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Correspondence sent and received by Rev. Robert Norris, secretary of the Kansas State Temperance Union, and Julian K. Coddington, 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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ANOTHER CITY COMES TO THE FRONT.

Every City has its peculiar conditions and problems, but every community is confronted with the problem of safeguarding its young men. Pittsburg, Kansas, has followed the example of the other Kansas towns and had just closed one of the most remarkable campaigns for a Y. M. C. A. Building ever experienced in the State. *with assurance of a \$50,000 subscription for its new building* A universal appreciation of the great need of such an organization as the Young Men's Christian Association was the secret of success. Pittsburg is a rapid growing City of over 17,000 population with a tributary mining population of over ^{15,000} 5,000. *additional*

For many years the people of Kansas have been saying, "Can any good thing come out of Pittsburg?" In order to refute this statement and prove to the satisfaction of all concerned that the City stands for clean government and the highest standard of morals, the citizens raised this fund and soon expect to have one of the "best equipped Y. M. C. A.'s in the state. The building will probably have three stories and a basement. All the features of an up-to-date Y. M. C. A. will be included; social rooms, plunge bath, gymnasium, bowling alleys, class rooms, a small chapel and entertainment hall and at least thirty dormitories for young men away from home. It is proposed to erect the building free of debt. Over seven hundred Charter Members have been secured and the plan is to house a membership of at least 1,000 men and boys.

J. Luther Taylor, Chairman of the Provisional Committee, and Senator E. F. Porter as Chairman of the Citizen's Committee rendered conspicuous service in making this additional "Character Factory" a reality.

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for these things & they
ought to do the work.
Let me hear soon,
yours truly.

Mrs
Alice Gray Williams
Route 5 - Seneca
Iowa Co., Kans.

P.S.

There are so few W.B.T.Us
here that it is just
impossible for us to do
much for we are all
poor & public sentiment
is all against us, & our
officers are all asleep
or afraid.

One of the teachers in
our public school here in



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Seneca said black the
druggist had offered her
school boys whiskey &
we told her to let black
give them some this week
& another man has
promised to get whiskey
of some of the druggists
(or all) & not sign up. But
I don't believe they he
will do it.

No one knows about
your letter except a few
trustees in the W. C. T. U.
& if you could send some
one to catch these
druggists - like you did
the others,
I am told a man or boy
rather by the name
of Buller or Colar has a
joint in the felt place

now.
I have no positive
evidence but what I
have written is true
concerning these outlaws,
& you have played them
one good trick & I hope
you will show them
there is a stronger
law than they have
have ever thought of
on this question &
shut this town up dry.

One man shot & killed ^{last year}
+ One brother beat & broke
another brother's arm
recently here & says he
will kill his brother on
sight & another man
has his arm in a sling
& broken in a drunken

now so I think it is time
to call a halt.

When you start in get
them all. yours truly

Mrs Alice Gray Williams
Route 3 -
Seneca.

P.S.

I would rather not have
my name made public
as I can do more good
just to remain
"hid" supposedly. No one
would ever suspect me as
I know all these men
& have gained their ill
will.



In Re

Codding & Keyser,
Lawyers,
Wamego, Kansas.

J. K. CODDING
W. J. KEYSER

Robert Norris,

Topeka Kas.

Dear Bro.

Am sending in my report to you as well as the cards taken at my meetings.

The day was a bad one and the attendance at the Prarie View meeting was slim.

At the Phillipsburg meeting was a fine one but the giving fellows were not out because of the bad weather and because it was a night meeting. Was kept in the trial of cases at Concordia three days because of the fight put up by the defense.

Grant & Bermant of Junction city were defendants and were in the court by attorneys and personally and made the fight more interesting they are the wholesale people of Junction City.

We were trying three Regniers and one Landry for contempt of court in violating the order of Injunction obtained on a saloon at Clyde and convicted all four of them. The judge fining each one Five Hundred Dollars and four months each in jail, except One of the Regniers who was only Sixteen years old. The judge will probably parole the boy.

We will try Grant & Bermant at the September term of court for the same offense and as the evidence is strong against them will make things hum for them.

It was quite a victory as the case was hard fought, the county attorney remaining neutral and excellent lawyers on the other side.

It will help us in the Northwest



In Re

Codding & Keyser,
Attorneys,
Wamego, Kansas.

J. K. CODDING
W. J. KEYSER

as it is ^aattracting some attention all along the line of the roads up there.

I will have to go back again ~~on~~ the last day of May to see the defendants go to the Supreme court and do not want you to date me for the first Sunday in June as I desire to talk at Clyde and other places in that county and will ^{find} my own dates for the first Sunday in June.

Clyde is now getting anxious to do the right thing by us and am in hopes to have a big day there and in other places in the county. while up there in court the 31st of May.

Am also arranging for a set of meetings in Mitchell county especially at peloit. This will come in the near future.

On account of being ~~#####~~ detained longer than I expected at Concordia cannot make a preliminary trip to Ft Scott hence will stay at home until Saturday night when I will go to Phillipsburg from there to Logan and to Marvin and to Kirwin and take the 12 40 train to Topeka when I will appear in the Anhauser busch matter Monday and from there to Ft Scott the night of Monday and be on hands for trial Tuesday Morning.

I got the Mileage all right and also check for the Salary and was glad to get both as they are needed.

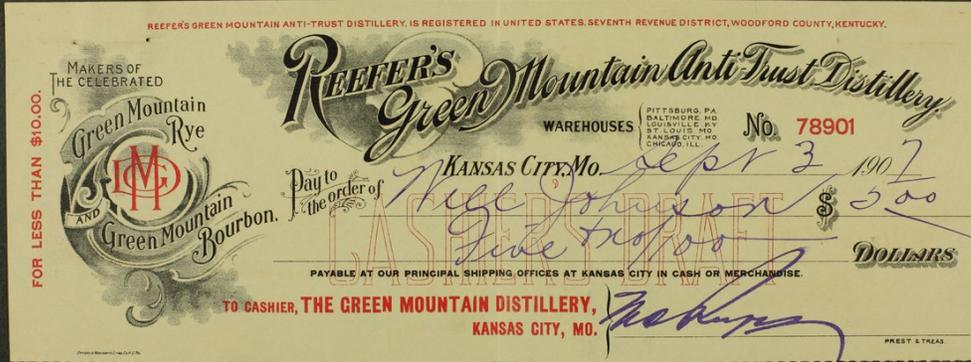
Will see you next Monday in the meantime will try and keep busy.

Yours truly

J. K. Coddington
Supreme bills follow
W. J. Keyser



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W. CONNOR, Cashier,
Green Mountain Dis't Co.
• Pay this check if same is
accompanied by 5 names of
friends of our customer and
an amount sufficient WITH
THE CHECK to make up price
of either special offers
117, 47 or 137.
M. C. REEFER.

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Once upon a time I saw a maiden, a beautiful lassie of sixteen summers. Her hair was golden and her eyes were blue, the character portrayed by her modest laugh was one of spotless ^{innocence} ~~innocence~~.

Her mind was clean because impurity had never lodged there, not however as the ore that has passed through the fire of the smelter and comes out refined and pure gold, but untouched. Regularly on Sunday or their way to Sabbath school. But she has now arrived at the age at which she will enter society, a perilous time, a solemn hour.

The next time I saw her she was in company with a handsome young man, (some two years older than herself,) on the steps of, just entering the doorway of the "Magestic Theater". "Can it be" said I to myself, "can it be that this fair one has chosen ^{amusement} ~~amusement~~ as I recalled the nature of the play billed for that night."

Understand me not as altogether condemning the opera, for I do not. Some plays to which it has been my privilege to listen, are really an inspiration to truth, but remember that there is every grade from the highest class of semi-sacred plays to the lowest vaudiville, remember and beware.

A year later I saw them again as they were being rapidly driven toward the Pomeroy

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House, in a large automobile, (for his father was very wealthy,) at which place, that night was to be given the swellest ball of the season. The laughs floating from the car was of that light chaffy nature, "which hath not depth of earth in which to root." "Alas!" said I, "Alas!" so I tried to suppress the tears.

Many months elapsed before I again saw the young man, this time with several of his young companions coming out of a cafe and all seemed imbued with a spirit of unusual jovility. That night after supper I was seized with a restless roving disposition which frequently comes upon me, and spurred on by an uneasiness for the girl of whom I speak, I walked down to the police station, there I saw this same young man, who had been taken into custody for drunkenness. Requesting that he might tell his mother why he did not come home, he was admitted to the phone booth. By listening sharply I could hear what he said. He began: "Mother I am down to Claude's, he and I will go down and sit up with Charlie Tremont, a foo. boy, he is not expected to live many days," and with what I supposed to be her benediction he said: "that will be all, Good Night." The officer in charge, in his haste arranging things for the night, had given no attention to this fallacy with which the lad had deceived her who had his earliest kiss, and promptly on his exit from the

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booth, escorted him to his cell, and with these words, "My boy I hope this will be the last time in your life that you will be deserving of such as this," locked the door and went on about his work. "It solves in sheep clothing" said I to myself as I made my way out into the night and caught the first car for my lodging place.

Some years have flown since first we saw this beam of sunshine, now all is changed. Led on by the subtle craftiness of this young man she has learned to trust in him, but some friend suggests to her that his habits are on the irregular order, and she approaches him with the matter. Old as the world was the outcome, with an earnestness and frankness that it seemed only truth could have, he denied the whole matter denouncing the friend that had confided to her, and she believed him.

Time rolled on, and the wedding day with all its outward expressions of joy and mirth has arrived. It indeed was an affair beautiful to look upon. The wedding trip was one round of beauty and enjoyment and all seemed well. Yet when it came to settling down to his life's work he was confronted with the fact that he had never been regularly employed, but had lived off of his father. He began work in his father's store and of course fell among his old chums and habits. The sunshine in that home began to fade, it seemed to the fair one that a serpent had entered their Eden, and true, it had. That serpent



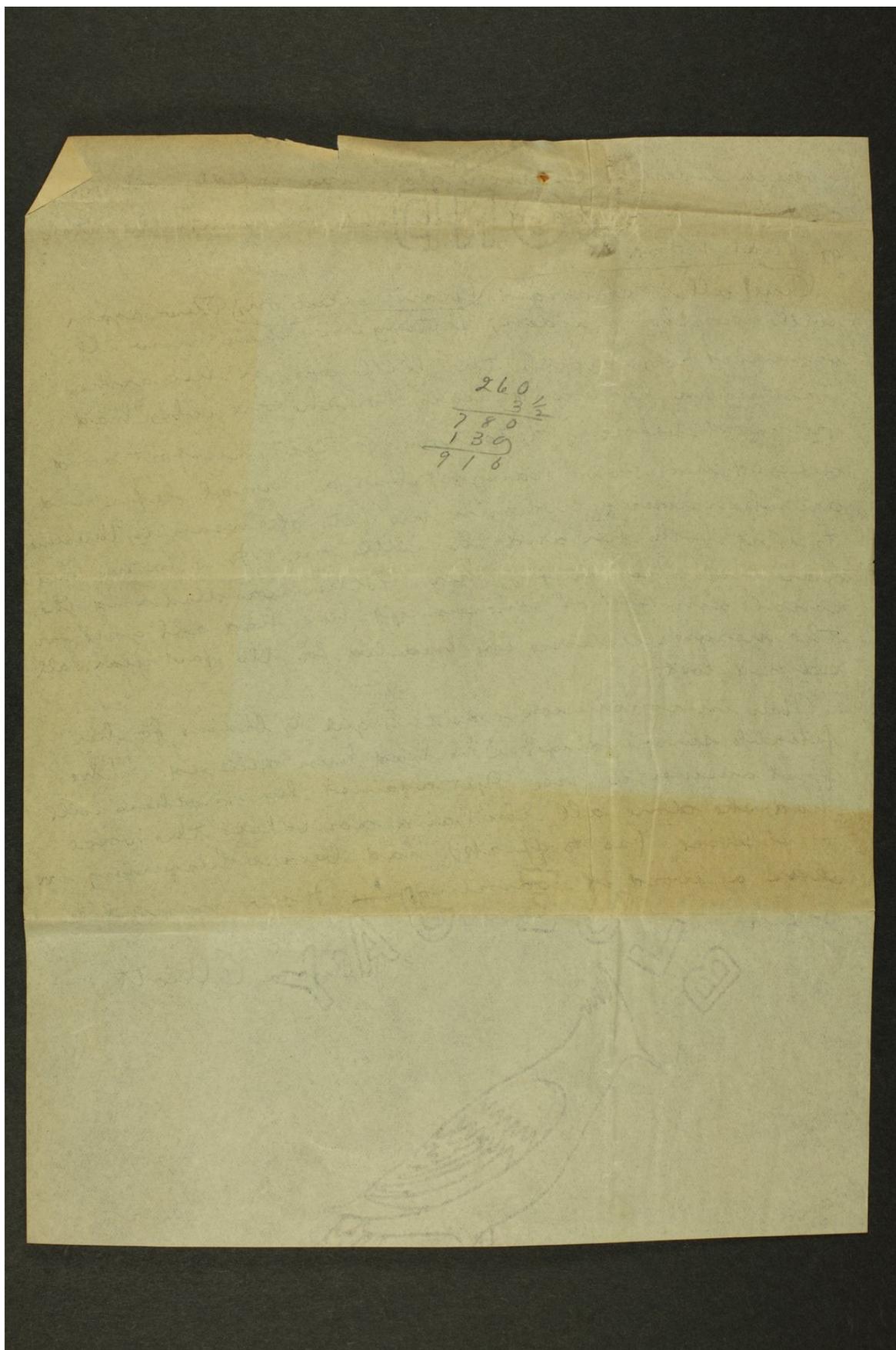
which lives in the wine glass was rapidly coiling its cold form around and settling its fangs into the vitals of that home.

Alas! all is changed. Years rolled on, I view again with me the maiden, sitting in their now ill furnished room with the little one in her arms, waiting in fear and tears for the one who had promised before God, to love, protect, support and defend her, now naught but a moral leper and drunken wretch, who in his fits of insanity threatened to beat both her and the little one. His father had gone into bankruptcy, her mother was dead and the small amount of money left her had all gone for the meagre existence she had led for the past year. all seemed lost.

Now in conclusion was this girl to blame for her pitiable surroundings? She had been deceived. The first answer is no. Yet against her mother's will had she done all this, and doubtless the voice of silence (so to speak) had been whispering in ~~ear~~ a word of warning. How many like cases.

J. Ryan Elliott

From Kansas?



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Charter

The Rossville Social Club

The undersigned, citizens of the State of Kansas, do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation under the laws of the State of Kansas, and do hereby certify:

FIRST.

That the name of this corporation shall be THE
Rossville Social Club

SECOND.

That the purposes for which this corporation is formed are to

The maintenance of a club for social enjoyment in the city of Rossville, Kansas.

THIRD.

That the place where its business is to be transacted is at
Rossville, Kansas

FOURTH.

That the term for which this corporation is to exist is 99 years

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FIFTH.

That the number of directors of this corporation shall be seven
and the names and residences of those who are appointed for the first year are:

<u>S. H. Stroup</u>	<u>Rossville, Kansas.</u>
<u>Joe Dean</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>Len Hollenbeck</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>I. B. Shilt</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>T. J. Myers</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>Jack Forrester</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>Louisa Cattle</u>	<u>" "</u>

SIXTH.

That the estimated value of the goods, chattels, lands, rights and credits owned
by the corporation is Five Hundred Dollars.

That the amount of the capital stock of this corporation shall be One Thousand Dollars,
and shall be divided into One Hundred shares,
of Ten Dollars each.

SEVENTH.

That the names and residences of the stockholders of said corporation, and the
number of shares held by each, are as follows, to wit:

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.	Number of Shares.
<u>S. H. Stroup</u>	<u>Rossville, Kan</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Joe Dean</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Len Hollenbeck</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>I. B. Shilt</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>T. J. Myers</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Jack Forrester</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Louisa Cattle</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>20</u>



In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names, this 3rd
day of May A. D. 1906

S. H. Stroup
Joe Deau
Len Hallenbeck
A. B. Hill
T. J. Myers
Jack Forrester
Louisa Cattle

STATE OF KANSAS, }
Shawnee County, } SS.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary

Public in and for Shawnee County, Kansas, the above-named
S. H. Stroup, Joe Deau, Len Hallenbeck,
A. B. Hill, T. J. Myers, Jack Forrester,
and Louisa Cattle

who are personally known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing
instrument of writing, and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name
and affixed my notarial seal, this 9th day of

[SEAL.] May A. D. 1906
J. B. Olsen
Notary Public.

My commission expires May 17, 1907



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OFFICE OF TREASURER OF STATE.

RECEIVED OF J.P. Burrow
the sum of One and ^{no}/₁₀₀ Dollars,
the same being the charter fee for the Rossville Social
Club, Rossville, Kansas.

Dated this 17th day of May A. D. 1906

J. J. Kelly
Treasurer of State of Kansas.

By J. J. Kelly

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Charter
OF

The Rossville
Social Club

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Rossville, Kansas

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J.P. Burrow
Secy of State

A. C. Strocuf
Rossville

My dear Broth. Nesbaum
I want to commend to
you Rev J. M. Dunlavy of
Pittsburg a man who has been
of invaluable service to us
in the temperance cause,
especially in Pittsburg where
he is now located. The
casual observer who is not
acquainted with the situation
would reason that nothing has
been accomplished but to stir
up the enemy. However being
acquainted with the situation
and the powers that are
now at work I know that the
services of brother Dunlavy
have been invaluable; and
when the final clean-up comes



a large part of the credit will be due to his unswerving faith in the righteousness of the cause and his untiring energy in promoting it. He writes me that there is a strong pressure being brought to bear to remove him from Pittsburg and for his own sake I have no objections. I think he is deserving of something better (in the meaning of the term as we are wont to consider better or worse.) Personally I would like to see him remain there. That fight must go on and we must have victory at no distant date and no one



is better acquainted or
better able to look after that
end of the work than Brother
Dunlavy. Not only is that true
but from the the best in-
formation I can get he
has a splendid showing
for his years work in the
church.

And in consideration of what
I know of Brother Dunlavy
and his work, I want to ask
if I may, whether he remain
in Pittsburg or be sent elsewhere
that he be commended for the
splendid work that he has
done in that place.

Most Cordially Yours
Robert Norris
Secretary.



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

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

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

The Kansas State Temperance Union

Auxiliary to Anti-Saloon League of America
(The Church in Action Against the Saloon)

ROBERT NORRIS, SECRETARY

703 JACKSON STREET

Topeka, Kansas,

Mound City Kansas, June 1, 1907.

Mr. Robt Norris,
Topeka Kas.

Der Brother- I have found out what the trouble was with my BlueMound meeting. The whiskeyites packed the house on me on purpose havng some even from this place, and also arranged to publish misinterpretations of what I said which they have done. Their plan now is to break my connections with the Union by making out that I am not doing the right thing. I presume they have sent you papers by this time with the article in which they published. Jno Barnes of the Blue mound Sun wrote both articles. There is not a truthful statement in the entire article. This editor even called up my wife by telephone on Sunday afternoon ~~and tried to get her to~~ after he knew I had started away, and tried to get her to make some statements to which he could place an interpretation, but she refused to talk to him at all.

Court meets here Monday,

Will send voucher back soon. I do not have it here this morning.

Very truly,

E. B. Cowgill

Morganville Kans
6-1-1907
J. K. Coddling
Wamego, Kans
Dear Sir since I saw you
a month ago I have been
in Washington and other
places nothing doing in Washington
except a little bootlegging
at Adam and Clifton they are
confined to Malt
Here at Morganville Dr C C Stillman
sells bottled Beer to any one
he would be an easy victim
he handles Schlitz goods
at Keeto 50 Cords of Beer
was unloaded ~~the~~ Thursday
for the men working at the



stone crusher near there
it would have been a
good chance for a seizure
but I did not learn of
it until Friday
at Blue Rapids I was told
by good authority that Beer
is hauled in and sold from
wagons or Buggies by the Bottle
Saturday nights I have not
had time to investigate but
am sure Dr Stillman
is selling Beer here
Clay Center is pretty dry
I will be in Washington and
Blue Rapids again and if
any thing comes my way I will
let you know J.W. Wright

Wier, Kan, June 3, '07
Mr. Robert Norris,-
Topeka, Kan.
Dear Sir:- The enclosed letter
I find has not been mailed.
In addition would say that
we have failed to effect a union
service at least for the present.
The two Baptist churches will
not unite in anything the spirit
of jealousy is so strong between
them. The Presbyterian minister
is new on his charge and "doesn't
wish to take up this work until he
knows his people better" and
our minister says we cannot af-
ford to take upon ourselves the
responsibility of getting a lecturer

with no one to aid us as we are
building some additions this spring.

He and his wife are both W.C.T.U.
workers and he favors such an organiz-
ation with a lecture or so later
if we can bring in more harmony.

Saloons are not open in front
now but are serving customers
the back way. Idle Hour park
is an open beer garden but is not,
I think, in our country; its victims
however, are all about us.

What I want to know is what steps
can we as private individuals take
to legally rid our vicinity of these
public nuisances. What can I
a woman with no authority do?
If I can strike a blow single

handed that will count I
will do so and I very much
deplore the present condition
which makes it necessary for
me to refuse a lecturer now.

Our pastor would give him
his pulpit but thinks it not
wise to have him come now under
present conditions and I have
talked with several others and
they mostly are of the same opinion.

I am sending your letter to
Mrs. W. Mackie Jr. of Scammon
and hope she may have better
success than I have had here.

Mrs. John Scott of Pittsburg
Kansas. Route 2 or 5 will be
glad of any thing which she or

her husband can do to help
this work. They are in a semi-
rural location with drinking
people all around them and
she will be glad to confer with
you and is an earnest and
able woman.

I wish I could give a more
hopeful outlook for this place
but am somewhat discouraged.

Yours,

Mrs. T. Mullors

Weir

Rt. 2.

Box 3.

Kan.

Cawker City Kans. June.4th 1907

J E Tice, Dear Sir :-

Your letter of the 1st here. I failed to ans it Yesterday as I should. Glad to hear from you and hope I ma be of some assistance to you. Yes I have a partial list of Patent Medacines and th e percent of alcohol they contain. e g. Hostettlers Bitters, 44% Lady Pinkham comp. 20% Hoods ~~SMS~~ Sarsaparilla 18% Burdocks Blood Biters 25% Ayers Sarsaparilla 26% Paynes Celery Compound 21% Peruna 28% This covers I think the list that I have. I also have the ~~FMM~~ copy of a circular sent out by the Dept of Inter. on Aug. 10 1905 stating to "Indian Agencies &c. That Paruna must not be kept in traders stores or sold to Indian as it leads to drunkenness.

There is a long list I would like to get hold of but as yet have failed Paruvian Bitters is one I would like to get. I understand a druggist at Down was fined for selling that just lately. I got what I have from a suggestion from a barber that is now in Jail at Topeka for selling "Booze" I got what I have from "Colliers for October 28 1905. The tytle of the Article id "The Great American Fraud". The American Medical Association of 103 Dearborn Ave Chicago Ill. Has this Pat. Medacine fr- aud in pamphlet form. I do not know the price. Yoy may be able to get it of some one who has Collier's files. If you need this evidence at once or before you can get it else whare I can mail you what I have. I am new in this work and am only just starting. I do not know Mr Coddling an will ask you to mail him the copy enclosed. I have practiced law. Am a graduare of the law dept. of the State U- of Iowa. 1886.

Verry Cordialy Yours.

Rev M S Neal