

## Temperance history correspondence

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This is correspondence sent and received by members of the Kansas State Temperance Union, including Robert Norris, secretary Topeka, Kansas; John Marshall, attorney, Ellsworth, Kansas; and Julian K. Coddington, attorney, Wamego, Kansas. A letter from H. C. Ericsson, sheriff of Wabaunsee County, lists the names of several individuals that have been "seen drinking." Frequent letters are exchanged with George H. Stuessi, an attorney in Pittsburg, Kansas, regarding legal cases involving alcohol in Girard, Kansas. 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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Topeka, Kans 1-2-06.

Per Robert Norris.

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Bro. Norris: I rejoice greatly  
to hear of the many victories, over the  
rum traffic. May the new year  
see our State freed of all booze vendors.  
Just now our own County, Crawford,  
is making another effort to make  
herself heard at Topeka, and such aid  
given as will shortly rid this Co.  
of drink. It is a hard matter to  
pull the temperance, moral, Christian  
people into line, when so far we have  
pull together, only to meet with failure.  
There is no worse County in the  
State than this, 150, open saloons.



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all of which are protected by the  
County officials, against whom we  
have complained, and have even suc-  
ceeded in bringing on County  
attorney, J. M. Wray, before Gov. Hoch,  
and Mr. Coleman, and there by his  
own statements, causing Mr. Coleman,  
to say that this County would have  
an Assistant Attorney General.  
Since that time, things have turned  
for the worse. The saloon men more  
brave and confident; Mr. Wray going  
after the joints, saloons, in an open  
way to gather in his booty. Now  
we can't see through these things.

On Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, next Tuesday, a  
delegation of 8 or 10 business men will  
visit Gov. Hoch & Mr. Coleman, and present



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a petition signed by, no less we  
hope than 3000, Citizens of this Co.  
asking for immediate help.  
Gov. Hoch has named Jan 9<sup>th</sup> -  
the date for this conference.

We are going to ask largely  
of the State Temperance Union, in  
the way of help. We are proposed  
to make three or four propositions  
to the Governor, three of these will  
involve the State Temperance Union  
in relation to Mr Coddling. We also  
have a money proposition to offer  
the State Temperance Union in way  
of buying some of their help. If we  
can not make a go of matters  
this time things will be turned  
loose, for the Devil to assume

would cost you to give



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control. The business men  
in Walnut, Cherokee, McCune,  
Mullery, Girard, Pittsburg  
are signing our petition this  
time, just because they believe  
we will succeed, and would not if  
they saw failure in the move. Now  
if the State Temperance Union is  
out for law enforcement, give  
us your help gladly & freely, not  
free, but freely.

The people of this County say  
to the wind with the State Temperance  
Union. they never have or never will  
do anything for Crawford Co. and so  
far they have just cause to say so.

They are crying also (as I do again  
go over the Co.) Gov Hoch will not



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do one thing for Crawford Co. he is  
bought by the Petitioners of this  
Co. Now dont think the people here  
are hard hearted & strong headed, we are  
not willing to wait and see, we have  
waited more than six months for even  
one step. Every hope we have made  
here has been defeated, we believe  
just through three or four petitioners  
who have made many trips to Topeka  
on this business. Since we ~~start~~ started  
this last week two of these rotten  
rummies has had business in T.  
We have it from good sources that  
if Pittsburg will keep things  
half way in order, that the State  
officers will not disturb them.  
Now Bro. Morris we are coming



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for a nothing short of an appointment. <sup>and</sup>  
to make a hard fight for help.  
We will advise, be advised, give <sup>and</sup>  
take, be kind, sweet, but yet we come  
as a ruin cursed, shamed, defeated  
people, demanding, immediate help,  
<sup>and</sup> if we must come home this  
time defeated, don't look this way  
for very many more men who are  
willing to take life in hand, to make an  
open fight against <sup>this</sup> open hell  
in Kansas. Don't ask the business  
men to again line up against  
the Saloons, only to have these  
devils turn on their lawfull business  
& crowd them to the wall. Don't ask  
the ministers of the gospel to  
publish ~~the~~ other petitions from their  
pulpits, as they are doing this time



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only to be turned down, by friends  
who ought <sup>not</sup> to have the power to help.  
Don't ask newspaper men to enter  
fight only to loose in battle, Don't  
ask the school teachers of County to  
again line up - some to loose their  
positions others to meet insults, for  
doing so. Don't ask young men &  
women in school to sign same, and  
then see no help coming. All of  
these are now asking your help as  
well as Gov. Hoch's Coleman's.

We would like to meet as many  
of the forces of the State Temperance  
Union as possible, on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. We want  
to meet yourself & Mr Coddling in  
your office and there have our  
understanding with each other before

we go to the Gov. We believe we  
will have complete success, & yet  
there is a chance for defeat.  
May the Lord lead in this  
last stand as he has in the fight  
that is now on. My own presiding  
Elder Rev John MacLean, let me close  
a revival meeting to enter this  
fight, and surely we ought not to  
be turned away with only a  
promise "we are looking into  
matters with reference to Crawford  
& will act as soon as possible,  
or convenient, or in the near future,  
sometime!" Do go home & be patient.  
Excuse this printed letter  
Bro. Norris, but I have had life  
property, reputation and all threatened



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in this fight, and so have others.   
 We are not disposed to ask for help  
 we ought to have, and which can be  
 give by the Governor, and so far  
 has been withheld. (in our case on  
 and continue to have faith & keep our feet  
 personal reasons) Personal  
 feelings <sup>in the matter</sup> are not going to  
 count <sup>for much</sup> this time. We have  
 four men this time to be  
 put aside, as fit or unfit men  
 for appointments, and if the last  
 goes down, some mighty reasons  
 must be given b'fore we accept  
 all the objections, and can have again defeated.

If we could have Codding  
 with us a day before, we reach  
 Topeka, it would help much in  
 clearing the way. Two men here



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want to see him <sup>and</sup> then we  
would like to have him speak  
in Pittsburg, on Law enforcement,  
I will talk with Cochran  
to day.

May the New Year be  
one full of rich harvest for the  
Kansas State Temperance Union,

A Happy New Year to all.

Resp.

J. M. Dunlavy

President of Crawford Co. Law enforcement  
League.



Toordena Kansas 1-4-06.

Dear Father Collins;

Your New Year greeting brought cheer to our home. We had a merry Xmas & a new year full of promise for the days yet ahead. On Xmas eve our little ones placed their stockings for the treat, but for the first time (in) this because of the bitter fight against the saloon we had not even the candy & nuts. I told wife it was hard but God would bless them & us in placing our all on the altar for a sacrifice. Sunday, on my trip around, enough was given us so that the treats came Xmas night. From that day on the good Lord has been giving us blessings not only in the financial but spiritual. First on Xmas night came a fine over-



Coat. I remember at K.C. you said I would  
get one. On last Sunday five accepted  
Christ, and at the same time joined the  
Church. Yesterday the W.C.T.W. Ladies of  
Pittsburg came out, brought a nice lunch, and  
as we sat at the table, the president ~~at once~~ and  
in a word explained part of their mission, and hand-  
ed to me \$25, as a token for the part I had  
already taken in the Saloon fight, Bro. Godding  
the Lord is in this movement, and we will  
have victory not only in this C. but in  
the whole State, things ~~are~~ had here now  
as ever. The Saloon men seem to be  
assured that nothing will be done. We  
have lost the miners (progress) almost to  
a man. Three or four still with us. They are  
most bitter against Gov. Hoch.  
I have been trying for near a week



part to get you by phone. But now we shall hope to meet you at State Temperance Union on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. If you must be in K.C. that day let me know, & in this event will you not meet us at Union dept on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will reach K.C. on Frisco, the same hour you & I did. We must see you on 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. I say we for eight or ten business men have a date with the Gov. & Attorney the 9<sup>th</sup>. And <sup>mission to T. J. P. K.</sup> our ~~own~~ involves yourself <sup>and</sup> State Temp. W. or your self alone if you care to act independent of K. S. W. in three <sup>of the</sup> different propositions we wish to bring before Gov. Hoch. Outside of these we have two more, independent of S. T. W. but which we are not anxious to press, but we will in order then to know just the exact attitude of Gov. H.

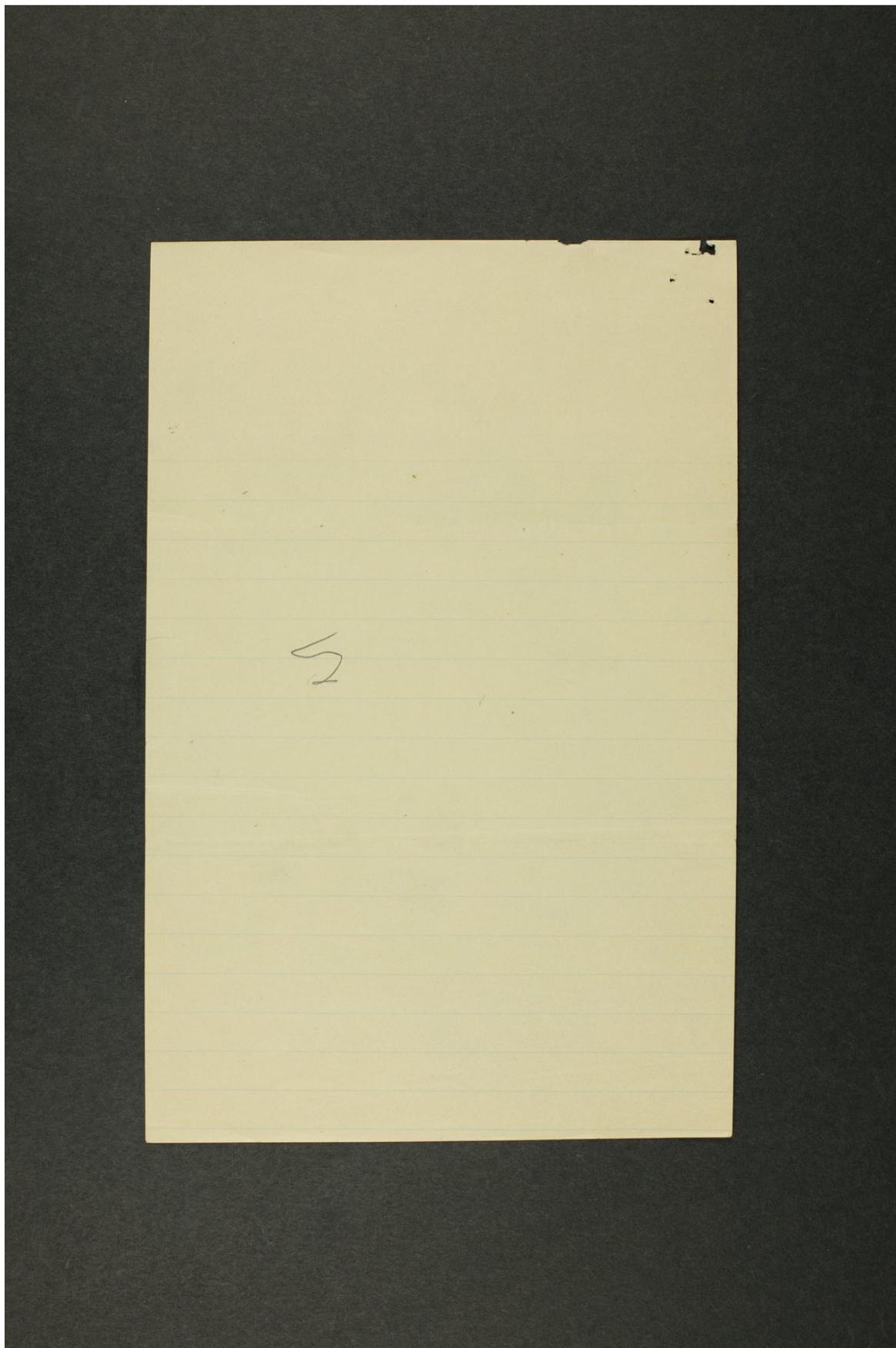


Have been got me by long letters  
from men at Trenton (Bethlehem).

(We believe they have acted in good faith so far, yet some strange  
things have crept out at this end of game.)  
and Coleman toward Crawford Co. If  
this movement don't succeed, I believe there  
will be some sensational times ahead for Pittsburg,  
We are praying that this time may not come.

Mothers, fathers, young men & women,  
school teachers, preachers, professional men in  
other lines, students and business men are  
now in line for an immediate action  
on Hoch's part for an appointment. Their names  
will be carried to Topeka by this delegation. We  
come for complete victory or defeat. No promise  
this time, will answer. -Yes- No. So meet us  
Bro. Coddling, if at all in your power to do  
so, at Topeka on 9<sup>th</sup> - forenoon. Here is  
to know first presenting & asking, at Union  
headquarters, Ask the Lord to guide you.  
I am sure He has this <sup>calling for this</sup> delegation.

May the Lord have you mind & heart till we meet,  
God send us.



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January 22, 1906.

Mr. J. K. Coddling,  
Room 16 Real Estate Bldg.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-I trust you received my recent long letter. Things are moving very slowly and I am very conservative as to taking any further action until the success of this first move. I have not much doubt that Fuller will grant temporary injunction Friday, because I do not know what serious point they can raise but they seem to have something up their sleeve. But I would prefer not to take any further steps as to the other places in the county, nor the surrounding mining camps, and not even the remaining fifteen places in Pittsburg, until I can have more intelligent assurance that these temporary injunctions will be granted. My plan is just now to prepare my cases *for filing against* all of the remaining saloons in Pittsburg and file them *immediately* upon injunction granted in the first cases. Evidence is already somewhat difficult to obtain in-as-much as they are guarding the doors and they have discovered several of our men getting evidence. The condition here is just as I informed you when in Topeka, that although there are a number of men here willing to do what they can, yet they themselves cannot get the evidence and others are being intimidated. Threats have already been made.

From my slight investigation, I have not been able to determine from our courts ~~of~~ decision whether the description of the place where a nuisance exists is sufficient when alleged to be "in the rooms of a \_\_\_ story brick building," when there are several stories and when the nuisance exists on one floor only. But I have deemed it sufficient and have not stated so far in the petitions the particular floor on which the nuisance exists.

What I need, Mr. Coddling, and have needed, more than anything else just now is your assistance here personally to help me work into the practical methods of the powers I possess, such as, subpoenaing witnesses for inquisition in my office and getting their testimony into shape, ready for use. I am also somewhat in a quandary as to what extent I should go in hauling the police force, as you say, and *others up for inquisition to see what they know in respect to these places* suits filed. One reason I am hesitating is, I do not think they will raise any question as to the facts on the hearing Friday, but that their move will be along technical lines entirely. Still I want to be prepared for emergency, and I am trying to use my own methods in being prepared. But I am satisfied that if you could be with me a day or two and help me get started in the details of these practical methods, I would have a little more confidence. I don't want to proceed by search and seizure at this time, either as to the joints against which suits are filed or as to any others. In fact, I want to leave them in the dark as much as possible and permit them to think they are safe, if they want to, so that a move in this direction afterwards will be a harder blow to them.



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Why can you not be here early Thursday morning and help me in this practical preparation and into the routine work of this office, and remain with me over Friday? I am sure that you can assist me better than anybody you can substitute. And I ask you to cancel your other dates for those days, if it is at all possible, and thereby greatly oblige,

Very truly yours,

*Geo. H. Stuessi*



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*Shimfeld*  
Howard, Kansas, *Jan 22* 1906

*Records*  
Robert Norris,  
Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Sir:

We had a fair meeting at Molinee one last Friday night. The pastor of the Molinee church desires that no collections of any kind be taken but after the meeting was over \$2.05 was heeded here. I did not take the names of those who gave me the money at Molinee.

Our meeting here was a success. It was at the Methodist church and the church was full. The cards were used with subscriptions as follows:

George Smith, Howard, Kansas	\$1.00	Paid.
George Hughes	"	1.00 Paid.
T. A. Barakware	"	10.00 Paid
A. H. Sims	"	1.25 Paid.
P. S. Hills	"	2.00 Paid
H. S. Jirw	"	1.00 Paid.
H. P. Heichert	"	1.00 Paid.
John W. Gibbon	"	5.00 Paid
Mrs. Cash Bartlett	"	25 Paid.



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Howard, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ 1906

J. H. Keifer, Howard, Kansas, Paid 30¢ on \$1.20

Total paid on subscriptions \$22.70.

I received \$1.60 in cash but do not know who paid it.

I enclose you draft for \$26.25. This cost me three cents.

I enclose you the cards containing the unpaid subscriptions

You can make some arrangement about the collection of these four cards.

Yours respectfully  
John Marshall



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JOHN L. KIRKPATRICK  
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Pittsburg, Kansas. January 15, 1908.

J. K. Coddling,  
c/o State Temperance Union,  
Tokepa, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-Things are moving slowly, in fact too slowly. Perhaps I am over-cautious and too particular about some things but I have hesitated to get information as to description of property and ownership from the abstractor for fear that the matter would be divulged and in some manner interfere with our plans. So far I have done little else but clerical work in the office. I have conferred with Mr. Dunlavey and a few others and have tried to get the evidence of present violation in order to proceed by injunction, but I have found that as far as the original papers in the Frontenac suits were concerned that the description and ownership of the property was very unreliable and have discovered a number of bad mistakes. Drawing up an entire new set of papers and correcting them from time to time, and gathering such information as I can as to the description of property and ownership of the leading Pittsburg joints, has kept me busy night and day, and I have worked every night until 11 o'clock, and still I feel that I have accomplished little. Mr. Dunlavey and his assistants should have had the fresh evidence Friday morning but *they* will not be in until this evening to make the necessary affidavits.



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I have just returned from Girard and , in the limited time I had, sought to verify the Pittsburg descriptions and ownership with the description of these places that I took from the fire insurance plats., and also found that it would require perhaps an entire day in looking up these records in any kind of a satisfactory manner as to the Frontenac property and ownership alone. I am afraid I will have to take some chances in getting the property description and the real owners and shall have to depend on amending afterwards. I had hoped to avoid amendment, in fact had hoped to avoid giving the defense, as to the first suits, any loophole whatsoever.

I have  
I had so little time to look up ~~the~~ decisions as to conflicting points in questions that have aroused doubt in my mind. For instance, I do not believe that our description of lots in Frontenac are sufficient in many instances, in-as-much as there are other buildings of the same character located upon the same lot and in some instances the ownership of the particular lot is divided among different parties. It seems to me that the description would be too indefinite in such cases to describe the property merely as a certain lot, and still the record title to the property is so unsatisfactory and the hearsay evidence so unreliable that I was afraid to become more specific as to the particular location on the lot where such building stood. Then again, unless the entire lot is covered these parties will immediately move, after injunction, into an adjoining vacant building.

In your letter received this day from Osage City, I infer that you suggest that I personally should make oath to the facts



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stated in the petition, whereas I have understood, and have so far proceeded, to let the same person who made oath to the affidavit swear to the petition also. Why do you suggest that I should make oath to the petition?

I do not know the purpose of making inquisition as to the members of the police department after the injunction is run, as the evidence could not be used in the injunction proceedings, and I suppose that you <sup>had</sup> suggested also that any evidence to be obtained for the purpose of proceeding by search and seizure should be obtained upon violation of such injunction.

Mr. Smith of Girard was in this morning and desired to know the information <sup>wanted</sup> in regard to the places there. As I informed you, while at Topeka, there does not seem to be much organization here, but the man Long seems to be a reliable man and he in company with another trusted man secured very complete evidence against ten places here Saturday night. It is not necessary for them to disguise as farmers here, at least not so far. There seems to be a kind of understanding among the politicians here and others that I have the appointment, and the assistant County Attorney has taken unnecessary occasion to call on me to see what he could find out, but the town hardly knows what to believe and the joints don't seem to care. Nobody seems to have any desire to question me about it but they seem to suspect.

You have not answered my suggestion as to whether any further evidence than the initial affidavit could be used upon final hearing in these injunction cases. I am expecting that motions



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will be made to dissolve these temporary injunctions upon our failure to describe the property accurately or to give the ownership, or in case our description covers property part of which is owned by other parties. I feel sure that after a few brushes with the opposing counsel in this matter I shall feel more at ease and I wish you would enlighten me as to all these matters that I suggest. I know that you are trying to encourage me from the tone of your letter and of course encouragement is not a bad thing. I can appreciate more than ever that this will mean the fight of my life and I have a feeling that my friends and those who are loyal to this movement are sympathizing with me in the anticipation of the defeat and inglorious failure that my work will be. I have no doubt about the ultimate success but I shall need financial assistance soon, as I have neglected my business entirely since my return. I do not expect to neglect it entirely after this first movement and is over but it will suffer unless some income is soon derived from these suits there must be a movement here to give a little financial aid to tide over. If you are in correspondence with Mr. Dunlavy please do not neglect to present the matter to him.

There is so much that I would ask you as to legal points, which had I the time, I could determine for myself. One of these many question which has been <sup>suggested to me</sup> ~~and that~~ is whether the defense can claim attorney fees where the injunction is wrongfully obtained? Also suppose these affidavits and petitions were sworn to today would you regard them sufficient if the suits were not filed until several days thereafter?

Very truly yours,  
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J. K. Coddington,  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

Little has been accomplished to-day, except that Mr. D. and I have tried determine the proper course to pursue and how quickly to obtain the up-to-date evidence in the Frontenac cases. So much depended, as far as immediate plans are concerned, as to the success with which the matter could be maintained undisclosed. Mr. D. came in again early in the afternoon and reported that from what some traveling man had reported out there to-day, or rather, from his actions, that something might be in the wind. The Head-light however, came out to-night with a mere repetition of what we before discussed as having been seen in a Topeka paper, and such item was in the nature of a Topeka dispatch.

From your suggestions I took it that any of the witnesses, whom Dunlavy had before secured to make affidavits upon the data gathered, could simply visit these places again in one evening before the injunctions were run, and by simply satisfying themselves that the places were still running could safely make the affidavits necessary to be filed with petitions. Dunlavy even suggested that they might even obtain this mere information by seeing things from the outside. This suggested several weaknesses to me, - one of which is that it seems to me that if it really necessary that the affiant know the fact of the immediate existence of these sales - and I think it is - then such affiant should also know the specific facts of sales and drinking and what it was, as well and definitely as he did on the previous occasions when the data was gathered. One of the reasons for this belief is, we are proceeding upon affidavit of one witness only and that this witness should be capable of being put to and standing a thorough test as to his reliability, - not only as upon a possible hearing to dissolve temporary injunction, but also upon the final hearing. I understand of course that there would be know way of shaking his testimony or affidavit except by defendants' affidavits, as oral testimony will probably not be introduced on the hearings; but from my investigation, we would not be permitted to make any better showing, upon such possible motion to dissolve or final hearing, or introduce further affidavits, than the single affidavit filed at the commencement of the action. I know your theory is, as you intimated to me, that final hearing would probably never be had, that other steps would supercede this initial step in importance, but I would like to have your opinion to set my doubts at rest.

Another point, which seems to me, under the urgent need of time, to be of some importance, is, whether any two or three men of the ten Frontenac men that originally obtained the data and information could at this time satisfy themselves of the existence of these nuisances, and make affidavit not only of the existence of them at the "date of the making of the affidavit", but also safely make the statement in such affidavit that "that said nuisance and etc., has been maintained from said first day of May, 1905 (as alleged in one of the affidavits) up to and including" and etc.,

In other words, if this present affiant did not personally know of the fact as secured by our previous data, and only took a look at the place to satisfy himself that it was still running, could he safely become the affiant in the affidavit, and in the only affidavit filed, in the case? I suggest this because it will take



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more time than we have been counting on to secure specific and as definite up-to-date information as we had before, and also because some of the men cannot well be secured at this time. In other words lets say "A" and "B" had the definite information, and the only information which we were depending on before for injunction, in respect to Applegate's place, would it safe now for one "C" to satisfy himself that the place was running and then make the affidavit as per form?

We would like to file these cases by Saturday so that summons could be served on that day, so if there is anything in my fears you can use the phone probably upon receipt of this letter. I shall try to make my theories and the particular men whom Mr. D. will have to make affidavits now, harmonize.

In regard to the Pittsburg fight, it seems improbable that I can get the necessary affidavits from the police, though A. J. Curran insists that the Chief and his assistants can be relied on to furnish information and swear to the truth on the stand, but that doesn't seem to be of any avail in our injunction proceedings in any way that I can see. I had hoped to get Dunlavy to induce some men here to obtain this necessary information immediately upon which to base the injunctions here in Pittsburg, but he has seen Gibson, practically the leader, who cannot get away from his sick wife but who also seemed unable to suggest anyone else to get the facts. I am still somewhat uncertain what your idea was as to the certainty of the information and the definiteness of it as to a particular sale and etc., which would be required to warrant the affidavit upon which alone the petition stands. Affiant cannot for this purpose know any less or in a less definite manner than he would be required to know to prove a "sale" <sup>can</sup> he? And, if, as you suggested, I myself could make the affidavit, supporting petition, on the strength of another's affidavit to me personally would my personal affidavit be sufficient when thus made as "upon information and belief"?

Would you suggest having the spotter make purchase of a bottle of liquor as the practicable way of getting the needed information here, or would the Frontenac method be the best method here also? I have been averse to the former method as it smacks a little more than the latter of the "spotter", and such fact is never kindly taken to- and has not been in the past here- by juries. I had hoped to get a limited number of the places here at the same time the F. injunctions were run, but will probably have to leave P'g. out entirely until after the F. injunctions are secured, as the necessary data and descriptions of property cannot well be secured without letting the cat out.

I have noted a number of minor changes in the new blanks compared with the original papers in the Frontenac cases, but do not think them of much importance. Do you think it advisable to have one and same person make the affidavit and also swear to petition in the same case?

I shall not always trouble you with such a long letter, but I want the fire-works to start off right at least; or rather, I want to be sure that these injunctions are going to stick so that our subsequent cases thereon will be well grounded. Phone me if you deem it important to suggest anything before the F. papers are filed.

Will file at Girard, as cases will not be at issue in P'g. division. My stenographer hired so you can send on the brief you spoke of.

Very truly yours,

*Geo. H. Stuessi*

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LAWYER.  
ST. MARYS KANSAS.

St. Marys, Kansas, 1/2/08.

Hon. J. K. Coding,  
Wamego, Kansas.

Dear Coding:

I want to talk with you in regard to matter of the  
Harmony Club here, better known as the American Social and Literary  
Club, the erstwhile sponser of which was, Col. James Graham, of the  
22" Kansas, perhaps you are acquainted with him. Some time back the  
Club went temporarily out of business. They have again opened up in  
new quarters- in the Pessemier building across the street from  
their former location. I had a talk with Mr. Hicks about the matter  
at the request of John T. Moss and some of the other members, who

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were anxious to have the Club continue, and he told me, that if I thought it all right, he would leave the matter to me. Now I have told the boys how best to run the same, and not violate the law, and they are doing it. To begin with, you know that as a matter of principle I am against an resort of the kind. But while one may hold this as a theory, it will not always work in practice. I think that sometimes ~~in~~ it is wise to minimise evil, when you can not absolutely prohibit it. The business men of the town seem to think that a well conducted Club is all right, and a good thing for the town. However that may be, it is certain, that a place where they can drink nothing but beer, is much better then Drugg Store Saloons. Now the only danger that I see in the matter, is this, and I want to be perfectly frank with you in the matter.

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Graham on account of his drunkenness was expelled, as one or two of his intimate friends, and on this account, he is bitter. He may want to enlist you in the closing of the place, as well as the other Harmony. Now Jule all I ask of you is this. If at any time you should ~~contem~~ contemplate any proceedings either against the building on account of Pessemier being the owner, or against the Club, that you let me know, and I will see that it ceases without any trouble. When you are down here some time would like to talk the matter over with you more fully.

Yours Truly, *B. Mitchner*

P.S. Of course what I have said in regard to Mr. Hick is confidential.

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Mr Keyser:

Here is a letter to Coddling - Can't find him by Telephone so if you know where he is read it to him telling him to wire at once

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Dear Friend Coddling In case of Joe Seere & Jessler  
Farre won't do a thing. Jessler wants to give injunction  
because I caught him selling whiskey in other quarters  
lately. Jessler was only bartender you know. He has  
no money to pay costs but Sheriff for whom he works  
will have to put up if I insist

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We have no evidence to speak of in the first case but by expense and care I caught Zessler during December and he knows it and the fellow whom he works for knows it. Feere seems to think he can lick us (so he fills z.) Zessler is scared. I meet him at <sup>Thursday</sup> 10 a.m. so wire me so I will know what you advise. Be sure and wire at once.  
Yours, - W. Clyde Wolfe -