

#### 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. Codding, 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 predjudice 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,

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#### MEADE, KANSAS,

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.

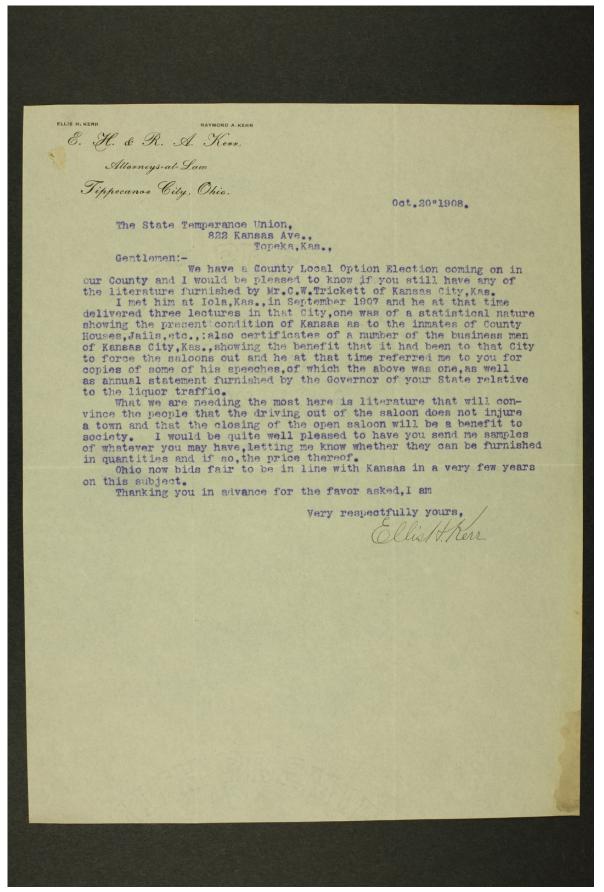
On that date the C. R. I. & P. R. R. appeared and asked for a continuance, stating that they wished to file an interplea, but filed none at that time. Case continued to Jan. 20, when the C. R. I. & P. R. R. moved for leave to interplea, which motion was overruled. Transcript is silent as to filing of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

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

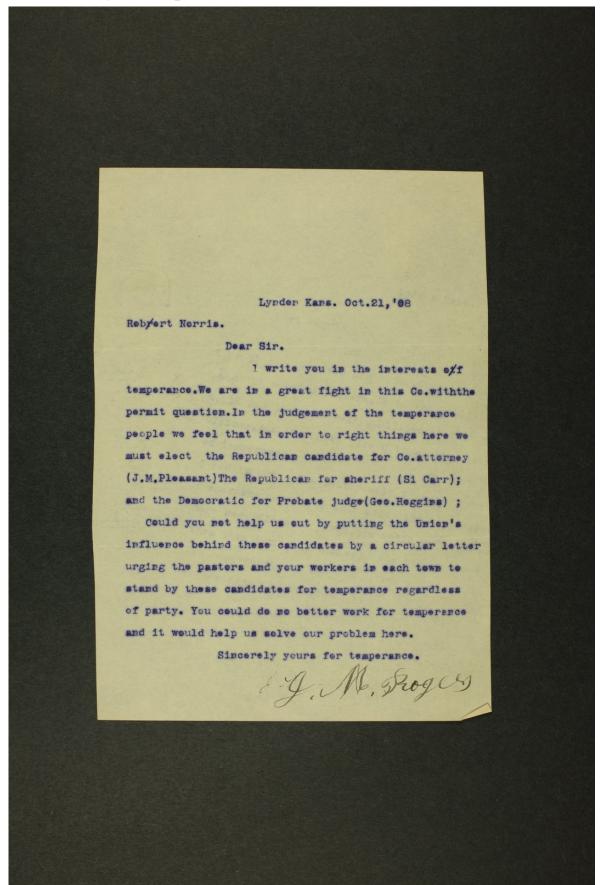
Case # 2001.Tried Sept. 29th, 1906. Transcript shows that the U. S.

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.

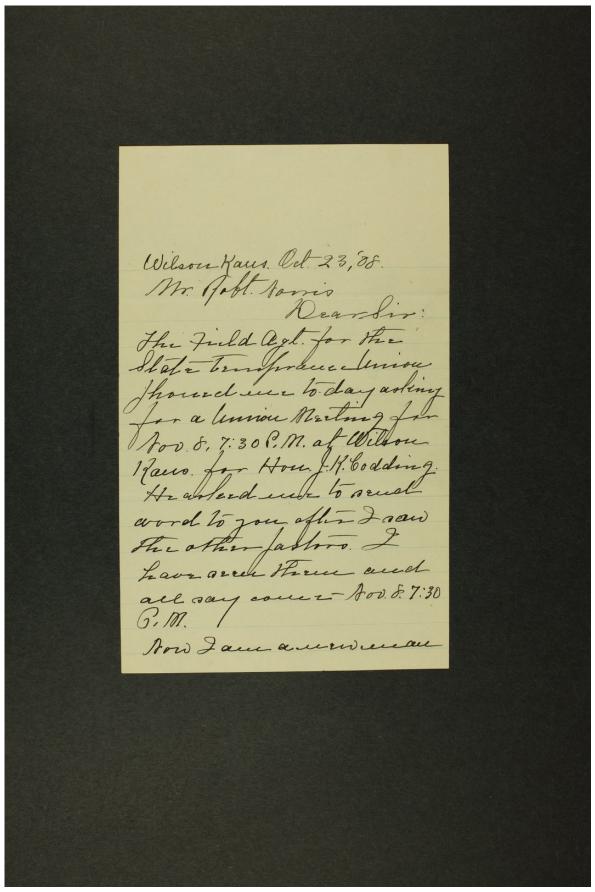




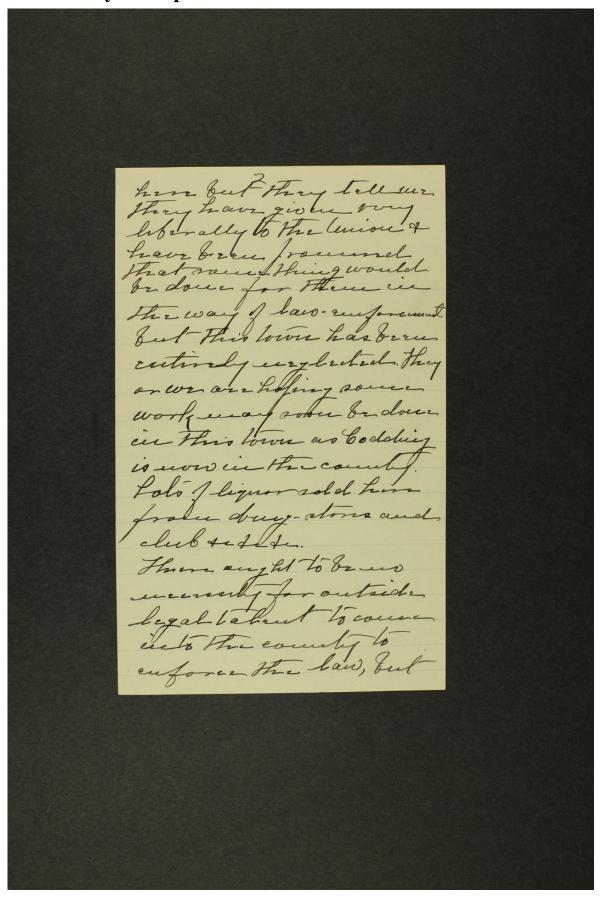




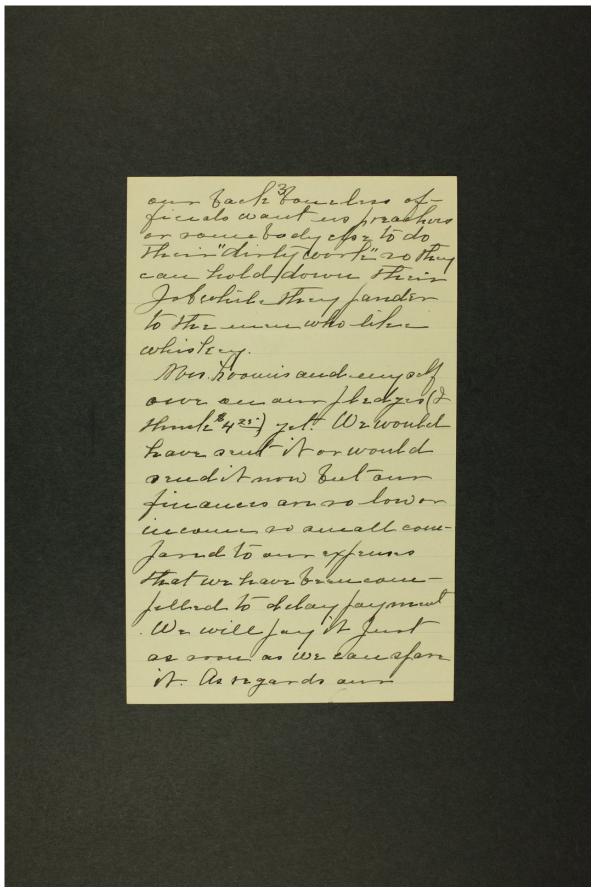




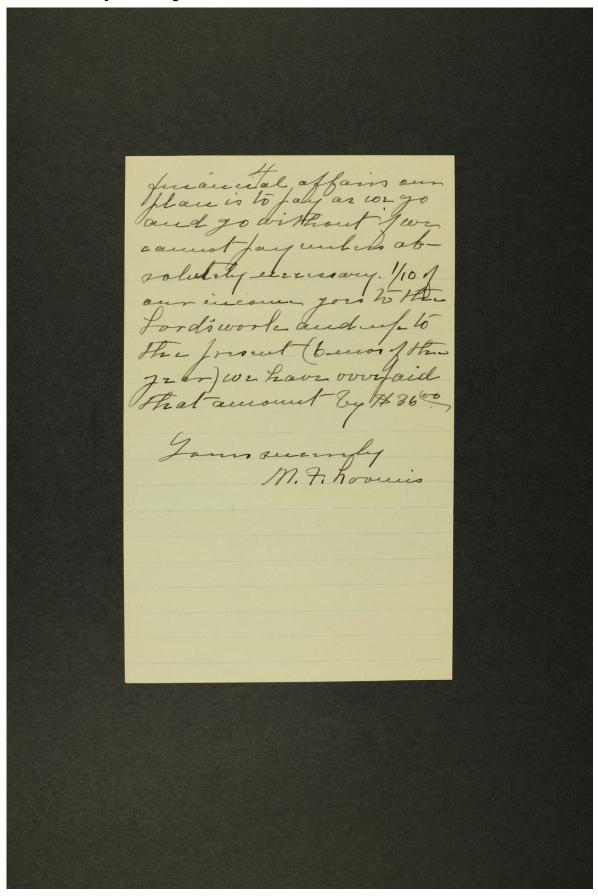














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Lyndon Kans.

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 saw they are well qualified to fill their respective effices. And they have pleged themselves to the interests of temperance.

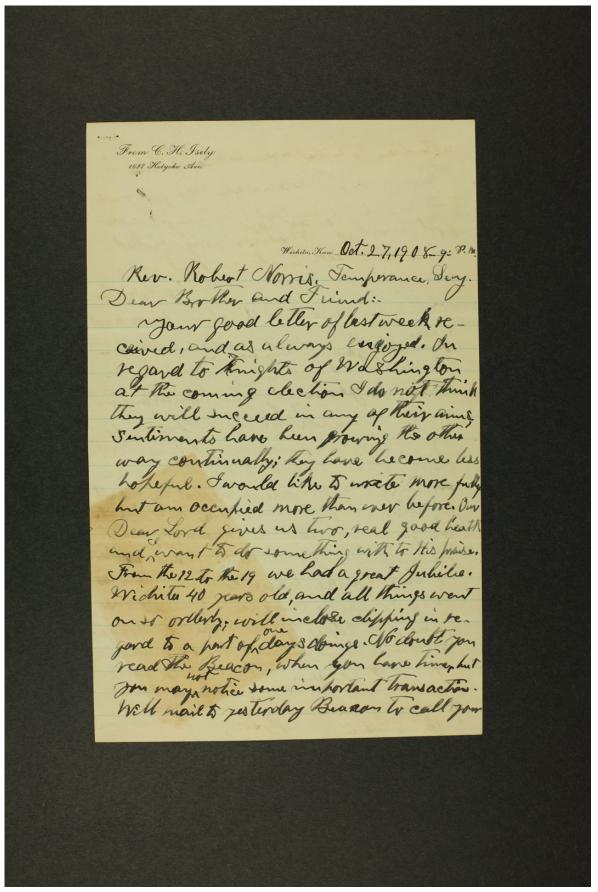
I had thought of a letter only to call the attention of the temperance people to look after the temperance interests here regardless of party.you would know better how to address them than I would. I can only say that the men mentioned here temperance men and are pleged to do all in their power to advange 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 ewn man to get one who they are sure will not bother without.

New 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.

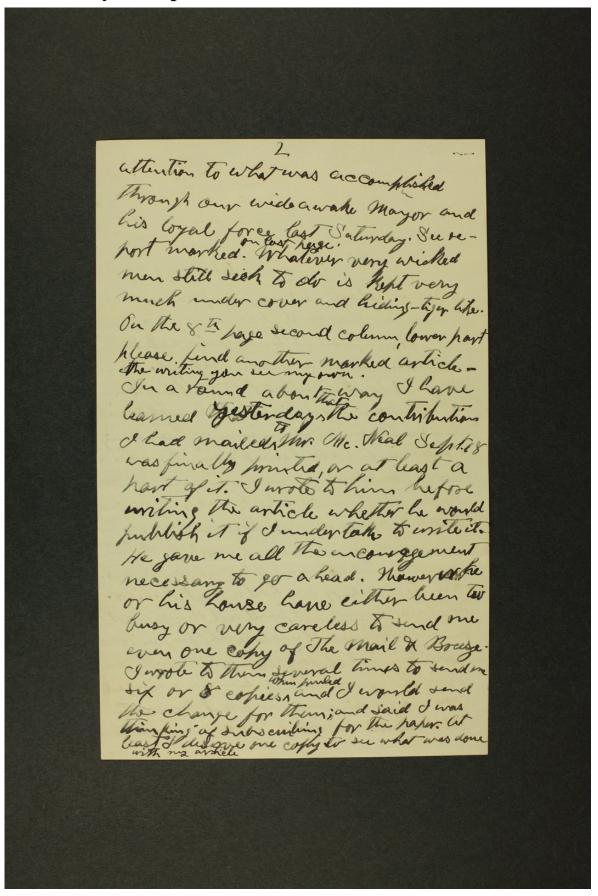
Sincerely yours in the interests of temperance.

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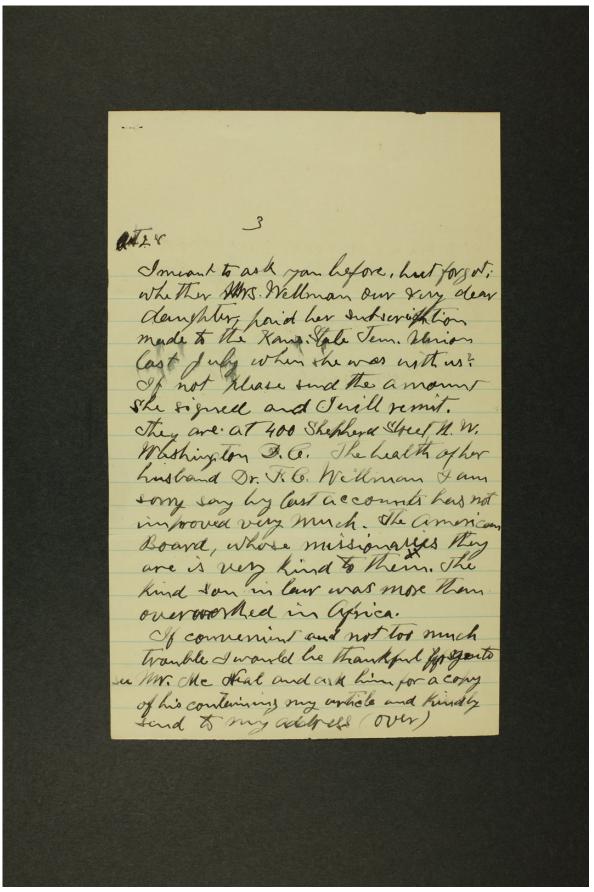




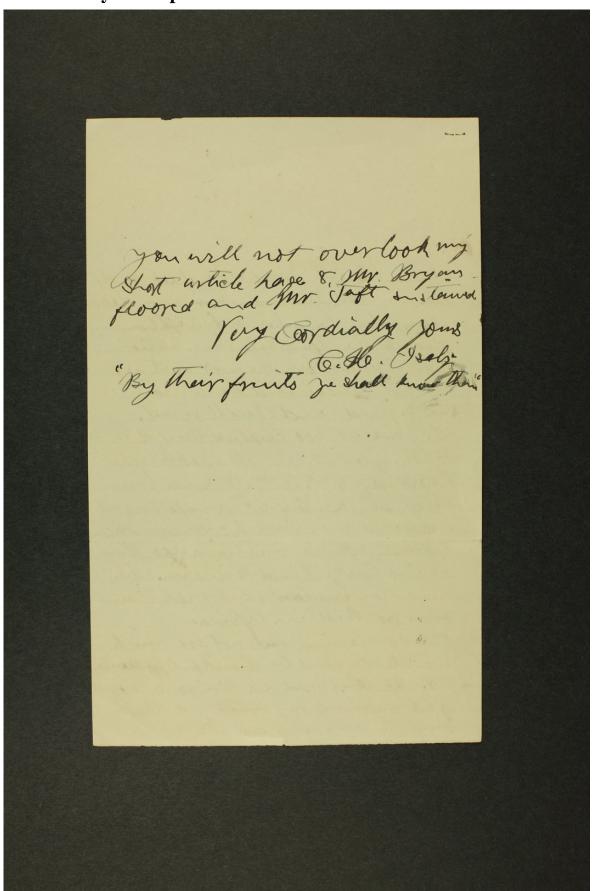




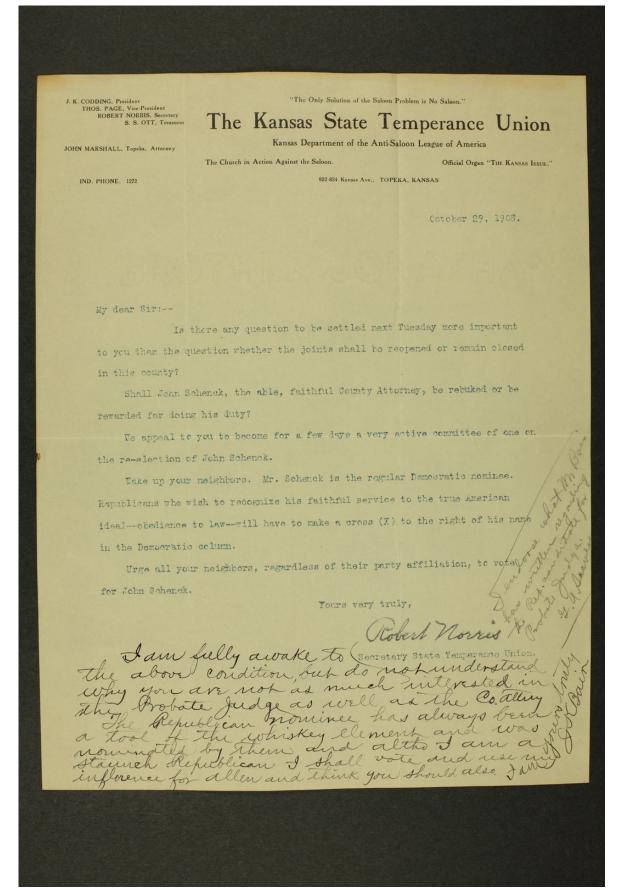




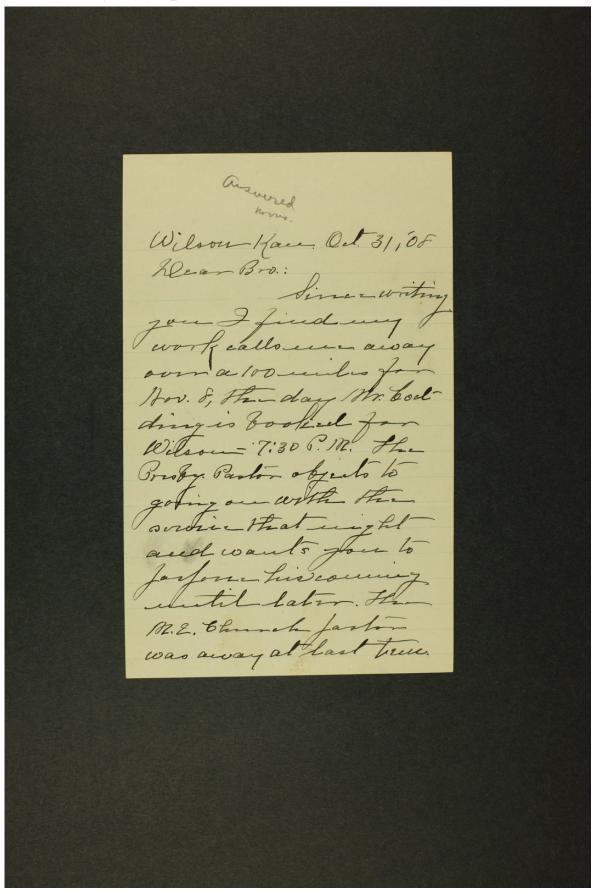




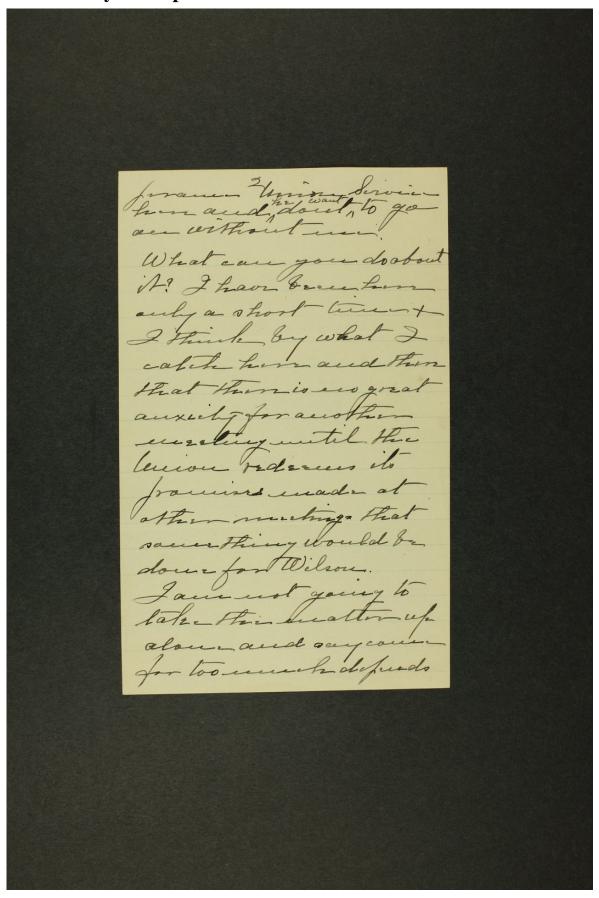




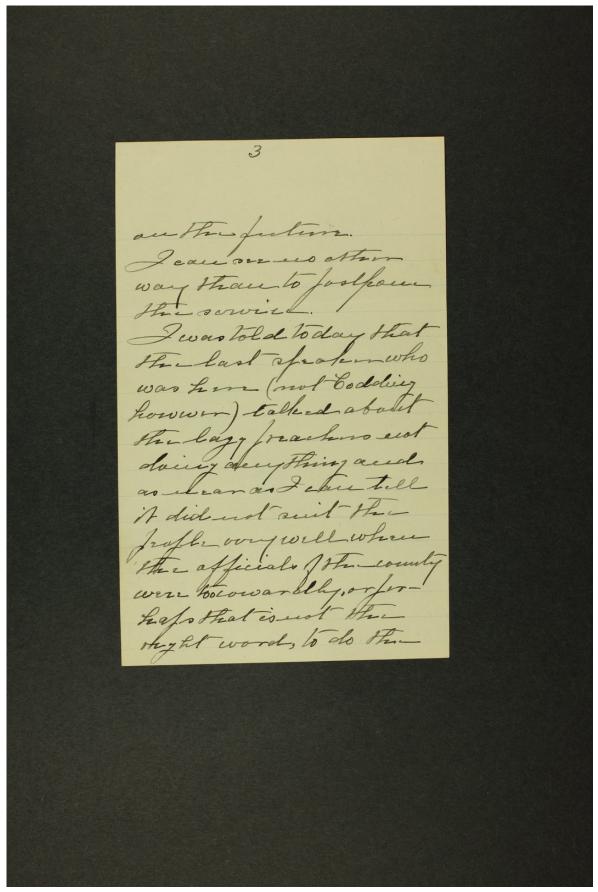




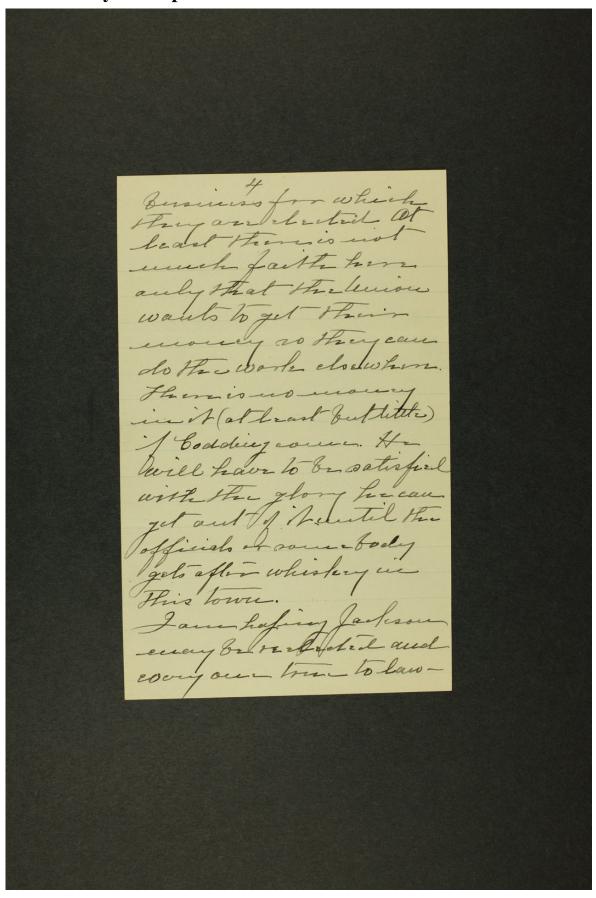




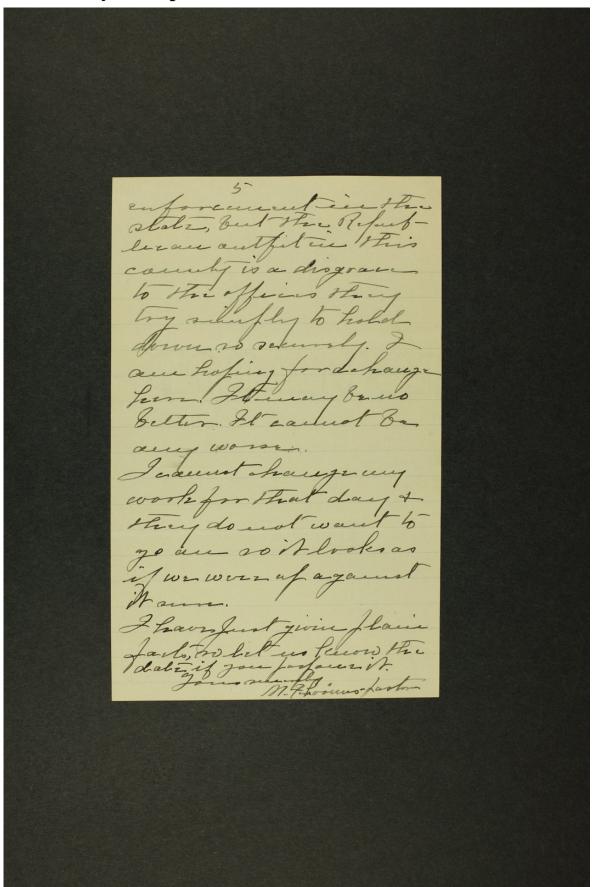




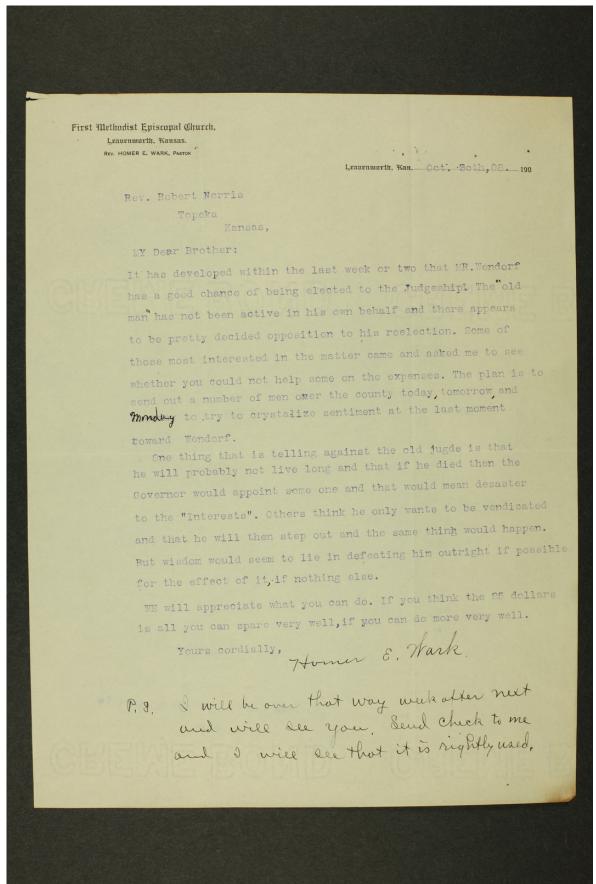




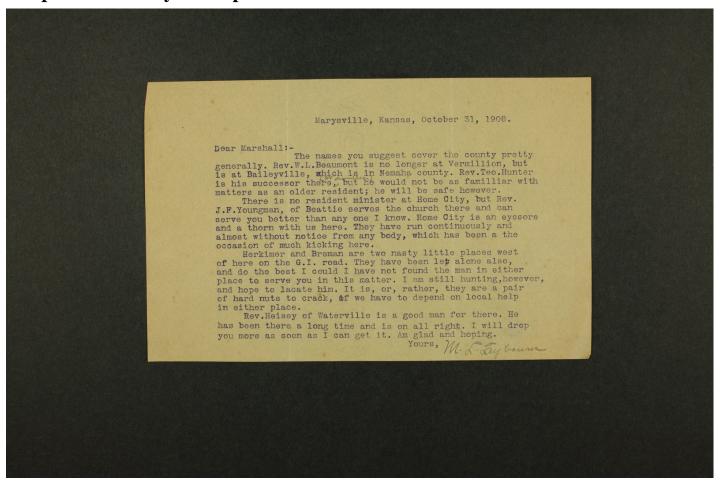




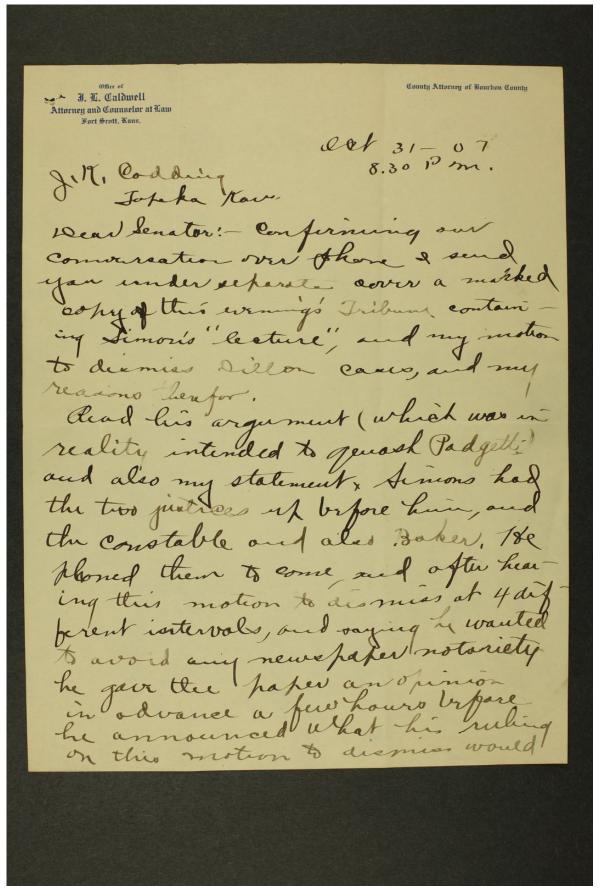




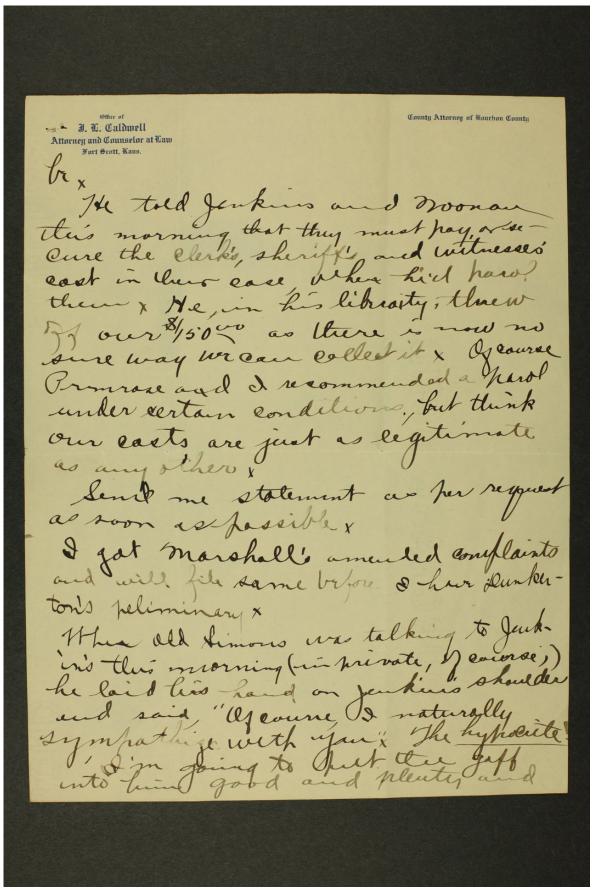




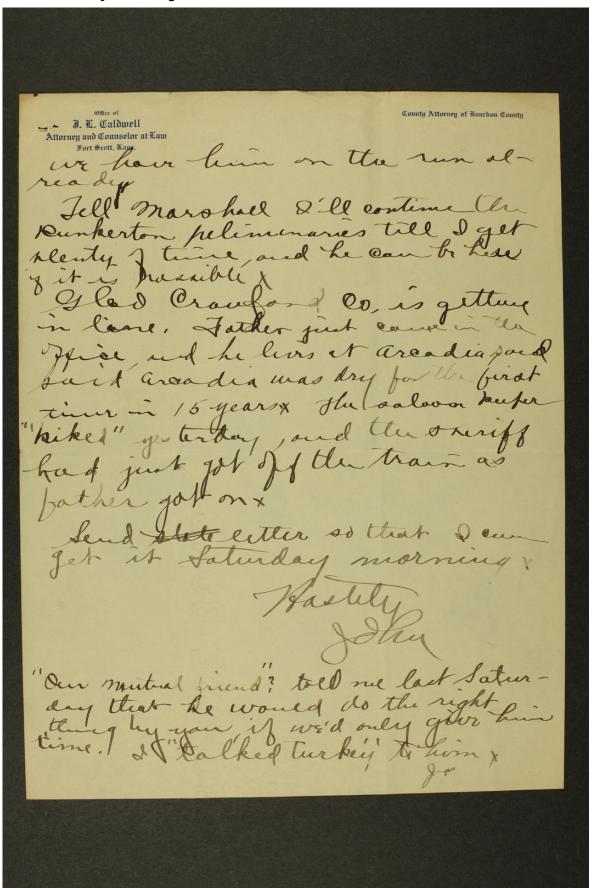














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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

W. P. TALBOT

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LABETTE COUNTY.....

PARSONS, KANSAS, NOV2"81908

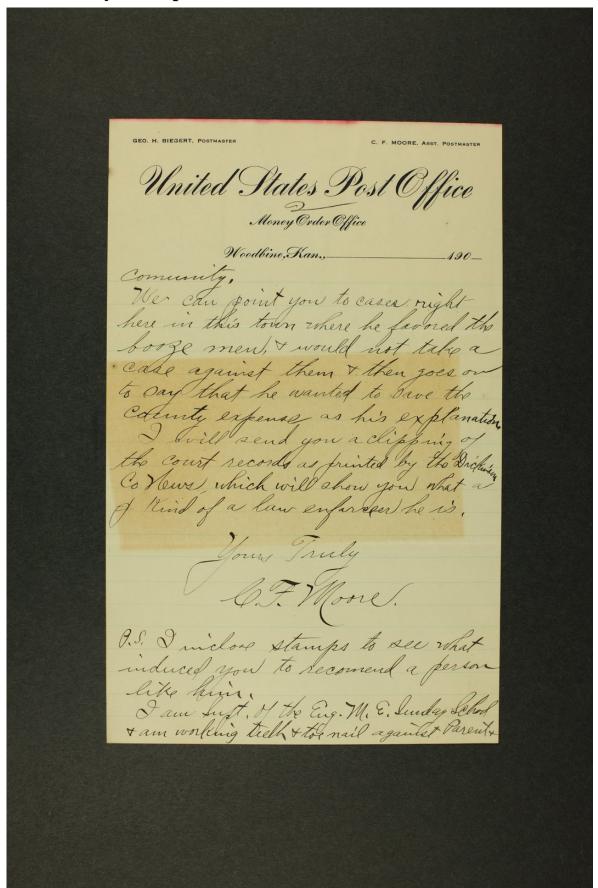
Mr Robert Norris Topeka Kansas My dear Sir

Yours of 28 th Received. I thank you for suggesting the character of a talk which in your judgment woul be approriate at such a meeting . I was somewhat at a loos to tet determine the proper topcs. If threis 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 gatherd from any "bookish theoric" as Iago says in the play , but from experience on the field of battle. My personal knowledge of the absolute nessity of money to carry on the contest will enable me 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 basts beast, they will open their purse strings and vie with each oter to lay their tributes on the alter of the noblest cause that ever enllisted the souls of true men I write this simply to thank you for your suggestion, and ask for obtrudingupom upon was what might be beemed maxims or gems of wisdom that Nature seems occasionly to lavish on her favorite sons Yours truly W P Talbot



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United States Post Office  Money Order Office  Woodbine, Kan., 190-	
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