

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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FRANK S. SULLIVAN
COUNTY ATTORNEY

COURT CONVENES 3RD TUESDAY OF MARCH
AND 4TH TUESDAY OF OCTOBER

MEADE, KANSAS, Oct. 19th, 1908.

Secretary State Temperance Union,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--As you are probably aware we have been using the Search and Seizure part of the Prohibitory liquor law pretty freely. Our cases have been tried before a Justice of the Peace, and the goods invariably "smashed". No appeal has been taken, until recently transcripts of five different cases were filed in the District Court, by the Interpleader, The U. S. Express Company. Attorney for the Express Company claims that his appeal bonds were filed and approved in proper time, but that the Justice had failed and neglected to certify the cases up until recently.

If this be true the fact of the Justices' neglect cannot prejudice the rights of the Interpleader, and I am of the opinion that if the cases are tried on their merits in the District Court we will lose out, for the reason that it has been so long since these cases were tried that we have forgotten all about them and have absolutely no evidence to go to trial on. Of course the "booze" is in the ground and cannot be recovered, but they might recover the value thereof, and besides we do not want the moral effects of a judgment against us. I think the transcripts are in such shape, with possibly one exception, that we can have the appeal dismissed, and thought that "for the good of the order" one of your attorneys would brief the matter for me.

Our Court convenes Oct. 27th and I must have the brief soon to be of any value to me in these cases.

I enclose a statement of what the transcript shows which I think will be sufficient to brief from.

Very truly yours,

Frank S. Sullivan



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Case # 1975. Transcript does not show that The United States Express Company, or any one else, appeared to interplea, or defend, and there is no showing as to any appeal bond having been filed or approved.

Case. # 1976. Transcript shows that the U. S. Express Company offered to interplea and offered a paper to be filed, and that the Court after examining the paper denied them the right to interplea. Case tried Dec. 9th, 1905, appeal bond filed and approved Dec. 12th, 1905.

Case # 1977. Case set for hearing and Notices posted, for Jan 16th, 1908.

On that date the C. R. I. & P. R. R. appeared and asked for a continuance, stating that they wished to file an interplea, but filed none at that time. Case continued to Jan. 20, when the C. R. I. & P. R. R. moved for leave to interplea, which motion was overruled. Transcript is silent as to filing of an appeal bond.

Case # 2000. Case tried Nov. 19th, 1906. Transcript recites that no person appeared to defend: Does not show any appeal bond.

Case # 2001. Tried Sept. 29th, 1906. Transcript shows that the U. S. Express Co. appeared and "offered to file an interplea, which interplea was on motion of the County Attorney stricken from the files". Does not show that any appeal bond was filed.



ELLIS H. KERR

RAYMOND A. KERR

E. H. & R. A. Kerr,

Attorneys-at-Law

Tipppecanoe City, Ohio.

Oct. 20th 1908.

The State Temperance Union,
822 Kansas Ave.,
Topeka, Kas.,

Gentlemen:-

We have a County Local Option Election coming on in our County and I would be pleased to know if you still have any of the literature furnished by Mr. C. W. Trickett of Kansas City, Kas.

I met him at Iola, Kas., in September 1907 and he at that time delivered three lectures in that City, one was of a statistical nature showing the present condition of Kansas as to the inmates of County Houses, Jails, etc.,; also certificates of a number of the business men of Kansas City, Kas., showing the benefit that it had been to that City to force the saloons out and he at that time referred me to you for copies of some of his speeches, of which the above was one, as well as annual statement furnished by the Governor of your State relative to the liquor traffic.

What we are needing the most here is literature that will convince the people that the driving out of the saloon does not injure a town and that the closing of the open saloon will be a benefit to society. I would be quite well pleased to have you send me samples of whatever you may have, letting me know whether they can be furnished in quantities and if so, the price thereof.

Ohio now bids fair to be in line with Kansas in a very few years on this subject.

Thanking you in advance for the favor asked, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Ellis H. Kerr

Lynden Kans. Oct. 21, '08

Rebvert Norris.

Dear Sir.

I write you in the interests of
temperance. We are in a great fight in this Co. with the
permit question. In the judgement of the temperance
people we feel that in order to right things here we
must elect the Republican candidate for Co. attorney
(J. M. Pleasant) The Republican for sheriff (Si Carr);
and the Democratic for Probate judge (Geo. Heggins);

Could you not help us out by putting the Union's
influence behind these candidates by a circular letter
urging the pastors and your workers in each town to
stand by these candidates for temperance regardless
of party. You could do no better work for temperance
and it would help us solve our problem here.

Sincerely yours for temperance.

J. M. Rogers

Wilson Kans. Oct. 23, '88.

Mr. Robt. Harris

Dear Sir:

The Field Agt. for the
State Temperance Union
threwed me to day asking
for a Union Meeting for
Nov. 8, 7:30 P.M. at Wilson
Kans. for Hon. J. H. Coddington.

He asked me to send
word to you after I saw
the other factors. I
have seen them and
all say come - Nov. 8, 7:30
P.M.

Now I am answering



have but they tell us
they have given very
liberally to the Union &
have been promised
that something would
be done for them in
the way of law-enforcement
but this town has been
entirely neglected. They
or we are hoping some
work may soon be done
in this town as Goddard
is now in the county.
Lots of liquor sold here
from drug-stores and
club &c &c.
There ought to be no
necessity for outside
legal talent to come
into the county to
enforce the law, but

our back³ boarders of-
ficials want us preachers
or somebody else to do
their "dirty work" so they
can hold down their
job while they fander
to the man who likes
whiskey.

Mrs. Brown and myself
over see our pledges (I
think \$4²⁵) yet. We would
have sent it or would
send it now but our
finances are so low on
income so we all com-
pared to our expenses
that we have become
forced to delay payment.
We will pay it just
as soon as we can spare
it. As regards our



financial affairs our
plan is to pay as we go
and go without if we
cannot pay unless ab-
solutely necessary. 1/10 of
our income goes to the
Lord's work and up to
the present (beginning of the
year) we have overpaid
that amount by \$36⁰⁰.

Yours sincerely
M. F. Hoover



Lyndon Kans.

Oct. 26, 1908

Robert Norris

Dear sir.

Your letter received and noted. Will say that I am not very good at wording letters. As to the qualities of the men, would say they are well qualified to fill their respective offices. And they have pledged themselves to the interests of temperance.

I had thought of a letter only to call the attention of the temperance people to look after the temperance interests here regardless of party. you would know better how to address them than I would. I can only say that the men mentioned here are temperance men and are pledged to do all in their power to advance the interests of temperance here. The whiskey men are especially fighting Pleasant and Carr. And as their leaders are Democrats they are not so openly fighting Hoggins but are lending their influence against their own men to get one who they are sure will not bother them.

Now if you feel like addressing a letter to the temperance people on this line I am sure it will advance the interests of temperance. I would not know how to word such an appeal.

Sincerely yours in the interests of temperance.

For Mr Rogers



From C. M. Isely
1627 Holycroft Ave.

Wichita, Kan. Oct. 27, 1908 - 9: P. M.

Rev. Robert Norris, Temperance, Day.
Dear Brother and Friend:

Your good letter of last week received, and as always enjoyed. In regard to Knights of Washington at the coming election I do not think they will succeed in any of their aims. Sentiments have been growing the other way continually; they have become less hopeful. I would like to write more fully but am occupied more than ever before. Our Dear Lord gives us two, real good health and, want to do something with to His praise. From the 12 to the 19 we had a great Jubilee. Wichita 40 years old, and all things went on so orderly; will inclose clipping in regard to a part of ^{our} days doing. No doubt you read The Beacon, when you have time, but you may ^{not} notice some important transaction. Well mail to yesterday Beacon to call you



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attention to what was accomplished
through our wide awake Mayor and
his loyal force last Saturday. See re-
port marked ^{on last page}. Whatever very wicked
men still seek to do is kept very
much under cover and hiding-tiger like.
On the 8th page second column, lower part
please find another marked article -
the writing you see in my own.
In a round about way I have
learned yesterday, the contribution
I had mailed Mr. McNeal Sept. 8
was finally printed, or at least a
part of it. I wrote to him before
writing the article whether he would
publish it if I undertook to write it.
He gave me all the encouragement
necessary to go ahead. However ~~the~~
or his house have either been too
busy or very careless to send me
even one copy of The Mail & Bridge.
I wrote to them several times to send me
six or 8 copies ^{when mailed} and I would send
the charge for them; and said I was
thinking of subscribing for the paper. At
least I did give one copy to see what was done
^{with my article}



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Oct 28

I meant to ask you before, but forgot:
whether Mrs. Wellman our very dear
daughter, paid her subscription
made to the Kans. State Tem. Union
last July when she was with us?
If not please send the amount
she signed and I will remit.
They are at 400 Shepherd Street N. W.
Washington D. C. The health of her
husband Dr. F. C. Wellman I am
sorry say by last accounts has not
improved very much. The American
Board, whose missionaries they
are is very kind to them. The
kind son in law was more than
overworked in Africa.
If convenient and not too much
trouble I would be thankful to
see Mr. Mc Neal and ask him for a copy
of his containing my article and kindly
send to my address (over)



you will not overlook my
last article page 8. Mr. Bryan
floored and Mr. Taft sustained
Very cordially yours
C. H. Isely
"By their fruits ye shall know them"



J. K. CODDING, President
THOS. PAGE, Vice-President
ROBERT NORRIS, Secretary
S. S. OTT, Treasurer

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

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JOHN MARSHALL, Topeka, Attorney

The Church in Action Against the Saloon.

Official Organ "THE KANSAS ISSUE."

IND. PHONE. 1272

822-824 Kansas Ave., TOPEKA, KANSAS

October 29, 1905.

My dear Sir:--

Is there any question to be settled next Tuesday more important to you than the question whether the joints shall be reopened or remain closed in this county?

Shall John Schenck, the able, faithful County Attorney, be rebuked or be rewarded for doing his duty?

We appeal to you to become for a few days a very active committee of one on the re-election of John Schenck.

Take up your neighbors. Mr. Schenck is the regular Democratic nominee. Republicans who wish to recognize his faithful service to the true American ideal--obedience to law--will have to make a cross (X) to the right of his name in the Democratic column.

Urge all your neighbors, regardless of their party affiliation, to vote for John Schenck.

Yours very truly,

Robert Norris

Secretary State Temperance Union.

I am fully awake to the above condition, but do not understand why you are not as much interested in this Probate Judge as well as the Co. Atty. The Republican nominee has always been a tool of the whiskey element and was nominated by them and altho I am a staunch Republican I shall vote and use my influence for Allen and think you should also. I am

I endorse what Mr. Norris has written regarding the Probate Judge. S. A. Davis

John P. Bain



Answered
Nov. 8.

Wilson Hare. Oct. 31, '06

Dear Bro.:

Since writing
you I find my
work calls me away
over a 100 miles for
Nov. 8, the day Mr. Bod-
ding is booked for
Wilson - 7:30 P.M. The
Presby. Pastor objects to
going on with the
service that night
and wants you to
defer his coming
until later. The
M.E. Church pastor
was away at last time.



from Union Service
him and ^{he} ^{want} to go
on without me.

What can you do about
it? I have been here
only a short time &
I think by what I
catch here and then
that there is a great
anxiety for another
meeting until the
Union redresses its
former made at
other meetings that
something would be
done for Wilson.

I am not going to
take this matter up
alone and say come
for too much depends

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on the future.

I can see no other
way than to postpone
the service.

I was told today that
the last speaker who
was here (not Coddie
however) talked about
the lay preachers not
doing anything need,
as far as I can tell
it did not suit the
people very well where
the officials of the country
were cowardly, or per-
haps that is not the
right word, to do the



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Business for which
they are elected. At
least there is not
much faith here
only that the Union
wants to get their
money so they can
do the work elsewhere.
There is no money
in it (at least but little)
if Godding comes. He
will have to be satisfied
with the glory he can
get out of it until the
officials or some body
gets after whiskey in
this town.
I am hoping Jackson
every one is elected and
every one true to law -



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enforcement in the
state, but the Refus-
ler outfit in this
county is a disgrace
to the officers they
try simply to hold
down so securely. I
am hoping for change
soon. It may be no
better. It cannot be
any worse.
I cannot change my
work for that day &
they do not want to
go on so it looks as
if we were up against
it now.
I have just given plain
facts, to let us know the
state if you prefer it.
Yours sincerely,
M. F. Thomas - pastor



First Methodist Episcopal Church,
Leavenworth, Kansas.
REV. HOMER E. WARK, PASTOR

Leavenworth, Kan. Oct. 30th, 08. 190

Rev. Robert Norris
Topeka
Kansas,

MY Dear Brother:

It has developed within the last week or two that MR. Wendorf has a good chance of being elected to the Judgeship. The "old man" has not been active in his own behalf and there appears to be pretty decided opposition to his reelection. Some of those most interested in the matter came and asked me to see whether you could not help some on the expenses. The plan is to send out a number of men over the county today, tomorrow, and Monday to try to crystalize sentiment at the last moment toward Wendorf.

One thing that is telling against the old judge is that he will probably not live long and that if he died then the Governor would appoint some one and that would mean disaster to the "Interests". Others think he only wants to be vindicated and that he will then step out and the same thing would happen. But wisdom would seem to lie in defeating him outright if possible for the effect of it, if nothing else.

WE will appreciate what you can do. If you think the 25 dollars is all you can spare very well, if you can do more very well.

Yours cordially,

Homer E. Wark.

P.S. I will be over that way week after next and will see you. Send check to me and I will see that it is rightly used.

Temperance history correspondence

Marysville, Kansas, October 31, 1908.

Dear Marshall:-

The names you suggest cover the county pretty generally. Rev. W. L. Beaumont is no longer at Vermillion, but is at Baileyville, which is in Nemaha county. Rev. Theo. Hunter is his successor there, but he would not be as familiar with matters as an older resident; he will be safe however.

There is no resident minister at Home City, but Rev. J. F. Youngman, of Beattie serves the church there and can serve you better than any one I know. Home City is an eyesore and a thorn with us here. They have run continuously and almost without notice from any body, which has been a the occasion of much kicking here.

Herkimer and Breman are two nasty little places west of here on the G. I. road. They have been let alone also, and do the best I could I have not found the man in either place to serve you in this matter. I am still hunting, however, and hope to locate him. It is, or, rather, they are a pair of hard nuts to crack, if we have to depend on local help in either place.

Rev. Heisey of Waterville is a good man for there. He has been there a long time and is on all right. I will drop you more as soon as I can get it. Am glad and hoping.

Yours, *M. L. Tracy*



Office of
J. E. Caldwell
Attorney and Counselor at Law
Fort Scott, Kans.

County Attorney of Bourbon County

Oct 31 - 07
8.30 P.M.

J. H. Coddington
Topeka Kans.

Dear Senator:- Confirming our conversation over phone I send you under separate cover a marked copy of this evening's Tribune containing Simon's "lecture", and my motion to dismiss Dillon cases, and my reasons therefor.

Read his argument (which was in reality intended to quash Padgett's) and also my statement. Simon had the two justices up before him, and the constable and also Baker. He phoned them to come, and after hearing this motion to dismiss at 4 different intervals, and saying he wanted to avoid any newspaper notoriety he gave the paper an opinion in advance a few hours before he announced what his ruling on this motion to dismiss would



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He told Jenkins and Noonan this morning that they must pay, or secure the clerk's, sheriff's and witnesses' cost in this case, where he'd have them x He, in his liberality, threw off our \$150.00 as there is now no sure way we can collect it x Of course Premrose and I recommended a parol under certain conditions, but think our costs are just as legitimate as any other x

Send me statement as per request as soon as possible x

I got Marshall's amended complaints and will file same before I hear Dunkerton's preliminary x

That old Simons was talking to Jenkins this morning (in private, of course,) he laid his hand on Jenkins' shoulder and said, "Of course I naturally sympathize with you x The hypocrite! I'm going to put the gaff into him good and plenty, and



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we have him on the run al-
ready

Tell Marshall I'll continue the
Dunkerton preliminaries till I get
plenty of time, and he can be here
if it is possible x

Gled Crawford Co. is getting
in leave. Father just came in the
office, and he says it is a dead end
said Arcadia was dry for the first
time in 15 years x The saloon keeper
"kicked" yesterday, and the sheriff
had just got off the train as
father got on x

Send ~~state~~ letter so that I can
get it Saturday morning x

Hastily
John

"Our mutual friend?" told me last Satur-
day that he would do the right
thing by you if we'd only give him
time. I "talked turkey" to him x
Jo



STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

W. P. TALBOT
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
FOR LABETTE COUNTY.....

PARSONS, KANSAS, Nov 28 1908

Mr Robert Norris
Topeka Kansas
My dear Sir

Yours of 28 th Received. I thank you for suggesting
the character of a talk which in your judgment would be appropriate
at such a meeting . I was somewhat at a loss to ~~not~~ determine the
proper topics. If there is any one thing on earth I ought to know some-
-thing about, it is the enforcement of the prohibitory law, and my
knowledge thereof has not been gathered from any "bookish theoretic" as Iago
says in the play , but from experience on the field of battle.
My personal knowledge of the absolute necessity of money to carry on the
contest will enable me to present the matter to an audience in a manner that
ought to move them to respond with liberality, unless they have been
called upon too often heretofore. But empty benches can not subscribe.
Fill the benches with live men and women and unless they have lost their
reason and judgement has fled to brutish ~~beasts~~ beast, they will open
their purse strings and vie with each other to lay their tributes on
the altar of the noblest cause that ever enlisted the souls of true men.
I write this simply to thank you for your suggestion, and ask for ob-
truding upon upon ~~you~~ what might be deemed maxims or gems of wisdom
that Nature seems occasionally to lavish on her favorite sons

Yours truly

W P Talbot



GEO. H. BIEGERT, POSTMASTER

C. F. MOORE, ASST. POSTMASTER

United States Post Office

Money Order Office

Woodbine, Kan., Nov - 2nd 1908

The Kansas Issue,
Topeka, Kansas,
Gentlemen,

I am a temperance person from the crown of my head to the sole of my feet, & being such a strong temperance person, I was compelled to write to you & inquire how you can consciously put on the first page of your paper such a person as Frank A. Parent as Editor. This is one of the strongest Republican precincts in the county & most all north of town & in the township are temperance, & you will see by the returns that Parent will be snored in so deep he never will get out. The Democrat ^{and} Mr. C. E. Rugh is a Christian Gentleman & a temperance man & will enforce all law & for that reason will be endorsed by this



GEO. H. BIEGERT, POSTMASTER

C. F. MOORE, ASST. POSTMASTER

United States Post Office Money Order Office

Woodbine, Kan., _____ 190__

community,

We can point you to cases right here in this town where he favored the booze men, & would not take a case against them & then goes on to say that he wanted to save the County expenses as his explanation.

I will send you a clipping of the court records as printed by the Dickinson Co News, which will show you what a kind of a law enforcer he is.

Yours Truly
C. F. Moore.

P.S. I inclose stamps to see what induced you to recommend a person like him.

I am Supt. of the Eng. M. E. Sunday School & am working tick & to nail against Parents.



GEO. H. BIEGERT, POSTMASTER

C. F. MOORE, ASST. POSTMASTER

United States Post Office

Money Order Office

Woodbine, Kan., _____ 190—

& Young candidate for sheriff on the
Ref. ticket, & I have evidence against
Haring as a booze man.
I have had one joint pulled
here when C.C. Torner was Co. atty.
So you may know that I am in
for temperance, & am working against
these men as my Christian Duty.



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822-824 Kansas Ave., TOPEKA, KANSAS

Nov. 3, 1908.

State Temperance Union

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

My expenses for trip to Barnard and
Ada Oct 31 - Nov. 2 over \$13.49 ✓

Yours respectfully
John Marshall



First Methodist Episcopal Church,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

REV. HOMER E. WARK, PASTOR

Leavenworth, Kan. Nov. 5th, CE. 190

My Dear Norris:

The fight on Gilpatrick appears now to be lost by about 250 votes. The city and county went against him heavily, but there were 1310 straight Republican votes at the Home which offset the Wendorf majority from the county.

It was reported on election day that the saloon men were voting for Wendorf, because they are afraid the old Judge may die, but I am not inclined to think that they actually did so to any considerable extent.

My own feeling is that that things may come our way soon in an unexpected manner. It may be that God will make the wrath of men to praise him here at this time. The old judge is still quite ill and many think he will never be out again. Others think he will take the chance to get out of trouble by resigning even if he gets up.

We must keep mighty close to Stubbs or Hoch if this should happen. My guess is that Arthur Jackson would be the man.

I will be over next week and return the voucher and a statement as to the money. I am glad with ^{you} over the general results of the election, and feel that the next four years ought to be great years for our reform.

Yours very cordially,

Homer E. Wark.