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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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our yrs. now you can do as you like
with this letter, you know this
is thin facts. I dont expect to
turn down and cool off on this
subject we have a Republican
administration in our city and all
who know any thing about conditions
now knows there is an increase in
whore houses and joints in the
city ever since our last election
and I dont expect any better
condition from either of the old
parties. So you will know where
to locate sir there is enough
Hell in this city to damn it for a
hundred millions years and some
of our goody goody professors will
be used for kindling wood to start
the fire which shall not be quenched
I expect this is all you can stand now
so at any time you want to hear from me

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just - write me. say what about
the Temperance Congress at
Salina. you did not mention
it in your letter to me is
it - something new

Fatherately yours

A. J. George

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Rev. A. C. Aller
Pastor of Presbyterian Church

Ellsworth, Kansas, Oct. 31 1903

Rev. Robert Morris,
Dear Bro:

Yours of a few days ago, in reference to Miss Malquis received, I am not convinced as to the wisdom of her coming at this time, Rev. Dexter was here in the Spring and took pledges covering this year's work for the Temperance Union, We need some agitation here just now, want some good temperance speaking, We have just secured permanent injunctions on five places where intoxicants were sold, We need to follow this up, Can you come in the near future, I hope you will keep the thing up to a stiff law enforcement campaign, I understand that the Union weakened during Bro. Dexter's term and that was a reason of his retirement,

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Rev. A. T. Aller
Pastor of Presbyterian Church

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Ellsworth, Kansas, 190

If the State Temperance Union
is to be an adjunct of the Republican
party and carefully study her move-
ments so as to lose votes for the
party a lot of us are done with
it. This is a crying time to
bring something to pass, I was so
discouraged with Dexter's retirement
& rather the causes which led to it
that I almost resolved to withdraw
my support from the Union. I have
been recently informed that the Union
has seen its mistake and will do
better, I hope so.

Respectfully,
A. T. Aller

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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.

Rev. T. A. Nichols,
Scanmon, Kansas.

Dear Brother:—

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 Morris
Secretary.

Dic.—E. R.

— The Temperance People have no organization here. But Tem People appreciate what has been done in way of closing the front doors at least of the joints. Of course there is a great deal of liquor still used here. I believe it would be profitable for a strong man to come here and line up the T. people. Sincerely,
T. A. Nichols

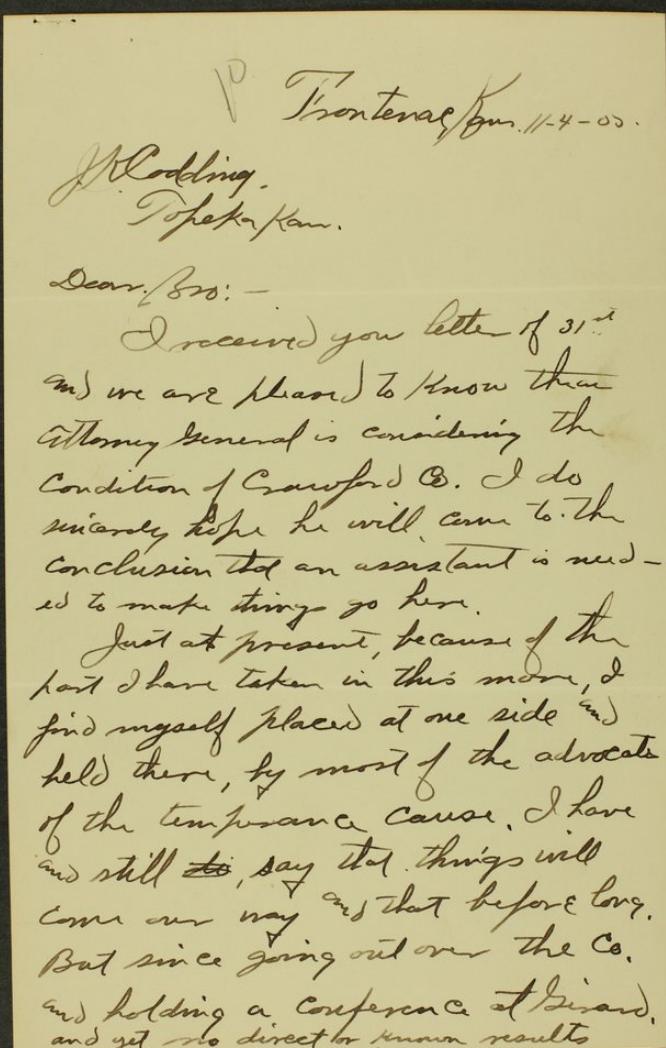
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and ^{more} than as far as we can find out
Mr Wayde, not yet as much as
called to Topeka either on business
or otherwise, as no encouragement
of a probability of an appointment,
and more with the report current
and believed by many that a Mr
Rice & Dr Moore, have pledges from
the powers that if the Sunday
closing was enforced ^{had nothing} ~~in all it makes~~ the right hand to ^{the S.} Closing
further would be done. But if this
is fairly well carried out. But if this
is the end of the matter, I am at
a loss to understand our Governor.
I can not believe such is the fact
and hope I shall not be compelled
to believe it.
Now if you think there will
be one thing gained by my coming
to Topeka, I can be there early
Wednesday morning, & spend the day

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with you, or Thursday if that day be more convenient to you. I am nothing to do anything to see this more start.

* Give me an outline of facts that I ought to have, in order to win the day, and more if you could direct me to the place ^{where} I could find "recorded facts," I will appreciate it.

We have some of these, of course, but we may find more. You have these now and so let know what I would need them.

Answer by return mail whether I shall come Wed or Thurs. You understand I am taking time that belongs to my special work here, & yet I am willing to work the harder to make up time, in order to do my best by the people who are being worked by the special thieves.

Sincerely
J.M. Dunlavy

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LAW OFFICE OF
W. CLYDE WOLFE,
INSURANCE, COLLECTIONS,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

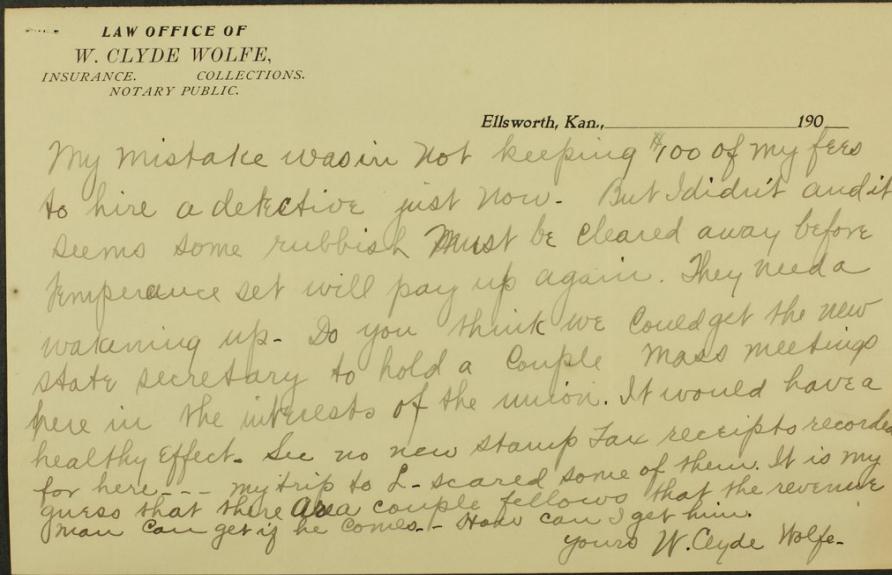
J. K. Codding
Warren, K- Ellsworth, Kan., Nov. 1st 1905

Dear Friend: Your letter did me very much good. Will sure land on the whisky ring first choice I get. Will know about the Sorraine business soon. How would it be to run injunction even before have anything in wind on some fellows here. Major Brown put upon addition to his building to sell in... John Finley (by a Partner) still sells in back room of Peura building. The room is separated from the one joined by an arch. Schmitt & Thomas (now) are in building next to where Schmitt & Story were stopped. I like your idea about House on R.R. Track but I want the joints to know I am the cause of landing on it.

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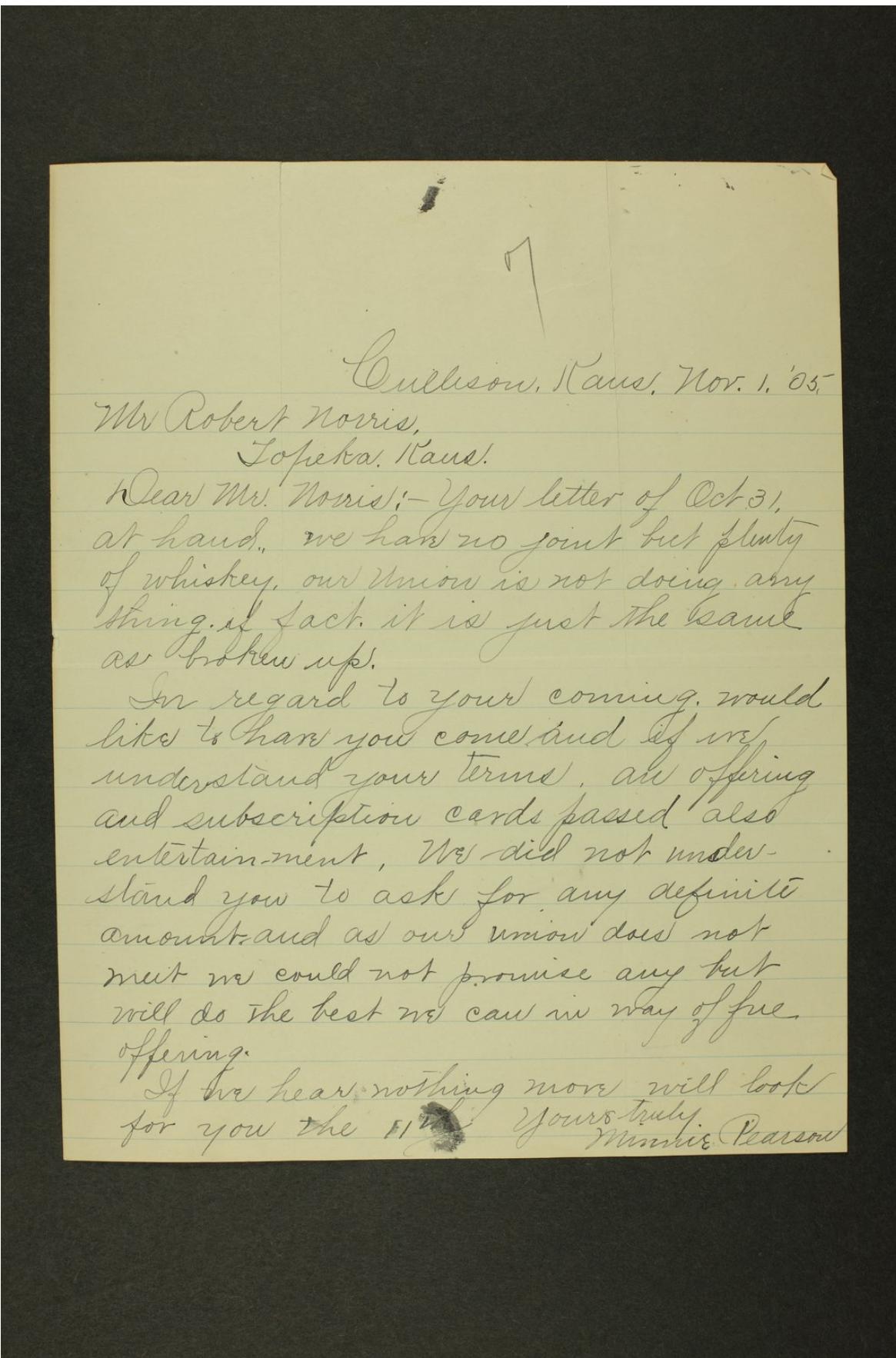


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Isabel Kans
Nov. 2 06-

Mr Robert Morris

Topeka Kans

Dear Bro. Morris: We have a
joint in our little town of Isabel
that we are going to bring
charge against. It is run
by our Dr. Moosman or A.H.
Moosman - I wish you to
make out the papers under the
head of the Perch law, all
ready for our Justice of the Peace
to sign, and send them to
me as soon as you can.

I am not able to give
you a description of the property
where it is run, you can

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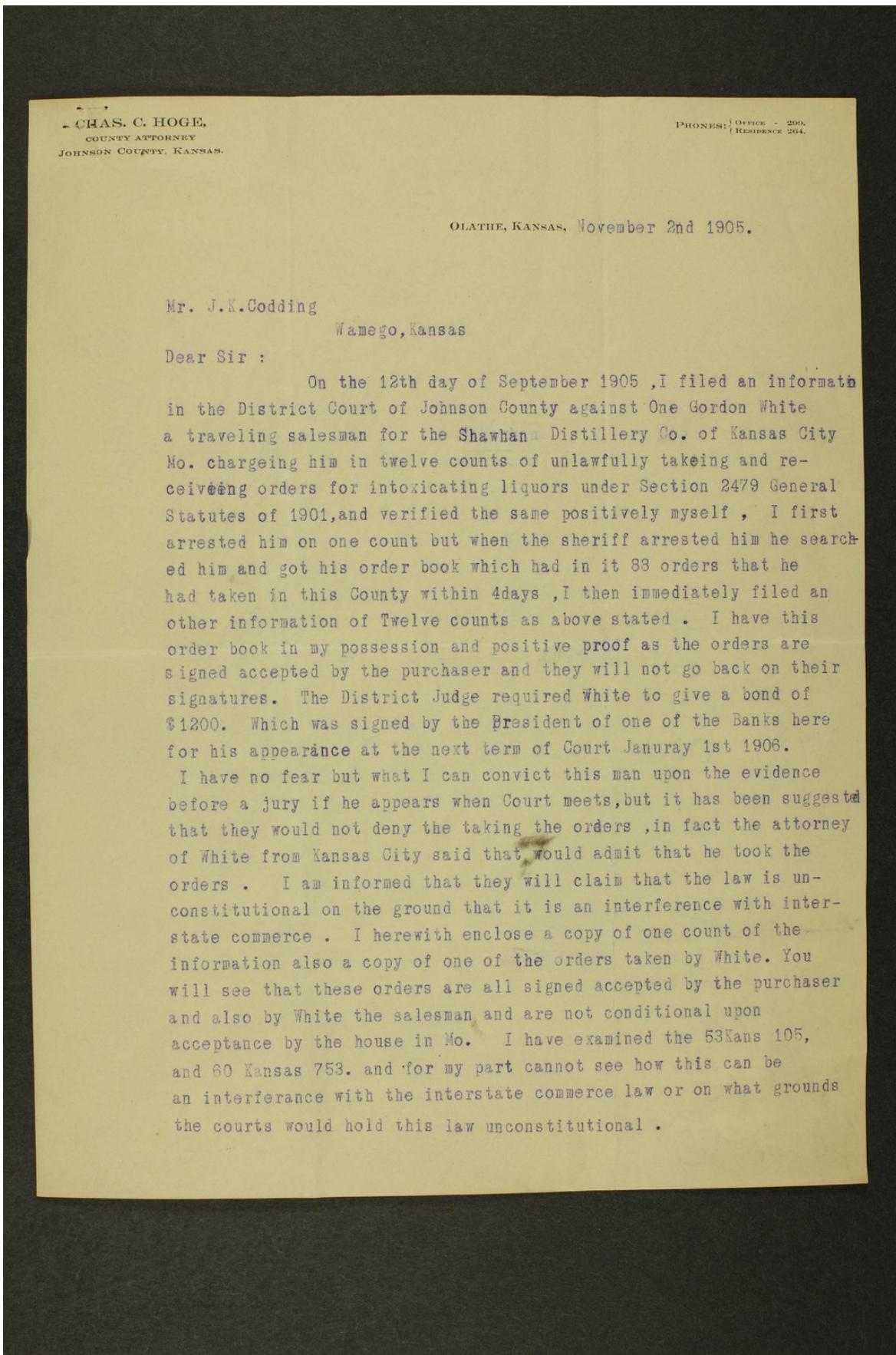
leave that blank and we
will fill it out here -
Any suggestions you may
offer I will be gladly received
Let me hear from you as
soon as possible
Yours very truly
D.M.Scott
aff. Sawyer Rau.

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CHAS. C. HOGE,
COUNTY ATTORNEY
JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

PHONES: OFFICE - 295.
RESIDENCE 264.

OLATHE, KANSAS,

It has been reported to me that Federal Judge Pollock discharged some parties on Habeas Corpus in a case similar to this, but I have been unable to verify the report. In this case it is too late sue out a writ of Habeas Corpus unless White's bondsman should surrender him. I would like to know if you know of any case in the State like this or if the same point has been decided by the Federal Court? Upon what ground in your judgment will they defend in this action? Upon what ground can they attack the constitutionality of this law? Do you think it possible under the facts to construe this as a sale in Kansas? If it could be construed a sale I can file another information on some of the other orders. You will remember meeting me when you were in Olathe sometime last year, I think, when you had a motion before Judge Sheldon in a liquor case from Miami Co. I would be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible and to receive any suggestion that you may have to offer.

Yours for the enforcement of all law,

Chas. C. Hoge
County Attorney of Johnson
County, Kansas.

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Chas. C. Hoge, of lawful age, being duly sworn on his oath does say that he is County Attorney in and for the County of Johnson in the State of Kansas, and that one Gordon White at the County of Johnson and State of Kansas on or about the _____ day of September, 1905, then and there being, did then and there unlawfully take and receive an order for intoxicating liquors from one _____, said _____ not being a person authorized to sell intoxicating liquors under the laws of the State of Kansas, contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Kansas.

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Parsonage
OF THE
First Methodist Episcopal Church
J. M. MASON, PASTOR

Parsons, Kansas Nov. 2nd, '05. 1905

J.K.Codding Att'y
Topeka Kan.

My Dear Bro.

Yours of the Ist. at hand and contents noted...

I am pretty well convinced that what you say is about the truth...

I will say however that the time may come when I will feel that it is my place to undertake so important a move as you suggest... That time however will be some time to come as I am utterly unable to see any thing as yet in line of so doing...

There has a petition gone to Gov. asking for a Dep. State's Att'y I understand that it is signed by about 500 names and I have had hopes that it would secure the desired thing namely a man who is expected to see to the enforcement of that law... I hope that you will aid it as best you can and I will be glad to co-operate ...

There is every reason for such a move as I have written you ... Have you laid the matter before the Gov.?

Be glad to hear from you again....

Very Truly Yours,

Mason.

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Pratt Kans
Nov. 3-1905-

Rev. Robert Morris

Dear Sir

Yours rec'd and
will say I have inter-
viewed the pastors, and
arrangements have
been made for you
to hold a union meet-
ing ~~meeting~~ here in
the M.E. at the time you
designated Sun. Nov. 12th
This afternoon meeting
of same day in the Pres-
byterian Church, will
announced at churches next
Sunday & in City papers next
week. Let us hear from
you soon as possible
Cindely Effie McGregor

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Preston, Kans.
Nov. 3, 1905.

Mr. Robert Norris,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir,

Yours of Oct. 25 & 31 both
duly received and carefully noted.
Have been so busy with my farm work
that a reply has been neglected.

As to the meeting the 9th. inst.,
will say we will be glad to have it. Will
tender you the use of the Baptist-ch.
and will endeavor to secure a good
audience. So come right along.

Now as to the joints in the county,
I think now they are all confined to the
city of Pratt. While we lost out on the
last trial of the Preston liquor case, yet
the effort has not been without its
good effects in the community.
We now have no licensed drink shop
in Preston.

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The party still runs the barber shop and confectionaries but does not sell licensed drinks. So we do not regret the effort.

Our greatest difficulty now is the liquor trade through the Express Office. This, however, is not so ominous to our innocent boys and young men not addicted to drink. If one class of drink shops excels another in iniquity, it is certainly that sells one that sells soft-drinks or temperance (?) drinks, which contain certain percents of alcohol. These are the places that teach our boys the drink habit, that prepares the way for the "Boot-legger" later on.

I sincerely hope that our Governor through the Pres. will induce Congress to pass a law to prevent the granting of licenses to those only in prohibitory states, who have authority by law to sell liquor. That would effectively get rid of the Malt shops. Hope to meet you soon.

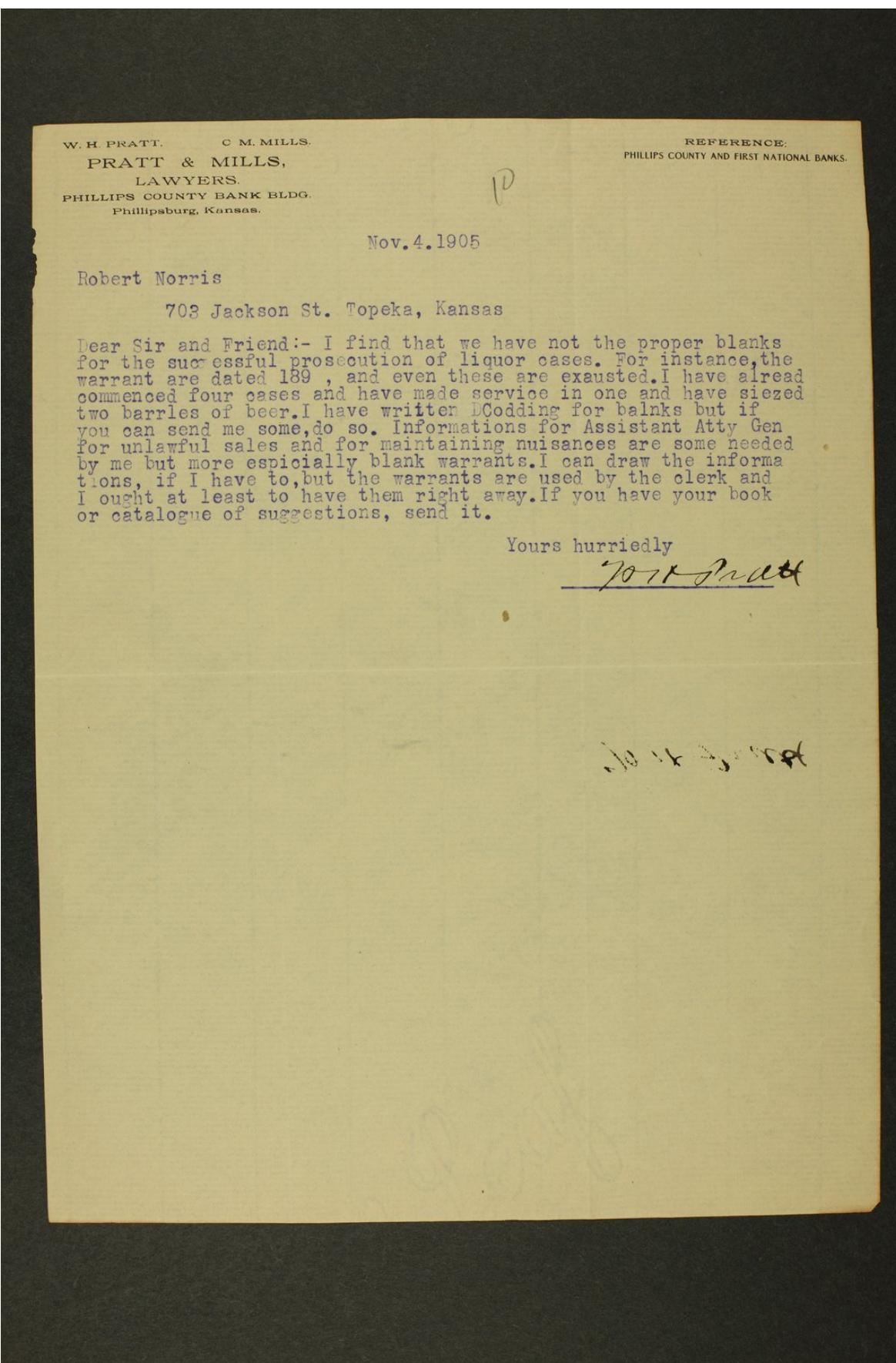
Respectfully — R. G. Robertson.

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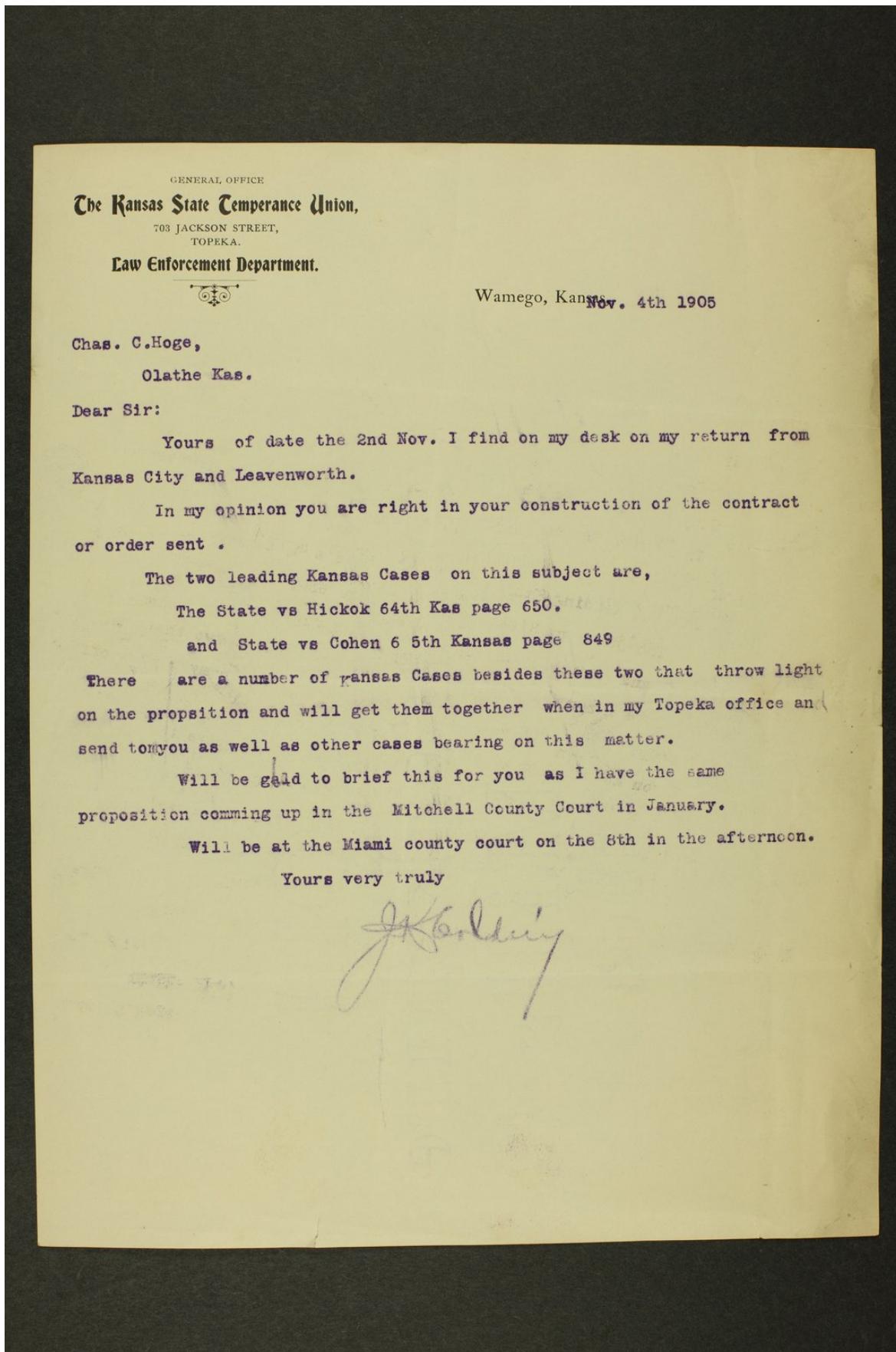


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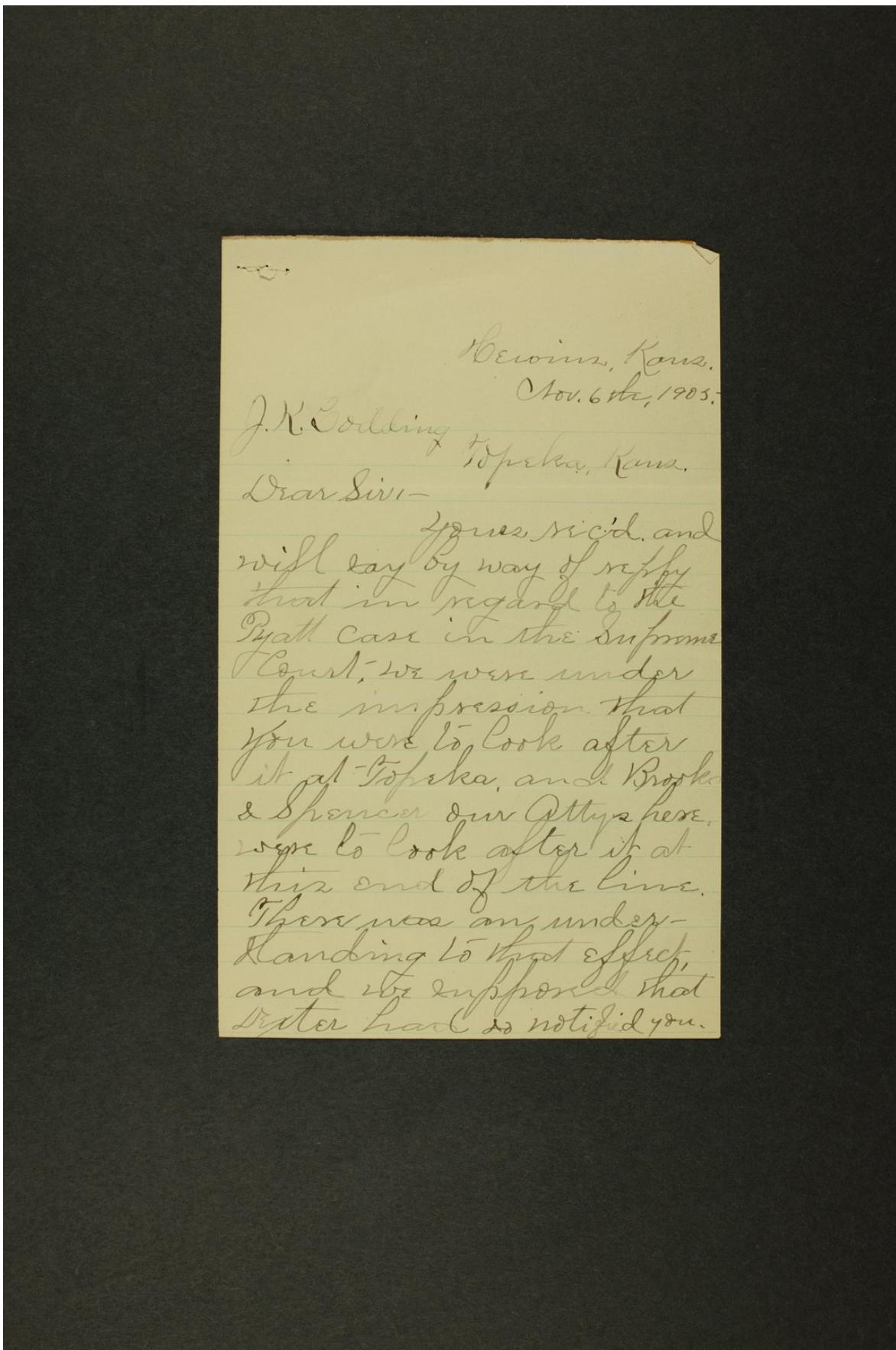


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R.
Of course we expect you
to look after the case.
There was no spotter busi-
ness in the case.
Loftin is Cardine
Legal Guardian, and
had a right as well as
his duty to see that
the boy did not get whis-
key, and that was not the
only time he got whis-
key at Pyatts.
In regard to whom
Pyatts' permission or license
to practice medicine was
revoked, we do not know
exactly, but presume if
you will enquire of the
State Board of Medical
Examiners they perhaps can

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tell you, or at the County-clerk's office in Sedan,
or of J. L. Mc Bryan, at Lansing, Kans. he was interested
in the case at one time.
As a matter of fact - Pyatt
is not a graduate of any medical school, and from
what information we can gather he never at-
tended one. He ever had
a diploma in one here
ever saw it.
First when he changed
his name is not definitely known here.
He came here about six
years ago last May,
and brought a young

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woman with him whom he claimed as his wife, and said his name was E. G. Ginger, and set up as a Dr. and practiced medicine, and sold whiskey, until Feb. 1903 when he left in a hurry, the woman who lived with him having gone some time before.
He was gone away from here about a year when he came back bringing with him a different woman and four children, and said they were his wife and family, his name then was E. G. Pratt, which I presume

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is his proper name.
It appears there was a di-
vorce proceedings and
alimony in Moultrie
County, Illinois.

Brooks & Spencer of Sedan
Kans., can explain that
as they were employed
in the case here.

It was to break the judg-
ment that first brought
him here, and took him
away, but it was compro-
mised and he is living
with his first wife now.
Whether married or not
we do not know.

A number of people here
believe that Pyatt helped
^{burn} a house here, and attempt
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To burn another, or I should
say a Barn, and laid the
plan for one Pleas Mar-
tin to kill one of our
citizens, and only fail-
ed by a few seconds.
Pratt bought two horses
for ten dollars, and three
gallons of whiskey, and
sold them for one hundred
and ten dollars.
The ^{former} sheriff said he sent
more than a hundred
cards over the country
to find where the horses
came from but could not.
Only a few nights ago,
the windows were
broken in the M. E.
Church at this place, and

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7.
there are plainly of pro-
ple here who think Pyatt,
did it. or rather is the
instigator of it.
Could tell you a whole
Col more but this will
worry you sufficient-
J.D. McBrian says he
ought to be in the Pen-
itentiary. He is a bad
machiavellian man,
and ruining the young
men and boys of our
Community by precept -
and example.
Very Respectfully.
Mrs Anna Boyer,
Cor. Secy. W.C.T.U.
Hewins, Kans.