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### Section 14, Pages 391 - 420

Correspondence sent and received by members of the Kansas State Temperance Union, primarily Rev. W. L. Dexter, secretary, Robert Norris, secretary, Julian K. Codding, lawyer, and William T. Jones, solicitor. Correspondents include Elizabeth P. Hutchinson, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Rev. Purley A. Baker, superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, Mary Evelyn Dobbs, Rev. Charles W. Whorrall, and William H. McCamish, assistant attorney general of Wyandotte County. Included in this correspondence are several signed petitions to members of the U.S. Senate from citizens in Arkansas City, Kirwin, and Abilene asking them to vote against the Hamilton Bill which they argue "would annul the solemn pledge of the Government to protect the Indians against the introduction and sale of intoxicants in the Indian territory." Some financial records are also included, such as a report from the finance committee for the previous year, ending February 15, 1905, and receipts and disbursements by month, signed by financial manager S. H. Pitcher. 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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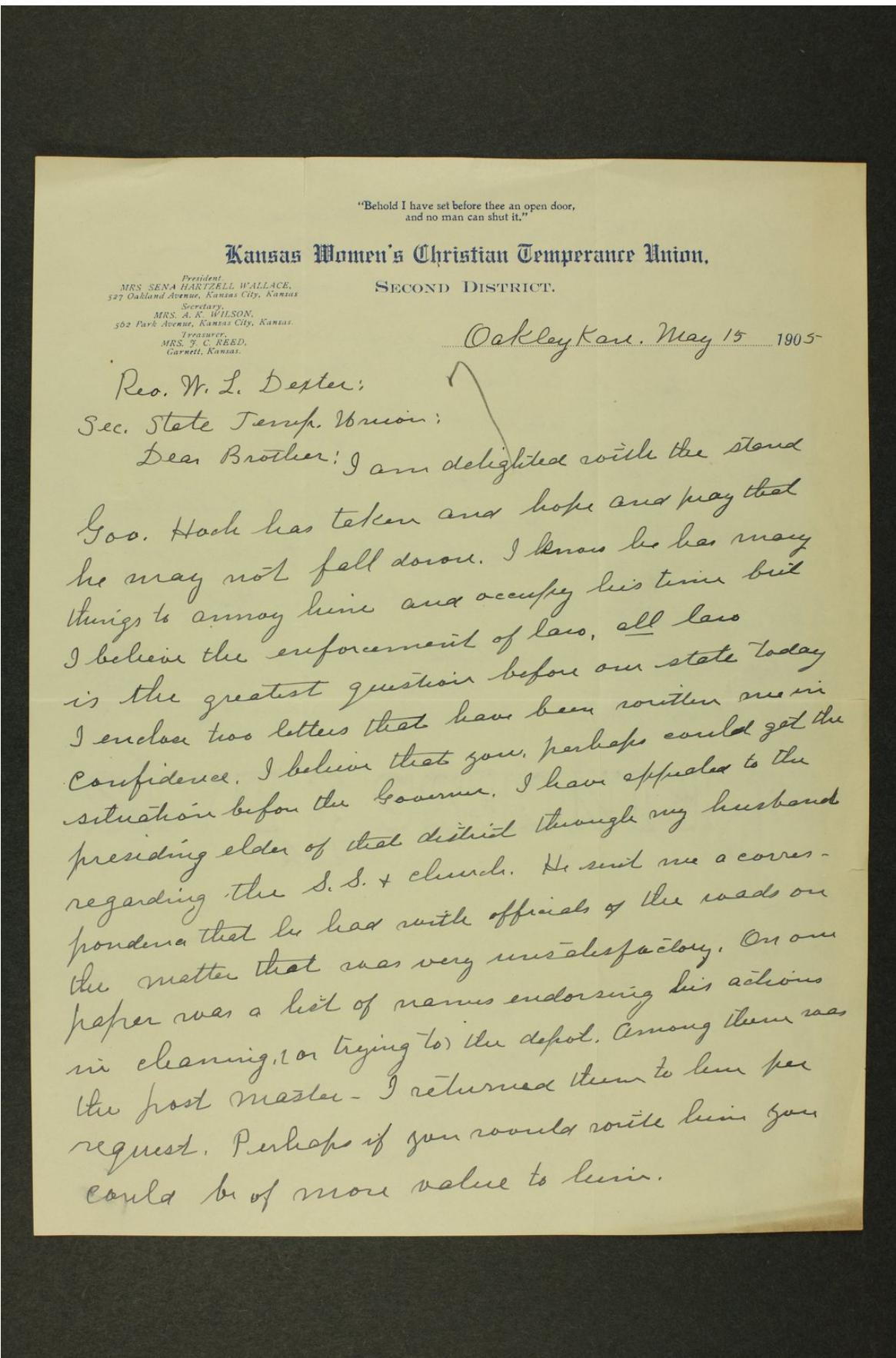
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And to the cause. I am afild and do not expect  
to get home much before the middle of June.  
Mastin is in Johnson Co. not far from Olathe.  
On the Missouri line or just across-

I should like to have the letters returned  
As I wish to keep in touch with the writer  
He certainly is a courageous Christian man.  
I trust you will find some way to help him.  
I am very anxious to hear that Weller Sell  
has been pardoned. I have been in that part  
of the state & heard both sides and don't see  
how any fair minded person could hesitate

Yours Cordially

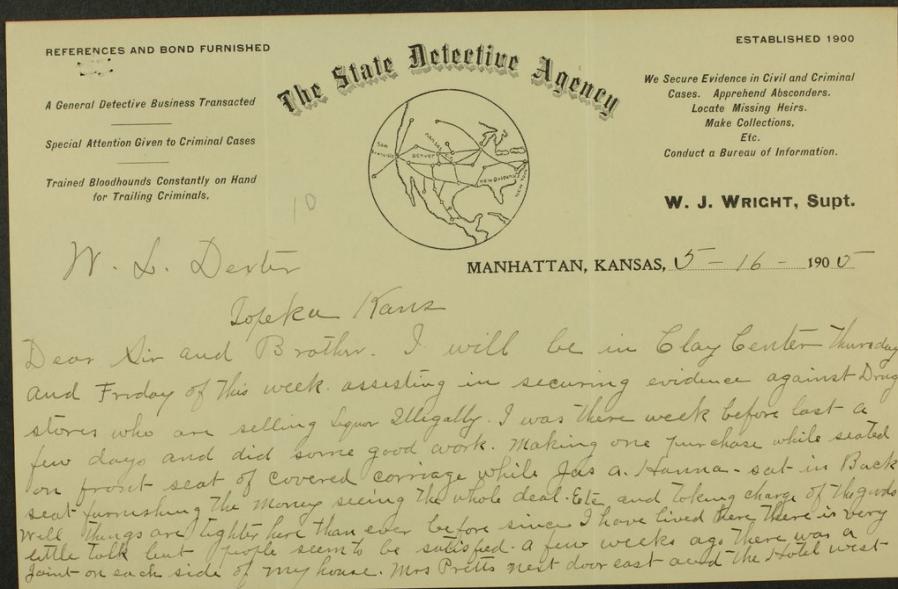
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MANHATTAN, KANSAS, 190

but now the people go dry in the part of the town Angles Drug Store is now the worst place in town. Harrop's also Drug Store has refused to honor request of old customers for the first time. Bert Harrop says you can't tell who is after you in this business. It was reported to me yesterday that Will Halbert was selling again. Old Mrs Higgins who has occupied room over Mrs. Orrells at 123 S. are sold her Furniture to Second Hand Store today and will leave tonight for Emporia to join her Daughter Mrs Jennie Richards who was given time to leave about a month ago. Her loss will be Emporia's gain? Yours very Respc J.W. Wright

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Rev. W. S. Dexter  
Topeka Kansas.

May, 16, 1905;

Dear Bro. 10

yours of yesterday at hand, omitting now anything about injunctions, which may come later I desire to state two plans, and I have in view, and ask your advice about them.

I. As the Prohibitory Law, plainly says, that the possession of a W. S. license is Prima Facie shall be for evidence of that the sale &c---- and as you have given a correct list of these how would it do for myself and some others to take the list of all such in our county, and making affidavit-sherets, present such list to our Prosecuting Attorney as evidence, and require him to proceed against them.

II. I do not believe there is any W.S. license visible in any place in town as required by law. Suppose some of us visit the men having permits and require to see them, and if refused, tell the W.S. Attorney Mr. Dean, and let him proceed.

III. Suppose we form a society, and each of the number of the society, order a shipment of whisky or beer from some or all of the anxious Kansas City wholesalers, and then after it is delivered

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here inform Mr Dean: as your Prohibitory Law enforcement - Page 6. Paragraph one from top of page. and turn the whiskey over to him, and let him attend to that.

For by your list - not one of the Kansas city fellows have any license in our County.

These plans would - except the first - and possibly <sup>not</sup>, that; would <sup>not</sup> incur any expense on the county or citizens and would only punish the sellers. by W. S. Law.

Please reply to my questions, and especially this.

IV. Would we be safe, on the strength of the information, of those mentioned in Prohibitory Law Enforcement; and the Supplements sent to me, in swearing out a complaint stating the ones named therein are selling intoxicating liquors?

Tell me how.

I am your Bw,

H. Eby.

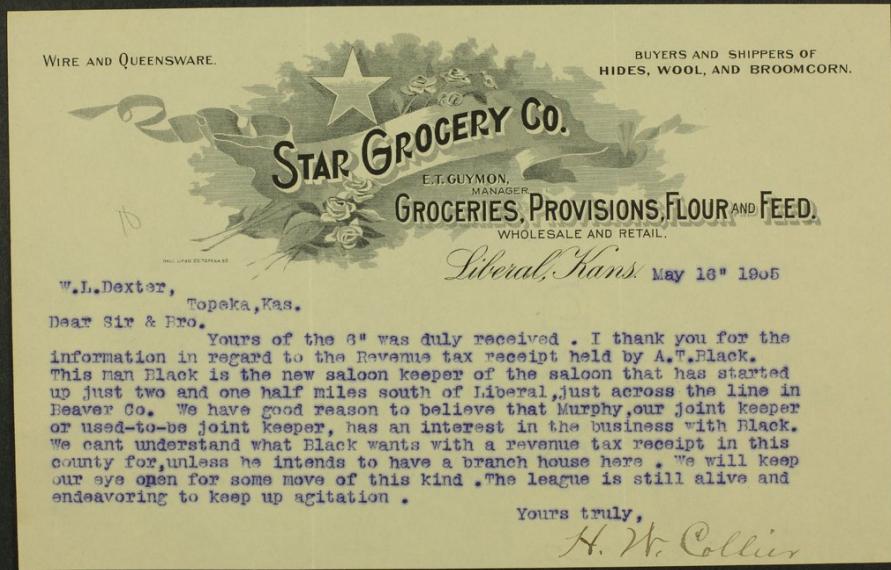
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Waverly, Kansas, May 16, 1905

Dear Bro. Dexter:

I had a splendid trip last week. A good hearing at Rantoul... Cards \$16.80, cash 90 cts. Organized a Civic League---Thomas Watkin, Pres., Mrs. A. F. Alveid, Sec'y. At Pomona had 53 adults in the audience---\$18.60 on cards, 25 cts cash. Collected \$4.90 on cards at Rantoul, and \$2.10 at Pomona. The two meetings net \$36.55. Fair indeed for week nights in this busy time. O, Dexter, this is a great work? My blood gets infected with the Microbes of VICTORY when I face an audience & delve into the Great Divine Themes of COMMUNITY REDEMPTION? It was quite late when we closed at Pomona & the pastor thought it wise to take up the organization of a League at another meeting to be held this week. Mrs. Scovill has the matter in charge. They are up to date there, & Rev. Stevenson is a Fighter?

I tried your New Cards on the last trip for the first time, & Old Boy, they worked like a charm? I doubt if I would have secured \$15.00 on the old cards with the audiences I had, especially at Rantoul. That is a Tough Place?

I go to Wellsville Friday. Trust you may Line Up some more places for me. The people are eager to make things hum? Let me hear all the latest from the Firing Line?

Sincerely,

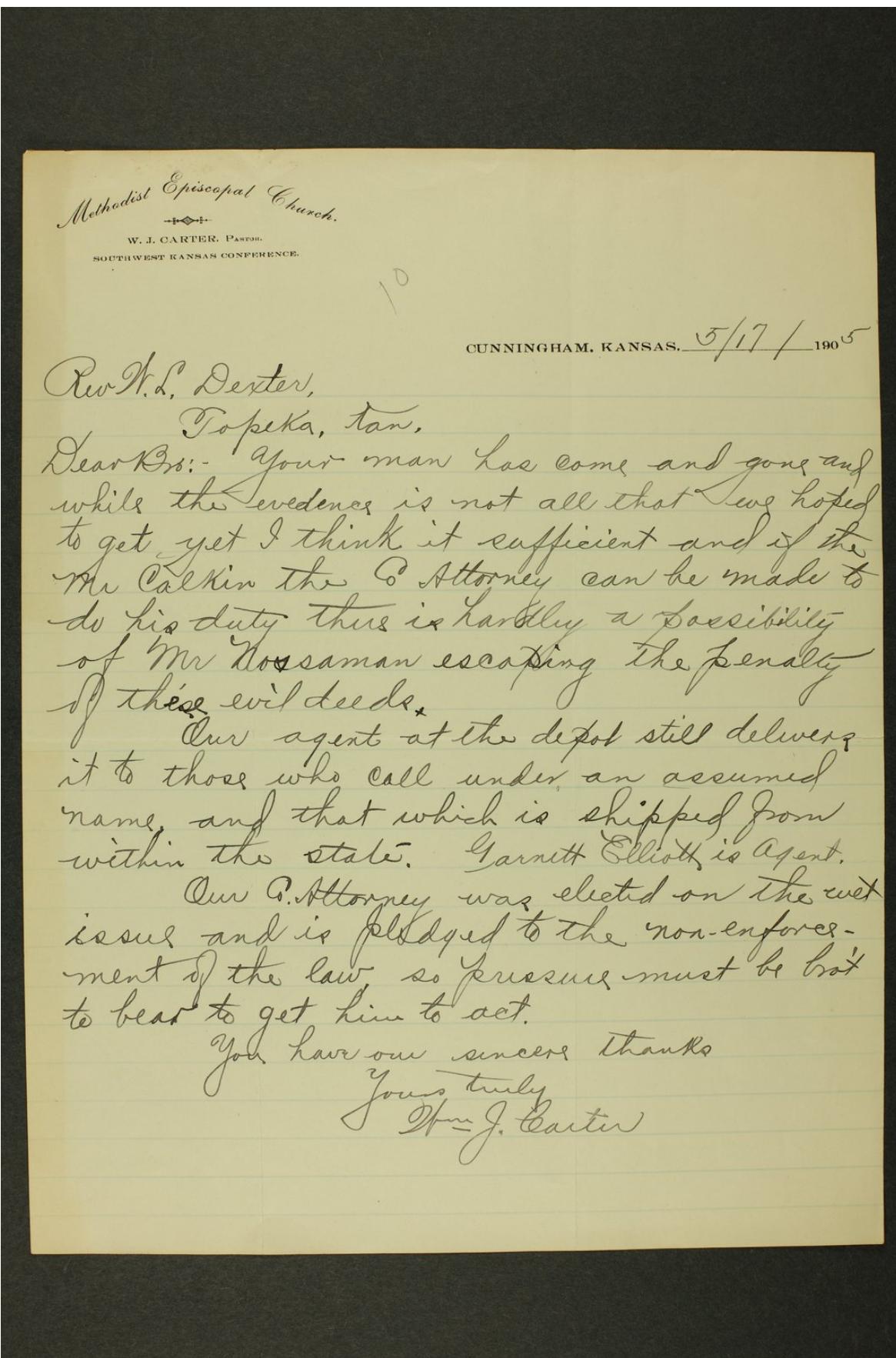
Chas. H. Whorall

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Mr H. L. Dexter  
Topeka, Ks.

Dear Sir:

Thanking you very kindly  
for prompt response; good wishes  
& distinctive literature I  
enclosed (in stamp) ~~to~~ to  
postly compensate you for  
your kindness.

With three hearty cheers for  
Kansas Prohibition

I am  
Yours truly  
C. O. Nelson

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First Congregational Church,

J. E. KIRKPATRICK, Pastor.

KIRWIN, KANSAS, 5/18/05. 190

Dear Brother Dexter:-

Yours of yesterday at hand today. I think June 4th to 11th will be the best date for us. To begin here on the 4th then to Alma, Prairie View, Long Island, Logan, Marvin, and Phillipsburg Saturday for a county rally and organization leaving you the last Sunday at the Berg. In part of these places you will be able to make appointments better than I can as the Union has no relation. Whatever I can do I will do. Have been asked about expenses already.

You will be interestd to know that Phillipsburg went dry two days before Mr. Coddings man and I struck it yestd. The joints had refused to pay their fines and had disregarded the regulations that the city had set up when the Mayor who had been wet seemed to change his mind as to the wisdom of the wet policy and sided in with the minority of drys on the council and things were dry sure yestd. My information was from a dry member of the council. Mayor he thinks is jenuinely converted for sake of the boys and of farmers who want to settle in the town and wont because it is wide open and also because the county knocks out their high school plans for same reason. I hardly think it is permanent- the joints will not submit without a fight en&uit is not likely that the city will be much of a factor on that line- but it is at least worth while to have another mind in the city administration. It was a case of giving the calf rope enough to hang himself one of their leading lawyers and bus. men remarked. It was a littl awkward so far as our plans were concerned and will cost us some money. R. is here now.

J. E. Kirkpatrick —

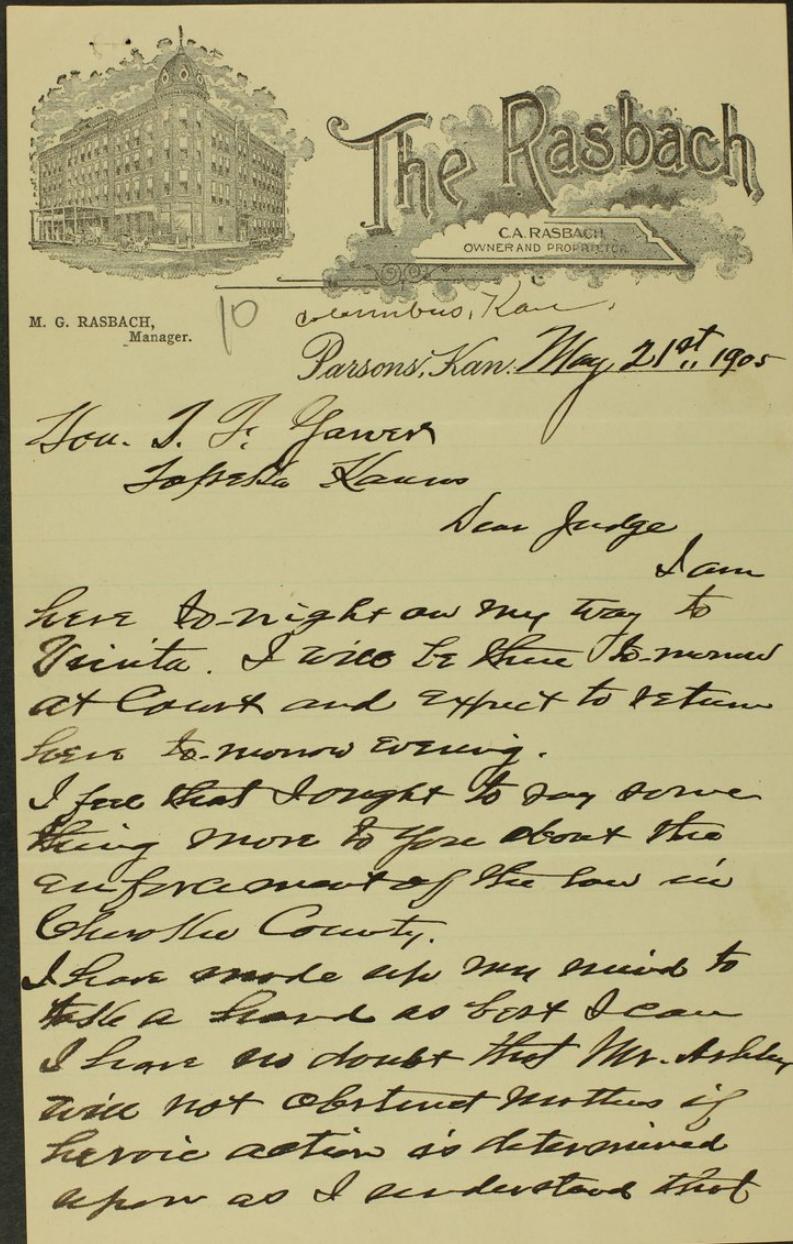
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as specific as details & people in other  
places as me in confidence.

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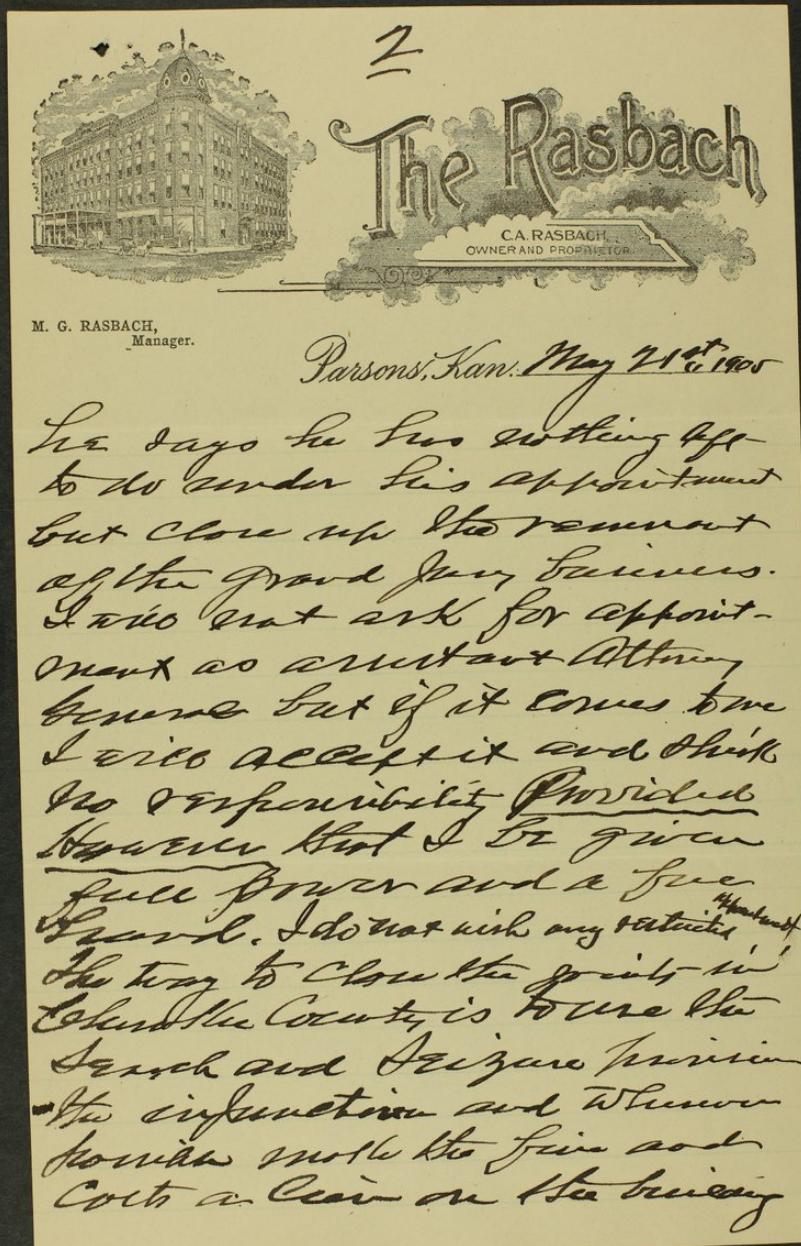


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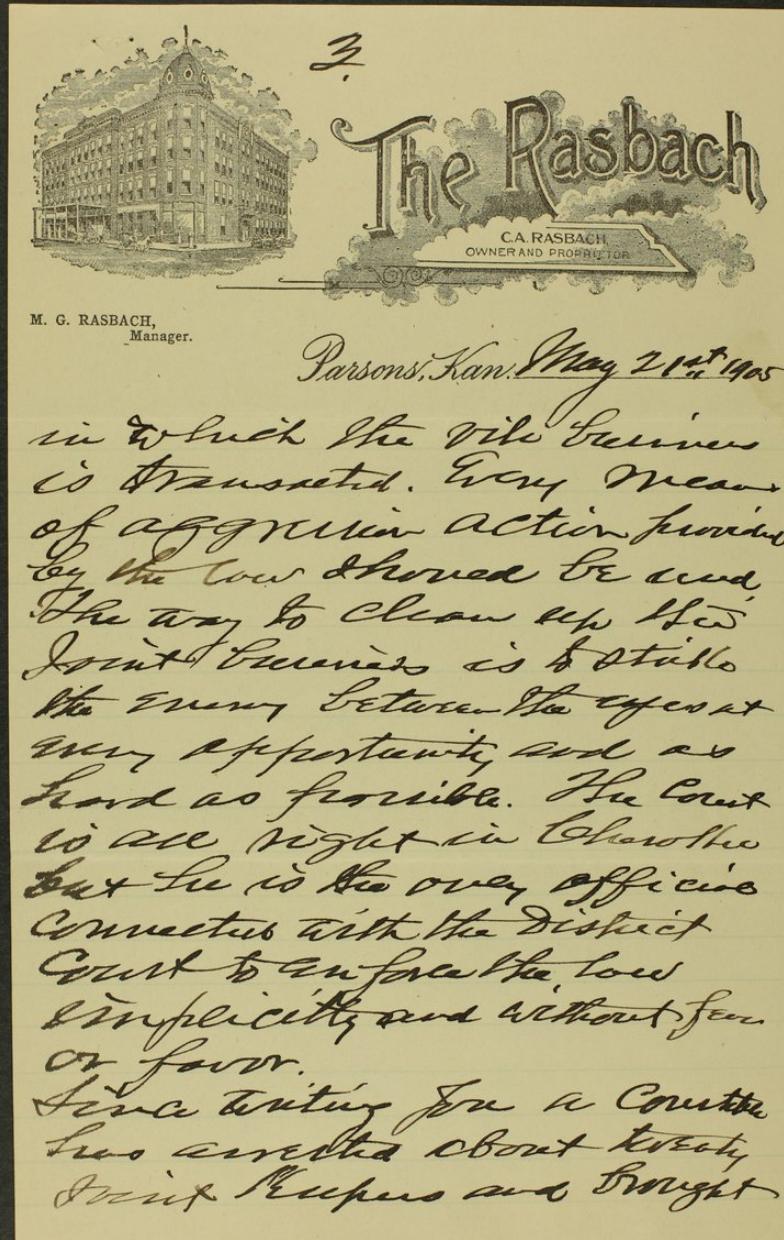


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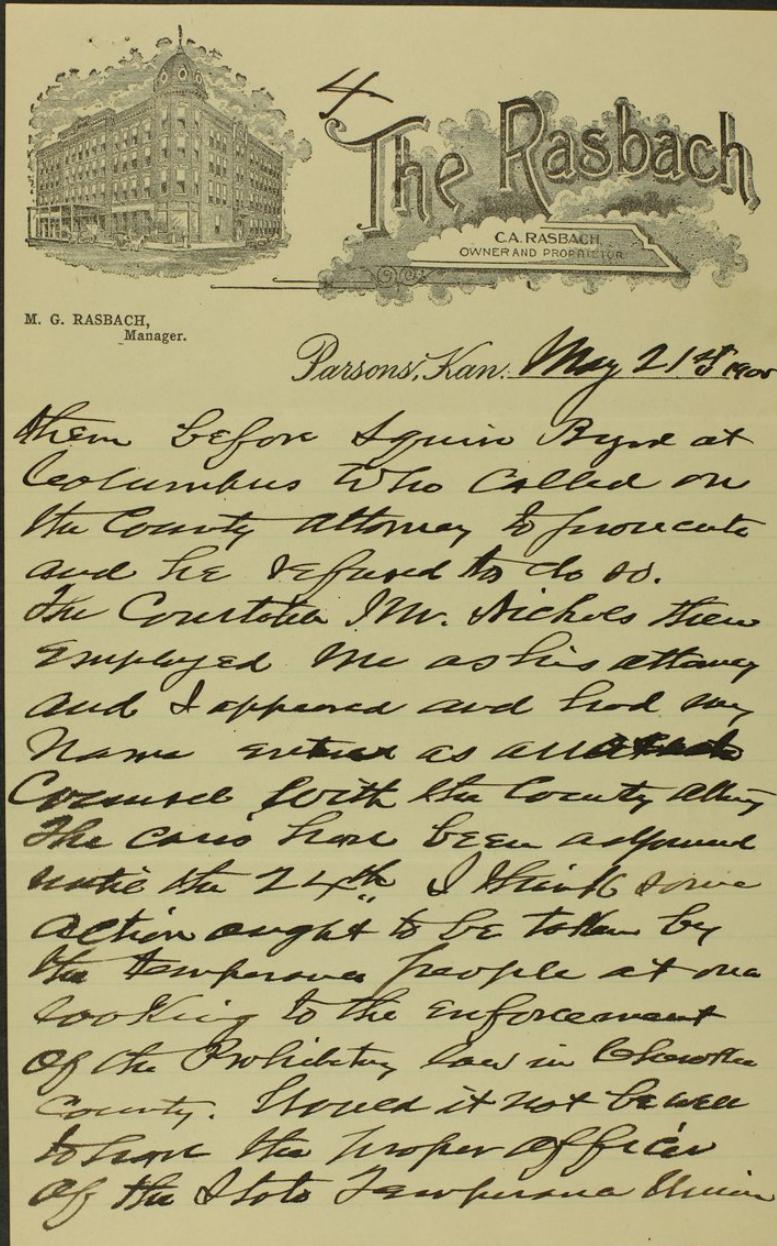


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M. G. RASBACH,  
Manager.

Parsons, Kan. May 21<sup>st</sup> 1890

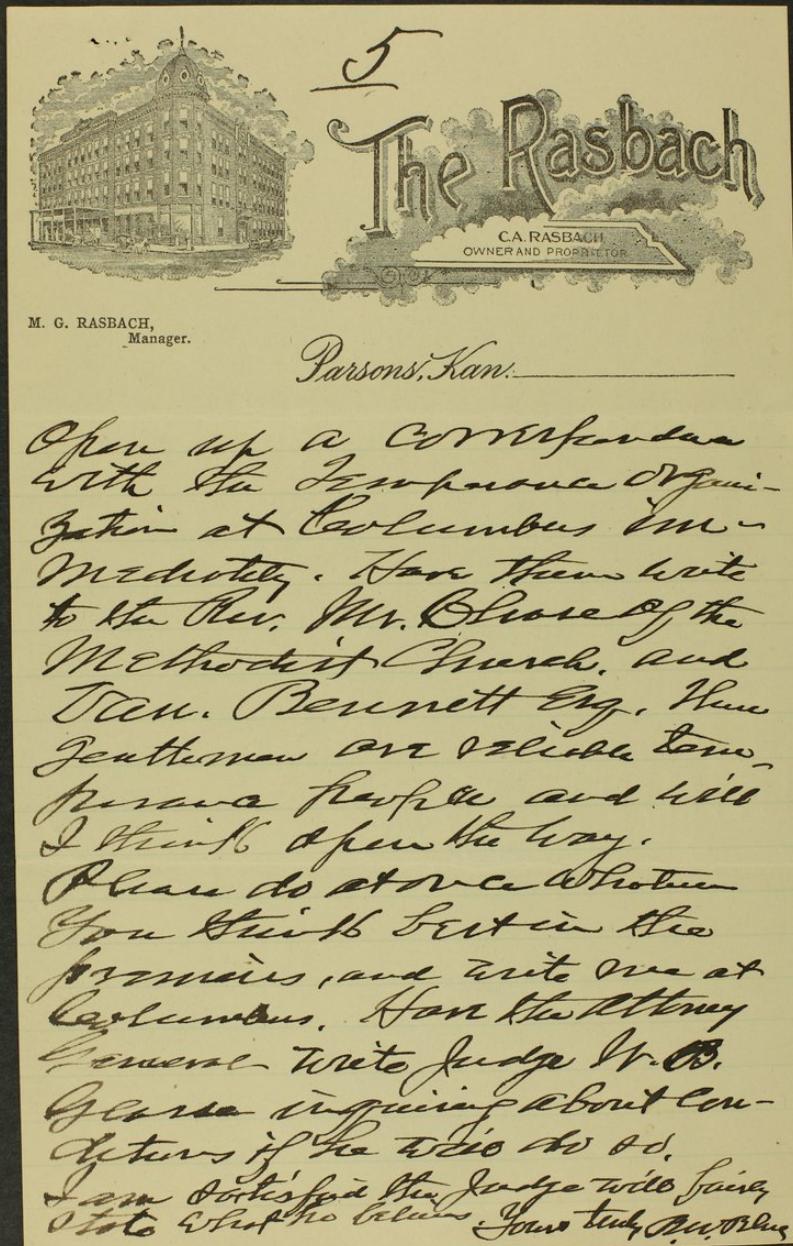
them before Squinn Rynd at  
Columbus who called on  
the County Attorney to prosecute  
and he refused to do so.  
The Court then W. W. Nichols then  
employed me as his attorney  
and I appeared and had my  
name entered as ~~attacked~~  
Counsel for the County Attorney.  
The cause has been adjourned  
until the 24<sup>th</sup>. I think some  
action ought to be taken by  
the temperance people at once  
looking to the enforcement  
of the Prohibition law in Chautauquah  
County. Should it not be well  
to have the proper officer  
of the State Temperance Union

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Willard Kans May 20 1905  
Rev. W. L. Dexter

Dear Sir:

The case of the State against Cochran for selling liquor found guilty on count two for selling and maintaining a ~~noise~~ aince assessed a fine of \$200.00 and 60 days in jail with costs. He is going to appeal.

I was at the depot this morning and 4 bbls of liquor were unloaded & bbls marked spirits so you see he still expects to go on which is his boasts that he will go on and make enough to pay the fines etc.

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Now what can be done we are  
determined to stamp out the  
evil if possible.

how about the injunction  
Can you help us with that  
if the blank is filled out which  
you sent to us.

or would you continue  
with search and seizure  
warrant process.

Please to advice.

I am coming down to  
Topeka the first part of the week trusting  
that I may meet you, however  
upon hearing from you will  
fill out blank for injunction  
Yours.

C A Fahlgreen  
pastor of Congregational church.

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CENTRAL CHURCH  
Topeka, Kansas

Y  
May 22, 1905.

Rev. W.L. Dexter,

Kansas State Temperance Union, City.

Dear Brother Dexter:- I do not know the name of the woman from Silver Lake. She did not wish her name to be known. You are at freedom to use my letter in any way you choose and my name with it. It certainly seems as if something ought to be done at Silver Lake. What are the churches doing there? In any case, the County Attorney is the officer to put an end to those conditions. If you print the letter, use my name in connection with it. I am perfectly willing to have everybody known what I know of the matter.

Very cordially yours,

*Charles M. Sheldon*

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Waverly, Kansas, May 22, 1905.

Dear Brether Dexter:

Yours of Friday at hand too late to answer on Sat. evening, so take this first opportunity to send in names requested.

Write at Williamsburg----Rev. H.A. Ceek, W.J. Finley, John Claypeel & E.B. Kirkland....At Richmond...W.E. Gault, A.M. Spears, Miss Florence Akin. At Princeton...Rev. Blackburn, & Postmaster McCandles:....At Rantoul: W.J. Thayer, Mrs. Elizabeth Tullis, Mrs. Watkin, Mrs. A.F. Alveid...At Pomena: Rev. Stevenson, C.E. Eggleston, Mrs. Mary Scovill & Mrs. Belle Page Whetstone. At Wellsville: C.A. Smith, Rev. Randolph & Rev. Geo. Hine.

We were hit with a shewer again at Wellsville but we had 6 men & about 20 women & young people out. We got three subs of \$3.60 each and 50 cts in collection. \$10.30 in all. We would have had a fine meeting had the weather been good. They are alive there. I fear the trains run so that they can not get over for a morning session at Ottawa. All the other places can make the morning trains. Every thing is moving along nicely, & we have nothing but encouragement to report.

Very anxious for victory,

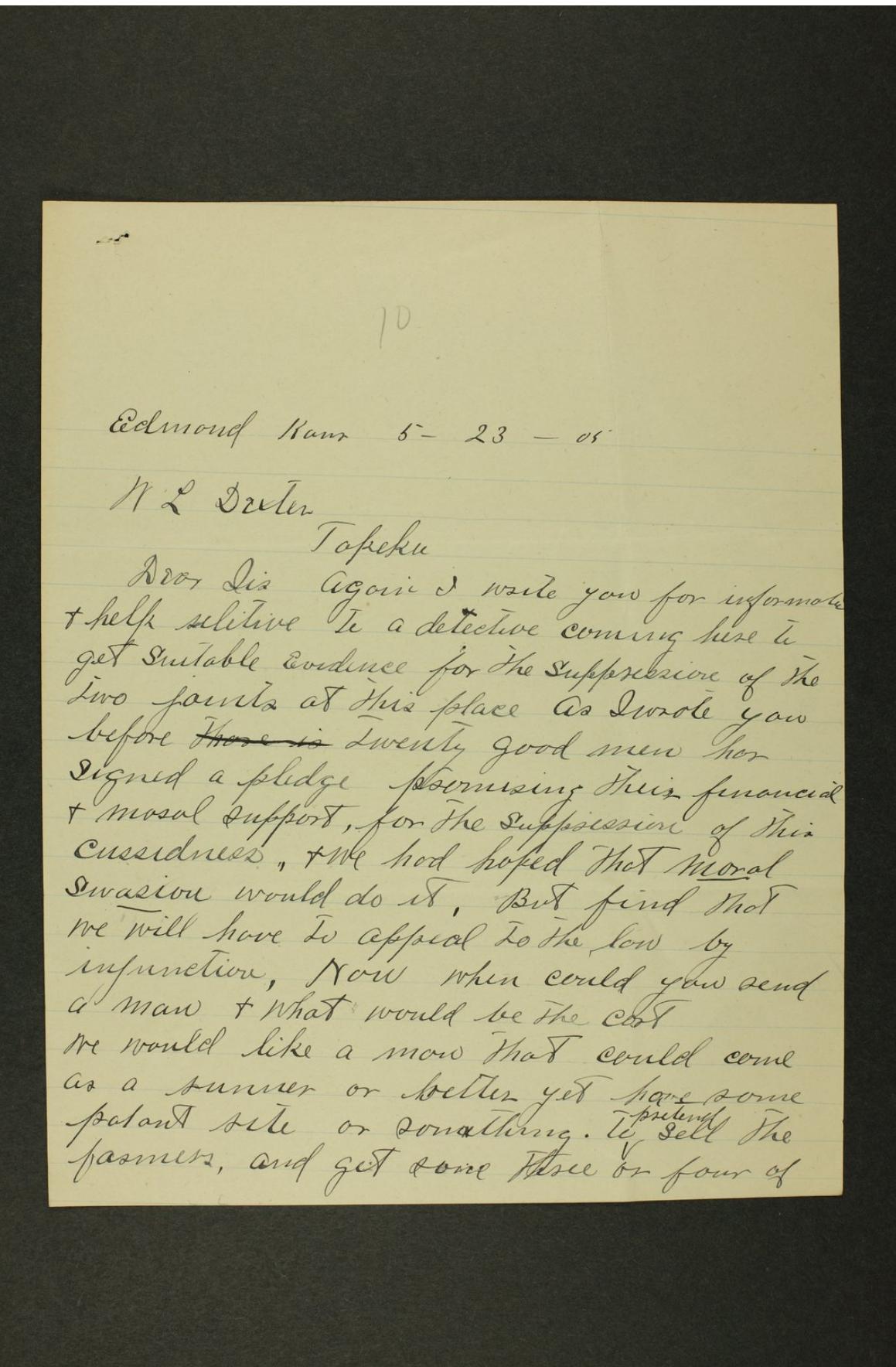
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Said Farmers to go with him to these  
points & buy & drink with him  
for we believe there is plenty of men  
that takes a ~~occasional~~ <sup>winters</sup> drink, that if  
forced on the stand would tell the truth  
but would object to going & getting the  
stuff, for the purpose, of prosecution  
If your man could go into court to  
testify so much the better  
There was a meeting of our Union  
last night & they requested me to write  
you for a man, An early answer  
will greatly oblige you Truly  
L S Wells  
Edmund  
Knox

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Presbyterian Church,

Rev. J. C. Reeves, Pastor.

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Howard, Kansas, 5-24 - 1905-

The State Temperance Union  
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Secretary & Bro.

We are in the actual work of opposing a druggist's application for permit to sell intoxicating liquors in the city of Howard. We will be very grateful for facts touching points of law involved and authoritative statements about the record of the drug store permit in Kansas under prohibitory law.

Please give me time & place of the Supreme Court decision touching the right of physician to administer intoxicating liquors, published in the "Levee" of April on page 2.

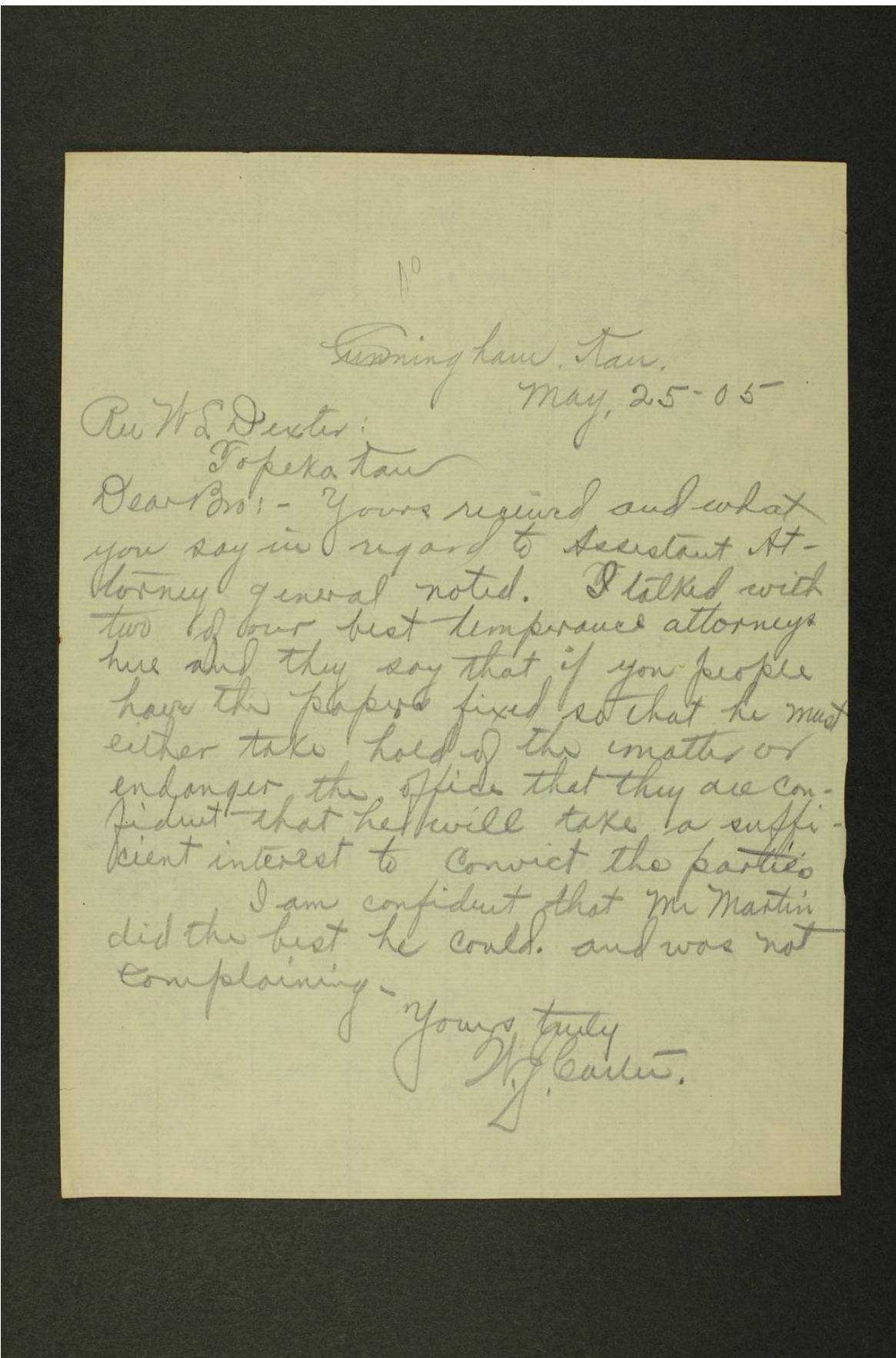
These contents are familiar to you and we will gratefully receive all helpful light and suggestions from you. The protest is led by the Minister's Alliance working together with the W.C.T.U. I write you as Secretary of Minister's Alliance, Fraternally  
J. C. Reeve

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Jefferson, Ok,  
May 28, 1903.  
Kansas State Temperance  
Society, Topeka, Kan.:  
At  
what price can you  
furnish me Ex-Secretary  
Stevens' Book on "Prohibition  
in Kansas"?  
Respectfully  
W. B. Cowgill.

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From Oskaloosa, Kansas,  
May 26/05.  
W.E. Dexter, Esq.,  
Secy State Temperance Union,  
Topeka.

Dear Sir:- Some time ago I sent you a picture or a suggestion for a cartoon, but do not know whether you were able to get a cut made or not. Your kind favor, concerning to the matter was duly received. I left the matter entirely to your judgment as to whether it would be worth while to publish the picture suggested, and of course it is see right either way. I suppose it would be rather "far-fetched" to call the saloon

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The action of the Ministerial Union of Topeka and the state Temperance Union regarding the enforcement of the prohibition law is most commendable and should be approved by every good citizen. The result will be watched by "laymen" with much interest.

That the outlawed liquor traffic flourishes upon Kansas soil is a disgrace and a shame, and that officials sell saloonists the privilege to do business within the state adds to the shame. That the "fines" another word for license—furnish money to help pay the running expenses of a city government is no mitigation for the crime but adds to it. These officials—the word seems a misnomer—sell themselves and the whole state of Kansas for a pittance and defeat the operations of the law, which they have sworn to obey and enforce. Are they not parties to the crime? Morally so, at least.

The saloon and its concomitant evils in state and nation outweigh all other combinations of crime. The oil monopoly and the beef trust and the railroads are receiving much attention, let the spreading evils of the liquor traffic not be forgotten. If "publicity" is needed the saloons can have plenty of it!

We believe we quote the eminent Gladstone when we say the "Saloon destroys more lives than war, famine and pestilence."

A suggestion of its awful work is epitomised in the significant question, "Who killed Joe's baby?" and the answer—"Aum."

However, the cruelty of war was never so keenly felt as when "Our Jim" was slain, and many good citizens are not awakened upon the evils of the rum traffic until the shadow falls across their own threshold.

Let every good citizen consider himself "his brother's keeper" and do all he can to help enforce the law and aid our excellent Governor in this undertaking.

May the saloon be banished from our beloved Commonwealth, and may we hope for a national law in the not distant future, when it may be possible to abolish the infamous "jug line".

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traffic; a "trust" and compare it to the other trusts. It would probably be better to call it an "octopus," probably; or, just give the picture without naming it." Would suggest that you change the word trust to something else. I do not know if any name need be given in connection with it or not if it might have more force if no name were given. However, you may not have been able to get the cut made.

I started a letter to you some time ago, but neglected to finish it. I put it in such

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shape that <sup>(3)</sup> you might publish it, or extract from it, if you thought the points made worthy of publication, and did not contain more sentiment than wisdom. You may publish part, all, or none, as you may see fit, kindly seeing that the suggestions made are correct before publication. It published kindly say <sup>extracts</sup> from a letter from A. E. Roberts of Oskaloosa, with permission to publish. I was formerly secretary of the Law Enforcement League of this place, and am connected with the Independent. This is not for publication, however.

Sincerely for the work's sake A. E. Roberts.

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