

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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neither should Hock. When the cohorts of
Hell are lining up with Hock is no
time for us to commend. The Temperance
People of Kan. are not in that mood. and
it puts you & the Society in the wrong light
before the people. I know too much
of you & your grand earnest work.
for temperance in our state. I calmly
see you get into such a position
as never your Bro.
W. J. Newton



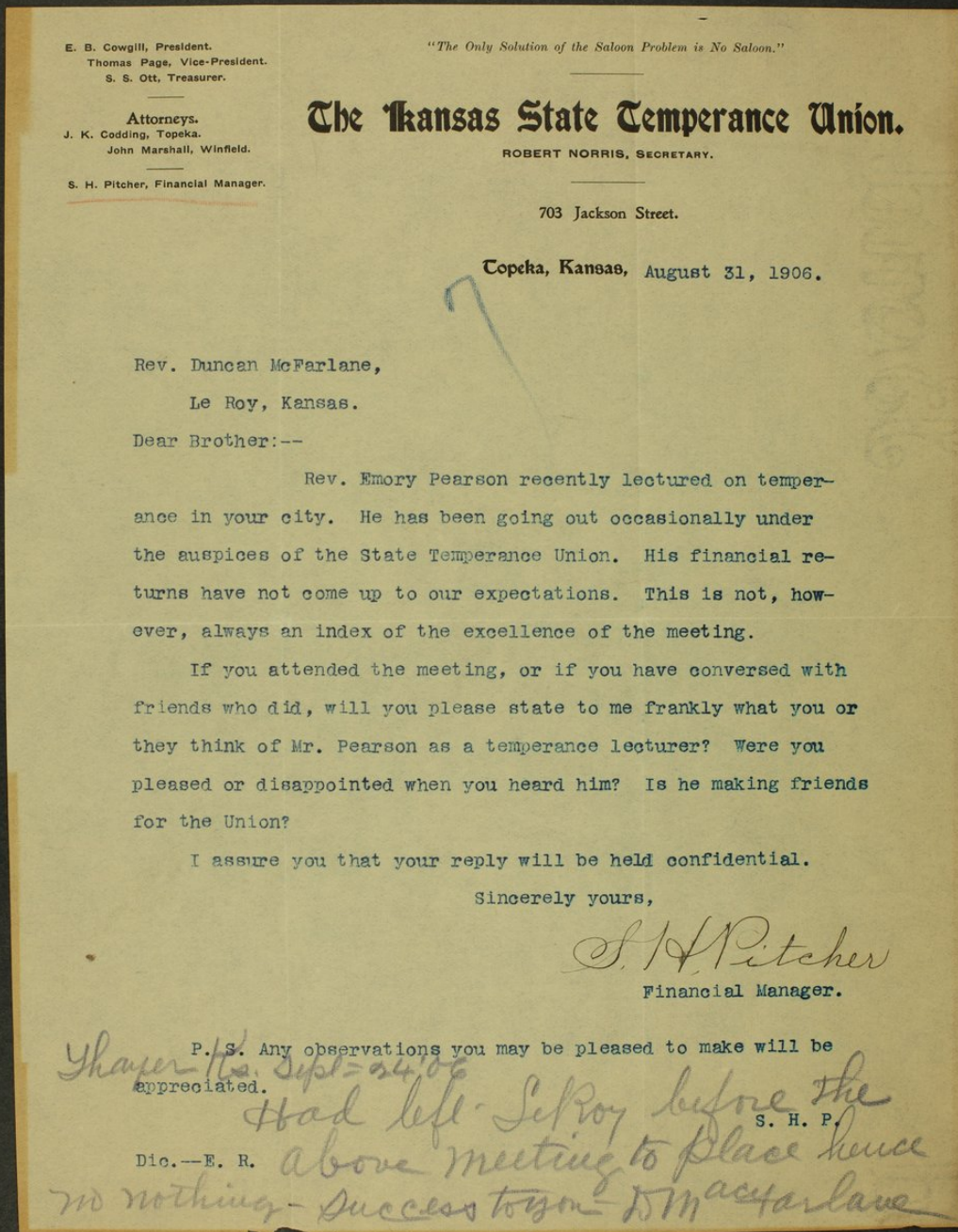
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Cedarvale Kansas 8-30-1906

Kansas comes: One year ago one J. W. Pattison obtained a Druggists permit to sell intoxicating liquors in the city of Cedarvale, Kansas. On the 27th inst. he appeared before the Probate Court for a renewal of his permit. Dr E. C. M. Donaldson assisted him last ^{year} in obtaining it. But for some reason ^{his} mind underwent a change and this time he voluntarily went on the witness stand and knocked him out of his permit. Mr. Pattison's son Frank is associated with him in the drug business. ~~He~~ This so enraged him that he filled up on rotten whiskey and procured a 38 caliber revolver of a ~~hard~~ ^{ware} man and watched for the Dr and about 5-15 P.M. on the 28th he met him on the sidewalk near the Dosbough Bank and shot him.

The ball entered between the left eye and ear and he only lived about 2 hours. This illustrates ~~what~~ what a man must take into the calculation if he raises his voice and puts forth an effort to suppress the cursed liquor traffic in this community.

While the Dr's post-life has not been such as other people would admire let us throw over it the mantle of charity and let the last act of his life stand forth in all its brilliancy and be a monument to his memory far more grand than any marble that can be erected by kind friends and loving hands. The Dr. leaves a wife and married daughter. Frank Pattison leaves a wife and small child. There again has the demon Alcohol entered two homes and made them desolate as the fruit of a mistaken idea that ~~at~~ a town can be built up by the liquor traffic. M. Brungarner





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ROBERT NORRIS, SECRETARY.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Winfield, Kansas, September 1st, 1906.

Robert Norris,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have just returned from an all week's trip. Monday morning I left here and went to Wellington, tried a contempt case and got licked.

From Wellington I went to Oswego and there I succeeded in getting a wedge entered that will open up the situation in Labette County. Through the county attorney I commenced one prosecution against a druggist. Through the Civic League we compelled another druggist to surrender his permit and quit selling liquor. The prosecution is against the druggist at Edna. The surrendered permit is from the druggist at Bartlett. Through the county attorney I have succeeded in getting an injunction against the joint at Mound Valley. This cleans the county up to Parsons, Oswego and Chetopa. I think injunctions will be run by the county attorney against the jointists in Oswego within the next few days. If he does not, I am pretty well satisfied that the league there will take the matter up and furnish me with a prosecutor, and then I will undertake to get the injunction. So far Oswego has failed to furnish me a man who will stand as prosecutor in injunction cases.

I left Oswego Tuesday night and went to Baxter Springs. I found things in bad shape there. There was a joint on the re-union grounds selling untold quantities of liquor. There were two joints in the town doing a lively business. After working with the people in Baxter for three days, I finally got four women to stand for a prosecution and on yesterday obtained injunctions against the two joints in Baxter Springs. I did not do anything with the joint on the re-union ground, because they would not take hold of this joint on account of its temporary character.

I find that it will be possible to get injunctions from the District Judge of Cherokee County; if the people of that county will arouse,

several of the places at least can be closed up.

My expenses on the trip were somewhat heavy. They were as follows: Car fare from Winfield to Wellington 78¢; dinner at Wellington 50¢; car fare from Wellington to Wichita 88¢; supper at Wichita 35¢; car fare from Wichita to Oswego \$4.52; bus fare at Oswego 25¢; hotel bill at Oswego \$2.00; telephoning at Oswego 50¢; car fare from Oswego to Baxter Springs 84¢; room at Baxter Springs, three days, \$1.50; meals at Baxter \$2.25; bus fare at Baxter Springs 80¢; notary fees, swear-



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ing to petitions and affidavits, at Baxter \$1.00; car fare from Baxter to Columbus 35¢; dinner at Columbus 25¢; car fare from Columbus to Cherryvale \$1.35; hotel bill at Cherryvale \$1.00; bus fare at Cherryvale 25¢; car fare from Cherryvale to Winfield \$2.73. Total \$22.10.

Next week I go to Wellington to assist in the trial of some cases and look after the grand jury. The week following, my injunction cases at Anthony probably will come up; the week following that I have some private matters to look after at Howard that will require a day or two.

I have no engagements for speaking at present. I am trying to arrange for some meetings at Englewood and Coldwater, I believe, and also at Baxter Springs and Columbus.

Strange as it may seem, I am almost out of money again. I have \$20.00 left out of the \$100.00 sent me. You will notice that since that was sent me I have made two expensive trips and was compelled to use a portion of that money for household expenses. If it is possible, I would like to have the compensation that is due me paid up by the 10th of this month, because school is commencing, books must be bought and the winter clothing secured.

Yours respectfully,

John Marshall



Brown Drug Company,

W. P. BROWN, Proprietor.

Alma, Kansas, 9/1 1906

Mr. Ladd

Wamego, Kans.

Dear Sir

You will no doubt be surprised
to hear from me but as ^{it seems} a gentleman
I have some information I want.

In fighting my permit some one used
with the judge the statement, that I
was running an Abomination House
in connection and named a per-
ticular man as a patron of mine.
The judge refused to give me the
name of informant. As he said
to keep true from doing things I
would regret.

At that time he was right but I
think if they used the same
line of argument with you that
as a fair minded man and
one who can appreciate how
a fellow well raised and proud of
his mother would be put to
the quick to think that then



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an people, representing them selves
as moral stars of ~~1st~~ magnitude who
could drop to such depth of sin and
much and are their social and
religious position to class me
with pimps and owners of houses.

My room is rented to Dr. Parsons who
knows of course, Keogh and to The
Harpist Dealer here and his
wife, than whom there is no better
and moral lady in the state.
Why they black mail me they
cast reflection on a lady that
for inter it can give the majority,
a hardy rap and win.

So Mr. Redding, if you have ever
had a near of the world enough
to appreciate my feelings I think
you will ~~not~~ feel it honor bound
to tell me. A black mailer &
and scandal monger, see gentle



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man is under an obligation to
protect for they have no honor
to consider
Trusting that you will consider this
in its true light, for I have no personal
kick on their using legitimate means
or illegitimate means in fighting me,
so long as they do not trample, with
their feet on my side.
Yours very truly
W. P. Brown

TS.

I will promise you that, should
you answer my request that such
information be used only to read with
the party or parties interested. I
want stop to petty gossip my self



OFFICE OF

J. E. Fico,
Lawyer.

REFERENCE: DELOIT SEARS BANK.

Beloit, Kansas, September 6, 1906.

J. K. Coddington, Atty.
Wamego, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Tuesday
I went down to Greenleaf on
~~xxxxxx~~, but found that the County Attorney had played us an Irish trick
by closing the last joint in the town about 24 hours before I got there.
The informations were verified positively by Mr. Freeborn, the County Atty.
and from what I can learn a conscientious search was made at each place and
enough goods seized to make a good case. I thought it worth while to go
up to Washington and have a talk to Freeborn, the County Atty. and found him
apparently very anxious to clean up his county. He seemed to think that
Hanover was a little bit too big a proposition for him to tackle alone and
said that he would be glad to co-operate with us in anything that we might
want to do over there. He says that there is about 11 retail and 2 wholesale
places running there: that he will, on his own motion verify informations
against a portion of the places at least. I wish that we could make a raid
over there and get a few car loads of stuff. Mr Freeborn thought it would be
very hard for us to get anyone to act the part of a citizen in the injunction
suits, but I thought possible that you might have someone on your list who
would do so. I would be glad to co-operate with you in this matter any time
that you might get ready to move. I told our Greenleaf friends to watch the
places there very closely and keep us informed as to the situation.

Tuesday

By the way the joints at Jamestown closed up ~~xxxxxx~~ afternoon, don't know
whether my going down the road had anything to do with it or not

My expenses were \$6.20

Yours Truly

J. E. Fico
Judge Gillon seems to be ready at all times
to do his part in these matters



OFFICE OF

*J. E. Fico,
Lawyer.*

REFERENCE: BELOIT STATE BANK.

Beloit, Kansas, September 6, 1906.

J. K. Coddington,
Wamego, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

As to the Clyde situation. I stopped off there yesterday to argue a demurer in a case outside of the Temperance work. As nearly as I can learn the jointists are paying but little attention to our injunctions. It was rumored that in one case there was a mis-description of the property. I had a talk with Judge Dillon and he said that he had an intimation that there would be a motion to set aside the temporary injunctions. He didn't seem to think that there was much in the point of the injunction order having been signed before the filing of the papers, but intimated that he would give us another order if the present one was set aside at any time. I see that it is held in 10 Ency. Plead. & Prac. Page 920 " That in absence of a statute or rule of Court requiring the bill to be filed before the issuance of an injunction, an order allowing an injunction made upon a presentation of the bill to the Chancellor, before the filing of the Bill, is not void, but is at most, a mere irregularity. "

It is possible that the question of the verification of the petition, one day before it was filed may be more serious. ~~ixn~~

I note that you wanted to see me after the Court was over at Westmoreland Judge Dillon told me that Court would be in session at Concordia for two weeks. Why can't we arrange to meet Mr. Hakes at Concordia sometime next week or the week following and go over these matters carefully, comparing descriptions and names with the records and get all the irregularities in the papers straightened out. If Pulsifer is to file his motion to dissolve the injunction why not let him do so before we make any other move, we will then have the parties in Court and they would be bound by any order that the Court might see fit to make at that time.

Yours Truly,

J. E. Fico



M. L. LAYBOURN
...Presbyterian Minister

Maizeville, Kans. Sept 6. 1906

Dear Bro Coddington - We left Aug. 6th for our vacation and did not return until the latter part of last week. I find things lined up here to an extent that merits some further attention. The old joints are not open but side shows, a little less flagrant and bold, are doing a liberal business. I think there would be no trouble in getting evidence if some good plan was followed. It could easily have been done here Tuesday when the Republican county convention was pulled off, with our vacation for Ed Berry.

There were three candidates, but he got just the required number on first ballot.

The county fair occurs here next week and it occurred to me it would be a good time to get these fellows crunched, so far as evidence is concerned, any way.

I am told that Berry says he won't interfere because the town wants justice, and that city attorney Redman says let the blawtity, blawtity, blawtity temp-erance union look after it, the city has no law for them.

I am willing to go to my limit, but just now do not see how I can run the case without sacrificing my present place in the community. Hope the way for negotiations may be opened, and that a good wholesome lesson may be taught the offenders and community. Yours Truly M. L. Laybourn.



The Barnard Machinery Company
ENTERPRISE, KANSAS.

Sept 7th 1906

Kansas State Temperance Union
Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen: You have no doubt read of the success, so far, of our recent Temperance agitation in this County. You may be well informed of the progress but wish to say a word in case you should not be. The case from here is set for trial next week. The jointist has been pleading for mercy but not finding sympathy enough to get the suit called off he has employed A. Smith of Abilene to defend him. Our Co. Attorney seems to be thoroughly in earnest and trust he will push the case through to the limit.

Having been one that signed the complaints the jointist came to me promising that if I would "back water" he would quit the business. I told him I could not if I would and furthermore was not inclined to help a fellow who openly and willfully violated law.

I presume some of your people will be at the trial. Sam,

Very truly, B. Portier



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JOHN H. ATWOOD,
WILLIAM W. HOOPER.

LEE BOND
DAVID W. FLYNN
FLOYD E. HARPER.

Leavenworth, Kans

September 10th, 1906

Hon. J. K. Coddling,
Wamego, Kansas.

My Dear Senator:-

Judge Laurens Hahn has just called my attention to an article that appears in No. 12 of Volume 8 of "The Kansas Issue", a publication which, I understand, is printed under the auspices of the state temperance union of Kansas, and in it is contained the following statement:

"Two candidates will be given special attention as men unfit and unworthy of the confidence of this commonwealth.

No great calamity could come to Kansas than to put a man like Judge Hahn of Leavenworth on the Supreme bench as one of our justices. While occupying the position of Probate Judge of Leavenworth County he has been known for years as "The reprobate judge" and is so rank in his politics as to have become unbearable even to the City and County of Leavenworth, the ideals of which are not very lofty."

This excerpt is from an article headed "State Temperance and Politics" and has reference, of course, to Judge Laurens Hahn and is so entirely apart from all that is true in regard to him that I am convinced that no organization whose purposes are as lofty as that of the State Temperance Union would have emitted it except while laboring under a most pronounced misapprehension.

Now the facts are, Senator, that I have known Judge Hahn for 20 years and it is the simplest of admitted truths in this community that no man stands higher in it than he. In the matter of the use of liquor he is a tetoteler and that I know of him from a intimate association with him for these many years. That there never has been, even in the many campaigns in which he was a participant, an assault



Hon. J. K. Coddington, #2.

made upon his private or official character and you know that I know what has happened in Leavenworth politics during the last 20 years. Even Colonel Anthony in all the virulence of his opposition to me and my party associates, never said a word against Judge Hawn's honesty, political, personal or official. For 22 successive years he held that office and retired from it upon his own volition.

The only conclusion I can draw, after reading such an article as that, knowing Judge Hawn as I do, is that somebody has told a lot of deliberate falsehoods to the people printing this paper, whom, I have no doubt, are entirely honest in all they say.

Knowing your connection with them and knowing your innate sense of fairness I write to you asking for you to use your good offices to the end that so flagrant a falsehood and so unjust a libel be corrected.

The fact that Judge Hawn is a particular friend of mine does not weigh with me in making this request but I am making it because I believe that you and your associates in the temperance work of this state are Christian men and women inspired by the idea to do no injustice to any man.

If it was a fact that Judge Hawn was as well known everywhere in the state as he is in his own home a refutation would be unnecessary. If you have any doubt of the truthfulness of my statement, which I don't think for a moment that you do, you can verify all that I have said by communicating with any one of the leading temperance workers of this city or any of our leading citizens. If any political adversary should make any general declaration of the character contained in this article you have only to ask them for a bill of particulars to have it



Hon. J. K. Coddington, #3.

made perfectly clear in a moment that there is nothing in such a statement. But I doubt exceedingly if you can get a statement of this kind from even the most partisan of republican politicians in this county.

I don't want to bother you about things in which you have no particular personal interest but I know that you always want to right a wrong when it can be done and so appeal to you as one in a position to produce such a desired result.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Wood

REV. P. A. BAKER
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

REV. EDWIN C. DINWIDDIE
LEGISLATIVE SUPERINTENDENT

The American Anti-Saloon League

31-32 BLISS BUILDING

TELEPHONE, EAST 162

Washington, D. C., September 11, 1906

Rev. Robert Norris,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Brother:

I write to ask if you will not at your early convenience send me a copy of the Prohibitory Amendment to your Constitution, or, better still, a copy of the entire Constitution if it is printed in pamphlet form or otherwise so it is available, and if it is possible also a copy of all the temperance laws in force in the State of Kansas. Send this matter to me at our Oklahoma campaign offices, 415-417 Baltimore Bldg., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I want to have all such information directly at hand in Oklahoma in connection with our pending fight there.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Cordially yours,

Edwin C. Dinwiddie
Legislative Superintendent

DIC. ECD/IRC.



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CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 12th, 1906.

Dear Friend:-

Urgent demand is being made upon the National Committee for vitally needed help in the important campaign now on throughout the country. We have not yet received your subscription to the national work of the party, but if it is difficult or impossible for you to send it just now, I write to ask if you will not send by return mail at least a \$2 bill attached as below noted, not as a subscription but as an emergency call contribution and as an assurance (1) That you are still a Prohibitionist, (2) That you desire to see the National Party work prosper and (3) That it is your intention to support this work, even though you may find it necessary to postpone your regular subscription.

The great need of our work at this hour cannot be overlooked without serious effects upon the bright prospects of the party in several new states where the field is ripe for our sickle.

We do not restrict this call to \$2 bills but we want THAT in the first mail--we will thank you sincerely for an immediate response.

Yours in bonds of comradeship,

Chas. R. Jones

Chairman.

C. N. HOWARD AT INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 22.

"While I have this conviction that the days of the liquor traffic are numbered, I want to serve notice upon the men of the Prohibition Party, and upon the church of God, that if we are going to kill this curse in this present generation, before the men of my and your age go to heaven, we will have to be mighty quick about it. There is no time to be lost. The liquor traffic is creating new constituents; the fellows that arrive to-day will be voting citizens tomorrow, and I want to warn you that they are making new citizens faster to-day than we are converting the old ones, and it behooves us to redouble our efforts in the name of God. If drink goes down in this generation we must strike the winning blow to-day and not wait for tomorrow."

It was cheered to the echo. Will you say "Amen" to it in this practical way?

Please pin your \$2 bill here.
(Denomination not restricted).

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Address



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703 Jackson Street.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Topeka, Kansas, Sept. 13, 1906.


Rev. Robert Norris,
Butler, Larimer Co., Colo.

Dear Brother:--

I do not like to disturb your holiday, but we have just arranged for a big rally at Hutchinson in the fourteen Churches, ^{on Sept 28th} and also arranged to pull off some twenty or twenty-five cases the night preceding the meetings on Sunday, and I feel that we can not get along without you and hope that you will consider that you have had a good holiday and be here to help the coming week in arranging dates, men, etc. If you get this letter before you start home, wish you would come by the way of Hutchinson and consult with J. M. Stewart and Rev. Frank S. Delo. We are getting along very nicely, but we can make good use of you at this time, especially now that you have rested up and got your fighting harness on.

Yours very truly,

Dic.--E. R.


Attorney for Union.



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Mr. J. Q. Coddington
Topeka, Kans
Dear Sir
I received your letter to day
Would. Day. Could. you. meet
me at. Mansville or. as tell. or you.
Can. set the place if not to far.
off. I have lot. to tell. you.
When I see you. Mansville is
getting terrible. If each. they
claim they sold. 2,000 two
thousand dollars worth of
liquor there on Thursday at
the fair. and. the County
attorney might by it and.
does nothing.
Can. you meet me at. as tell
or. Oketo. there has been

Horn. Body at. Okla- they
Have two Saloons there,
Some People tell me that there
are selling in John Burwides
old Saloon go in the Back
door. this is the Building that
has the infirmity on it and
then is another Root sign
that handles Liquor on the
17th day of August at Beattie
his name is C. Craig of
Summer field can you send
the U.S. Marshal. Hafter him
and they have Kegs of Beer
here every day. Some times
in P.R. Stock yards and other
times in timber By P.R. track
this is a hard place I mean



Beattie, did you send the
names of Witness to Clark
I will have one on Home
city soon.
Yours truly
P. J. Delaney.



Derby Kan
9-14-1904.
Big State Temperance Union
Topeka Kansas,
Dear Sir:
I enclose you copy of a
letter I rec'd from Judge Hawn
of Leavenworth.
I saw the plans of the S. E. H.
to work for certain republicans
This fall Judge Hawn seemed
to have the ill will of the
State Temperance Union, while
"Hoar" and the other gang
seemed to have a "standing"
since you have taken par-
ticular pains to saddle
such a known rascal as
marshal on the public I am
prone to look into the facts

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regarding those persons that
don't have a "stand in" with S.
Y. U. so I sent the article
about Mr. Haron to him with
the article enclosed in regard
to Civic League and S. Y. U.
which an organization claiming
what the State Temperance
Union claims deliberately
uses its organ to boost
such men as Hoag and
others that have proven
themselves false it is time
decent people inquire dili-
gently into the merits & de-
merits of such an organiza-
tion. The lies that have been
printed in the issue in re-
gard to the saloons being closed
in Winfield is disgusting to



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the people that want the truth
told, I came from there
today there were three joints
open. yesterday one of these
were taken in hand, only
"a few bottles found". The stuff
is scattered all over the town
Marshal don't want it.

I was talking to a policeman
about the stuff being unloaded
in town. This is what he said
in the presence of several men
"Mr. Henry I am going accor-
ding to Mr. Marshal's directions
and while I know they
unload it - at the Elk
Lodge Mr. Marshal says the
Supreme Court decided that
we could not touch such
places". now what do you



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 Think of that? I procured the 41
 Kansas Supreme Court decisions
 & read a case taken from
 Topeka that was decided in
 favor of the state. Since that
 he has informed the Eagles, this
 bridge does not constitute
 the big fellows like the Elks.
 I noticed in some something
 about a druggist violating law
 in some small town. Why don't you
 tell about your drug stores. I know they
 violate the law there I have caught them.
 Bro. Dexter got after them in good style
 that did not seem ^{to hurt} the managers of the
 Union so they could not agree &
 Bro. Dexter could not stand the light
 lines drawn on him. Aren't you get-
 ting a little tired too? If you are a
 quaker of the John Jay kind you
 will have to resign too. I am not a
 quaker but quakers tell me a good deal
 like Jay. I do hope you will get your eyes
 open & step down. Yours for every thing that is good
 Wm. M. McKee

Ms. Ingra M. Henry Sept. 11. 1906.
Hartfield Park.
Dear Madam:
Yours of the 2nd of Aug. enclosing a clipping from the the Kansas Issue attacking my official character, while Judge of this county, is absolutely false and positively false. I was elected with increased majority eleven successive times to that office, and I am proud to say that my official record is without a blemish, as you will find if you will take the trouble of writing to any responsible business man of Leavenworth. The origin or purpose of that attack, I cannot conjecture.



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no one in the numerous campaigns in which I have taken part in this county, has ever dared to or has ever attached any official character in any way whatever. I thank you very much for the opportunity afforded by your timely communication to refute this absolutely false charge. I am charitable enough to assume that they have been misinformed by some person who has infelicitously and deliberately and maliciously lied to them.

Respectfully Yours
L. Aaron

ATTENTION CITIZENS!

Law abiding citizens can you vote for a man to represent you in the Legislature for 1907 that wrote the following article while councilman of Wichita? (See Wichita Eagle, Mar. 24, 1901, page 5.)

"Our city would have but a small revenue were it not for the fines received from saloons and other police sources. I think that the only way in which to regulate the saloon is to have it conducted in an open and above board manner."

He is Sunday school superintendent of Wichita St. Paul M. E. church. I called him a hypocrite when he was presented to the W. C. T. U. state convention to make the welcome address.

The State Pres. Mrs. E. P. Hutchinson had me locked up in a prison cell for so doing. Mr. Lynch M. E. Pastor, previously had asked Chief Burt to send an officer to arrest me as I had told them he could not make the welcome address while I was present. So I slept in a prison cell while the man that championed the cause of the outlawed saloon gave the W. C. T. U. a dose of soothing syrup mixed with the devil's own broth. Send C. L. Davidson to the Legislature and put Mrs. Hutchinson in as President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and what can we expect for prohibition and law enforcement in Kansas? A Sunday school superintendent in Kansas advocating the saloon and the State President of W. C. T. U. jailing her white ribbon sister is a conglomeration of beatitudes that are hard to solve.

MYRA McHENRY.

Temperance history correspondence

Winfield, Kan., August 29, 1906.

Mr. C. C. Coleman, Attorney General, Topeka, Kan.
Dear Sir:—I enclose you an article with this circular letter entitled the State Temperance Union, taking a hand to boom Republican rascals to office in Kansas. I read this letter to you on the streets of this city, also at Arkansas City, took up a collection to get it printed for circulation.

It met with the approbation of the good citizens as the collection was given by good men and not the street bums and joint supporters. Here is the letter. I enclose you an article relative to that rascal, John Marshall, that you appointed attorney general of Cowley county. I told you that he mutilated the Journal record in Elk county, Kan., and by so doing was the cause of four jointists getting out of jail without complying with the sentence of the court.

For proof see February 8, 1900, district term of court, sitting in Elk county, Kan., record page 59. Elk county had the costs to pay in this case ~~not through~~ law's attorney, John Marshall. You could not have pleased the breweries better in the appointment of such a man and the citizens that know his record are disgusted. His past record could be forgotten if he was doing effective work now. This political ax grinding before election to catch votes has been worked so long that the people are disgusted. You had a chance to appoint an honest man as attorney general (Mr. Hines) a man that has done more to clean Cowley county of joint rule in four months than John Marshall has in one year and a half. I know of three cases he lost by his collusion with the outlaw's attorney. He has always trained with a gang of men that would resort to all kinds of deception to fool the people. I can cite you to Elk county, Kan., where he went so far as to change the decision of the court. This theft that he committed to thwart justice is a living monument to his duplicity and the records in the Elk county court house is proof.

The State Temperance Union has played their graft and side show performance long enough and to have the audacity to saddle such a mess of corruption on the public and with full knowledge of the situation is going a little too far.

Mr. G. W. Gleed was the first man that gave me a start in the investigation that led to the exposition of Marshall. He was at that time President of the State Temperance Union. I have the letters for proof. When they found the whole Republican court house ring was more or less implicated and that I was fighting the situation almost alone, and that further developments meant disaster to their party in that locality, they withdrew their forces and sneaked into the back ground. J. Marshall was interested in that insanity case against me and doubtless was one of the conspirators.

You have fully demonstrated the fact that a stream cannot run higher than its source. In plainer terms, from your past record you did not want to appoint an honest man. You belong to that kind of a gang that would vote for a "yellow dog" if on your ticket, as I have heard hide-bound Republicans say, rather than an honest man on the Democratic ticket.

You have fully carried out your yellow dog idea. Let me congratulate you on your choice and the size. With profound disgust for the army of grafters doing business in Kansas, chief among them is yourself, I will bring this letter to a close.

Written to Attorney General Coleman by Myra McHenry, the woman that has been in jail in Kansas twenty times for telling the truth. Christ was crucified for telling the truth. John the Baptist was beheaded for telling King Herod he was an adulterist.

MYRA McHENRY.