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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. 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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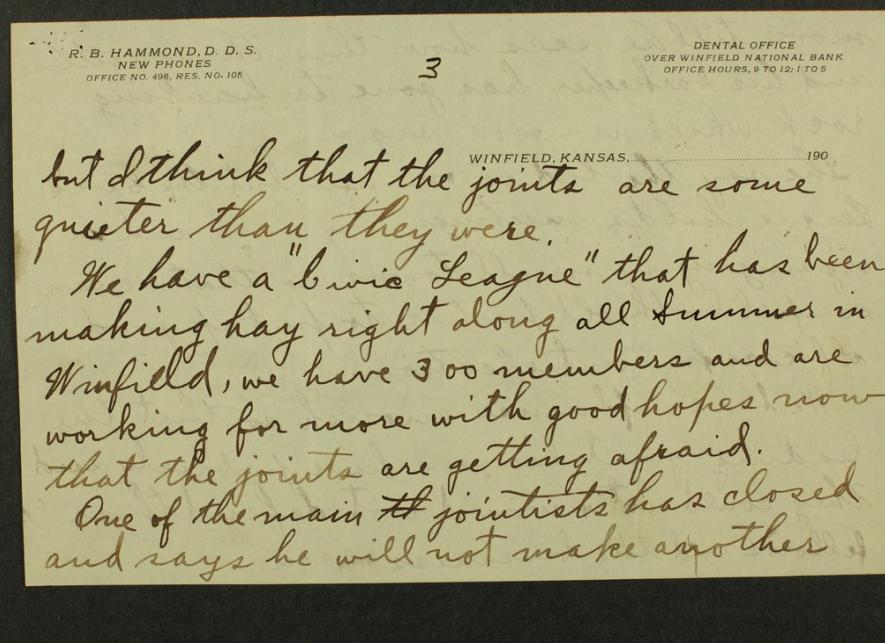
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more till he sees how this thing settles
and his barkeeper has gone to hauling
rock which is a good sign.

The say the lid is on now but the Civic
League holds meetings every week and is
organizing in small towns so that we can
compel both old parties to put up good
officers for next election.

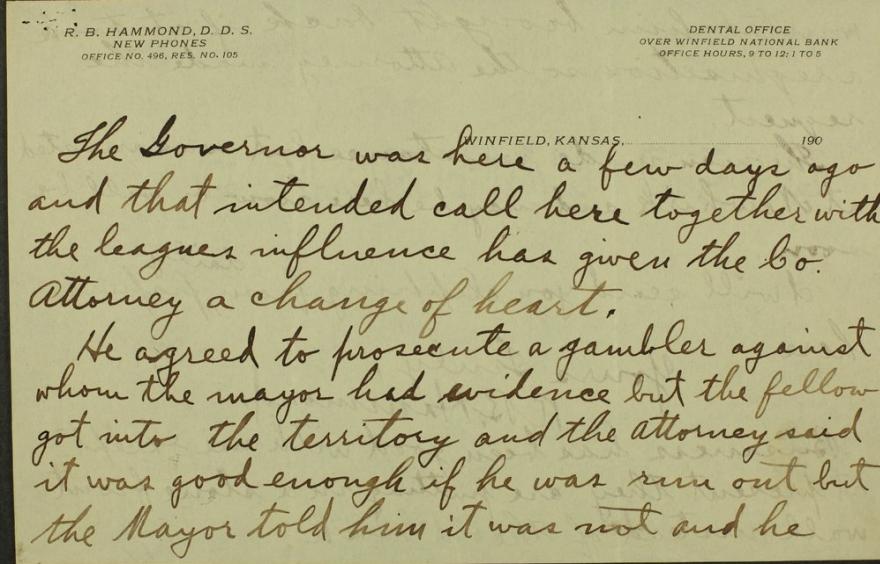
We have influence enough so that the
leading joint lawyers have publicly said
they could not & would not defend these
fellows and the business again.

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wanted him brought back if it took
a requisition so the Attorney made the
request.

The man made resistance but was arrested
at Newkirk and may be here now or will be
soon.

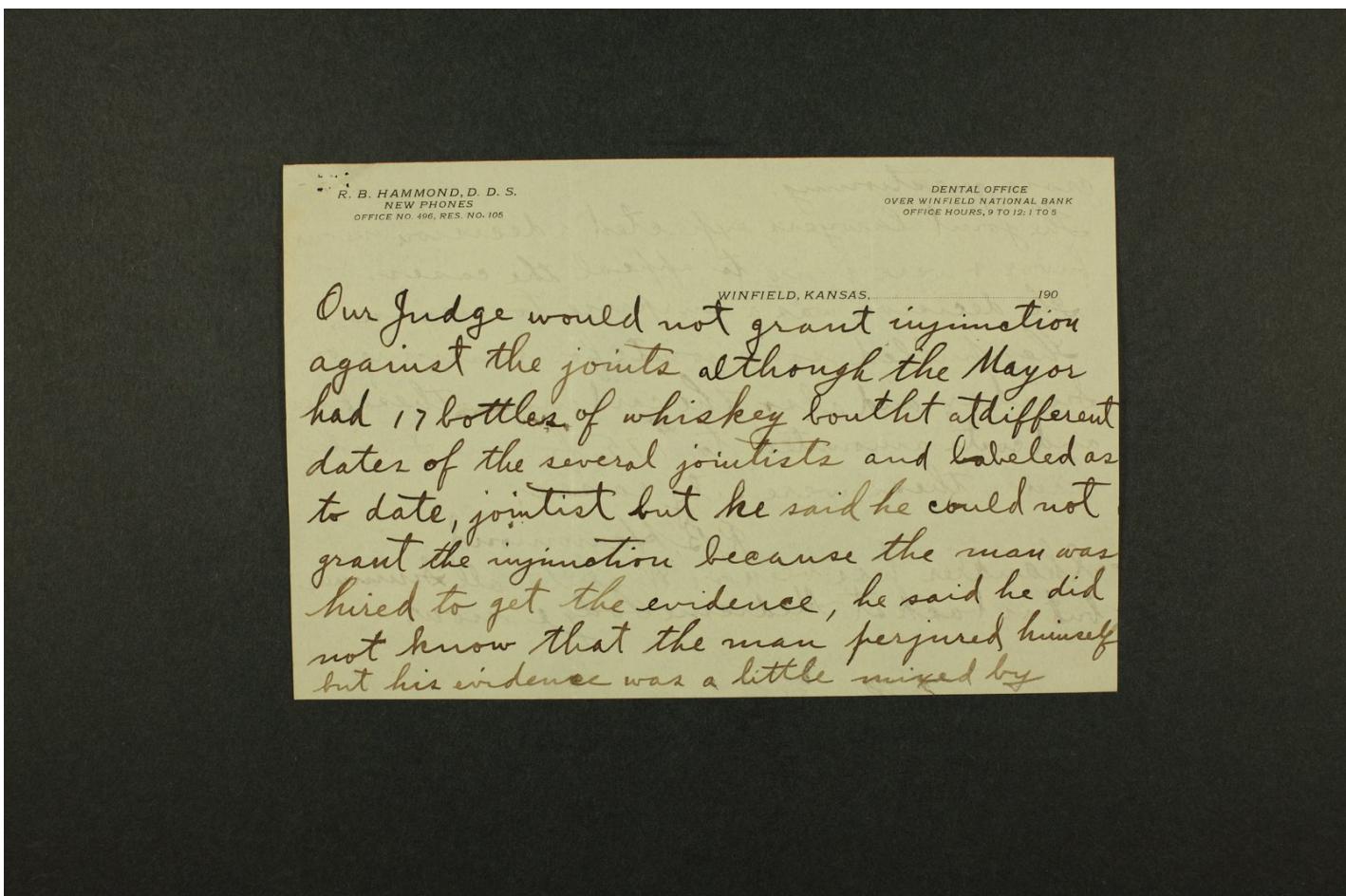
I will send you clipping from ^{daily} papers
here. Yours truly,

R.B. Hammond,
Business has been good with me except
at present they are putting in a stone front
wall instead of the old brick.

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cross questioning.

The joint lawyers expected a decision in our favor & were going to appeal the cases.

The decision was a surprise to everyone.

They pulled some joints for running on Sunday and also the card man, therefore and costs amounted to \$175. for one Sunday haul, these were city cases.

R.B. Hammond.

Ihander has been in Wichita all summer but is back at Medicine Lodge now.

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Hackney Sept. 28th 1905

To the Kansas State Temperance
union Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir,

We have organized
a Civic League at our
place and would like to
have some of the constitution
and by Ldws. I expect
you had better send me
about 2 doz. I could not
find any price list so
you can send me a bill
of them and I will
send you the money.
Please to send them as
soon as you can as.

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we will have a meeting
Sunday after noon, I
would of sent sooner
but I could not find
out where to send as
my constitution was
left at home. I hope we
will be able to help in
this great work.
Respectfully Yours,
Address.
W. E. Baldridge.
Hackney.
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A HARD BLOW TO THE JOINTISTS.

Judge R. M. Pickler allows examined copies of the record of U. S. Internal Revenue to be offered in evidence.

In the trial of the case of the State of Kansas, vs- Guy Nippert, a liquor prosecution in Mitchell County, Judge R. M. Pickler allowed the prosecution to introduce in evidence an examined copy of the record in the U. S. Internal Revenue office. The Internal Revenue Officials have refused to give Authenticated copies of their records so, if the officer raiding the joints fail to get the Special Tax Stamp held by the Joint keeper the State was without evidence as to ~~the holding of a Government~~ the holding of a Government Special Tax Stamp to ~~a~~ retail liquor. To obviate this difficulty the law firm of Tice Bros. Beloit Attorneys for the local Temperance League and F. J. Knight, County Attorney, sent ~~to~~ a witness to Leavenworth who made, compared and examined copies of the Revenue Records and said copies were allowed in evidence by Judge Pickler. A determined effort is being made by the County Attorney, backed by the Law and Order League of that County to clean all joints out of the County. J. K. Codding, Attorney for the Kansas State Temperance Union is assisting in the prosecution. Two jointists have already pled guilty , two permanent Injunctions have been granted and one case is now on trial.

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HAMBURG, IOWA, Box 372.

September 30th., 1905.

Mr. S. T. Pitcher,

Secretary "Temperance Union",

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

If the battle is "On" to that degree that you need another speaker to aid in the "Rousement" work in your state I would like to be considered as a candidate for immediate service.

What I can do as a lecturer you may best learn from those who know; or if your Executive Committee are not easily "scared" as to the "safety" of a stranger, try me for a "round" and take the REPORTS that follow; how would that do? Put meanwhile ask Rev. C. S. Warner, Shawnee, Oklahoma; and Mr. Luther Osborne, Glyndon, Minn.; and Mr. James Burn, Sauk Rapids, Minn.; and Rev. M. S. Riddle, Middleport, Ohio., Dr. Theo. Kharas, Hamburg, Iowa. ^ Others, if you wish.

I will send a few printed words, used hitherto in my work.

If I understand the situation in Kansas (and I just passed through, speaking in the M. E. Church in Sedgwick) it will require a general stirring-up of the slumbering consciences of a prosperous people too busy to watch the liquor power-- always on the alert to steal away the rights of the good citizens.

But the work that I do on the platform is of a nature to get results; if I may speak so frankly of my own efforts. I am open for a 3 months engagement, if the compensation is adequate to carry my family interests- a wife in poor health, under the care of a specialist, and myself.

I made a little campaign for the temperance cause in Oklahoma the latter part of the summer, and have some "good words" from workers there. It was my purpose to work in the South this fall and winter, but I must remain as near to my wife as possible. Very Respectfully,

C. E. Walker.

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L. H. MURKIN
PRESIDENT

Baker University
Baldwin, Kansas Oct. 23, 1905.

Dear Brother,

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Rev. W. L. Dexter, formerly secretary of the State Temperance Union but who has lately resigned from that office, has called a convention of the temperance workers of the state at Salina the first week in November.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the propriety of organizing a new state temperance association known as the Anti-Saloon League.

When I lived in the states of Ohio and Indiana I was an active supporter and worker in this league. I was also a member of the Prohibition party. I believed that was the most effective way for me to register my temperance convictions in those states.

But I can see no reason why the Anti-Saloon League should come into the State of Kansas where we have a State Temperance Union under whose direction ^{we have} secured our present effective prohibitory laws. It is a better law than can be found in any state in which the Anti-Saloon League has full direction of the temperance forces. I am also clear in my judgement that, despite the fact that our law is not enforced as well as it should be, it is, nevertheless, better enforced than the temperance laws of any other state in the Union, so far as I know, and I have investigated the matter pretty thoroughly.

It seems to me that the temperance forces of the state can better rally under the direction of the State Temperance Union than any other agency. If it is not strong enough, if it is not aggressive enough, or if the policy is not satisfactory to the temperance forces of the state, all these matters can be easily remedied in the next State Convention.

But bring in a new organization with a National Committee

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to support, wholly unacquainted with the situation here, with methods of work that must necessarily be entirely different from the methods of work most effective in this state, and it will necessarily increase the financial burden of the temperance workers of the state, will divide the temperance workers of the state, and will beget a situation that will make angels weep and devils laugh.

I sincerely hope, therefore, before you in any respect give any encouragement to this proposed new organization you will thoroughly investigate the ~~motive~~ that is back of it, its methods of work, the added financial responsibility we shall have, the ~~confusion~~ division surely bring ~~assumption~~ and the effect it will ~~have~~ among the temperance workers of the state.

Now is the time for the temperance forces to present a united front. From personal knowledge, I ~~think~~ believe Governor Hoch will use every power at his command for the enforcement of the prohibitory law. It is not time for a division of ~~the~~ forces but it is time for every good man, woman and child in the state to give every possible encouragement to our ~~present~~ governor and at the same time to assure him if he does his ~~best~~ his ~~whole~~ he shall have our loyal support to the bitter end; but if he does not do his utmost to this end he will have the condemnation of all the good people whose opinion he certainly places in high regard.

With best wishes and kind regards, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

President.

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P. C. YOUNG,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE IN LONG BUILDING.

Fredonia, Kansas, Oct. 26, 1905.

Robert Morris, Secretary,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of October 25th is at hand. There is no abatement in my feeling as to the general enforcement of laws in this state. To me it is an alarming and distressing condition that men even dare to advocate the non enforcement of laws.

An article in Monday's Capital, October 23rd will show clearly my standing on this matter. At any time my services are needed, at fair compensation in any of the surrounding counties, they will be cheerfully and sincerely given.

This county is in a splendid condition. We have a large number of smelting men, of brick yard men, of glass blowers, of laborers generally, and of course, we must expect to have more or less drunkenness, and violation of the law. But after making some fair allowance for these, the county is eminently sober and respectable.

In 1893 when I began work as County Attorney ~~drives~~ were common on every hand. It was supposed to be impossible to enforce the laws, juries were supposed to ~~be~~ adverse to that kind of procedure, joints openly, defeated enforcement, and laughed at the county attorney, and such was in short the situation.

Answering the question as to what we have done, I know of no better answer to make than to say we got good ready first. Always felt fairly sure that we had some witnesses upon whom we could depend, and then went to work without mercy or secession of hostilities.

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P. C. YOUNG,
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Fredonia, Kansas,

While in office I held inflexibly to the rule, that in every case the law had to take its course, that there could be no temporizing because of rich people, or because of friends. I try to ~~hat~~ my eyes to politics, to wealth, and other conditions, and to put every man through the same mill with the same degree of punishment.

~~In this~~ It is my candid belief any other course ~~that~~ develops, in the end, ~~wins~~ disaster and contempt from the efforts of the officer.

During my second term in office a United States detective and revenue officer told me there was ~~fewer~~ elicit sales in this county than in any county in Missouri, similarly situated, and with like population. He meant that there were ~~more~~ violations of the license law in such a county in Missouri, than there ~~were~~ violations of prohibitory law in a similar county in Kansas. After my four years were over matters grew a little lax till Mr. Mikesell was elected County Attorney, but we never from 1903 to January 1905, had what might be called even an open joint in the county. Of course ~~there were~~ places here and there, that naturally for a time sold liquor.

With 1905 came open saloons to the number of six or seven and may be more in Neodesha, with bars fitted up and paraphernalia of all necessary kinds for doing such business that ran openly until Attorney Mikesell was appointed Assistant Attorney General, ~~but an~~ now closed I am glad to say. And I will say for the gentleman that while he was in office his work was conscientious, able and satisfactory.

It occurs to me now, that this matter is on the move, the fire should be opened all along the line, and more than that should be

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Fredonia, Kansas,
kept up. Those men never sleep neither should the guard. It is a
vast under taking, but one that will yield to steadfast persistent
effort to close them up in Leavenworth, Atchison, St. Scott and
Kansas City, Kansas. There is no doubt in my mind of the governors
willingness to do this, but it occurs to me he is very slow. Corpses
of this kind should have more than a year to purify before election
You know there is weeping and wailing that follow death, and while
the funeral pains are on, how ~~do~~ go up similiar to lamentation of
savages for the dead.

If the governor is not careful the funeral dirge will be ~~singing~~
and the death cries will be ringing about the time for next nomi-
nation. In making this statement there is no disposition on my
part to hold party above law, far from it. But where a party and
the enforcement blend hand in hand they constitute one sacred union,
to support which moral force should be called into execise.

The work that has been done is gratifying, much more may be
~~done to~~ ^{Morrill said} such work can not be carried on against
public sentiment. Public sentiment is created in the first instance
by a dilitory procedure in this respect, and if such a sentiment
has germinated and taken root, it can be eradicated and changed to
one of a wholesome nature and condition by a proper and persistant
effort in that behalf.

Respectfully,

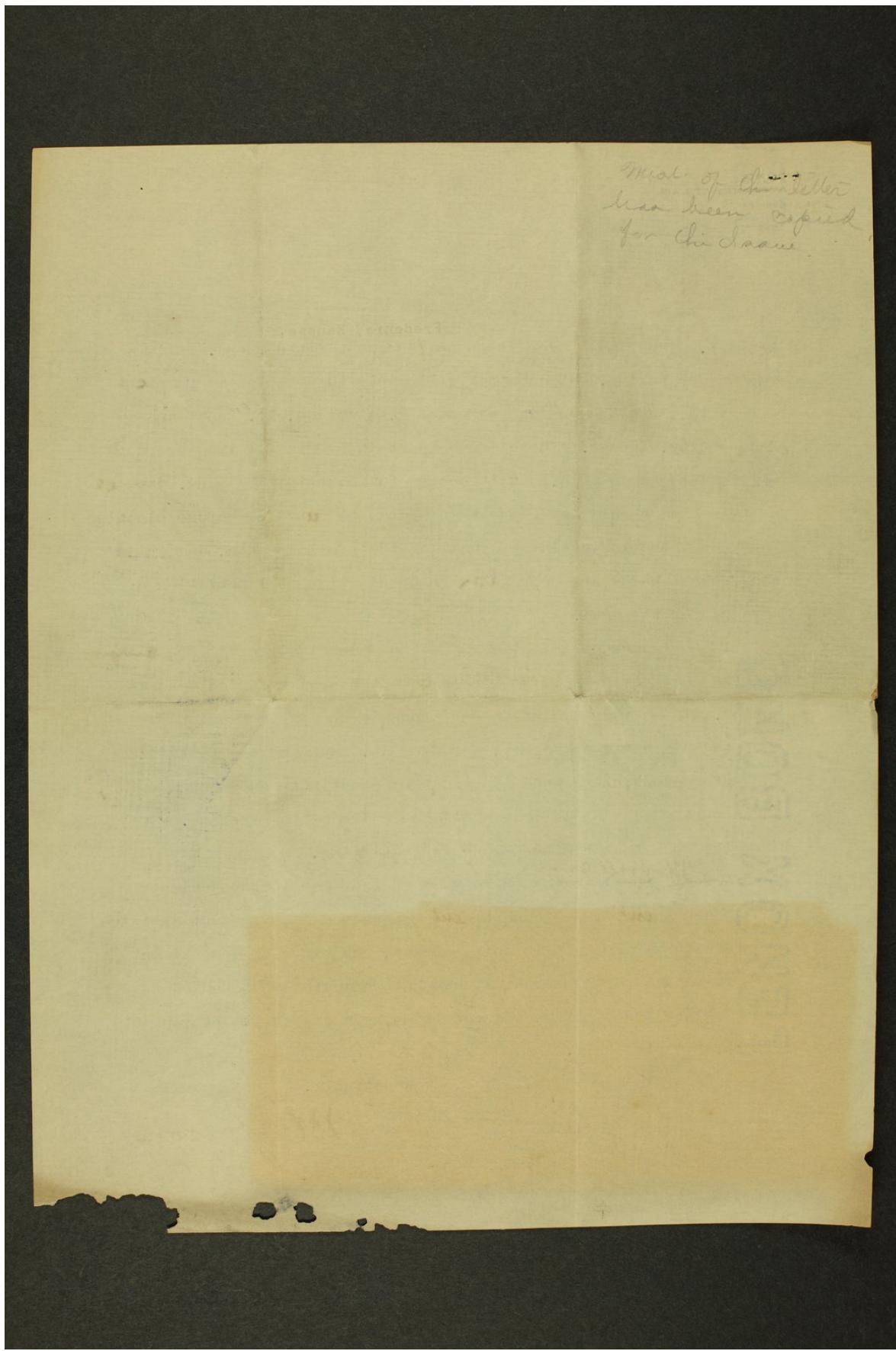
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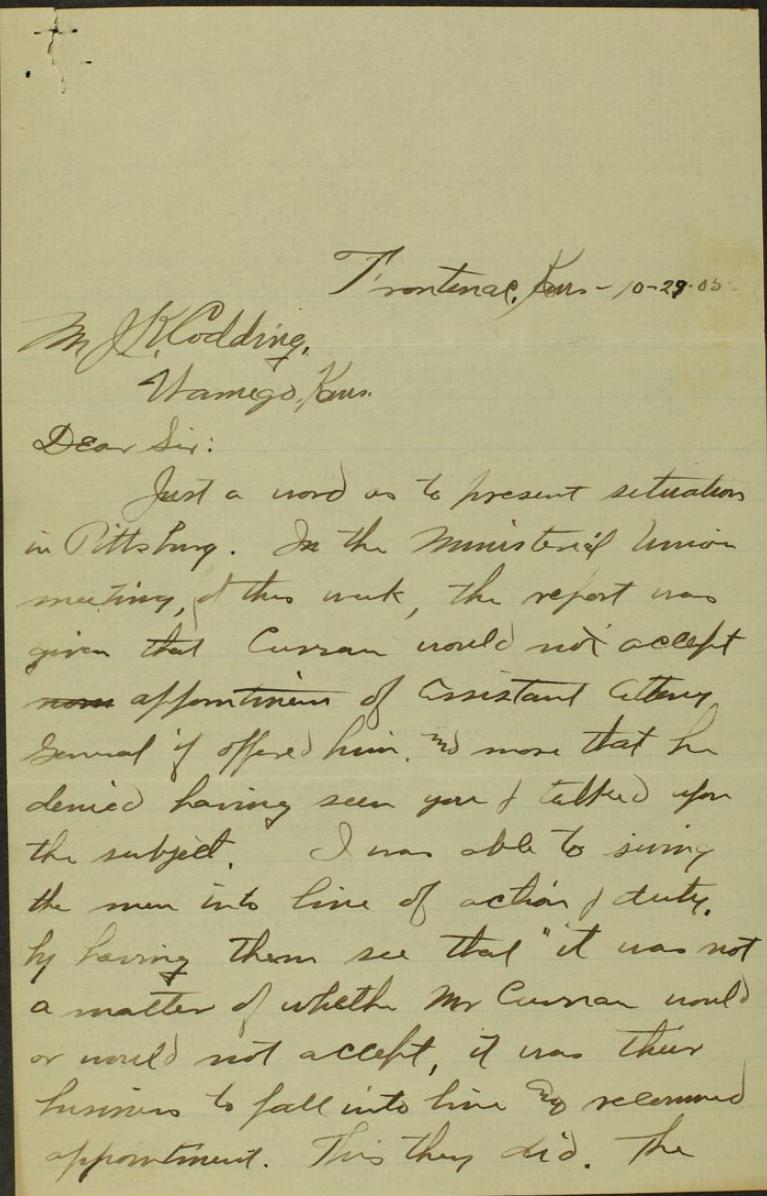


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The Saloon in many places have little to sell in them, the stuff is hid away in private houses, barns, cellars, etc, & set out as need. Now is the time to strike. Let her come.

I do sincerely hope you may see your way perfectly clear to stay with this situation here until victory is ours.

Excuse this long letter, I know your time is precious, but I could not refrain from writing at length,

Rush,

J. McDermott

P.S. would like to be at Salina with you, but if my plans carry I will be in special meetings at this time.

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organ in an Anti Saloon League.
O'Donnell is a great fellow,
I had my hands full with the
men here with Dan, in the lead to
pull them over to support Curran,
and cursed I the language common
~~among~~ among this class of people they
fellow into him. I thought at one
time I had broke with them but
I pulled through, Great experience.
They think there is no man
like Coddling, you have met the fellow,
And if we hold these fellows into
line very much longer, it will
be because something begins the
~~more~~ more. The whole County
is expecting this soon, As are the
Saloon men.

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J.
H.

sure the Supreme Court will make right decisions on Kansas City case.

I trust Crawford Co. is soon to have the benefit of K.C.'s hearing.

By the way I just picked up a letter O'Donnell wrote to "State Temperance Union" he had me read it and then send it if I liked. I read it & told him the State Temperance Union, was almost dead so I didn't think it worth while to torture the child with the charges he herein made. I send you the letter. It has some very good pointers & facts too, as to the failure of S.T.U. & the reasons for

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whole matter came about by Mr Curran speaking to Dr. Basye, or Mr Basye hints it, asking "who named me for appointment etc.

The whole matter is I believe Dr. Basye is trying to make himself most assured of friendship with the Sheriff no matter which way this thing goes.

The people are willing that some outside man be named if Curran won't act, as a man that will come in & drive the Saloon business corrupt officials & all into the ground & then drive the hole in after. So let it be.

"We are expecting great things to day for Topeka." We are most

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"THE ONLY SOLUTION OF THE SALOON PROBLEM IS NO SALOON."

GENERAL OFFICE

The Kansas State Temperance Union.

703 JACKSON STREET, TOPEKA.

E. B. COWGILL, President. A. C. PIERCE, Junction City, VicePres. ROBERT NORRIS, Secy. WILLIAM MACFERRAN, Treas.

Make all money orders payable to "State Temperance Union."

TOPEKA, KANSAS, October 31, 1905.

Mr. John Wiswell,
Columbus, Kansas.

My dear Sir:—

I am in receipt of a letter from Judge Blue in which he says that he is in need of funds to prosecute the work against jointists more vigorously. Can you give us some information as to the joint situation and what the temperance people are doing, if anything, and if you think it would be profitable for us to send a man down there to line up the temperance forces and see what can be done to assist Judge Blue in his work?

Yours very truly,

Robert Norris
Secretary.

Dic.—E. R.

I do not know what to advise you. Col. Blue has never outlined his plans to me. No doubt in a whisky fight he needs all the aid he can get,

Yours
Jno. Wiswell

The Union leans toward no political party—it is entirely non-partisan.

It stands for individual sobriety, public-spirited citizenship, prohibition and its enforcement.

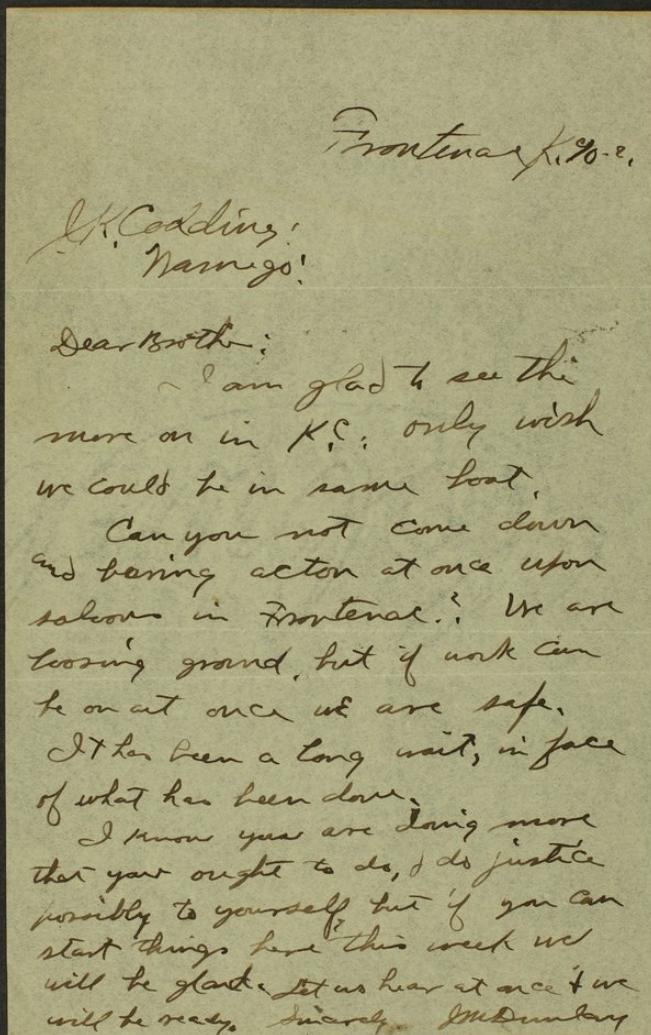
Kansas is its field, the moral well-being of Kansas, its aim, the elevation of humanity, through the example of Kansas, the wider result of its labors.

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Goffe Davis

Oct 8th

Rev. Robert Morris

Dear Bro.

I have just received the Sep.
no. of the Kansas Leader and want
to express to you my appreciation
of its contents. Especially do I want
to thank the Union for this published
list of all persons holding Federal
liquor stamps, in the State.
This is the information I have desired
for some time, and was just going
to write for. I consider it invaluable
to all aggressive temperance workers.
To publish this monthly will be
a fine piece of work for the Union.
I was pleased to note that in Goffe
where I live there is yet a Federal
stamp issued. This was not true

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of last March when I came here. There was up less than three or four here at that time. With the city council in favor of open joints and with public sentiment strongly against me on the 13th day of June I went to the County Att. and requested him to cooperate with me in the closing of the joints then remaining open which were two besides the bootlegger. This he consented to do if I would stay by him in the prosecution, I agreed to do it. I was then 24 hrs. the joints were closed and their fixtures shipped out without arrest being made. On the 18th of July I sent a notorious bootlegger to the county jail.

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He is there yet. We are dry here.
The lid is on tight. You will see
by the list that there is one stamp
in Kelly Neawha Co. held by L.
Dennis. On the 11th of July I
had this Dennis arrested and drawing
up and his fixtures shipped out.
I want you to know that in Neawha
County the good work is going on
and we welcome anything you can
do for us in helping to enforce
the law.

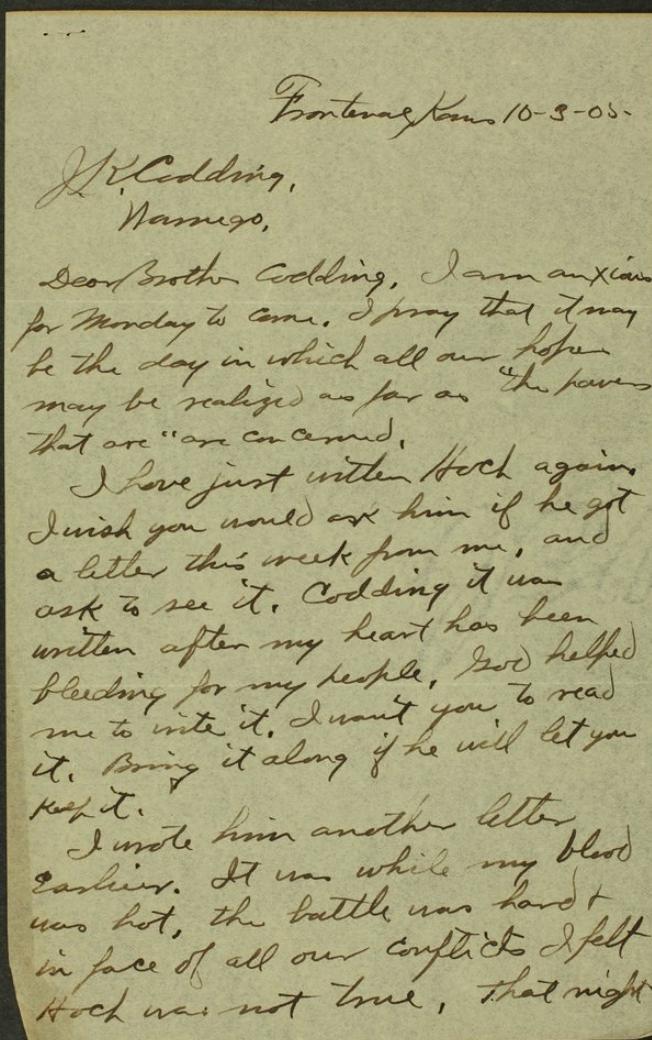
Yours very truly
J. A. Purdie
Pastor M. E. Church
Goffa Kansas

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I spent two hours with a fallen girl in her room, pleading with her to give up her life of shame, all around me were other girls like herself 13 other, cursing, drinking, selling their soul for a penny to drunken fiends. I reached home at 4^{OC}. Sunday morning, I went again yesterday to bring her with me. Went at the noon hour - I will tell you what I found she didn't come. Her mother was at my home soon after I returned, to hear the result. She went home her heart just breaking a little more went to bed - husband came - this same man who sent his girl to the house of hell - he came - 12^{OC}, - drove wife from bed - tore up the bed - jerked down curtains - broke furniture - lamp & all in sight. Her heart broke a little more, I can't tell you more, my heart is breaking with her. While you & I do

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take our quiet rest - she weeps till
the morning.

I have praise God put a little
sunshine into her life - I have made
it possible for her other daughter to
be in Boston this year, she will visit
no doubt with you daughter in Cleveland.
Praise the Lord for this.

I must get to bed, I am weary
my self out & I must take a little care,

Our men are still waiting,
If Hock won't act Monday, won't you
come down at once & see those
paper in these saloons & close them
anyways?

If he does act we want these
saloon to be acted upon before the
appointment can reach there notice.

Good night Mrs. Coddling, Pray for
our work, Pray for the heart breaking girl
in my home tonight whose father & two
brothers are yonder in corner saloon. She
has cried herself to sleep. "Sheet that rants
up the ravelled sleeve of Care," Not of
Gossoms - it is the fashioner of the world
dreams, (over)

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I was in the spirit to push open
that saloon "Harry" of Enter tonight
with this girl I Smash.
I don't want to do this. But we
will if we can get no action.
Coddling I will take the least
broken mother - & daughter & sister
of all others that will god we will take
every saloon in town, god being my
savior.
Again God night, God bless
you. I am trying to do a little,
and I have so far
at this rate of J.M. Dunaway,
this will soon not be true
if you'll follow me. Your
big sister tell this to your son, that we
are with each other and you is
all, understand it strong in mind
that tell self, you is good here is
to tell him only when because he is
bad at home away at a hi-ground