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Correspondence sent and received by Rev. Robert Norris, secretary of the Kansas State Temperance Union, and Julian K. Codding, attorney for the Kansas State Temperance Union. Correspondents include Elizabeth P. Hutchinson and Minnie Wood, presidents of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Rev. J. M. Dunlavy, president of the Crawford County Civil League and Third Congressional District of the KSTU, Rev. J. W. Primrose, superintendent of the Second Congressional District of the KSTU in Fort Scott, John Wiswell, chairman of the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Aid Committee, and representatives from the Anti-Saloon League of America. Much of the correspondence concerns efforts to advance anti-liquor agendas in local, state, and national politics. 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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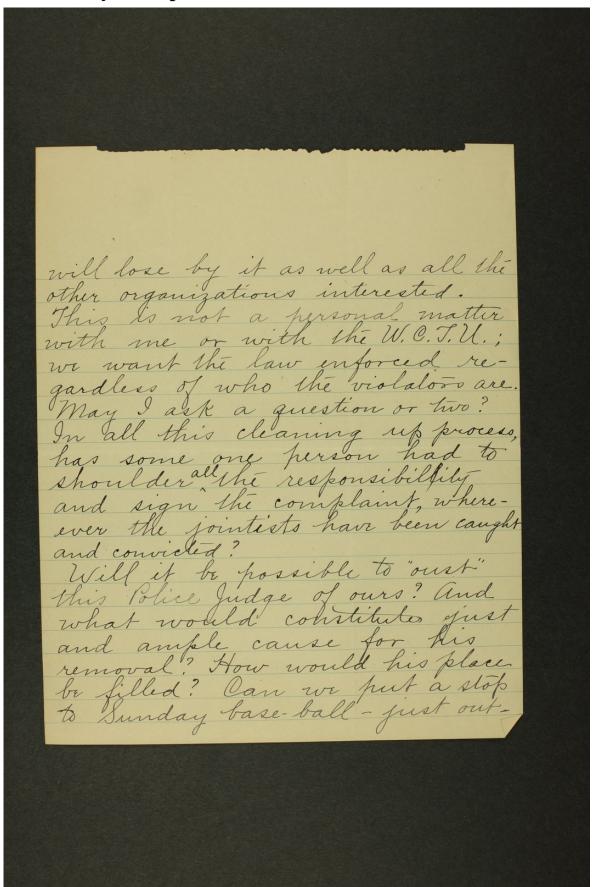
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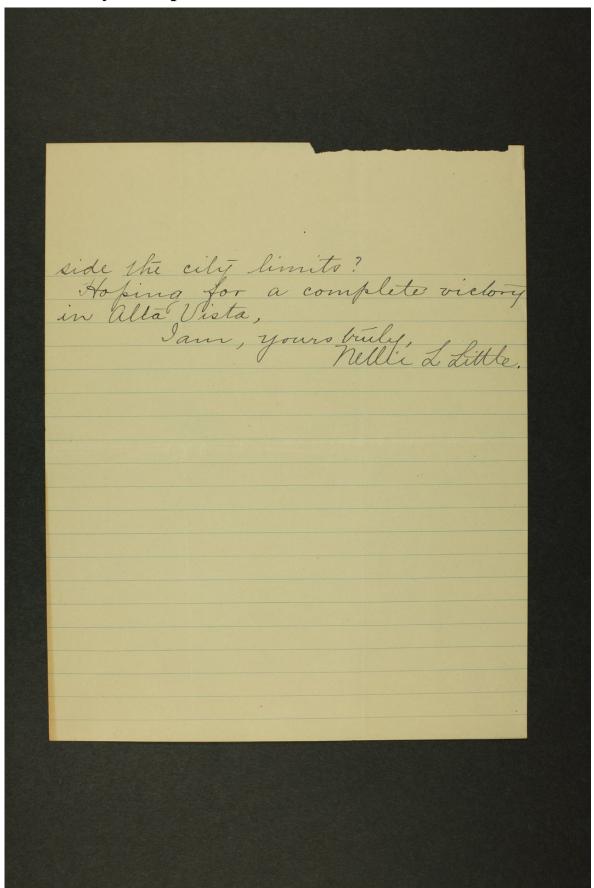
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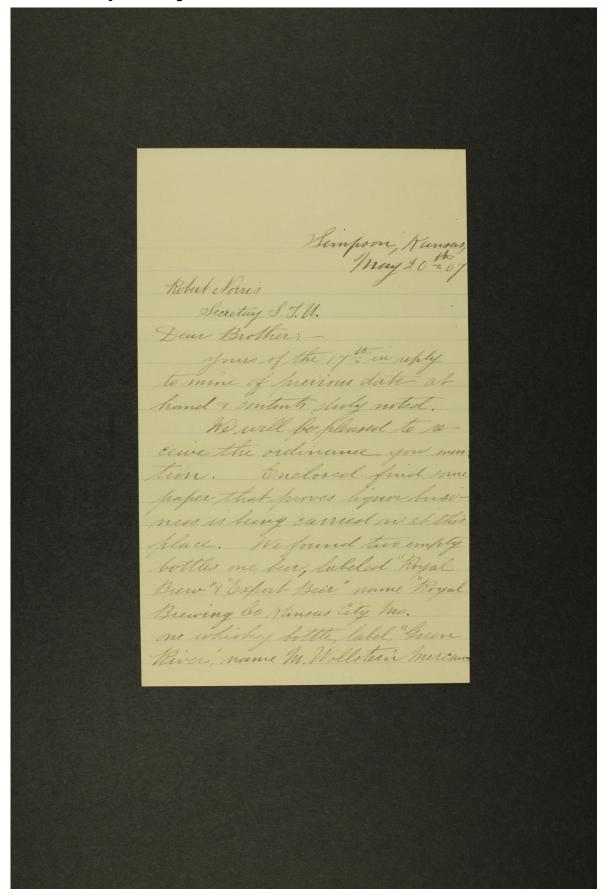




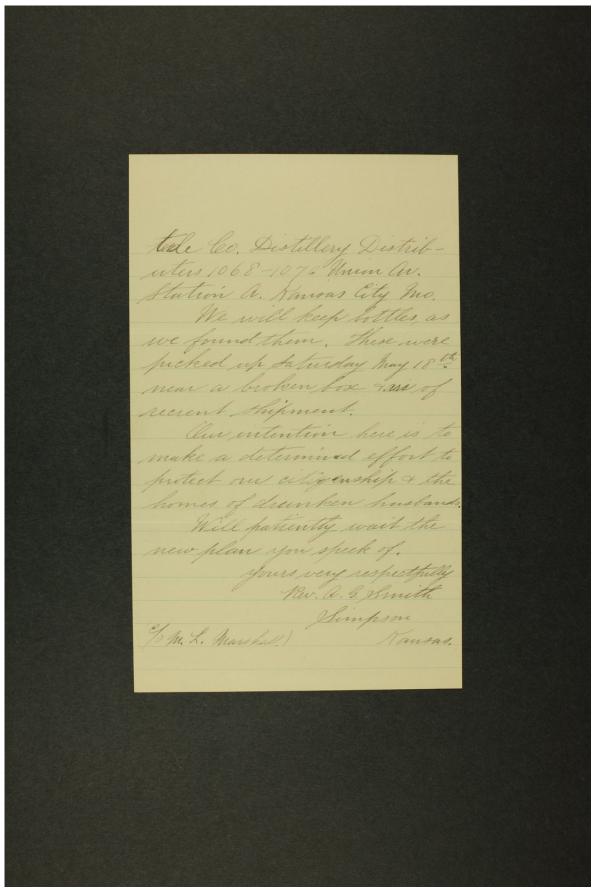






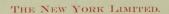








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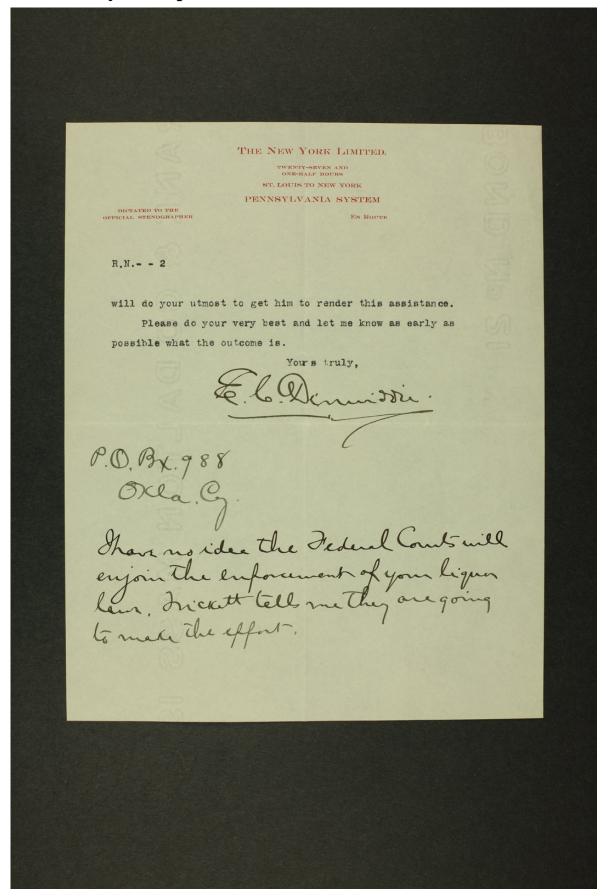
My Dear Friend-

We had engaged Mr. Trickett to speak at the Oklahoma City convention which was to have been held yes-terday and today, but which was postponed in order to have the Republican convention and the Demogratic primaries over with before it occurred. The dates set are June 11th. and 12th.

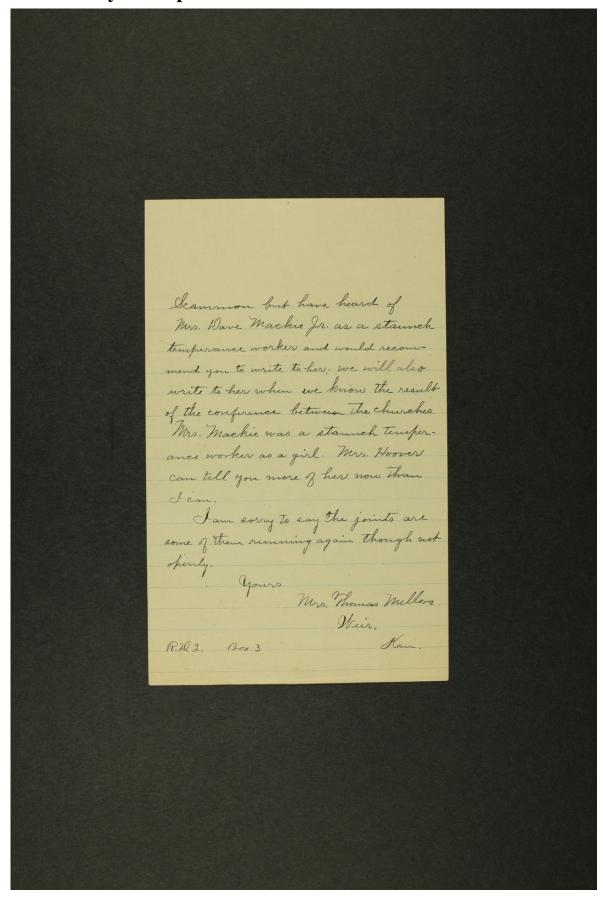
Owing to some important court business, Mr. Trickett finds that he cannot even fill an engagement at Garnet, Kans. on the 10th. from which we were expecting him to come to Oklahoma City.

In view of the necessity for a good drawing card, I write to ask you if you will not personally present our desire and need to Gov. Hoch and ask him if he will not come to address a mass meeting at night during our convention. He can get a good night's sleep both nights and will only lose one full day and part of another. It will be a very great help to us in opening our State-wide campaign. You know that our success will be a great benefit to Kansas in a reflex way and I am sure that you

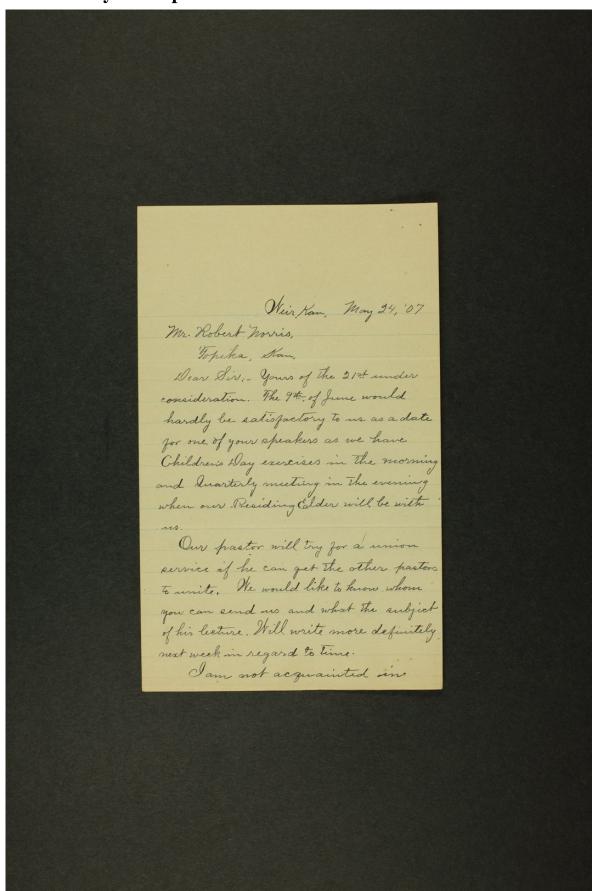




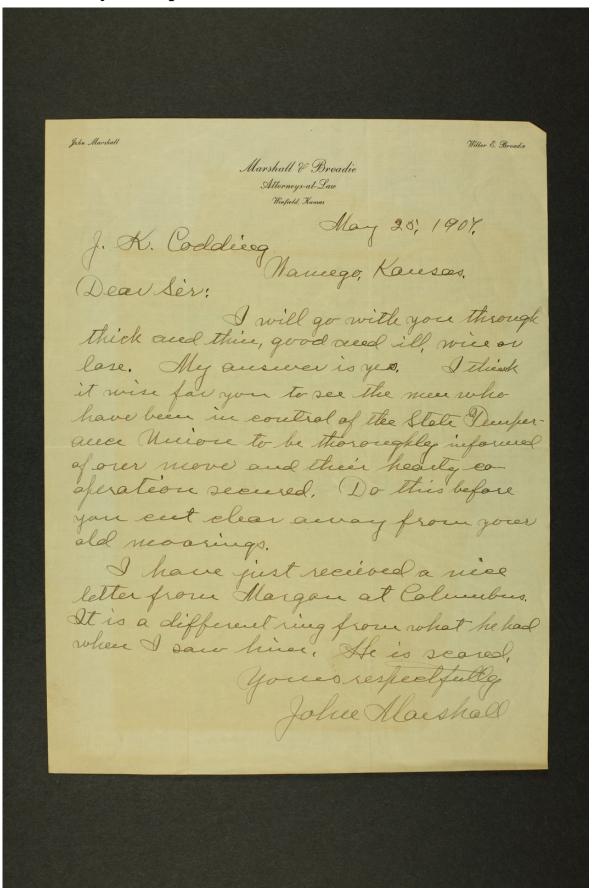




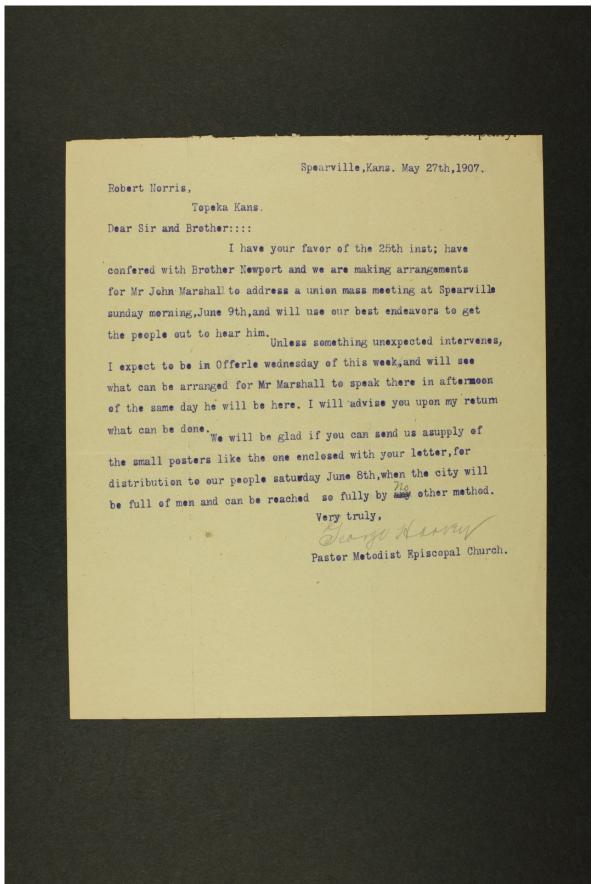








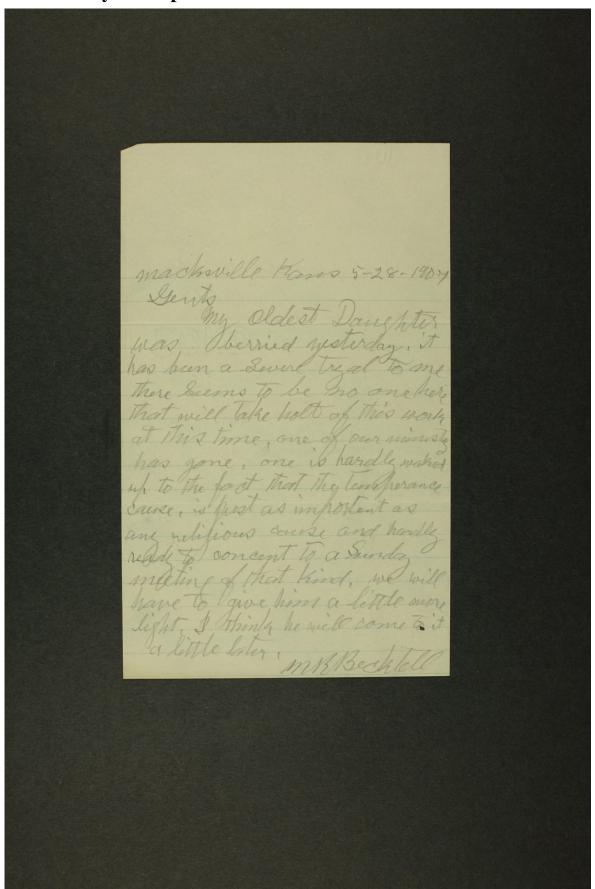




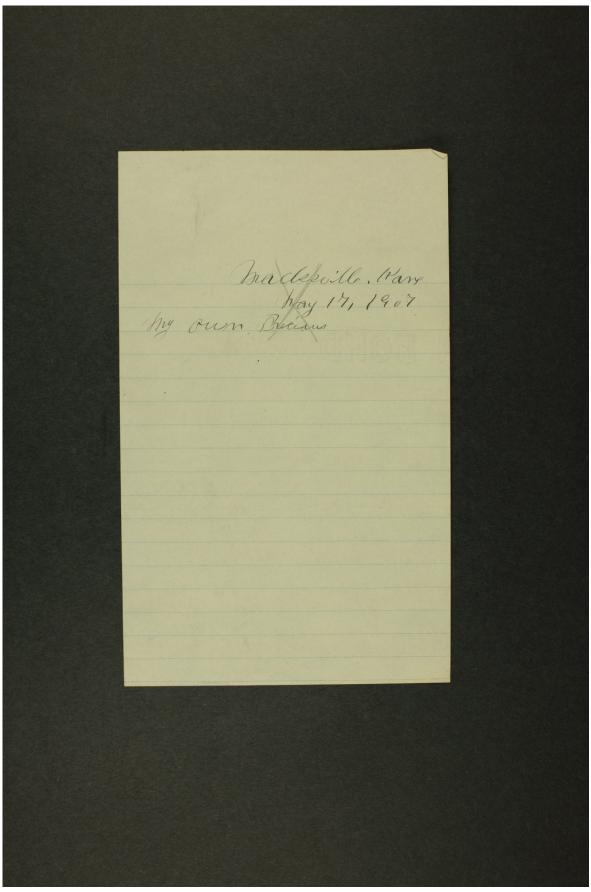


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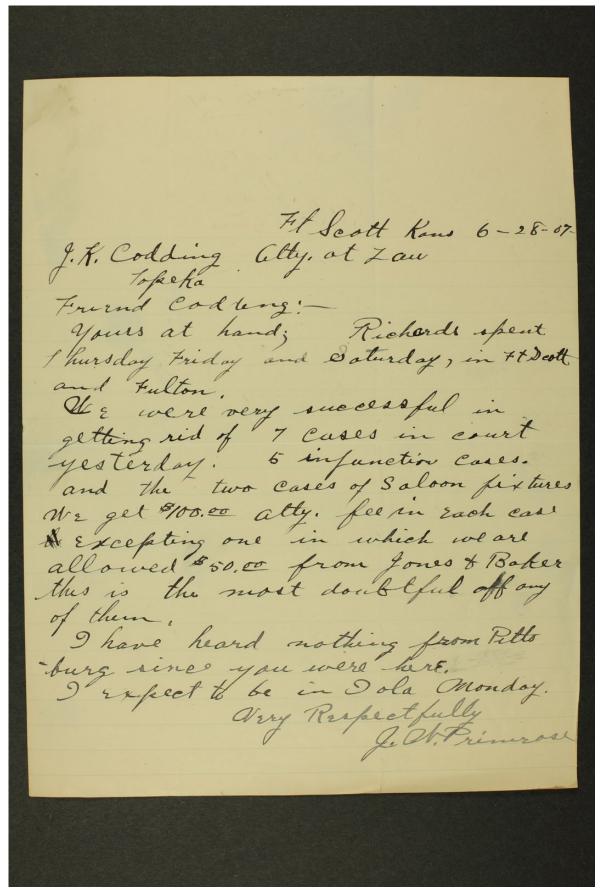




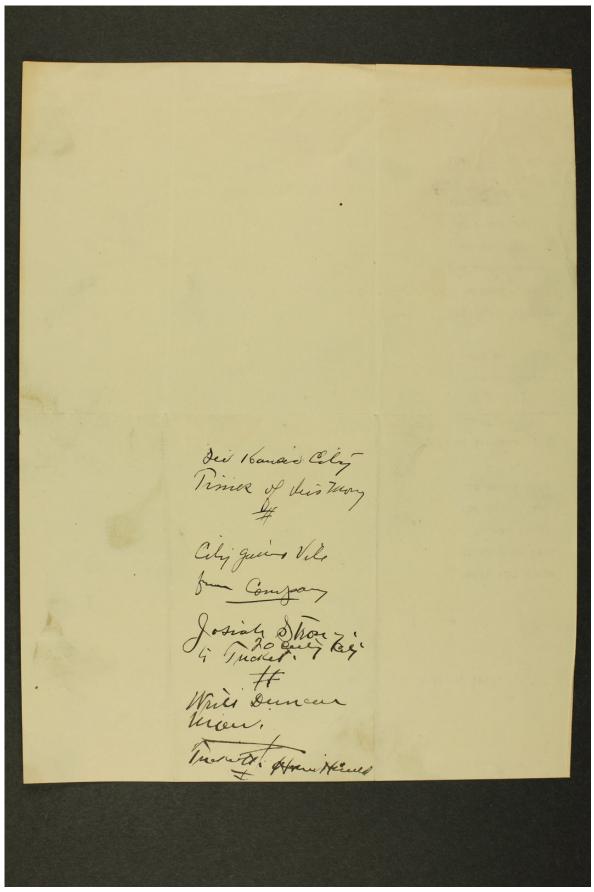














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The Crawford County Civic League

AUXILIARY TO STATE TEMPERANCE UNION.

Pittsburg, Kansas. June 19, 1907.

Senator J. K. Codding,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Brother:-

I am glad you had an excellent meeting Sunday night. I suppose it was the only one of that kind in Atchison that day and the rest were a frost. I had success in my work. I talked about fifteen minutes at the opening of the service. I then noticed that some were going to sleep. I closed, took up my hat, put my cards in my pocket and left. Didn't take time to present them as I thought the women and children there wouldn't have much money to subscribe and especially while they were asleep. I turned the whole affair over to the good brother. As to the Cherokee Civic League, not so named but that is what it stands for, they are in line with our Civic League here and have organized auxiliary to the State Temperance Union. They will look after their own county organization as to officers and financing the same and will in no sense be a burden to the Union in those lines. The only difficulty I see in the x way may likely come from the fact that they persist in collecting their own subscriptions which method so far has been a failure in every county where such has been the endeavor. I hope this may not be the case with Cherokee County and it may not be in-as-much as their secretary is to be paid for her work and will be expected to follow up these subscriptions. They will throw out local men in the county to organize the county, to circulate the Enterprise and as far as possible work up a good sentiment and then they expect the State Temperance Union to come in and give them a rally day and at this time secure subscriptions.



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Pittsburg, Kansas. June 18, 1907.

Mr. Robert Norris,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-I met with the Columbus workers yesterday and they outline their plan of work in Cherokee county in harmony with the State Temperance Union and auxiliary to the same. They intend on their own part to campaign the county and address meetings in each locality that they may enter and in this way complete an organization for the county and later, possibly in July, plan for a temperance campaign in the county such as we have been holding in other places in the state and then present cards for pledges. I tried to have them make their pledges payable at the office of the State Temperance Union but they said that Marshall had said all money raised in Cherokee County would be raised for law enforcement in that county, which is true, and that on account of this they were sure they could collect their own money they could do so through their local officers, and Mr. Wiswell was sure that he could collect more than the State Temperance Union so I suppose they will have to try it.a whirl. I said that in the event they were going to do this that we had better have the cards that are used stamped Cherokee County the same as our cards were stamped Crawford County and they will expect the State Temperance Union to furnish cards for their meetings. I will have to write later as to the number. The band of men that met yesterday, some fifteen in number, were absolutely out of sympathy and out of spirit with County Attorney Morgan and were in open rebellion when it came to giving him another chance or in their having anything to do with him. It



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looked for a while as if we were not going to be able to follow out Jackson's plan with these county attorneys and the plan of the State Temperance Union, but I let the men do their talking first and then when they asked me if I had something to say spoke very plainly as to the situation. They agreed Jackson meant business and the saloons would have to close as far as he was concerned. I then showed them that in our own county our man had been as corrupt as their county attorney and perhaps more so and that we had already laid before Jackson evidence sufficient to oust him and are now circulating a petition asking for same, but notwithstanding all this since the county attorney has said that he will get busy and since Jackson has asked us to give him a trial we are now working with him and giving him an opportunity to make good. We do not know what the outcome will be as far as the county attorney is concerned about making good but we do know that if don't make good Jackson will. And because of the way we work in Crawford County and the things Jackson requests and expects of us before he will remove a man from office it may be well for them to do the same in their county if they want Jackson to work and they will need to do what he requires of them as citizens. I made a motion to this effect and it carried unanimously (after one of the pastors had made a red hot speech and left) but he will more than likely fall in line because he was inclined to line up. So you can look for the Cherokee County men to follow any suggestion that may come from the State Temperance Union and especially from Jackson along the line to bring about the work with the county attorney or his



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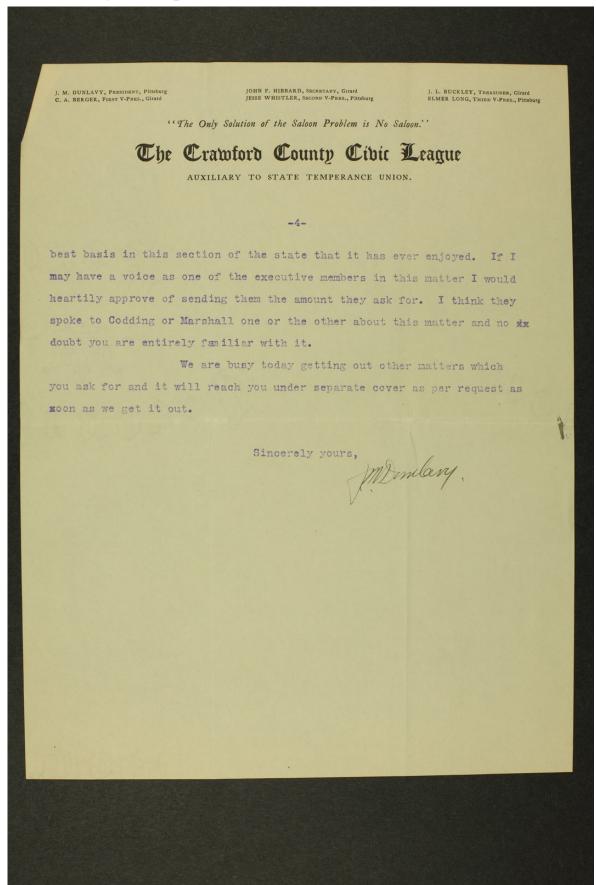
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removal from office. The condition of the Enterprise was discussed. You will receive a letter from the committee that is standing by this work stating their position. I believe that the State Temperance Union should get behind these people for the eight weeks that they are asking for. In the first place it will be a hard blow to the temperance people of that county if the paper is discontinued and give the other side room to talk. Again it is the only organ in that county through which they can show up things and make their appeal and they have a large subscription something like 1500, which subscription will be made permanent these men believe . Many of these subscriptions are made by friends at present but those who are receiving free copies say that when their free time is out they will subscribe for the paper. I don't think the State Temperance Union could make a wiser move and spend money to a better advantage just now in this corner of the state than to get behind the Enterprise and encourage the temperance workers and bring an organ such as the Enterprise into the workers are asking for \$25.00 per week. At first they asked for \$200.00. I told them that if the State Temperance Union could give \$200.00 they would be better able to give it by giving \$25.00 per week than the \$200.00 at once, and thought they would do this. If the money cannot be given outright if you can loan to this amount in such a way as to carry them over and give them time to pay back this will be far better I am sure than to turn the proposition down. But if you can make the donation outright it will do a whole lot toward encouraging those people and putting the State Temperance Union on the very







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CHEROKEE COUNTY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AID COMMITTEE.

COLUMBUS, KANSAS, June 18,

1907

The State Temperance Union,

Topeka, Kas.

Gentlemen:

On yesterday we completed the permanent organization of our Law Enforcement Aid Committee and the Rev. Mr. Dunlavy was present and was put on the General Committee as well as the Administrative Committee.

We have been publishing a paper called "The Enterprise" in the interest of law enforcement and some of us have contributed \$25.00 to \$50.00 a piece and have donated something like \$600.00 in the last three or four months.

It costs us something like \$35.00 a week to keep the paper going. Nothing in the county has ever come up to have the good effect this paper has had thus far on the law enforcement. During the next three or four months it is going to be very hard to continue this publication and to,let it drop now it seems like it will be practically lost and leave us in a worse position than before.

In discussing the matter yesterday in the meeting Mr. Dunlavy spoke very hopefully of the Union's donating us \$25.00 a week for eight weeks, or in other words the sum of \$200.00, to help keep it going. We are willing, in case we get this donation, if you desire the paper to reach over into Crawford Co. to give subscriptions to this amount at the regular price of one dollar per year to your people in that county giving them the privilege of selecting the names of the subscribers.

The paper as it is now edited is one of the finest of its kind in the state. At the request of the full committee I was asked to write you and ascertain at as early a date as possible, if you could make this contribution.

Our plan is to make a general canvas of the county and get pledges to be paid monthly covering a year, but this work is not fairly under way and we, of course, cannot raise the money until this canvas is made which will be some weeks in the future.

Thanking you in advance and awaiting your early reply, I am

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chairman.



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Pittsburg, Kansas. June 12, 1907.

MR. Robert Norris,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I hereby make a statement as to the financial standing of our local treasurer of Pittsburg, L. Belknap. The amount of money advanced by Mr. Belknap personally to carry on the Civic League fight in and about Pittsburg was \$198.46 over and above pledges that were paid in. Mr. Belknap yesterday after figuring up the amount he had advanced for the Civic League said that he was willing to personally assume \$150.00 of that amount. This leaves a balance due him of \$48.46. I consider this \$150.00 the same as a cash pledge to our work since the subscriptions as they will be paid in from this county can go into the general fund instead of being turned back to meet expenses already incurred. There is some money at Girard but until I hear from Mr. Smith will not be able to state the exact amount. We are getting out the list of names of the subscribers, together with amount subscribed and paid and will forward them just as soon as we can complete the list.

As to our work for Sunday, June 23rd, I am making dates for yourself, Codding, Marshall, and may be Primrose, and myself for one or two services. I think this number of men can handle Crawford County since Pittsburg and Frontenac has closed saloons. Do you want to try Frontenac a whirl for a night speech, or had I better book Primrose for there? We may be making a mistake by not arrangeing for an address in Pittsburg on that day in-as-much as things are making rapid changes here for law enforcement and for better things. Public sentiment is coming our way very rapidly. However, I will talk with Codding tomorrow



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I had a tussle with them to get them to consent to giving Morgan a fair hearing or trial with Marshall sitting by his side. They were inclined to throw him overboard and have nothing more to do with him When I told them Jackson expected the State Temperance forces to first test these two men and give them a fair trial and either find out they would work, and until this test was made Jackson himself would do nothing they then were willing to accept the situation and made a unanimous vote concerning the same. I count this the greatest victory in Cherokee County as yet for every man except one were unanimous in absolutely befusing to do one thing more for the county attorney. We may have some trouble handling the Enterprise. The old brother McDowell is so 2redheaded2 over the matter that he becomes impatient at anyone who will even dare to suggest giving the County Attorney another chance. He took a fifteen minute whirl at me. He went up one side and came down the other went around and over me and every which way. He gave me a warm reception for the first time of meeting but after the whole afternoon was spent in discussing these matters, and after the committee at large which stands for his paper had voted to work with the County Attorngy, he was compelled to swallow all he said and fall in line in order to save his paper. I wrote Norris concerning the paper and will not write any more in this letter as to that. He will confer with you no doubt.

I am getting out the write up you asked for and will get it out "sconer." Have written O'Donnell. Will send Headlight and Kansas issue you asked for. Had already conferred with Belknap before I received your letter and that matter is O.K. Will secure, if possible,



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the cups and articles in reference to the Manual Training School and Y. M. C. A. Building you spoke of and which articles are to be found in t the hands of Porter and Russ. I don't know how successful I shall be in getting a complete mailing list as I find it impossible to get an answer from some to whom I have written. Others have answered but give the excuse of but "Too busy to take time" to get out a list of names. Some have responded. I think however we can get a special mailing list of 2500. The circulation will not be as complete as I hoped and because of this it may be advisable to send some 800 or 1000 copies to Pittsburg to be mailed from here with the lists that come in later.

Yours very truly, J. M. Dunlavy



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Pittsburg, Kansas. June 8, 1907.

Mr. J. K. Codding, Topeka, Kansas. Dear Sir:-

Still alive and enjoying my health. Hope you had no more fights on the car after I left you.

Things are moving along at the top notch. Stilwell Bar fixtures moved out yesterday. I made a trip to Frontenac yesterday afternoon. Took Primrose with me to make the rounds t of the town again. We went up on the north side and began to book places. When we located our last building we went over to the other side of the track. By this time we had the town pretty well aroused. One fellow came running out of a saloon and followed us down to the City Hall. Primrose kept pretty close. When we crossed the tracks going over to the cars we had no more than landed on the other side when the Italian that was following us also lit on the same side of the car. I guess he now thought he had the men he was after. We went on up town and when he saw me talking to the officials he shook himself loose in a saloon and we lost track of him. I rounded up the officials. I found out that the boys had been thrown in without any complaint charged against them on the books. The police judge knew nothing about it, did not know they had been committed or turned out. Said he was not there at any time and does not know who sat in his place and acted for him. I said I knew that Frontenac was in the habit of having kangaroo courts but didn't know that they were keeping up the practice since they had become a second class city, and but that in-as-much as the men had been handled as they had and personal property still retained by the police, I thought some action would be taken very soon not only against the men who composed the mob but the city itself.

We have the saloon matter still in hand and in typewritten form. Have also run off all affidavits that we can at this time draw. We will send the ones to Ft. Scott that Berkstresser needs to sign so that both the boys will not need to return. Primrose will be down Tuesday morning.

The Headlight last night gave us a good write-up. Enclosed find same. This was occasioned by Henney calling me up over the phone for a report. This gave me a chance to rap them. I told Henney I thought they had all the information they needed; that they sent a reporter to visit these men and got a direct report from them, and that they then gave them a black eye in their paper. I said we were tired of furnishing them information for them to use against us and that we did not propose to give them one thing. More we expected to show up the Headlight in these two counties and show the people that the paper was in league with the breweries and against law enforcement. Also that the time had come that if the Headlight wanted our businessand would take the side of the good citizen and civic righteousness they had the opportunity; that we were tired of fooling with them and meant business, and that if they let this affair go with saying little or what they did say try to besmirch our



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character that it would be no easy matter to settle. Further I told him that anything we put in there hands concerning this affair would be handed to them in typewritten form and that we would retain the original copy. The write up in the paper was the result. You can form your own opinion as to whether my roast amounted to anything or not.

We are still in Stuessi's office but are going to move out into an alley or a street somewhere as things are too "chilly" around here. We have asked no help whatever just for the reason that we like to have any assistance that we ask cheerfully given. I think we will leave him for you to handle. Will try to secure a room elsewhere this afternoon and set up headquarters.

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I heard yesterday that one of our leading wholesale and retail men had made the remark to one of our responsible men that if Wooley wanted these saloons closed that all he needed to do was to say so. That the understanding between them was to that effect, and why should he come out now and make such statements in the paper and then send out men to secure evidence that he might prosecute us for violating the law. The man that made this statement will verify the same and I think it will be well to look into this when you ome down.

Will look for you on Tuesday. Will look for you on Tuesday.

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Pittsburg, Kansas. June 6, 1907.

Rev. Robert Norris,

Topeka, Kansas.

I have been in this section of the country less than twenty-four hours and I am convinced that you have no idea of the magnitude of the work to be done here, nor has anyone else until they actually come in touch with it. The action of the saloon keepers of Frontenac in putting Primrose and Berkstresser in jail is just a sample of the make-up of the liquor element. They have been in power so long and are so ably led that they consider themselves invincible. Doc Moore, Chairman of the State Republican Central Committee and Editor of the Headlight, is the leader of the liquor element here. His paper has a wide circulation and he does not hesitate to lie at will. He has back of him the whole republican machinery of the county and if we win this fight here a number of things must be done.

We must open headquarters or rather a branch office in this city. You, Marshall or myself should aim to be here at least one of us all the time for the next three months. The enemy here are so well equipped that the fight cannot be conducted from Topeka. The man who directs it must be on the ground. Merely Law Enforcement will not accomplish results. We must either have a Crawford County edition of the Kansas Issue with a weekly circulation of 2500 copies or we should throw our weight with one of the papers here and have 2500 extra copies every week go into as many homes. No man or set of men can win this



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fight with the leading daily paper misrepresenting the men and the work with no organ to counteract its influence. The temperance people of Crawford County for three years have patiently waited while the State Temperance Union cleaned up the rest of the state. When Marshall gets through with his fight at Great Bend there will be a block of territory in Kansas 360 miles long by 200 wide in which there is not a protected open saloon. In fact the whole state will have been brought under the law with the exception of Cherokee and Crawford Counties and Atchison and Leavenworth. The Atchison and Leavenworth fight can be carried on by us from our Topeka office but we must be on the ground every hour of the day and night if we win this Crawford and Cherokee County fight. I am so impressed with the necessity of a branch office here and a three month's campaign at least directed from this point that I will not undertake the fight any further unless this plan of action is followed because with an office here and properly equipped the fight will be no summer picnic. I think the executive committee of the State Temperance Union ought to be called together so that the matter can be laid before them in its true light and arrangements made to secure means to carry this fight on successfully. It cannot be done with money raised in this county and Cherokee but a lot of the sinews of war must come from without. I have written you thus so that you may at once take up the matter with the executive committee. I shall go this afternoon to Frontenac to defend the two boys, Primrose and Berkstresser, and if possible get them



