

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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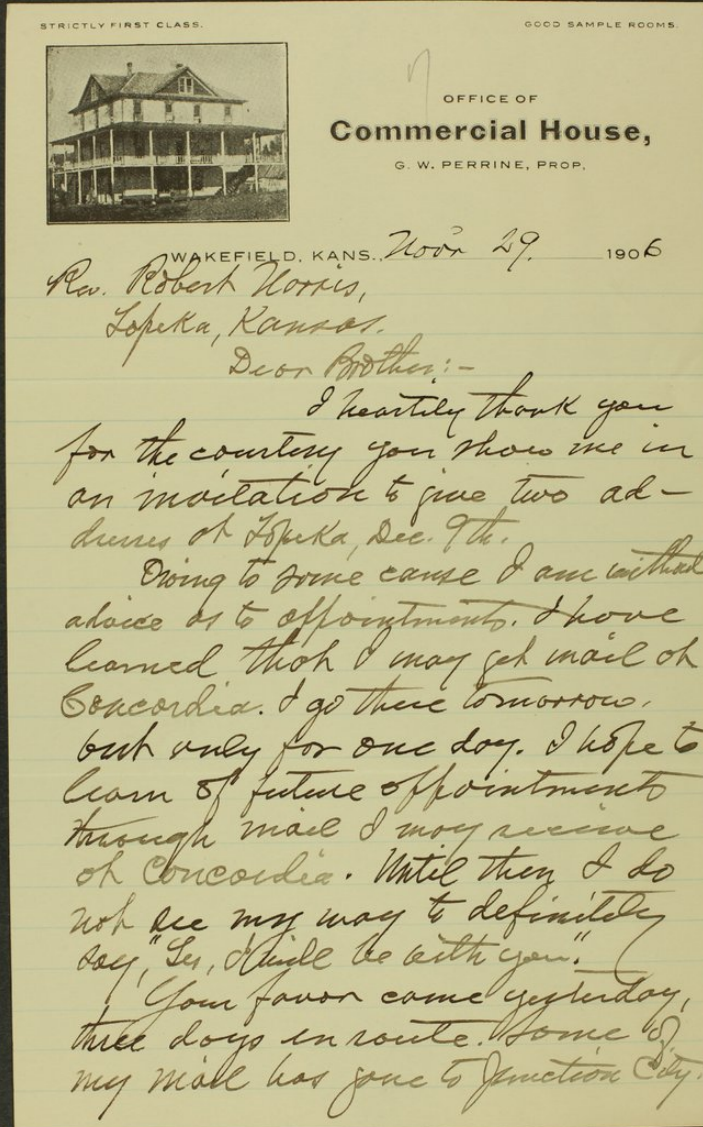
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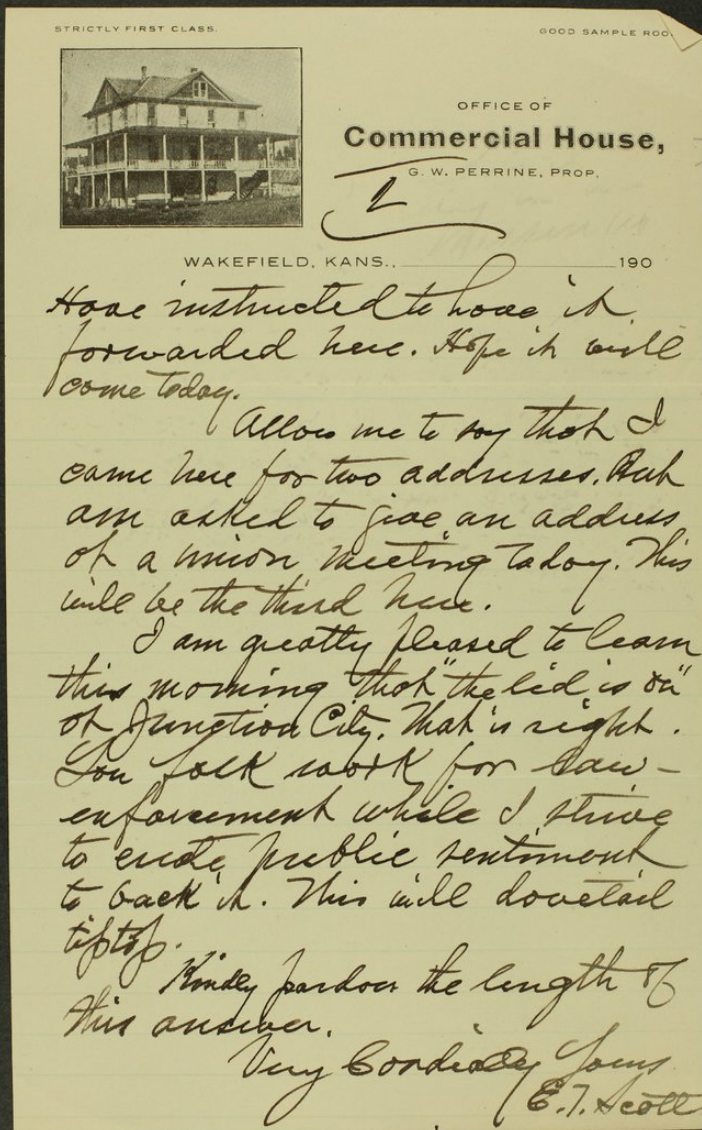
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Spring Hill, Kans.
Nov. 27th 1906.

The Kansas State Temperance Union.
Topeka, Kans.

Gentlemen:

I have been in the Temperance Fight for nearly 40 years, and for over 33 years I have been in Kansas. I have attended many of the State Temperance Union meetings, and have been much interested its work, and have been greatly rejoiced at the good work done by it during the past year. I am not pleased with a part of the article of "The Kansas Issue" for Nov. 1906, by Mr. E. B. Cowgill, entitled: "The Election in Kansas." First the tendency of that article is to glorify the Gov. of Mo., and belittle the Kansas Gov., apparently forgetting that the circumstances were entirely dissimilar. The Mo. Gov. had the Metropolitan Police; the Kans. Gov. had not. I believe the



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Gov. Gov. did a good work in closing the Saloons on Sunday, but why with his Metropolitan Police, did he not close the joints, barway houses, and gambling dens of Kansas City, Mo? Second: The tendency of that article to give undue praise to Col. Harris and cast a disparage Gov. Koch. Mr. Corogill seems to forget that when Col. Harris was a resident of Kansas, he never said or did anything to encourage the enforcement of the Prohibitory Law. His influence has always been against the Law. When in the Legislature he used his influence and worked to have the Constitutional Amendment re-submitted, hoping thereby to do away with the Law. When his party was in power in this State, he and his party, repealed the Metropolitan Police Law, hoping thereby to greatly embarrass the enforcement of the Law. I am personally acquainted with Hon. J. H. Codding, Head of the Law Enforcement Department of the "Union". He said: Gov. Koch had



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done more for the enforcement of
"The Prohibitory Law," than any
other Kansas Governor, not withstand-
ing the fact that some of those Governors
had the Metropolitan Police Law, to
assist them in their work. Many
of us think that Mr. Coddington
knows fully as much, if not
more, than Mr. Cowgill, as to
the real helpers and sym-
patizers in the great work of
"Law Enforcement."

Romans 13th verse "Render therefore to all
men their dues: . . . Honor to whom
honor" (is due). W. J. Mitchell



Walmart, Kansas,
Dec. 24, 1906

Dear Bro:

Senator E. F. Porter, of Pittsburg,
is a thorough going business man,
and a man who generally succeeds
in what he undertakes to do. He is the
man who will champion the Wauyab
Training School for Pittsburg. I have
frequently talked with him about
the Prohibitory law and he talked
all right; but I am inclined to the
opinion that Pittsburg will favor
re submission should that question
come up this winter.

F. B. Wheeler is a new man and I do
not know much about him, but you
can safely put him down as the side
of the saloon.

J. W. Monte of Girard, is a drugstore
jointist, and violates his permit
every day. His word is not worth
anything.

D. H. Woolley, Girard, county attorney,
will do nothing to enforce the
prohibitory law until he is compelled.



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The names I have sent you
are all good and reliable
men and women who
will do active work when
called on.

What I have said about
the Senator, Representative
and County Attorney, as a matter
of course, is confidential. If other
information is desired write me.

I am with you in an active
and determined fight against
the saloon and officials who
will not do their sworn duty.

Respectfully
Lewis Martin



J. M. DUNLAVY, PRESIDENT, Pittsburg
C. A. BERGER, FIRST V-PRES., Girard

JOHN F. HIBBARD, SECRETARY, Girard
JESSE WHISTLER, SECOND V-PRES., Pittsburg

J. L. BUCKLEY, TREASURER, Girard
ELMER LONG, THIRD V-PRES., Pittsburg

"The Only Solution of the Saloon Problem is No Saloon."

The Crawford County Civic League

AUXILIARY TO STATE TEMPERANCE UNION.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec 18-06.

J. M. Coddling
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Brother Coddling:

I wanted a few minutes with you, over the School question here in Pittsburg. While I was in Topeka, but time was too full.

Rev Dunbar has brought back the report to Pittsburg & he says Pittsburg people shake of the movement here as a Coddling auxiliary movement against the school.

I am now held up here as the one local enemy to the school. There is no one person in Pittsburg working harder to clean up P. & wanting the people to get into line so as to save the school than myself. The W.C.T.U. have made themselves heard & their letters are having their effect.

Rev Dunbar of Pittsburg Church, has planted himself in the position of trying to have the W.C.T.U. to let up on their fight, & modify their demands, has been sent by them as a representative of the Ministers Union. (I have no other thought than that the politicians told him: "Hush") to interview Mrs Hutchinson & Miss Gray. Now is Pittsburg here, my Coddling, Dunlavy & W.C.T.U. are the great enemy to Pittsburg.

Here is the last settling of things -

If School is saved to Pittsburg, - Dunbar saved it over Dunlavy Coddling & W.C.T.U.

If School is lost to Pittsburg - Dunbar - The Head of the "Good Cause" - did his best, but Dunlavy Coddling & W.C.T.U.

were our enemy. In either case we still stand the enemy to Pittsburg. Now I want to be right in all this work.

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LAGER BEER PLUGS AT 10 CENTS PER
RAFFLE LAW OFFICIALS OF KANSAS.

JAGS ARE BEING OPENLY PURCHASED AND POLICE, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES
HAVE YET TO FIND MEANS OF STOPPING THE PRACTICE.

(Special Telegram from the Dispatch Bureau)
New York, Dec. 16.--A Topeka alchemist, by the production of cubic
beer, has brought the millenium to Kansas.

They buy their disturbance out there now in solid form like plug
tobacco and infuse it at leisure by their own hearth-stones. Each plug
is a potential six gallons of beer.

The day the plugs came on the market will be remembered in Kansas
long after the name of Carrie Nation has been forgotten.

A modest sign in a shop window reads: "What the world has been
awaiting. Take one home, dissolve it and be happy."

Some one bought the first one and followed directions. In two
hours the man at the small shop was doing a land-office business. By
evening he had a sign out:

"Only one plug to a customer."

By night half the male population of Topeka was clinging to lamp
posts and intoning:

"We're here because we're here!"

And the other half, inarticulate but happy, waltzed on street
corners in pantomimic celebration of its ecstatic condition.

Then the law stepped in and tried to indict the altruist for
transgressing the liquor statutes. He smiled and said he had thought
of all that and pointed out to the District Attorney that the liquor
laws dealt with fluids only. He was selling plugs, solid, measurable,
merry plugs, and not firewater.

Then the Federal revenue people claimed that the beer plugs had not
been gauged and stamped. The plug man smiled all over again and asked
them when is a plug under proof. They are still guessing.

Then the plug man played his ace. He submitted a set of plugs to
the State Health Board and asked that it be inspected as a comestible.
He won. The bewildered board test-tubed his plugs and passed them as
containing neither adulterants nor preservatives.

The man who invented the beer plug is not the heart and soul of
a flourishing syndicate that is putting money in the bank. And peace
dwells on the hearth-stones of Kansas where the plugs simmer in the
kettle.

From The Pittsburg Dispatch,
Dec. 17, 1906.



REV. P. A. BAKER
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

REV. EDWIN C. DINWIDDIE,
LEGISLATIVE SUPERINTENDENT.

The American Anti-Saloon League

31-32 BLISS BUILDING

TELEPHONE, EAST 102.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8, 1906.

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

Dear Brother Norris:

I feel I ought to write you about a matter that has impressed me considerably down here in Washington. I am here, temporarily, while Mr. Dinwiddie is looking after our interests in Oklahoma. It is this, I find the Congressmen and Senators from the three prohibition states, Maine, Kansas and North Dakota, are talking differently from what they did in the past, which leads me to believe that because of our agitation, all over the country, there is a concentrated effort on the part of the liquor interests to break down prohibition in these states, and it has greatly effected these men, and some of them we have met from Kansas are effected as strongly as in either of the other states. They are Republicans, of course, and believe that prohibition is going to greatly injure the Republican party, even to the extent of bringing disastrous defeat, and some of them are discussing the wisdom of going back to local option. Some of them specifically advocate county local option. We find this to such an extent that it has alarmed Mr. Nicholson, who has been here for a few days, not a little. Of course in all three of the states Republican majorities were greatly cut. Every effort is being made to impress politicians it is the prohibition question that is responsible, and that the only safety is to go back to license and local option, and the amazing thing to me is that some of them advocate yielding to those who opposed the party on that issue and going against the people who stood by them and made their success at all possible.

It is a queer proceeding, yet I am convinced that it is more formidable than most of our workers in these states know. It is unquestionably formidable when it is reflected so strongly and so universally here. My only suggestion is that we meet it with a most vigorous policy, simply giving these fellows to understand that they are reaping the logical fruits of their double dealing on this question in the past and that their only safety is to stand squarely up and enforce the law and the temperance people will protect them in so doing. I am writing also to Maine and North Dakota, urging our people to a most vigorous policy. We cannot, it seems to me, leave it to the politicians and officials who are in favor of law enforcement. We must adopt the most aggressive policies ourselves, and be known as a safe factor to cultivate and a dangerous one to oppose.

Very cordially yours,

P. A. Baker
General Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF

J. E. Fice,
Lawyer.

REFERENCE: BELOIT STATE BANK.

Beloit, Kansas, December 1, 1906.

J. K. Coddington,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

There was a little matter called to my attention to-day that you may be able to help us out in. An ex-joint keeper of this place has a son who early contracted the drink habit. This son recently moved from here to Glasco. He has a fine wife and she has kept him straight for the last three years under the conditions as they are here. But ~~next~~ as soon as he reached Glasco he found an open joint there and went to drinking to such an extent that his father went ^{down there} and sent him off to take the Keeley Cure. His father believes that without the presence of a joint he would be able to keep straight when he gets back. He has appealed to the President of the ^{our} local Union to help him out by suppressing the joint at Glasco. You will remember that you wrote me several weeks ago about the situation down there and I inferred that someone there might be willing to act the part of a citizen in an injunction case. I am very anxious to go into this as both the young man and his father are personal friends of mine and I feel that the need of action down there is very great.

I hope that you can induce some of our friends to verify the papers and will authorize me to commence proceedings by injunction against the joint as soon as possible. If you write to any of our friends there I wish that you would not mention the particular case as it would probably do no good but we can rely on these people to help us out when it comes to the trial of the case.

Yours Truly,

J. E. Fice



Mr Robert Horris

Dear Sir

Topeka Kan
Dec 4th 06

Our Pastor Rev W
W Wilson having been unable
to preach for some weeks on
account of sickness. I have been
requested to reply to your com-
munication of Nov. 28th 1906.
As we do not expect preaching
service next Sabbath Dec 9th,
and we have a number of pressing
claims upon us as a congregation
which will severely tax our resources.
We deem it unwise to ask you
to send us a speaker to present
the claims of temperance at this
time. We wish to assure you
however that we are in hearty
sympathy with all temperance

work conducted in harmony
with the teachings of Gods word.
and not only as a congregation
but as a church are a unit -
in favor of Prohibition in its
most radical sense. We not
only refuse to license or ordain
to the office of the Ministry any-
one who indulges in intoxicating
liquors of any kind but Obsec
as well, and hope how soon
all other church people and
temperance workers will come
up to this standard. And may
the Lord hasten the time when
~~where~~ this and all lands shall
be freed from this "crime of crimes".
Sincerely,

J. L. McCalland. (blank)
Secord



Rev. H. H. Bowen,
Pastor Ellis M. E. Church.
Ellsworth District, Northwest Kansas Conference.

Ellis, Kans Dec 3 1906

Rev. Robt Norris, K.S. U. Topeka

Dear Bro. I have done as you requested and have written and pressed several of our leading citizens to also write the Atty Genl and the Gov. "Patting them on the back."

This Mayor movement is the right one. It meets with universal favor.

The Railroad men here say they are closed tight in Junction City, but that they expect to open again soon.

This county is comparatively dry, but still we will have to make some more arrests soon.

Faithfully
H. H. Bowen.



E. B. COWGILL, PRESIDENT
THOMAS PAGE, VICE PRES.
S. S. OTT, TREASURER

ATTORNEYS
J. K. CODDING, TOPEKA
JOHN MARSHALL, WINFIELD

S. H. PITCHER,
FINANCIAL MANAGER

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

The Kansas State Temperance Union

ROBERT NORRIS, SECRETARY

703 JACKSON STREET

Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 4, 1906.

The Hon. Mr. Cobb,
Governor of Maine,
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Sir:—

We are considering some further temperance legislation, with the purpose of strengthening our prohibitory law. We want to give the Governor more direct authority to act with regard to the enforcement of this law, and would like for you to send us a copy of the Sturgis law, or if you have in mind a measure similar to the Sturgis law that, in your judgment, would be more effective, we would be very glad to have you send us that.

Conditions just now are in splendid shape in Kansas and our Governor and Legislature are in a mood to give us legislation that will enable us to have prohibition in the fullest sense of the term. If you can so favor us with a copy of this law and suggestions where it might be made better, we will be indebted to you for a much needed favor.

Yours very truly,

Robert Norris
Secretary.

Dic.--E. R.



"We mean to go right on. We mean to be as good natured as sunshine, but as persistent as a Christian's faith."

Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

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EDITOR OUR MESSENGER
REV. ELLA W. BROWN, POWHATAN

Office of President

Winfield, Kansas, Dec 4 - 1906

Robert Norris,

Topeka Kansas

My dear Mr. Norris

Your "special" letter reached me this morning and I only wish I had time to answer at length but I have not for it is most hard time and I want you to receive this today.

I would like very much to be in Topeka with the committee Sunday. I believe there should be a union of all the forces of the state at the present time and I would like advise as to the very best way of pushing throughout the state.

The State Temperance Union is doing grandly and I am proud of the record they are making. I believe too, that you will succeed in cleaning up Topeka.

But brother I am not in any sense a public speaker. My work is to place for others to execute. Just a practical everyday worker



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Winfield, Kansas,

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I opted, talk in a platform meeting with others - a short talk - but by it is to fill a pulpit in Topeka. I am frank with you I could not do it. I have worked much in campings but I have never prepared only for the emergency on hand and tried to give a few telling blows. Any one of our regular lecturers could do better. While I should be glad to be there in the Committee work as I have said, yet, I know that anything I could say in the Church as a speaker would not be worth anywhere near my trip down there. I am going over now to see John Marshall and if there is anything I can do I want to do it.

Yours Truly Elizabeth Hutchinson



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Office of President

Winfield, Kansas, December 5, 1906

Robert Norris,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--I regret very much that I cannot meet with the committee appointed to consider the advisability of becoming affiliated with the Anti Saloon League.

At the start I was, or thought I was, very much opposed to affiliation. But I sent for their paper and began making a study of their work. I also wrote State Presidents of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of States who are now working and co-operating with the Anti-Saloon League. After making a study of the methods they employ, I find they are working on about the same lines that the State Temperance Union are. I believe to be affiliated with such a National body would give strength to the work, the State Temperance Union is doing in Kansas. And too, I believe Kansas will give as much as they will receive. We have men in the Kansas Temperance Union who would be a strong factor in the National organization. There is a lingering prejudice in the minds of a few in the state, against the ~~name being~~ State Temperance Union, which we might under the name Anti Saloon League succeed in reaching. Although I would prefer the old name if it could be retained, for we are under a great obligation to the grand old organization that has brought so much to pass in our state, especially the past two years. No matter what the committee may recommend, my best wishes, and what influence I may have will be used in aiding an organization that has stood so squarely for law enforcement as has the State Temperance Union the past year. Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth P. Hutchinson



The City of Salina.

DAVID H. SHIELDS, MAYOR.
PASTOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
RESIDENCE 220 SOUTH 12TH STREET.
PHONE 443.

OFFICE OF MAYOR.

SALINA, KANSAS, DECEMBER 5, 1906.

Rev. Robert Norris,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Norris:-

I have been wholly unable to get any one to take my place so I guess you will have to count me out. I tried even to get our McPherson man but he is in a meeting. The other man that I had counted on will be out of town. Unless you can send help from your end of the line I see no way out. There were two Zumwalt brothers at Washburn both good preachers it might be that one of them could be gotten. Of course it will soon be too late for me to prepare a speech.

Yours,

David H. Shields



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ROBERT NORRIS, SECRETARY.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Winfield, Kansas, December 5th, 1906.

Robert Norris,
Topeka, Kansas.
Dear Sir:-

As you are aware I went to Wichita on last Friday, to Hutchinson on Saturday, from there to Rush County on Sunday, and home on Monday, and on yesterday I went to Arkansas City. I am getting to be a stranger in this town. If I had a dog he would not know me.

The Hutchinson people were very much put out because I felt compelled to leave them. The Hutchinson situation is, in my judgment, in fairly good shape. Some of our people are a little bit excited and evidently they want the impossible done. They want men who have done nothing but sell liquor all their lives to be compelled to cease absolutely to sell liquor under any circumstances in a short space of time. As Coddington writes me, "they have heard some corks pop."

I spoke in the afternoon of Sunday at Alexander to a small crowd, and at night at McCracken to a fairly good crowd. The subscription at Alexander was \$34.80, and at McCracken \$88.36. The cash collected at Alexander was \$5.65 and at McCracken \$2.80. The subscription cards are herewith enclosed.

I had trouble in getting home, missed trains and it made my home trip a little expensive. My expenses were as follows: Telegram to Valley Center 25¢; ticket to Wichita \$1.15; telephoning at Wichita \$1.00; ticket from Wichita to Hutchinson \$1.41; hotel at Wichita 50¢; hotel at Hutchinson \$1.50; ticket to Alexander \$2.89; telephone from Alexander to Hutchinson 55¢; hotel at Alexander \$1.00; ticket from McCracken home \$5.49; hotel bills on the way home \$1.00; ticket from Wichita home \$1.15; telephoning at Wichita to Hutchinson and Winfield 60¢. Total, \$18.49.

I want two or three copies of your liquor ordinances. There are several cities that are wanting copies of the ordinances. Please send me three or four of them.

Yours respectfully,

John Marshall

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THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CORNER BRANNER AND EAST FOURTH

W. M. CLEAVELAND, PASTOR
RES. 209 JEFFERSON

TOPEKA, KANSAS. Dec 6, 1906

My Dear Bro Norm - Your letter at hand announcing Bro Layton as the preacher for the 3rd Church Sunday morning. I fear you have overlooked an important matter, I trust you will recall I'm certain. I told you of the reluctance on the part of the session in opening our church just now to a stranger, while I assured you they would probably do so, I was quite certain an offering would not be made at this time. I bro't the matter before the officers of the church and they



THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CORNER BRANNER AND EAST FOURTH

W. M. CLEVELAND, PASTOR
RES. 509 JEFFERSON

TOPEKA, KANSAS,

say, owing to a rule adopted at the beginning of the year, no call for money or subscriptions shall be made from the pulpit during the year, and having strictly adhered to this, it is considered best not to make an exception in the case, especially since many of our leading men have been and now are giving to the support of the work of the union.

They authorized me to say to you, that in case money is

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CORNER BRANDEE AND EAST FOURTH

W. M. CLEVELAND, PASTOR
RES. 508 JEFFERSON

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

is the Imagary in excess of all obligations of church at end of year, it will be recommended to the congregation to make an offering to the work of the Union.

One of our special objects "The Third Year" offering comes this month, and we can't neglect it.

If for any reason the receipt of this letter, the fact the church will not be able to make a subscription, makes it desirable to send Mr Layton into another

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CORNER BRANNER AND EAST FOURTH

W. M. CLEVELAND, PASTOR
RES. 529 JEFFERSON

TOPEKA, KANSAS,

Church, let me know and I will
plan to preach a sermon on "Law
Enforcement". I will not be able
to leave the church Sunday morning
owing to some matters that come at
that time.

Pardon this explanation in
detail, but I felt it necessary for
you to know our position.

Sincerely

W. M. Cleveland.



OFFICE OF

*J. E. Fice,
Lawyer.*

REFERENCE: BELOIT STATE BANK.

Beloit, Kansas, December 7, 1906.

J. K. Coddling,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of recent date and will go to Washington next week and tend the special term of court.

I am working on the Glasco matter, but don't know what success we will have as yet.

I note what you say about the fees in these cases. That is a point I would like to take up with you personally if possible- A little later ~~xx~~ there will no doubt be a number of fees coming in and we should arrange for some equitable division of them. I think that after Freeborn leaves Washington County we will have to arrange for a local Attorney there and am inclined to think that the local Union should select the Attorney and assist in paying him. Rooney, the incoming County Attorney, would join with us in these cases. Do you think it advisable to allow him to come in on the basis of a division of the fees on those cases that have been commenced. Freeborn says that he will not expect any fees out of these cases. I think that he should be recognized however.

The Esbon case has been settled. A stipulation for a judgment making the injunction permanent signed and a fee of \$50.00 paid to the Clerk of the Court for us. They offered to pay this fee to me direct but I preferred to go through the regular ~~form~~ *Course*

Yours Truly,

J. E. Fice



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703 Jackson Street.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Topka, Kansas,
WAMEGO, KANS.

Dec. 7th 1906.

Rev. Robt. Norris
Topeka Kas.

Dear Bro.

Have just returned from Barton county and report the following
Commenced Twelve cases against the jointists of Ellinwood, Olmitz and Cla
claflin and put the wholesale house of M.K.Wolf and Co/ at Ellinwood. *and Quinn*
Jas. W. Clarke joined with me in all of the cases and the mayors of
Great Bend and Hoisington also joined in the work and closed their own
towns and agree to keep them closed.

There will be nothing further in this county to require my attenda
ance or the attendance of Marsahll as Clarke can take care of the
work until the time of his induction into office and after that
he will do the work as County attorney.

The situation is better in this county of Barton than in any
other county where we have done the work and believe that the
burden of our expense in that county is over.

Yours truly
J. H. Coddington



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Waterville, Maine, Dec. 8 '06

Mr. Robt. Norris,
 Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Sir:-

I have yours of Dec. 4th. From reports that have come to us concerning the work in Kansas City, Kan., we have supposed that your law was more effective than ours. I am sending under another cover a copy of the Maine Law, which contains also a copy of the special enforcement act known as the Sturgis law. It is this which has given our governor authority to enforce the prohibitory law in all counties where the county officers are negligent or in collusion. As you will see, it has no connection with municipal officers. By long usage, the responsibility for the enforcement of the liquor law has been allowed to fall upon our county sheriffs and their deputies, and municipal officers in our cities, as a rule, have done little for enforcement, although according to the law they are equally responsible. The Sturgis law was enacted in the last legislature and has had only two years test. It has done much to secure uniform enforcement throughout the state, since we have behind it a splendid governor and a faithful Enforcement Commission. We fail, however, to get anything like good enforcement in Bangor because the work of the faithful county officials is neutralized by the rum-sympathizing municipal court. Our next move is to be upon the courts. We hope to secure mandatory imprisonment, which we once had, but lost thirteen years ago. You will notice that our penalties are not very severe, - I think not as heavy as yours and our judges are much inclined to give the minimum penalty. If you have it in convenient form, I would like to know just what the penalties are under the Kansas prohibitory law. We shall have a severe fight this winter on the resubmission question and also to save the Sturgis law, but I think we shall win.

Yours cordially,

W. E. Owen



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Dear Bro. Norris.

If I can be of any aid to you while in the state, be free to call upon your humble servant. The battle is on, & all ought to lend a hand in the cause of temperance.

I have been here assisting in special meetings, but we close the same, as we expect. Tomorrow, have a great men's meeting in the afternoon. Hope to fill the Opera House. We had a good meeting last Sunday P. M. when I spoke on "A King's Son," & put it direct. Interest.

I have the much two weeks free, as yet. I am getting \$50⁰⁰ a week, speaking afternoon and evening. If wanted only for Sunday, 25⁰⁰ would be sufficient; a less for a week nights. The M. C. A. might unite, giving them the afternoon service. Should be glad to stop off, and



give you as strong help as I can in the
fight - meet the abominable saloon.

Dr. Jones of the First Baptist Church me.
My father was an old time prohibitionist
Candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the
temperance ticket with Gideon Stewart.
I am brother in law of Dr. J. D. A. Henry,
temperance advocate and evangelist,
now in England.

At your service.

Yours Truly,

J. W. S. S. S.



Manhattan, Kansas, Dec 8, 1906

Hon. J. H. Gidding,

Wamego, Kansas.

Dear Jule - I went up to see Dr. Ross this morning about having you and Fickett to come hear and make a speech; we went over to see Rev. "Bright" of the Methodist Church and he in turn called in Rev. "Thurslow" of the Congregational Church; the suggestion was well received and it was thought that the ground was not well enough covered; what they want is ~~two~~ ^{five} speakers instead of two, and divide them up among the different churches as was done at Hutchinson. Those gentlemen were of one opinion that the