

Temperance history correspondence

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Correspondence sent and received by the Kansas State Temperance Union (KSTU). Rev. Robert Norris acted as secretary, John Marshall, attorney, and Julian K. Coddington, attorney and later president of the Kansas State Temperance Union. Correspondents include Elizabeth P. Hutchinson, president of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Rev. J.M. Dunlavy, superintendent of the Third Congressional District of the KSTU, Rev. J.W. Primrose, superintendent of the Second Congressional District of the KSTU, Mary Evelyn Dobbs, president of the Third District of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Kansas State Prohibition 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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E. E. GUNCKEL

Pastor M. E. Church

Rev. Robert Norris.

Topeka Kans.

My Dear brother:--

Oakley Kans. June. 5. 1908.

Your letter at hand this morning, contents noted. My Dear Brother, I did not question the work of the Temperance Union in other places, but I do know something about the conditions in Ellsworth County and City, and know the promises made; Was told time and again, if we could get the evidence & things would come to pass; And time and again we furnished evidence, and of the first class, against the County Atty, Druggists and joints, and with the assurance Coddington and Marshall, had the say so, or what ever they would suggest Jackson would do. With such promises from the persons who we thought could and would do, we went ahead, and when nothing was done, we had had a cause to feel as we did, and I still say with others in Ellsworth, the right was not done, or things were absolutely misrepresented to us. Not by persons outside of the Union, but by those inside. I think the blame ought not to be laid on the people of Ellsworth, for I know they done all in their power to do. Now as to Marshall not getting anyone to sign the papers when at Ellsworth, I was informed by the Presbyterian preacher, he had found a woman to sign the papers, but Marshall did not want her, and after he went and found 3 men who would sign the papers, but Marshall did not return. I am willing to do all I can for the cause of Temperance, I am in this work, but not to be fooled as we were at Ellsworth. I think Bro Norris, you do not fully know what promises were made, and the disappointment to the Temperance workers there, and for that reason, you being Sec of the State Temperance Union, you ought to know something about it. With such work, and broken promises, does more harm to the cause, than anything that can be done. Lord bless you. Faithfully yours.

E. E. Gunckel

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A. FRANK JOHNSON, JR.
PASTOR, M. E. CHURCH

Bushong, Kansas

JUN 6 - 1908

Rev. Robt. Norris,
Secty. St. Temperance Union,
Topeka, Kansas. #824 Kansas Ave.

Dear Brother:-

I have conferred with Brother J.W.Brown of Allen, just five miles east of this place, and he advised me to write to you in regard to the liquor business being carried on in this town.

We have two places where liquor is being sold in this town. One is a place run by a man by the name of Norvell, or rather there are two men engaged in the traffic, Geo. N. and his son Frank. They sell to my almost certain knowledge this S.S.Beer, made by the Al. Voiland company in K.C. and a certain man by the name of Elmer Johnson volunteered the information (to another man, not to me) that he had purchased or drank some very rotten whiskey bootlegged by the aforesaid, Frank Norvell. Their plan of operation in their "meat market-restaurant" (?) is to have the barrels hauled to their home and then as the demand is so it is supplied from the home in a little covered box very handily carried under the arm. I was relief clerk in the P.O. for almost a week and on hot days it kept one or the other of them busy with the box as I could see from my position in the P.O. I think their game is that if they were searched they would not find "it" in the place of business or if they were to find "it" at the home the excuse would be "for our own use". Now I want to know that if a man has a government license should not that license be posted in a conspicuous place in the place of business? Neither one of our men have their licenses posted in a conspicuous place. I have not been able to see it in either place.

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Bushong, Kansas

The second mentioned party is one Lewis N. Gibson, a blacksmith by trade and a booze seller by something else. This man to my absolutely certain knowledge has been receiving cases of stuff from the Anheuser Company in K. C. I was at one time an employee in a railroad office of the A.T. & S.F. and the agent here gets me to help him with his books once in a while and I find some very interesting notations sometimes. There are about eight to ten barrels of booze being received here every week.

Gibson has an underground box with a strong lid and lock on it. I saw this yesterday as I was in his "back shop". It is nicely concealed with rubbish etc. but I happened on to it. He is a very cautious man and a very high tempered fellow and one would have to be a good one to buy from him if he were a stranger.

I have heard about the work that you people have accomplished in different parts of the state and especially in Allen (the securing of evidence) and I feel sure that you can do the same here in this town. Norvell generally receives his shipment on Wednesday and Gibson on Friday. Saturday is an excellent day for such a move.

Bushong people tell me that they subscribed and paid toward a fund for the support of this work but have never heard from it yet. You can depend upon us to do our part.

Wishing to hear from you in the very near future, I am,

Yours faithfully,

A. Frank Johnson, Jr.
Methodist Episcopal Pastor.



GEO. H. STUESSI
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HOME PHONE 336
NOTARY IN OFFICE

June 6, 1908.

Mr. John Marshall, Attorney,
State Temperance Union,
Topeka, Kans. 500

My dear Sir:-

I enclose you herewith the expense of trip to Independence. The best connections I could make was via Coffeyville over the Mo. Pacific and thence from Coffeyville over the Interurban. I took a cab to avoid missing trains. Total fare and connections, \$3.94; meals, 45¢; phone to Columbus, 30¢; phone to Fredonia(Mikesell) 30¢. I had a talk with Judge Flanally and he said the cases couldn't possibly be reached before Wednesday or Thursday, and said in order to make sure, we had better rely on Thursday. I therefore thought it best to phone Mikesell. Mikesell said he would be there Wednesday morning which will give ^{him} ~~me~~ a day to talk with Tom Hanlon, the deputy County Attorney. Tom and I were classmates at K. U. He has matters pretty well in hand and they will assist Mikesell as much as possible. I had quite a number of witnesses subpoenaed.

I presume it would have been best if Mikesell had gone over yesterday instead of myself and I don't know whether I accomplished much or not. You can allow me for my trouble whatever you think is right. I got back late last night.

Please don't send someone else here for Tuesday in your stead. These first cases are too important and you are the only one who is thoroughly acquainted with the questions as they arise here. I have your letter of the 4th inst. as to your new plan of work.

Very truly yours,

GEO. H. STUESSI

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J. A. BURNETTE
LAWYER
CALDWELL, KANSAS

EX-JUDGE DISTRICT COURT
NOTARY PUBLIC

June 6, 1908.

Hon. J. K. Coddington,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear sir:

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I write you relative to the candidacy of Attorney General Jackson. There is no doubt of a secret plot to defeat him for renomination, and your society ought to see to it that our friends all over the state are made acquainted with this plot. It is deep-seated, and nothing will show on the surface, but the emissaries of the brewers and the jointists are at work. You probably know all this, but a note of warning will not be amiss. On what terms do you expect to send out your speakers in your law enforcement campaign, as set out in the capital yesterday? I can help out this summer, but am too blamed poor to pay my own expenses. You might write me and we might get together. I assisted in the Oklahoma campaign, and was complimented very highly. I was county attorney of this county for a while and city attorney who put on the lid here in this town-hence I know a few things.

Yours truly,

J. A. Burnette



Topeka, Kans. June 6, 1908.
 Secy. Kansas State Temperance Union.
 Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir,

I was talking last night with a group of eight men, about our local candidates who would have to do especially with law enforcement, if elected. We were getting each others opinions as to who would be best for the office, and also who had any hopes whatever of landing those offices. One of our local attorneys said he considered Fred Jackson's election as important as the election of a "dry" county attorney, and that an organized effort was on foot to defeat Jackson in the primary. What do you know of such an organization? This attorney said an organization was being perfected in every county in the state. If such is the case then it is time an organization is made in every county to meet the above organization on its own ground.

I have never looked upon Jackson's defeat as a probability, but I also do not believe in taking any chances. It would be a mighty fine thing to have Jackson run away ahead of his ticket.

This county has an organization that will do some pretty good work here.

Jackson will deliver the alumni address at K. U. next Tuesday. Can you put your hands on a number of prominent young K. U. men who could take that occasion to boost Fred Jackson?



I may be thus, and do my part, but a dozen carefully picked men could help along quite a lot. It would scatter sentiment all over the state. I should like to hear from you at least. You will find my name on your subscription list.

Very truly yours.
John A. Devlin.

H. M. Stephens,
...Breeder of...
Buff Rock Chickens and Percheron Horses.

Munden, Kansas, June 8 - 1908

Mr Norris;

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of the 6th at hand.

It so happens that Pleasant View has put off their children's Day exercises till the 21st and the Pastor thinks they would not like to change that. So he thinks Mr. Bodding had better come here in the morning and to Spring Hill in the afternoon then he would just be four miles from Belleville. This is the best arrangement we could make at present.



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...Breeder of...

Duff Rock Chickens and Percheron Horses.

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However if Pleasant View
wants to change their
other exercises we could
give way for them.
With regard to the cut
to be used in advertising
you had better send that
to the Belleville Telescope.
Unless you have two and
want to send one here.
Yes I understand
that Mr. Moore has de-
cided to run for Senator
and I am glad of it.
I think that he will
be a good one. He is a
man of strong convictions
and not afraid to speak out.
The next day after
our return from Belle-



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ville on the 25th of May
our druggist jumped
onto Miss Adamson
our school teacher and
was very abusive in
his language. Mr. Hender-
son went into his store
the same evening just
to see if he would say any
thing to him but he never
opened his head. I have
been there several times
but he keeps still. That
shows what kind of a moral
man he is.

If there is any other in-
formation I can give you
I will be glad to do so.

Yours Resp'y,
H. M. Stephens.



Sedan, Ks June 8-08.

J. Rodding,
Topeka, Ks.

Dear Bro. Rodding:

I am to spend this day in Sedan. Spoke here last night to about 40 women & five or six men. Meeting poorly advertised. No mention in paper. No effort worth while made to secure union of churches. Baptist Church had out of town preacher, & if our meeting would have been planned, the Baptist people could have been lined up. No doubt the Christian Church would have opened for morning service.

The rain put us out of business last week. Had two meetings in which no interest was manifested - only 4 & 6 persons present. So far have secured pledges from but two places.

I find the trouble to be that the meetings are advertised, as Temperance and W.C.T.U. meetings, & not very well at that. If then just the Methodist churches reached. I am glad you will get hold of the work for next Sunday.

I am anxious to get a few names of ^{the} men in these towns that ought to line up with good personal pledges.

I am putting in my time during day meetings with W.C.T.U. workers, & a few temperance men. I am trying to get next to political situations, also.

Write me at Lawrence, to Rev J.T. Beach. You remember that on June 18th I am to speak to C.E. Convention at Coffeyville.

Sincerely, J.W. Doolan.



W. R. STUBBS.
LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

June 9th, 1908.

Mr. J. K. Coddington,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Coddington:

Your letter to Senator Dolley was referred to me. In reply to your inquiry will say that the name of the minister of the Friends Church in Lawrence, of which I am and have been a member for many years, is E. H. Parish, 1125 Kentucky St. I would be glad to have you correspond with Mr. Parish and he can no doubt furnish you all the information that you may care for.

I had a pleasant visit at Wamego last week. Met Mr. Warfel and a large number of your friends at that place. Sometime when you are in the vicinity of Lawrence or Topeka, I would be glad to see you.

Very respectfully your friend,

W. R. Stubbs



W. A. LAYTON, Attorney At Law

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C.E. Coddington Esq.

Dear Sir:

I notice by the Topeka Capitol that you aim to begin quite a campaign in the cause of Temperance in furtherance of the grand work your organization has already done and will be by the continuation of the Lecture plan. I will say I am in full harmony with the move and see in the not far distant future by our united efforts, the cause of Temperance ^{will} be hailed with glad tidings not only in Kansas but over our entire land. Will say that my services are at your command at any time I may be of service to you. I am a graduate of Kansas University in year 1898 and have been practicing my profession since that time as well as following the Real Estate Brokerage business. I was one of the successful debating team against Nebr. in 1898 and for further reference as to my ability as a speaker I refer you to any of the Business men of Osborne or Banks of the town. In fact I am not writing you parading my ability as a speaker but drop a few lines that you may investigate if you chose to send me out ^{at} ~~any~~ any time on any of your speaking dates. For I would rather my merit in the work speak ^{for} ~~for~~ itself, for there is the ~~ex~~ place to find what there is in a man. Again wishing you the greatest success in the worthy cause to which you are directing your time and ability I am,

Yours Respt.

W. A. Layton



Independence District

South Kansas Conference

J. T. Beach

Pastor M. F. Church

Wauneta, Kans.,

June 10 1908

Mr. Robert Harris,
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Bro Harris: I am out riding "Circuits" for W.C.T.U. & trying to inform the people that the S.T.W. is still in field. Mrs. D. has failed in getting meetings arranged. It is not all her fault by any means, largely the preacher, but failure in this line just same. At Sedan we should have had a Union meeting but no attempt was made to secure one by Mrs. D. and so only the Methodist Church was reached. Mrs. D. is largely ~~relying~~ depending on the M.E. Church to carry this work.

Will make a full report of work next Monday as this will finish the round here. I am keeping an itemized account of work.

I am not satisfied with the work in this County for we have lost out simply through no advertising being done - & date not being far enough ahead of the people having the understanding that it is the W.C.T.U. that is being represented. "A Talk - a Lecture on Temperance"

Mrs. D. will reach me at Neotoma until Monday. So far Mrs. D. has made use of my time in Chautauque Co. & I have spent most of the time on Circuit work out in County towns of 100 to 300 population. This is a waste of time. I am hoping that I would be placed in the town of from 500 to 1000 population & Union meetings & churches be held. Mrs. D. will not be able to do much better in securing dates in future I fear. He will do the best we can.

Sincerely J. T. Beach



Humboldt, Kans. Jun, 11, 1908.

Hon. J. K. Coddling,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:- We are planning a Temperance Rally similar to the one we had last year, to be held June 28th. We want a temperance address in each of the three churches in the morning and a mass meeting at the Opera house in the evening. We very much desire to have you for one of the speakers if it is so you can come to Humboldt on that day. There will be a collection taken, as last year, but we want the money for carrying on our local effort at law enforcement, rather than send it to the State Union. Of course we will pay the expenses of the speakers out of the proceeds of the collection.

Shall be glad to hear from you at once, and hope you can spare the time to help us .

Sincerely Yours,

Harry A. Gordon.

Pastor M. E. Church.

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JAMES T. HERRICK
HAROLD W. HERRICK

OFFICE OF
HERRICK & HERRICK
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

WELLINGTON, KANSAS. June 11, 1908

J. K. Coddling,
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Sir:--

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for county attorney at the August primary, and have two opponents, one of whom is L. H. Finney, who recently moved here from Kansas City. He claims to have lived at Wamego before going to Kansas City, that he was admitted there in 1880 and was elected county attorney in 1888, and claims that he made a fine record there. Of course our fight here is as it always must be to keep the law enforcement people on top. The last year and a half we have had things in very good shape here, but the crowd that is backing Mr. Finney makes it doubtful to me whether he is that kind of a man, altho he claims to be. Now as you are probably acquainted with the gentleman and are interested in the matter of having the right persons selected for county attorney over the state, I write to ask you what you know about Mr. Finney, his public record and his stand on questions of law enforcement while county attorney there. Of course if you wish I shall treat your communication confidential, but if you can give me any line on him I shall much appreciate it. He has only been here 13 months. I shall be glad indeed to reciprocate the favor any time I am able to.

Yours truly,
Harold W. Herrick

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IRA N. TICE, LAWYER,
BELOIT, KANSAS.

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Beloit, Kansas, June 12, 1908.

Robert Norris,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours in relation to the
government licenses of Guy Nippert and John Quinn. These people are evi-
dently organizing for the harvest trade. Guy Nippert has been convicted
twice of illegally selling intoxicating liquors and is a noted gambler with
no visible means of support yet dresses better than the average gentleman
around town. Now we would like to get right after this proposition and
would be glad if you would furnish us with the location where they are
supposed to operate. Will take up the matter of a detective as soon as we
can get the matter in order. Would be pleased to have an early reply.

Yours Truly,

Ira N Tice



H. M. Stephens,

...Breeder of...

Buff Rock Chickens and Percheron Horses.

Munden, Kansas,

6-13-1908

Mr. Norris;

Dear Sir:

Your favor at hand.
The pastor thinks it
will be all right to have
a meeting at Spring Hill
on Sunday morning.
He will make arrangements
for it tomorrow.

Mr. Reed or Mr. Stutzman
will probably take care
of the speaker.

I am sorry we cannot have
him here, but we will
try to get him some other
time.

Yours Respy
H. M. Stephens.



The New Nelson

R. W. HAGGARD, Proprietor.

Ottawa, Kansas, June 6 1908

J. W. Codding

My dear Sir,

Dear Bro. Codding, I am in Ottawa looking up things. Outlook not the best. Every thing under water. If the Minister visit on a later date, in account of conditions, and are quite positive about it I will consent to changes. If they have the interest of this work at heart we can not afford to set up our demands against their wishes & judgement in the matter of dates & proper conditions.

I leave here for Coffeyville. Will speak in Coffeyville - Thursday afternoon. Will stop off at Chanute for a few hours.

I am sorry to see Shuckers go to Parson to get at the Police situation. If all I hear, (and I must say a few things I have seen for myself) are true I don't think Shuckers is working in perfect harmony with Jackson's plans - and is not true blue.



The New Nelson

R. W. HAGGARD, Proprietor.

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Ottawa, Kansas, _____ 190__

I am not saying this to others, this is to you. Our Pettiberry man (underman) says Shuck plays double at Perma. So look out for returns from his trip & see what he brings in. If he don't make good I think it might be well to give him work an investigation as well as Parson Pollock.

Cordding I am going to let you into the one thing that is pulling on me like a fever. For the entire year I was in the regular work of the ministry I carried two or three money obligations and had renewed the notes from time to time & met all of them in part & then fixed dates, so I could meet them by April 1st & June 1st being the dates my money came in from Missionary Board. Then came this work and I knew I would not get but little more owing to condition & had all notes renewed, and to be met in June.



The New Nelson

R. W. HAGGARD, Proprietor.

Ottawa, Kansas, _____ 190__

I have not cared to say a word to Harris
or any one else for that matter, for I know
the burden of all, Every one connected with
the S.T.W. is under.

But If you can see a way out for me
I wish you would let me know, I can not
borrow money to meet my obligations as
one will loan me or else I would do so.
My father has ~~not~~^{today} care of \$30⁰⁰ due June
17th for one year past but now I must meet
it. I told him I would do so. It will be
due the day you get this letter (today) x
I ought to have \$100⁰⁰ beside the \$30⁰⁰ to
take care of all I owe. The people at Pittsburg
didn't crowd me a long as I was at work
in P. but now that I am out of P. & my
work different, they seem to feel that Every thing
must be straightened up. & say so.

If you can help me borrow the money
Cording I will be glad to pay the interest
just so I can relieve situation in Pittsburg.



The New Nelson

R. W. HAGGARD, Proprietor.

Ottawa, Kansas, _____ 190__

If you can get your hand on the 50th send it at once to John Dimlary, Hesston, Kansas - and I will fix things when we get together or by letter if no other way. I would like to return my father of his part in my load.

I hope we can get some good dates at once after Newton dates. It will pay to make some long runs on road to get town of 500 to 1000 and few places under this size has so far done much, not even turned out.

I will see you in Newton. Letter will reach me at Yates Center, Friday on my way out to Newton if you write by the day mail in which you get this.

Sincerely,
J. M. Dimlary.



W. A. RANDOLPH,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

EMPORIA, KANSAS.

June 16, 1908.

Robert Norris Esq.,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Sir:

Rec'd certified copy of receipt
issued to Richard Bisco for pay-
ment of internal revenue tax.
Mr. Bisco has made answer to
accusation of contempt. His
answer is a general denial, except
that he admits the granting of
the injunction.
The hearing is set for the 23rd inst.
Will have witnesses subpoenaed on
22nd. Will you have the detective
come? Should like to have him
here, but will not use him as a
witness if we can make a case
without him.

Respy,
W. A. Randolph.



Yours have suff. and
to Rachel at once
to Ellis County Kan.



OFFICE OF
JOHN S. DAWSON,
LAWYER,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,
TOPEKA, KANSAS.

HOME OFFICE:
HILL CITY, KANSAS.

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WAKEENEY STATE BANK, WAKEENEY, KAN.
CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, TOPEKA, KAN.

In re "Tenure of the officers)
of the Kansas State Temperance)
Union in Godard Castle alias)
the 'Comanche Building.'")
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June 17, 1908.

Hon. J. K. Coddington,
President K. S. T. U.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir,

On the denomination of your landlord's building I stand corrected. It is kind of you to attribute my lapsus lingui to the head rather than to the heart. To be strictly accurate however it was due to a misapprehension of the nature of your tenure in that building. Indeed I might be excused for imagining that the tenure of a Serjeant-at-law like yourself would be nothing less than one of grand-serjeantry or of knight's service or some kindred free tenure which would permit you to view with indifference whatever characterization was given to your landlord's estate. But since it is obvious from your letter that you hold under socage tenure, or villein-socage or some equally base tenure, I shall endeavor to respect the liegeman's fealty which you owe your landlord, nor seek to ruffle your feelings in the consistent and unwavering discharge of it.

Your obedient servant in a Pickwickian sense only,

John S. Dawson.



Holyrood, Kas. 6/17/08.

Office of the State Temperance Union,

Topeka Kansas, Dear sirs and friends, I suppose you are somewhat familiar with the situation here, as I am told that you have helped here in the past: but I wonder if you have kept up with us to date. I have only been here since the session of our Conf. in the spring. I find it the most lawless place it has ever been my lot to find a home in. Whiskey is handled in large quantities and beer by the car-load, and that without scarcely an effort at concealment. Just now the town is flooded with the usual crowd of bum harvesters. Gamblers flourish in licensed places, (so I am told). There are men here who are not supposed to have any other means of support.

There are a few good people here; but they are afraid to speak out against the prevailing conditions. How much would it cost for you to send a couple of reliable detectives here who could, I am satisfied, secure plenty of evidence to answer? Several times this spring, the lid has been on just long enough for the sheriff to go through his farcical program. Notice is always given, and then the search a farce, I have no doubt. Only a few days ago, the sheriff was over and read a letter from Mr. Jackson, to the jointists, telling them that he would be back the next day. Of course they were ready for him. Can you do anything to help us? What will be necessary on our part?

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain, Yours truly,

Berl D. Brooks. Pastor M.E.Ch.

PARSONAGE M.E. CHURCH,
B. D. BROOKS, PASTOR.

MORLAND, KAN..... 1905.



J. H. LENEHAN, GEN'L AGENT

C. R. STREET, ASST GEN'L AGENT

D. OSTRANDER, GEN'L ADJUSTER

Phoenix Insurance Company

OF BROOKLYN, N.Y.

A. J. SCHMIDT, AGENT
LEHIGH, KANS.

WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT, CHICAGO.

Agency at
Lehigh Kansas, June 18th 1908

Robert Morris Esq
Topeka Kansas.

My Dear Sir! I was written you about the first of the year and I got a letter from you under date of January 31-08. you are telling with it sort, but I find that we have men that are interested in liquor dealers more than in anything else.

I was taken to Mr. Backholder and told him that I better write you and that we was unable to make up any money he tells me that to write you and he believed that you may send a man any how. Please let me hear from you I am thinking of going East some and if better stop off at your city I will due so and believe this and when I go East I will talk to some men so as to know what can be done. hope to hear from you.

I am yours truly
A. J. Schmidt

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Wm. W. Pease

Phone 451

Geo. S. Pease

Pease & Pease

Attorneys and Counselors at Law
726 Washington Street.

Junction City, Kansas, June, 18th, 1908. 190—

Codding and Marshall
Topeka, Kansas.
Gentlemen

In regard to the matter of sending the detective to our City will say that I had the matter up with the Mayor and representatives of the Law and Order League this morning and I am instructed to inform you that the pay and expense for the detective will be taken care of by us here. We want a first class one and will take care of him here until he has what we want. We desire to do the thing up right, so have your man come on at once and report to me as all matters are placed in my hands and we are to do nothing to let the cat out of the bag, as a very thing is left to me so that I will not have to see this or that party in or during the time we are at this job. We are ready, come on.

I received the Court papers this morning and will attend to them this day.

Yours Very Resp.

