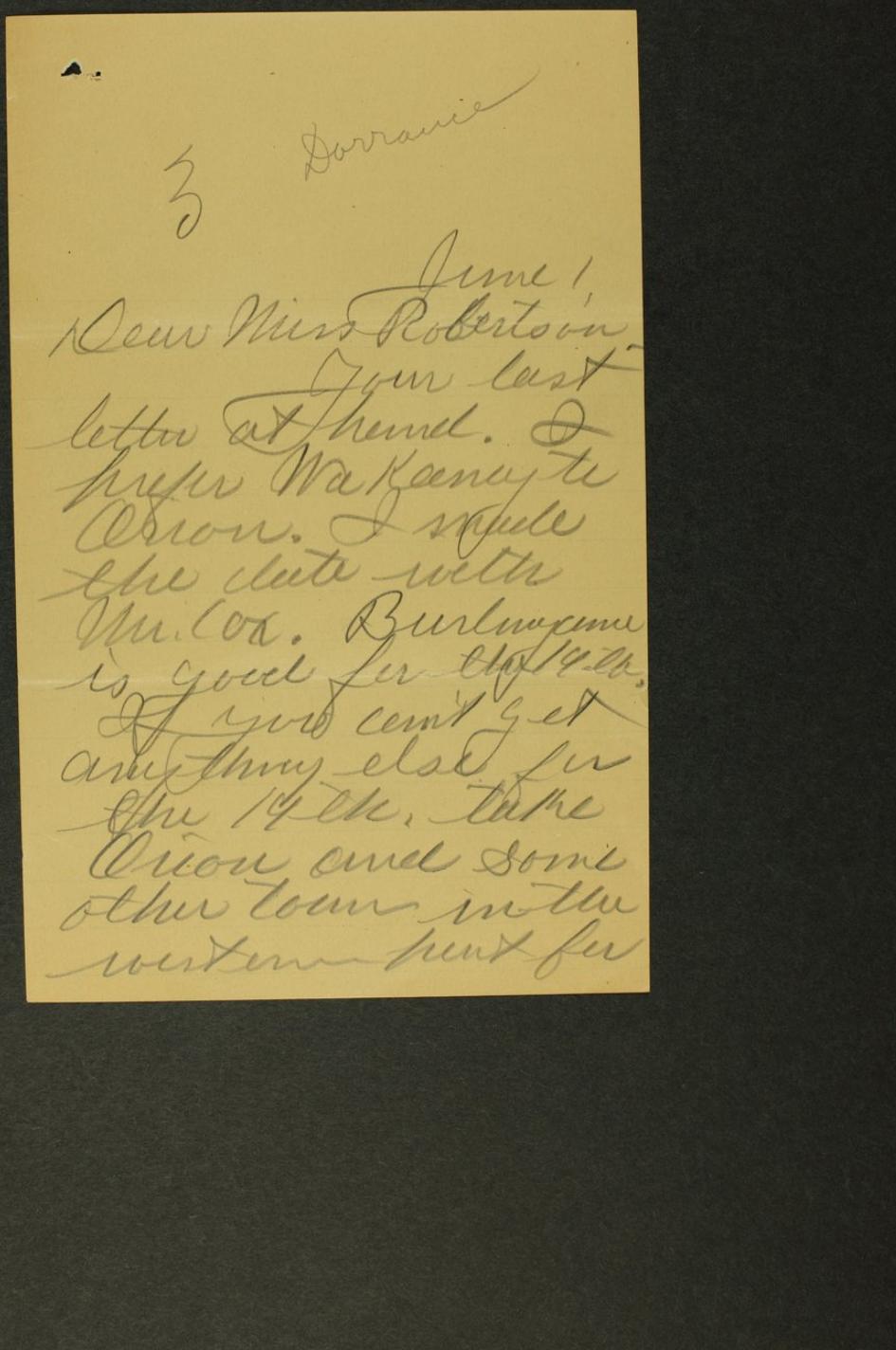


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that walk. Orion  
wouldn't pay for  
a whole pack.  
Close up with  
Bullock and some  
other good team  
on the way home  
if possible.  
Send the rest of  
Picture Play folders  
to Wm H. Jersey.  
Better have more  
printed. Will need  
3 or 4 thousand more  
for July & August.

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I have some  
class mail matter  
in office please  
send to Gramfield.  
I am revising S.S.  
In the office now  
and will send it  
just as soon as  
I reach the agent  
probably just Sat.  
Sincerely,  
A. D. Wilcox.

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Received  
Bunker Hill Ks

June 4, 1904

Dear Miss Robertson,

My report for  
the week of May 29 to  
June 4 is as follows:

Bunker Hill 3 days.  
Cash Recd. 13.15  
Expenses \$7.78  
Net 5.37

Normal 3 days  
Cash Recd. 24.76  
Expense 24.20  
Net. .56

Pledges 100  
A. Ottens 75  
W. C. Chinnies -

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Expense Statement,  
Baptist Hall

R.R.	.58
Ex.	.70
Board	<u>6.00</u>
Total	7.78
Admission.	
R.R.	.45
Ex.	.45
Admission	.30
Board	7.00
Dinner	1.00
J.M.S.	<u>15.00</u>
Total	24.20
	7.78
<u>Total</u>	<u>31.98</u>

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We were partially  
rained out on both  
few nights, Tues &  
Wednesday. This affects  
our new receipts.  
How is the summer  
route coming along?  
Hope for better news  
next week.

Sincerely  
C. D. Wilcox.

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<b>The Kansas State Temperance Union</b> <b>LOCAL SUBSCRIPTION LIST</b> <small>(To be filled out by Collector and sent to State Secretary)</small>				
Secretary Kansas State Temperance Union, 703 Jackson Street, Topeka, Kansas.				
DEAR SIR: The following persons on <u>June 5-04</u> subscribed at <u>Quenda Kans.</u> <small>(City)</small> <u>Nebraska</u> County, to the support of the Kansas State Temperance Union. The collections for <u>1st</u> quarter, beginning <u>May 5</u> are as follows: <u>Rev. C. A. Polson</u> Collector				
<small>(Please write this Blank with Care)</small>				
NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT DUE PER QUARTER	DATE OF PAYMENT FOR QUARTER	AMOUNT COLLECTED QUARTER
G. W. Moody	Quenda Kans	30	Paid	1.00
Warren & Russell	" "	30	Pd	.31
J. C. Sherrard	" "	30	Paid	1.00
Rev. C. A. Polson	" "	30		
Willard Brinkworth	" "	30	Paid	1.00
S. S. Stevenson	" "	30	Paid	1.00
W. H. Briggs	" "	80	Paid	1.00
Mrs. W. R. Bozell	" "	30	Paid	1.00
Mr. W. R. Bozell	" "	30	Paid	1.00
				<u>11.30</u>
<u>H E Wark</u> Report of meeting held at Harmony Church May 5-1904.				
Miss Grace Thompson	Sabetha, Ks.	30		
J. A. Thompson	" "	30	Paid	1.00
Lucy A. Brown	" "	30	Paid	1.00
Mr. J. R. Steele	" "	30	Paid	1.00
J. A. Steele	(Send same to Mr. Hatfield)	30	Paid	1.00
Samuel Barnett	" "	45	Paid	1.44
			Cash	<u>1.15</u>
Collector Miss Grace Thompson				<u>6.59</u>
<u>H E Wark</u>				

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Orion, Kans  
June 6. '04

A. D. Dexter,  
Secy. State Temperance Union  
Topeka, Ks.  
Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter giving us the date of work beginning with June 19, for the Wilcox lectures. Would have preferred the 12<sup>th</sup> but glad to get the 19<sup>th</sup>. We think we would prefer to have them the full week ~~rather~~ to make data for them anywhere else. We can meet them at

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Gronnell as it is our  
nearest point. Onion being  
about 15 miles southeast of  
that place.

I need the printed matter  
to distribute. Perhaps can  
use more if you think best  
to send it.

You said nothing about  
them helping us to raise  
the \$5,00 National fund  
but presume they can do  
that as they only charge  
admission the one night  
we can perhaps get collecting  
to that amount.

Respectfully yours  
Mrs. Nora Griffin, Secy Union Dist.