

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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J. B. C. COOK,
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE
NOTARY PUBLIC

Stafford, Kansas, Aug. 14 1906

Hon. J. K. Godding, Atty.
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Dawson, Pres. of
the W. B. O. U. of this city and one
of the defendants in the Emphy
case, requests me to write you con-
-cerning their case to come up
in the U. S. Court at Wichita next
month. Mr. Karvin doesn't give them
much information about the case.
In fact we don't know that
he has much to give; therefore the
defendants, or at least a part
of them ^{wish} you to correspond directly
with them through me in regard
to the case. Mr. Karvin mentioned
an expense bill of yours for \$13.00
I supposed that had been paid. I
will try and have that enclosed



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in this letter. Mr. Carrin told me some time ago that he had positive evidence against Emory for selling whiskey in violation of law, and that he had a warrant for his arrest, but it seems he has let the evidence slip through his fingers.

Mr. Godding we would like for you to give us all the information you can, and also what you wish us to prove in the case.

If the enemy shows fight we wish to have our guns ready and our powder dry, and go into the battle to win.

Mr. Dawson is an enthusiastic temperance worker, and she wishes to be present when the case is called. So please notify us in time of the date



set for the trial. Sept. 10, I believe
is the date the Court convenes.
 Hoping to hear from you
soon, I am very truly yours
J.B. Brook



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LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Winfield, Kansas, August 14th, 1906.

J. K. Coddling,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of August 9th. Concerning that appointment, I will do the best I can, but the fact is that the parties that secured this appointment painted conditions worse than they were, and at the time the appointment was made every joint in this county was under an injunction, and so far as Arkansas City is concerned the injunctions are being obeyed. At this place they are yet violated but very quietly, very secretly and to a very select few.

You are aware that I have been very busy. I am tired and want to rest. I have had no rest for eighteen months and sometimes I feel as though I will break down, however, there is no opportunity to stop. There is nothing to do but go on until the machinery plays out.

I received a copy of your brief on the abatement of nuisances, and have read it very carefully. I have searched for authorities on the question of enforcing a preliminary order of injunction and have been unable to find any, except as the remedy is by way of contempt against the person enjoined for not obeying the order. It seems to me that a court ought to have power to enforce its orders directly before final judgment is rendered in the matter, but I realize that the difficulty in a matter of this kind is this, that there is nothing before the court to show that the place is a nuisance until the final judgment has been rendered.

There are some suggestions concerning legislation the coming winter, that I would like to talk over with you several months before the legislature meets. I believe it is possible for the legislature to enact a law that will provide for the summary abatement of a liquor nuisance. More extended authority should be given the Judge of the court upon a finding of guilty of contempt for violating an injunction. The court ought to be given power to require the defendant to give bond to obey the injunction or go to jail until the bond is given. Each justice of the peace of a county should be given power to subpoena witnesses before him and examine them concerning the violation of the Prohibitory-liquor law. This kind of a proceeding should be instituted on the part of any citizen of the county, and provisions should be made for the payment of the costs of these proceedings by the county. Probably there should be means devised by which an individual citizen could institute a criminal prosecution in the district court by way of information, without requiring the signature of the county attorney or attorney general. I am satisfied that with a carefully prepared law or



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or laws upon these subjects, that they will stand a test of courts, and I believe they will add greatly to the enforcement of the law. The difficulty now is that we are too much dependent upon the wishes of the county attorneys. County attorneys are generally too conservative. In addition to these things, I believe it advisable to completely outlaw the joint business and all property used in connection therewith, and put this property completely out side the protection of the laws of the State. The liquor man of this State is among the first to appeal to the law for the protection of his property, notwithstanding the fact that he violates that same law constantly. He is not entitled to the protection of law that he constantly violates. My judgment is, that this kind of legislature could only go to the extent of refusing to ~~protect~~ ^{secure} persons who injure property used in the violation of law. I think that the right of action on the part of the property owner for damages as against the person injuring the property must be allowed to remain.

Yours respectfully,

John Marshall



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703 Jackson Street.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Topeka, Kansas, August 14, 1906.

Mr. W. J. Keyser,
Wamego, Kansas.

Dear Will:--

It will be necessary for you to go to Seneca and try the Kid Rudy case. You can leave tomorrow afternoon on the fast train, reach Topeka at three o'clock, leave over the Rock Island for Holton at 3:45, or at 5:00 o'clock over the Santa Fe by the way of Valley Falls. You take the Northwestern to Seneca, reaching there Wednesday evening. The cases are set for three o'clock at Seneca.

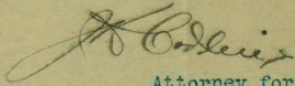
Since writing the above I believe that you can leave on the early train Thursday morning, reaching Topeka a little after seven, and take the eight o'clock plug to Holton and there catch a train to Goffs and from there directly to Seneca in time to try these cases. I will wire you about this, which will be the means of saving you a good deal of expense and loss of time.

You will want to use a good deal of judgment and plunge right in and try the case with all your might. The recent decisions are to the effect that you don't have to prove absolutely the keeping of a place to bring notice home to the owner. You understand this line of decisions and I want you to make a good showing in the trial of this case.

I send you herewith the letters of the Corning people and hope that if they talk expenses to you that you will give them your expense bill and per diem--five dollars a day.

Yours very truly,

Dic.--E. R.


Attorney for Union.



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703 Jackson Street.

Topeka, Kansas, August 15, 1906.

Rev. John Cook,
Vermilion, Kansas.

Dear Brother:--

While the war is on in Marshall County we think it right for your people to play the part of the good soldier or the good Samaritan in the towns that are not so fortunate as you are. I hear good reports from Vermilion. I hope they are as good as reported.

We purpose to make the clean-up in Marshall County a model. The work has not been done as rapidly as some people wish that it might be, but up to date there have been no mistakes made.

It is expected that Mr. Coddington will be in Frankfort on Sunday, September 9th, for the evening service, and would like for you to arrange to have him speak to a union meeting in Vermilion at the morning hour and give him the privilege of taking up an offering for prosecuting the work.

You will be glad that he has been with you. He is full of inspiration and never fails to please his audience. Please make arrangements bend to this date if possible and let me hear from you by return mail and I will send circulars for advertising the meeting.

We would like to arrange for Mr. Coddington to speak in Vliets in the afternoon of the same day. If you can assist us in making this arrangement, or give us the name of some person whom we can write to and who will look after the matter, would be very glad to have you do so.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very cordially yours,

Robert Norris
Secretary.

Dic.--E. R.

My dear Bro:

I will arrange for both places, as you desire

Very Truly

John Cook



10 Edua Kane
Aug 16 '06

My dear Sir.

In line with my recent letter to you, requesting the ^{services} of an expert detective I have to further report that on ^{Monday} morning the town was found placarded with large paper bulletins defaming the officers and prominent men of the Civic League. These posters were obscene, libellous, and vulgar and reacted to our ultimate benefit in our work, but we are extremely anxious to "enforce the law" regarding such action.

The lettering was artistically done, and but one person in town is known who could have done it hence it is generally believed that "Boady" McQu was the sign writer. But as I wrote you before it will be practically impossible for us to prove



it or get evidence because
we are all well known
but we do not think it ^{would}
be difficult for the right
kind of a man to prove
it conclusively

We urge this action because
we believe a conviction
along this line would
be of untold benefit to
our future efforts and
present "unfinished business".
Theres still "something done" in
Edna

Yours sincerely
J. M. Cunningham
Le Chette Co. C. L.



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F. T. CHEETHAM, CLERK
JOS. TIMMONS, SHERIFF
JESSE SHINN, STENOGRAPHER

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TERMS OF COURT
FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY
FIRST TUESDAY IN APRIL
FIRST TUESDAY IN SEPT.

Aug. 17, 1906.

Mr. Robt Morris,
Secty. Kan. State Tem. Union.
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th Inst. making inquiry concerning the case wherein Gov. Hoch pardoned a jointist and remitted his fine.

The case you refer to I take to be the case of M.A. Brooks. I have seen considerable comment relative to that.

I shall attempt to give you the facts concerning the matter.

Brooks was convicted at the September, 1905, term of the District Court of our county for maintaining a nuisance and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and 30 days in jail. He was convicted under section 2498 of the G.S. of 1901, he being the owner of one of the buildings in which one of the saloons of Neodesha was conducted.

He appealed his case to the Supreme Court where it was decided adversely to him. The case is reported in the 85 Pac. Rep. at page 1013. On July 17th a commitment was issued for him and a few days later he was committed to the jail to serve the sentence.

On the 10th Inst Senator Benedict and Dr. T. Blakeslee, of Neodesha, went before Gov. Hoch and asked a commutation of Mr. Brooks sentence on the grounds, as I am informed, that Brooks wife was sick-very sick, liable to die at any time; that he was unable to pay the fine; that his release would meet with the approval of nearly everybody in the community under the circumstances, assuring the Governor at the same time that that the costs would be promptly paid.

Governor Hoch advises me that he tried for hours to get me by phone on that day but could not as I was out of town.

As to Mrs. Brooks physical condition I know nothing personally but she has not died yet and from the best information I get from parties who are in a position to know she will in all probability be alive a long time after the time for which Mr. Brooks was committed will have expired.

As to Mr. Brooks inability to pay the fine will say that he owns lot 14 block 48, in the City of Neodesha-this lot being right in the heart of the business part of the town and easily worth \$3000 to \$3500 with a mortgage of \$1500 on it. He is also the owner of a note for \$1300 secured by a real estate mortgage on lots 15 and 16 in Block 30, in the City of Neodesha, which is a first edged security for the amount. Mr. Brooks is engaged in the restaurant business in the City of Neodesha in his own building.

Very respectfully yours,
E. D. MikeSELL



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Proprietor and Publisher.

Topeka, Kansas, Aug. 18, 1906.

Mrs. Sadie S. Satterlee,
Pres. W. C. T. U.,
Baxter Springs, Kans.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of yesterday received. It is true that the people over the State are contributing to the work of the State Temperance Union and that the Union has attorneys who are giving their time and talents and energies to assist in the suppression of joints. You will notice that I say assist. Experience has taught that it is almost futile for the Union to undertake to suppress joints, unless at least somebody in the community is sufficiently interested to take an active part in the work. In almost every community in Kansas ^{there are} ~~are~~ good people, ^{more} ~~also~~ ^{than} those that are bad. The chief need is that they be induced to wake up and work together. The attorneys of the State Temperance Union are always glad to give the advantage of their experience and learning, and it is well to ask their advice before undertaking any enterprise involving a legal question. When the temperance people of a community have determined that a fight is to be made on the joints and are ready to put a little money and a great deal of work into the enterprise, the Union is able to make its assistance valuable and the closing of the joints usually results.

The fact that the good men in your community are timid does not prove that they are cowards, but indicates that, as in many cases, they have proceeded ^{without} ~~without~~ due caution and have failed for lack of



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proper legal direction. Such cases are not infrequent in which the good men of the community have suffered financial loss from ill-advised whisky fights. I suggest that your Union call together as many of those ^{who} ~~as~~ are willing to work as can be interested at this time and determine whether under the advice and assistance of the Union your people are ready to make a winning fight. If this question be settled in the affirmative, so advise either the secretary, Rev. Robert Norris, Topeka, or the principal attorney, Hon. J. K. Coddington, Topeka, or *Hon. John Marshall Wheeler.*

Yours very truly,

President,



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LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Winfield, Kansas, August 18th, 1906.

J. K. Coddington,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter. I want to write you confidentially about this assistant attorney-general business in Arkansas City. H. S. Hines who was the principle factor in securing the appointment of myself as assistant attorney-general, and who promised me every possible assistance if I would take it, now refuses to have anything to do with any further litigation, unless substantially paid by the civic league of Arkansas City. The leagues cannot pay him. I have my suspicions that Mr. Hines is working up a graft on some of the joint keepers, and that he proposes to let me down if he can. I may be mistaken, but I do not like his present attitude. The joints in Arkansas City are closed. They did not close until it was known that I had been appointed assistant attorney-general. On the day that I was appointed, the county attorney run injunctions against all the joints. These injunctions have not been violated so far as I know, and no new places have been started.

I have considerable information of things that have developed recently in Arkansas City, that tend to show that Hines is trying to deal with the jointists, and I think that the thing that is in the way, is the fact that Hines cannot carry me with him.

Of course, this is strictly confidential and personal between you and myself. When I have information sufficient to warrant it I will write to Norris and will undertake to see Coleman.

There is nothing for me to do, but continue to hold the situation down in this county until January, and I will bring all cases so that I can have control of them after the attorney-general business expires. I will use the office to teach a few lessons to this people, which, in my judgment, will have the effect of permanently cutting off the open saloon. I propose to go after the owners of the property.

Yours respectfully,

John Marshall



Pittsburg, Kan. Aug 22-06.

J. Coddin,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Brother Coddin:

Can you see any smoke down
this way? If you can't it is not our fault.

Are we getting Evidence, well some.

We have Eleven Saloons all blasted over with gilt
edge Evidence. Going after two more tonight, &
Enough more places this week to make thirty.
I think Stuessi knows now that we can get
Evidence & plenty of it. when he says go.

We Enjoined Park today. Will go after Nagode
tomorrow. I made the run and got "Whiskey"
at Park night before last - Last night I tried
another turn - but the Park men were next. I got
evidence, but had to leave without getting a drink.

Coddin we must shove these cases through
or we can not hope to do work like this many times
& have no use made of Evidence. Our cost on
the 30 saloons will be \$30 or \$40. Cheap enough if we can
put the fight up to Court.

Hope Colman will get behind the fight, so Court will
have to allow things to take their course.

We are anxiously waiting to hear as to your result with
Colman.

Respt J. M. Donahay

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

Aug. 22, 1906.

Rev. Robert Morris,
703 Jackson Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Brother:-

We are in the "thick of the fight" for STATE WIDE PROHIBITION, and we need your help. Our enemies are saying: "Look at Kansas, Prohibition does not prohibit; our friends are saying: "Look at Kansas, Prohibition does prohibit". We need the facts and figures, statistics and truth about Kansas and Prohibition. We must have it in brief tract form and we must have it right up to date. Have you any recent publication, either in brief or more extended form from which we might abbreviate? If you have anything of the kind which we can use, what will be the best wholesale rates you can give us on them?

I am sending you, herewith, one of Dr. Dinwiddie's circular letters which he has sent to the ministers of Oklahoma which will explain to you pretty full the situation.

Cordially,

J. J. Thomson
Supt. Okla. Anti-Saloon League.



CHAS. W. WHORRALL,
PASTOR.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Waverly, Kansas, Aug. 23, 1906.

Rev. Robert Norris,
Topeka Kan.

My Dear Brother: I have been "Joint Smashing" in our little city of Waverly very successfully the past week. This community celebrates what it calls "Ohio Day" about the 16, & 17th of August, annually. It is a great affair for this whole region, drawing together some 4000 to 6000 people each of the two days. With the crowd come every Faker & Skinner--& with them comes the "Bootlegger". Then several fellows here in the city--of the type that infest all towns, usually lay in a supply of wet goods for the occasion. This year unusual preparations were made, & I concluded to nip the thing in the bud; so on Thursday morning I got a Deputy Sheriff & raided the first "Joint" that opened up in a willow patch near the City. This was followed up rigidly & there was a scurrying to cover. Our City population is five less this week. The Bootleggers "Hiked" with celerity. Will you kindly secure me the list of Government Stamps issued to this City, & also to Melvern, in Osage Co? I believe we have to pay 10cts per name for copying them. I will send the amount as soon as you send the list, with the stamps you use. I want the list to push some other cases.

Very Sincerely,

Chas. W. Whorrall



GEO. H. STUESSI
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
503 1-2 N. BROADWAY
PITTSBURG, KANSAS

HOME PHONE 336
NOTARY IN OFFICE

Aug. 24, 1906.

Mr. J. K. Godding,
708 Jackson st.,
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 21st received. Since then have been expecting to hear that you had seen Coleman, but we have been gathering evidence as fast as possible. I do hope that you can induce Coleman to take part as it is the only real key to the solution of our problem. We enjoined Idle Hour Park, as Dunlavy has probably written you. I tried to induce the clerk to file without requiring a bond, but he sprung Fuller's decision and referred to the case in which the Supreme Court had held a cost bond necessary. That case is the same old bug-a-boo, and I tell you we will have to avoid it in our next argument before Fuller. If you have time, examine the clerk's record in this case and get Valentine's affidavit as to the ground upon which this case was dismissed.

Woodbury took his time in giving me an answer, and we were forced to wait a day, he promising to file as of the day the case was presented. But I took no chances and had Dunlavy get new evidence the night before filing so that I had him re-verify the petition the day it was filed, and also added a supplementary affidavit. This case has created a little stir. We have the other matter ready to present to the county attorney but I think I must advise a postponement because of the serious illness of Wayde's wife, as he will take advantage of that fact. At the rate we are going, we ought to have all the necessary evidence and the description of the places in at least two weeks more.

Very truly yours,

Geo. H. Stuessi

Woodbury refused to mark case filed as of the day first presented. He advised with John Campbell, who is Idle Hour's special counsel, and I think he thought he might embarrass us by filing a day late, and believe also he & his Atty rather hoped for another mandamus in preference to our putting up the costs. He is rotten.

Frankfort, Kans.
Aug. 24-06
Mr. J. K. Coddington,
Topeka, Kans.
Dear Sir:
In reply to
communications received
in regard to your address-
ing Frankfort on the
temperance question,
reply, that after a
joint meeting of the
ministers of the town with
the W. C. T. U. it was
unanimously resolved

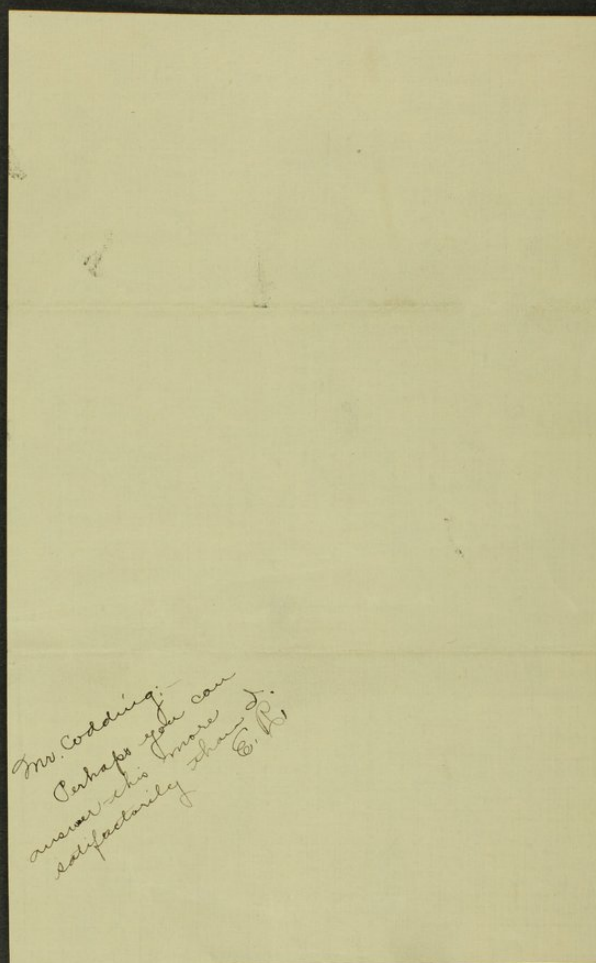
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that by all means we
have you speak here
on Friday, Aug. 31. The
Committee on "Old
Settlers' Reunion" have
given us that day. On
that day the people of
the town and County
will be assembled, also
the "mild drink" will be
in operation on the
ground. By all means,
in the interest of temperance
you should make that
date with us. We need
you, we need you there

3.

In the present condition
of affairs here, a few hours
from you on Sunday would
do us no good. The people
you ought to speak to
would be elsewhere. We
want to air things, but
we want the practicable
effort. Come to us, in
any event, next Friday -
Reply at once -

Very Sincerely,
James Marcus Newton,
Secretary &
Pastor M. E. Church.





Department of Justice.

United States Attorney's Office,
District of Kansas,

10 Topeka, Kans., Aug. 24, 1906.

Robert Norris,
Secy./State Temperance Union,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of Aug., 15, I will say that the
Act of June 21, 1906, reads as follows:-

" Sec. 3240. Each collector of internal revenue shall,
under regulations of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
place and keep conspicuously in his office, for public inspection,
an alphabetical list of the names of all persons who shall have
paid special taxes within his district, and shall state thereon
the time, place and business for which such special taxes
have been paid, and upon application of any prosecuting officer
of any State, county, or municipality he shall furnish a certi-
fied copy thereof, as of a public record, for which a fee of one
dollar for each one hundred words or fraction thereof in the
copy or copies so requested may be charged." Approved
June 21, 1906.

No doubt any citizen may go to the office and freely
take copies of this list, but I suppose the collector is not
required to furnish copies, except as set forth in the above
statute.

Very truly yours, *J. S. Wall*
Assistant United States Attorney.



Mewins, Chautauque Co. Kansas

Aug 23. 1906

Hon. J. H. Coddling

Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter offering your assistance against E. C. Pyatt was received. The Methodists prosecuted him last Tuesday for shooting out windows of their church but for lack of direct testimony by a packed jury, failed to convict him, but good came out of the prosecution, for we learned from the justice, who did not realize what a power he was giving us, that Pyatt was going to Coffeyville last Wednesday to take examination before board of pharmacy. We at once filed a strong protest with the board, and we feel certain that the board denied him an examination. We think we are getting ^{him} in a shape such that he will be compelled to leave. I see by Kansas Issue that you are having good success in temperance cause and we rejoice in the fact.

Respectfully, L. Harbner

Sec. Civic League.



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ALMA, KAS., Aug. 25th, 1906.

Dear Brother, Coddling:

Yours of the 24th is just received and in reply I will say that I have been sure that the liquor business has been carried on all the time in the Noller and Brasche places, the barn south of the latter place being used to make it appear that there was nothing doing in the Brasche place. Jones now owns the barn, I think. The Negro dive is just N.E. of the Bill More place which is enjoined and was deeded to John More, Bill's brother, just recently. He has been running there for some months, I think about all the time since Bill came back from Arkansas. Only day before yesterday I saw one of the transfer wagons backed up at the rear of the Noller building with 6 or 8 beer cases in it. The wagon was standing there and no one was near so I do not know whether they were unloaded there or had just been put into the wagon. On that same day the Democratic Nominee, who is a very close friend of Jones had some kind of a picnic out at his grove and I noticed that none but the drinking class seemed to go and I suspected that he was giving a beer drink to his friends. I am convinced that there is plenty of the business being done at the Noller, Jones and Moore places. While I think of it I will say that Brown has in one of his reports the name of a minor who will not be 19 until this fall. The minor made the regular certificate that is used by the Druggist in which he swore that he is 21. Does this exempt Brown from prosecution? The Probate Judge seems to think that it does. His certificates are all gotten up in bad shape, many of them being signed with pencil, and some signed by mark with no witness, and with a very few exceptions those who bought of him are habitual drinkers, one being an old sot and an other a young man who gets drunk, or at least used to very often, and while some say that he has quit getting drunk I do not believe it judging from the number of times that he has bought whiskey in the last year and every month in the year.

I realize the lack of organized support here, and past experiences really made me afraid to trust any of our people in this matter, with the exception of some two or three ladies of the W.C.T.U. and our pastor. The M.E. Minister who preceded the one who preceded the present man (his name was Gibson) was very much of a fighter when he first came here and I and some others worked with him. In the fall



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of the first year that he was here the Hallow E'en hounds egged the Parsonage while he was away and no one at home but his wife and niece. I went over the next day and talked the matter over with the women and my wife and I wrote the matter up for the Capital. I presume that you noticed it in the Capital. I asked them to say nothing as to who wrote the item and they did not until just about the time that he was getting ready to go to Conference just before which he had gotten into a rangle with Mr. Fairfield because of some work that Gibson was doing in opposition to a man that then was filling the pulpit at the Congregational Church, and about which work Mr. Fairfield write Gibson a scolding letter and as the letter was written for Mr. Fairfield on the typewriter he concluded that I did it for him (but I did not for I was so busy that I refused to do it and Mr. F. got W.G. Weaver to do it for him) Gibson went into the Pulpit on Sunday evening before going to conference, and he did not want to expect to be sent back here, and announced that before he left the town he was going to clear his skirts of some thing that the people of the town had given him credit for. He then said I have had the credit for writing the item that was in the Capital and I want to say here that R.J. Kerans and his wife wrote that article. Now if the M.E. Minister who seems to be very ready to make a fight on the business here will indicate his willingness to organize I will be with the organization. While I do not know that I would hesitate to swear that I believe that liquor is being sold at the three places mentioned it would do no good would it? A man's belief does not go in law does it? I could not swear that it is being sold but I can swear that I fully believe it to be so, nor could I swear as to who is doing the selling. I wish that you would write the M.E. Minister and see what he says. I am ready to organize or be one who will join such an organization as you mention.

Very Truly Yours,
R. J. Kerans

Chicago, Aug. 26, '06.

Dear Sirs: -

I've Mr. T. E. Stephens' booklet entitled "Prohibition in Kansas" I find much convincing material on the results of Prohibition in that state. However, as the book treats of a period only as late as 1901 or 1902, it does not cover the ground up to date. I am undertaking some temperance work for which I need convincing material of this nature, and I should like it as near to date as possible. Can you tell me where and how to find it? If so I shall be ex-



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ceedingly grateful to you. I need
just such material as is included
in part five of the booklet I
mentioned, especially the parts
on "Drunkenness, crime and pau-
perism diminished," "Material
prosperity enhanced," "Effect on
morals and Education" and the
"Chapter of Comparisons."

I am particularly anxious also
to know where and by whom the
"Bever's Journal" is published,
and in what copies I can find
statistics showing comparative or
entire amount of liquor con-
sumed by different states. It is
not in the public library here,
as I supposed it would be. Do
they publish a yearly statement



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that would be intelligible to a
"lay woman" ?
- I will enclose prepared en-
velope. Hoping you can help
me in this matter I am,
Gratefully yours,
Violet Ferguson
Chicago, Ill.



OFFICE OF
J. E. Fice,
Lawyer.

REFERENCE: BELOIT STATE BANK.

Beloit Kansas, August 29, 1906.

J. K. Coddington,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I went to Clyde on Monday, secured the signature of a citizen to each of the four petitions prepared by you, went from there to Belleville, and secured ~~the~~ an Order of Injunction in each case from Judge Dillon, from there to Concordia and filed the cases. Succeeded in having the papers served yesterday afternoon and it seems that there was something of an excitement in the old French town that afternoon.

I think that some of the defendants will have to be served by publication. Will report to you as soon as I learn how many were personally served. Will return your information blanks and letters as soon as I have made some notes from them.

I think we are up against a pretty hard proposition down there as far as securing backing is concerned. It seems that the people are pretty well terrorized by the joint element. Your man, Hakes, however is a fighter, and if he can organize as well as he can fight he will make it pretty hot for the fellows that attempt to violate the law. I advised him to get his workers together, if there wasn't more than a half a dozen of them. Get a finance committee and a law enforcement committee, and proceed to organize for a long and hard campaign. I am going to send a man down there tomorrow to see how well they are obeying the injunction. I send you a clipping from the Concordia Blade of last night.

My expense bill was \$5.38.

I find Judge Dillon very fair and seemingly in favor of law enforcement.

Yours Truly,

J. E. Fice



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Thos K. Godding Topeka Ks.

My dear Bro.

I was much stirred up by your
reply to Rev. Betts at Abilene the 29th &
I do hope The Union will not be further
dragged into support of Hook. It has long
been felt by many that the Union is
only a Republican machine & such
statements indicate that as correct.
It indicates that the Union is perfectly
satisfied with Hook. When the temperance
people of the State can hardly express
their disgust with him, & when he stands
today hand in glove with the worst
Whiskey men in Kan. who are today
leading against Prohibition. To persuade
the State that Hook has done all
the Union has asked. does not look
well ~~on the~~ for the Union, with the out-
rageous condition that has prevailed in
Topeka & other places. Hook does not wait
for any one to ask him to do his sworn duty