

Temperance history correspondence

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Correspondence sent and received by members of the Kansas State Temperance Union, primarily Rev. W. L. Dexter, secretary, Robert Norris, secretary, Julian K. Coddington, 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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MORFYDD MILLER
EVANGELIST
PERMANENT ADDRESS
~~Topeka, Kans.~~

Topeka, Ohl.

Topeka, Ohl. June 24/05:
W. S. Dexter.

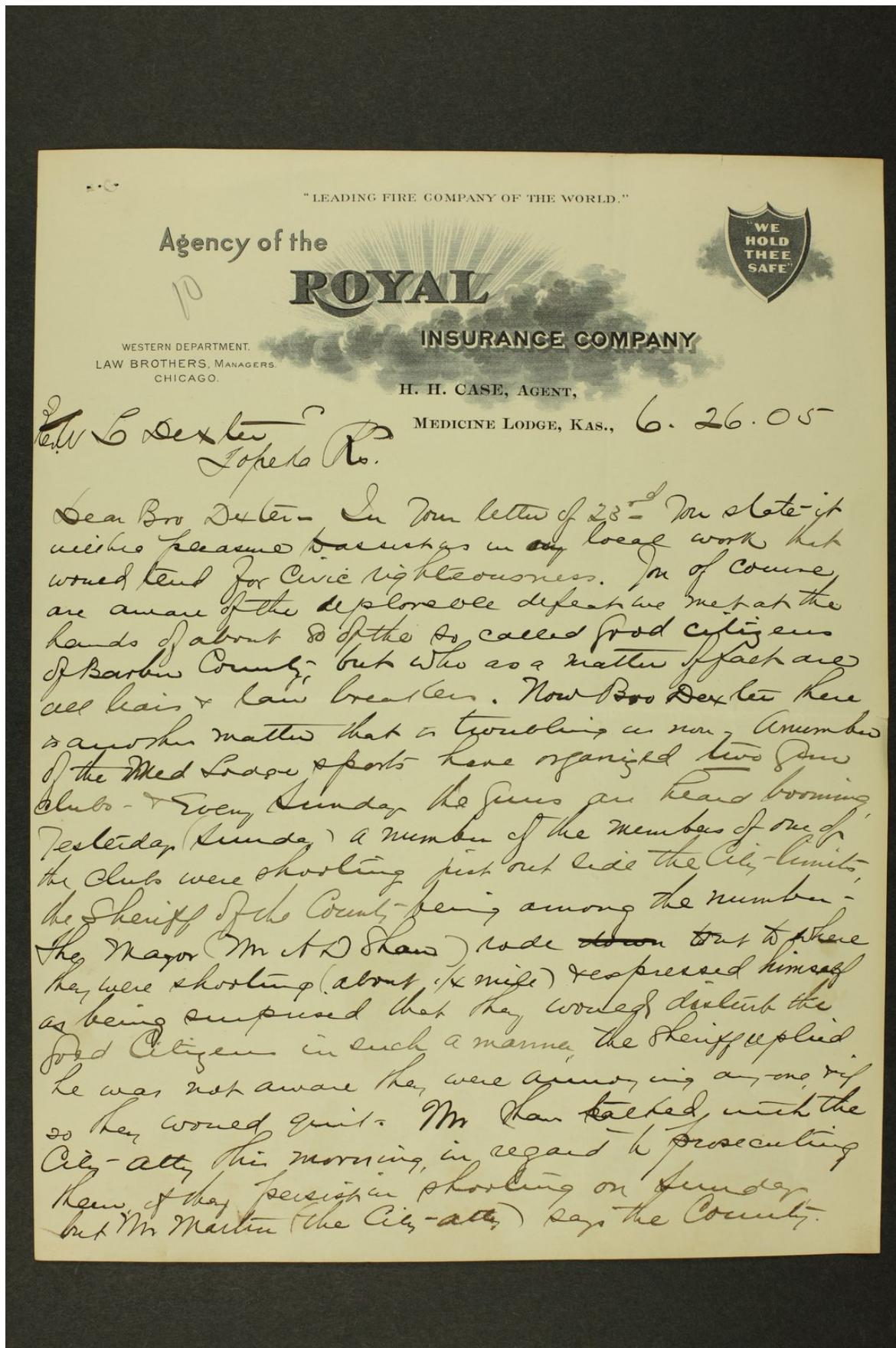
Topeka, Kans.

Sir: - Enclosed please find
check for sixty five cents (65¢)
for which please send me
one copy, leatherette cover,

Prohibition in Kansas.

Can you give me any information,
which I will not find
in this book, which will assist
me in helping to fight the
pernit business at Gurusau
Kans. I will be there in mid
the 23rd of July.

Yours for righteousness
Morfydd F. Miller.





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H. H. CASE, AGENT,
MEDICINE LODGE, KAS.,

(2)

attys - Sam Griffin - will not turn a hand
+ what is the use of trying to do anything. Do you
think the atty general - or the governor - could
render us any assistance? - The denig seems to
have liquor of his emissaries located here,
+ which there are a goodly number of jobs per se
that are for civic righteousness. Yet for some
reason our forces are not well organized, + hence
we fail. Do you know of Coddington is still
keeping his eye on Med Lodge - especially
on the 80 train who are waiting on streets
with no seeming mark of his displeasure. Dr.
Hammond resides at Springfield, we look
a sledge hammer when he lifts + I tell
you we need such men as R B Hammond
people with these ungoverned County officials.
Trusting you can cheer our hearts
by giving us your idea + plan for the
future - Yours for Civic Righteousness
W. Palmer



GENERAL OFFICE

The Kansas State Temperance Union,

703 JACKSON STREET,
TOPEKA.

Law Enforcement Department.

Wamego, Kansas, June 26th, 1905

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

Dear Brother:--

You will notice by Sunday's Leavenworth Times, that on the request of some of the business men of Leavenworth I have commenced to take a fall out of the Slitz Brewing Company. In Marshall county I made a demand Saturday, through the mail, upon the county attorney E. A. Perry to get in to the harness and do business over at Beattie. If he does not work satisfactorily, I shall go and take a hand in the fight myself. I am now in correspondence with E. C. Warfel the former assistant attorney general of Linn County, looking toward aiding him in putting the finishing touches on the grafting officers and law violators of his county.

Am preparing a twenty county information this day, against the Doctor down at Harveyville, in Wabaunsee County.

I notice with pleasure, the quick action taken by our friend Miksell in Wilson County. The liquor interests of Kansas are now ready to run. The opportunity that we have so long been looking for is ours, and I can assure you that my best energies, as well as my prayers are with you, the Governor, and all others engaged in this fight. Such matters as come to this department will be handled directly here, by me, along the plan outlined by you and myself at our conference. I will, however, keep you posted as to what I am doing. In addition to what I have reported above, since seeing you, papers have gone forward to Atchison County, against a jointist at Arrington, and two sets of papers have gone to Kirwin, looking toward the cleaning up of that town, and am in correspondence with and



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Wamego, Kansas,

W. L. D. --2--

in touch with Woodson County people, as well as a number of other
counties, with a view to aid them in making their county attorney act.

Will so arrange matters that I can give you a semi-weekly report
hereafter, so that you can keep your finger on the situation more
closely.

great things are in store for us.

Yours very truly,

J. K. Codding



The Farmers Grain and Co-Operative Association
of Iuka, Kansas.
Dealers in GRAIN, COAL and FEED.



IUKA, KANSAS, *June 26* 190*3*

Mr. W I Dexter.

Dear Sir:

*"We have met the enemy
an he is ours" to a certain
extent. Mr. Richards has the
evidence will put it in
the hands of the legal authorities
of the Union. But if we
have not enough evidence
send us another man
to get more. We want a
man that can work
here a while to get next.*

*The people we are after are
crafty, and are on the look
out. If the evidence furnish-
ed by Mr. Richards is'nt
enough send us another
man by Sat morning
as Sat. night and Sunday
are the big times*



The Farmers Grain and Co-Operative Association

of Iuka, Kansas.

Dealers in GRAIN, COAL and FEED.



IUKA, KANSAS, _____ 190

Let me hear from you
immediately about the
matter

Yours Truly
Jno. H. Greider



The Farmers Grain and Co-Operative Association
of Iuka, Kansas.
Dealers in GRAIN, COAL and FEED.



IUKA, KANSAS, 6/27 1905

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Mr. D. S. Dexter

Dear Sir

I fear the postmaster
may left some letters
I do not know just exactly
how he stands on this
question. Address my
letters to Mrs Greider
please. I thi^{nk} that I would
receive a letter from
Topeka to day. I just
mailed one yesterday.
Every thing is running
smooth so far. If Mr. Richards
evidence is nt enough.
Send us Another man in
a hurry for next Sat ^{and} Sun.
Of course everyone is
wondering about the
one-armed man and his
mysterious disappearance



The Farmers Grain and Co-Operative Association
of Iuka, Kansas.
Dealers in **GRAIN, COAL** and **FEED.**



IUKA, KANSAS, _____ 190 _____

*Let me hear from you
by return mail.
Yours Truly
Jno + Greider*



DR. W. J. NEWTON,
DENTIST.
2ND DOOR WEST OF FIRST NATL BANK.
GROUND FLOOR.

OTTEWA, KAN., 6-27-1905

Rev. W. L. Dexter Sec. State Temperance
Topeka Ks.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 24th recd
Can you come Aug 27th that is the last
Union meeting & Pastor of Ref. Ch will have
returned from vacation & I think all the others
glad to see you & by a bunch
Bowl Pastor N. C. Ref. Ch. I am to enter
State Cole Pro Oratorical Contest.

Taking Aug 27 makes a good excuse for
fall campaign & you are likely to be put
to sleep by head. Excuse this writing in the dark

Yours truly
W. J. Newton

Work up all other friends in our Co
you can & join us there.

Please send me quite
a lot of David Runcard
if you can

Temperance history correspondence

First Methodist Episcopal Church,

*Glen Elder, Kansas.
Northwest Kansas Conference.*

*Fletcher D. Baker, Presiding Elder,
Beloit, Kansas.*

*Frank R. Templin, Pastor.
Sec. S.T. Union,
Topeka, Kan.*

June 28, 1905

Dear Brother:

I have reason to believe two drug stores are selling contrary to law, beer and other intoxicating liquors. I know a man who can give names of those who are in the habit of freequantiing these places, presumably for the purpose of getting liquors. Prior to last Xmas he had often visited one of these places and gotten liquor with others. If these places have Govt. license such documents are no where to be seen. Do Govt. license have to be posted in sight. One of these places is now trying to get a permit. The Propriator has profesed to form a company with his clerk and is getting the permit in the clerks name. He did this once before and it was found the clerk had not a dollars interest. There are three other private houses where it is commonly understood that liquors are kept and sold. One of these men is out now on bond of good behaviour. What should we do in these cases? What is the law as to govt. License and where can I find who has them? What should be the form of a counter remonstrance? I will thank you for any information that will help us. Yours ever,

F. R. Templin

Lyons, Kans.,
June 29, 1905.

Dear Mr. Dexter, -

The W. C. T. U.

of our city will hold a lawn
social and temperance rally
Tuesday evening July 4th.

Can you be present at that
time and give us a short address
on "How to rid our city of
intemperance"? +

Will there be any expense
attending your visit?

If you can not be present, can
you send a letter outlining a
plan of work which has proved
practical in reducing cities
of "joint" and "bootlegging"?



The latter has proved most ²,
troublesome in our city.

Any assistance you can
furnish will be greatly
appreciated. We need practical
plans, not generalities, and
as such appreciated your
address at Methodist church last
Sunday night.

Our best wishes and prayers are
with you for a sincere temperance
work in Kansas.

Very cordially,

Ida Hodgdon Nicholson.



R. F. CRICK,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
PEOPLES BANK B'LDG.

Pratt, Kansas, June 29, 1905.

Mr. W. L. Dexter,
Secretary of State Temperance Union,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

For several days a man by the name of A. Jas. Ellis, claiming to represent The Educational Reform Bureau, with headquarters at 157 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill, has been soliciting subscriptions and contributions from our people to assist in the work of this organization. He claims the Bureau send out large quantities of literature antagonizing the liquor traffic. Each person is asked to give him the sum of \$3.50 and furnish him the names of fifteen persons to whom this literature will be sent. Each person will receive regularly for one year a copy of the "Home Defender" a Prohibition publication and other literature of like kind.

I write you for information as to the standing of this so called "Bureau". If you can give me some information that will assist me in determining its standing among temperance workers, I shall be under obligations to you.

I enclose you stamp for reply, and thank you in advance for the information.

Very truly yours,

R. F. Crick



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Hillstone, Kans. June 28, '64;
My dear Broth. Dexter:-
We celebrate the 4th
here in Hillstone.
It occurs to us that it will
be an opportune time to have
a representation of the serpent upon
the ground as a debater.
Strangers will be here, & there is
a tendency to more than
ordinary laxity on part
of any liquor vender.
Yours for low regard:-

F. G. Severance

P.S. - if something could be done
in this line our people would
be willing to contribute more largely
to the state work. F. G. S.



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References

Chetopa State Bank and Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Chetopa, Kansas; Osage State Bank, Osageo, Kansas; Parsons Commercial Bank, Parsons, Kansas; The Banking Trust Company, Kansas City, Kansas; The Baldwin Bank, Delavan, Ill. Other references throughout the northern states.

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Chetopa, Kansas, *June 30* 190*2*

Rev W L Dexter Sec
703 Jackson St
Topeka

Dear Sir & Brother

as a legal question please
have me advised how I can compel
our County attorney to hear a Complaint
& act on the information I give him the
conditions are as follows

On the 23rd I wrote our Co Attorney O L Burton
of Osageo to send me a blank
on which to make a Complaint & advise
me when he could come down & take evidence.
he absolutely ignores this letter & does not
reply please have your legal department
advise me how to compel him to do his duty

I stated the case to Gov Hook
to day — I am getting awfully tired of
this criminal rule and do not propose
to submit to it if I can help it.

Respectfully J B Cook

I have not been furnished with knowledge of the illegal &
but I have an affidavit of one man who has been



M. E. CHURCH
S. W. KANSAS CONFERENCE
J. N. ROBERTS, PASTOR

Anthony, Kansas,

June 30, 1905.

Dear Bro. Dexter:-

I wrote you some time ago concerning the temperance situation here and had a very nice reply from your office secretary. We are still working on the case and will soon be ready for business. The committee has requested me to write the office again asking the following questions:

1. Is the finding of a barrel of bottled goods-beer or whiskey-in an ordinary place of business sufficient evidence to make a case against the firm, esp. when there is ample presumption and proof even that the goods are taken out by other parties than the proprietors? We wondered if it would not come under the "club-house" ruling.
2. Is there any risk to be run in the case of "search and seizure" proceeding if the goods are not found on the premises, and has the Supreme Court ruled that a "search and seizure" warrant is invalid if not served immediately? I have been informed that there is required at least two warrants before a case can be made to stick.
3. In case of uncertainty with reference to the attitude of the sheriff, county attorney, or local justice, is it advisable or legal to try the case before a justice from the country or from any part of the county? Would it be well to allow his deputies to make the arrests?
4. Who may or must make the complaints-the prosecuting witness or any one interested in the cases? And must he or they be residents of the state?
5. When can the stuff taken be destroyed, and can we compel the sheriff to publicly destroy it?

Please answer these inquiries at once and if there is any charge for the information let me know.

Send me a late pamphlet on the law enforcement question if you have such; my present copy is somewhat out of date.

Could you furnish us a lawyer to be on the grounds Mon. morning the 3rd., and what would be his terms per case or per bunch? We are expecting ten or a dozen cases if all are rounded up. Reply by wire YES or NO "market"--- or "per car" ---\$; by the former I'll know per case is meant- the latter for all, yes or no, Mon.

over

i. e., whether or not the lawyer can be here early Mon. morning; we want to open the ball after breakfast. We can put up a clear case, but it is going to be an interesting fight I believe.

Fraternally
J. H. Roberts



United States Postoffice

L. H. BOYD, Postmaster
BESSIE D. HIMES, Chief Clerk

RUSSELL, KANSAS,

June 30 1905

State Temperance Union

There is a lot of Bootlegging
going on and we need a Detective
and if possible would like to
have you make arrangements
to have a Government Detective here
tomorrow July 1st if possible we do
not know to whom to write or we
would do so direct. Tomorrow will
be a bad day in Russell on acct
of Harvest Hand coming to town
If a Detective could be here
as a Harvest Hand a dozen
men could be caught. The
Marshal I believe is all right
but they watch him as close
as he can then any thing a
man says or does with him
will be all right and I am
writing this with + for him.

Respectfully
L. H. Boyd



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RUSSELL, KANSAS,

June 8 1905

State Temperance Union
Topeka

Dear Sirs

You will find enclosed sent from
The Agent at the Depot. Addressed to
Mr. Bennett who is working for me. and
I went to the Depot and found
the Agent there He says he did
not order it and as I know there
was 50 packages sent to the Depot
at the same time and I know of at
least one more case where it was
sent to a young man of exceptional
good principles who went to the Depot
and refused it & said he did not
want his name connected with any
thing of the kind. Now has the
Agent any right to deliver a bag
of liquor that comes C. O. D.
to a boy under age or any one
else. And is there any way



United States Postoffice

L. H. BOYD, Postmaster
BESSIE D. HIMES, Chief Clerk

RUSSELL, KANSAS, 190

To stop this manner of doing business
Mr J. E. Ruffin that an attorney
here would work with the Temperance
People & do all we can if we can
get at it in the right way
Please let me hear from
You.
Very truly
L. H. Boyd



First Congregational Church,

J. E. KIRKPATRICK, Pastor.

KIRWIN, KANSAS, 6/30/05. 190

My Dear Dexter:-

I have talked over the matter of our cases here ~~and~~ with our folks and we have decided to fall in line with your campaign against and toward the Co. Atts. Have this day mailed and kept copies of notices according to the usual form against five places here.

We hardly think the Co. Att. will do anything. He is too weak and worthless. He may make some sort of bluff or order. How long a time can we give him before making request for assistance?

I did not get back in time from the funeral the other day to phone you or to make arrangements to see Coddling.

Yours,

J. E. Kirkpatrick.



P E T I T I O N .

TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

We, the undersigned citizens of Arkansas City, Kansas, respectfully ask and urge you to vote and work against the "Hamilton Bill", now pending before your honorable body, for the following reasons:

It would be in violation of the solemn treaty obligation of the Government "not to include the Indian Country as part of any other State or Territory without their consent." (See Rev. Ind. Treaties, pages 69 and 111. 7 Stat., 334.)

It would annul the solemn pledge of the Government to protect the Indians against the introduction and sale of intoxicants in the Indian Territory and would expose the Indians to the source of great crime, liquor having a far more disastrous effect on Indians than on whites.

It does not give the Indian Territory an equal footing with Oklahoma in the Constitutional Convention.

The Councils of the Indian tribes, the rightful owners of the Indian Country, are protesting against the passage of this bill.



Men	Women
W. B. Smith	Mrs. Asapha E. White
M. F. Thompson	Mrs. Sarah Smith
J. R. Wilson	Mrs. P. R. Cooper
J. B. Ball	Edith E. Turner
W. B. Turner	Jennie Moffet
R. L. Marshall	Nellie Pollock
M. M. Marshall	Minnie White
W. M. Martin	Etta Smith
W. J. Pollock, Jr.	Mrs. L. A. Kerr
S. H. Philips	Mrs. J. D. Duncan
Grace Philips	Etta Stewart
Carrie Belle Philips	Myrtle Wilson
W. J. Wilson	Mrs. E. F. Wilson
Jas. E. Hanna	Mrs. L. C. Hunter
H. B. Logan	Lula B. Hunter
D. R. Cooper	Georgia Hunter
J. H. Campbell	Mrs. J. A. Campbell
Wm. Lawrence	Mrs. L. M. Wilson
Mrs. J. E. Hanna	Harriet C. Wilson
L. A. Kerr	Mary E. Wilson
J. A. Campbell	Anna V. Smith
W. R. Wilson	M. B. Smith
Will Copeland	Virginia Hamilton
Arthur Turner	Mrs. J. S. Short
James White, Jr.	Mrs. R. J. Simmons
H. D. Rank	
W. J. Moffet	



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NAMES.	NAMES
Men	Women
D. D. Linn	Mrs J. C. Boans
Harvey Smundell	
J. H. Bourke	
H. E. Beck	
J. H. Courtant	
E. H. Courtenay	
C. B. Krause	
C. L. Hawk	
C. H. Gatt	
E. Davis	
A. Warner	
A. Beck	
Mrs L. E. Whipple	
Mrs. Mary Wright	
Mrs. Sam Newlin	
George Watson	
W. H. James	
John E. Shilling	
B. C. Geeslin	
H. H. Elgin	
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Men,
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M. L. Payne
H. W. Bard
W. M. Walbridge
B. Brown
M. M. M. M.
E. L. Thayer
W. M. Waller
W. L. Hastie
W. E. McDowell

Women,
May Parker
Sarah A. Gast
Cecilia Gast
Mrs. Carlough
Ladie P. Beecher
Lizzie Russell
Margaret Thomas
Hannah Tidwell
S. A. Guernsey
Mrs. Ray Herbert

