

Temperance history correspondence

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Correspondence relating to the Kansas State Temperance Union and its activities promoting the enforcement of prohibition in the state of Kansas. Frank M. Stahl served as superintendent and John Marshall served as attorney. They wrote a number of the letters contained in this collection. Leaders of the temperance movement frequently corresponded with county attorneys, civic leaders, ministers, and pastors. Included are several letters supporting James A. Lyons of Langdon, Kansas, who was charged with selling intoxicating liquors, and a circular announcing the guilty verdict in the case of Assistant Attorney General C. W. Trickett of Wyandotte County, Kansas, who accepted illegal fees in the prosecution of liquor cases. The collection contains correspondence from numerous Kansas communities.

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Room 313, Conn. Mutual Bldg., HARTFORD, CONN. June 19, 1909.

Rev. Robt. Morris, Supt. Anti Saloon League of Kan.,
Topeka, Kan.

My dear Brother:

We are sending you one or more copies of the Connecticut Citizen each month, and you are sending to our office in Kensington a copy of your state paper in exchange. I have been elected one of the executive officers of our Union, which is the Anti Saloon League of the state, and I want a copy of your state paper on file at our headquarters. Can you place me on your exchange list? If so, I am sure I can use your paper to great advantage in our work. We will furnish you an additional copy of the Citizen if you desire.

Wishing you the greatest possible success in your work,
I am

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Mac Intire

Aug. 5, 1909.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:--

The Kansas State Temperance Union will hold its Annual Convention at Topeka, Kansas, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5th and 6th. We are very anxious to secure you for the evening of the 6th. We desire you above any other man, for several reasons:

First: It is the question of the hour; the saloon is doomed; it has been weighed and found wanting; the masses are thoroughly aroused and thinking, and the utterances of great leaders are more powerful as factors in moulding public opinion today along prohibition lines as the only remedy, than ever before.

Second: Your state is our next door neighbor, and it would help us very materially to have Nebraska in the dry column.

Third: Nine states are dry by constitutional or statutory law; more will follow in the near future, and no stone ought to be left unturned that will have a tendency to move things faster.

Fourth: There is little or no politics connected with the fight. It is the Church and the home, fighting for their boys and girls, as against the saloon. The fires that have burned so brightly in Democratic Dixie, and accomplished such great results, have crossed the line, and are burning just as strong in Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, and other states, as they ever did in Georgia, Alabama, and many other southern states.

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Fifth: Nothing on earth or Hell, can stop the wave of reform, but it can be accelerated by the right kind of talk, from the great leaders of men.

Sixth: The place, the time, is opportune. Our last Legislature passed the most drastic law along prohibitory lines that ever came from any legislative body of men on earth, and our people are standing for the law and are proud because of it.

Best, and greatest, William Jennings Bryan can say words to a magnificent audience in Topeka, on Wednesday evening, October 6th, that will reach the uttermost parts of the earth, bring thousands to our help, and cheer and encourage those who are in the fight. No words that you have ever said will do more for the human race, reach more people, cheer more hearts, result in more real good, and bring more pleasant memories, than the words that you, and you alone, can say if you will. In asking you to come, I voice the desire of the leading men and women of Kansas.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

Diet.--M.D.



FORM 2002

STANDARD
3-09-100000

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF AGENT

424 State St. Kas City, Kas. Aug 7th. 1909

Hon. Frank Stahl

President K. S. T. U.

Topeka, Kas.

Dear Sir—Thought perhaps you would like to hear from old Leavenworth. I have been running up there 5 times a week for the past Month, and am pretty well informed as to conditions. At this writing, there are at least 25 places running and could be easily caught and convicted. I had enough evidence to have convicted a dozen, and supposed my witnesses would be loyal, but they were working for the Railroads and factories, and were given to understand, they must keep out of court, and of course I let up for their sakes, as it would have cost their positions. E. W. Waynant, Agent of the Missouri Pacific in Leavenworth, is shielding the Joint keepers, and intimidates witnesses, and is one of the worst men in town or at least that is my opinion. E. J. Ryan Agent for the Kas City Brewers received 5 Cars of Beer since the 28th of July, and unloads and delivers from the car to patrons. This Man Ryan is a Brother to Frank Ryan R. R. Commissioner and there is no doubt in my mind but he is being protected. I desire to call your attention to conditions in the Revenue office Leavenworth. Danner the Chief clerk is protecting the Joint Keepers by not entering their names on the Books that are open for inspection, and I am satisfied has hoodwinked Shuckers, in this manner. The matter has been taken up with Washington, and I hope with good results. I understand from good authority that at least 25 more places will open up next week in time to catch the Fort Leavenworth PAY DAY among the Soldiers. If you will send a good man to Leavenworth, and let him get off at Lansing, I will have a man to meet him, who will show him things little thought of. They can go from there to Leavenworth. I would want to know in advance



FORM 2552

STANDARD
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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF AGENT

Of course you are not acquainted with me, and might hesitate to give credit, and for this reason I enclose few names of prominent Men of this City who took it on themselves to ask Gov Stubbs for my appointment as Parole officer at the States prison. Letters have went to the Governor from the Ministers in my behalf, and should I receive the appointment, expect to pat some money in the work of enforcement. I just enclose few names, as the list is rather long.

Very Respectfully

Mont Williams
Ag. M. Ry.



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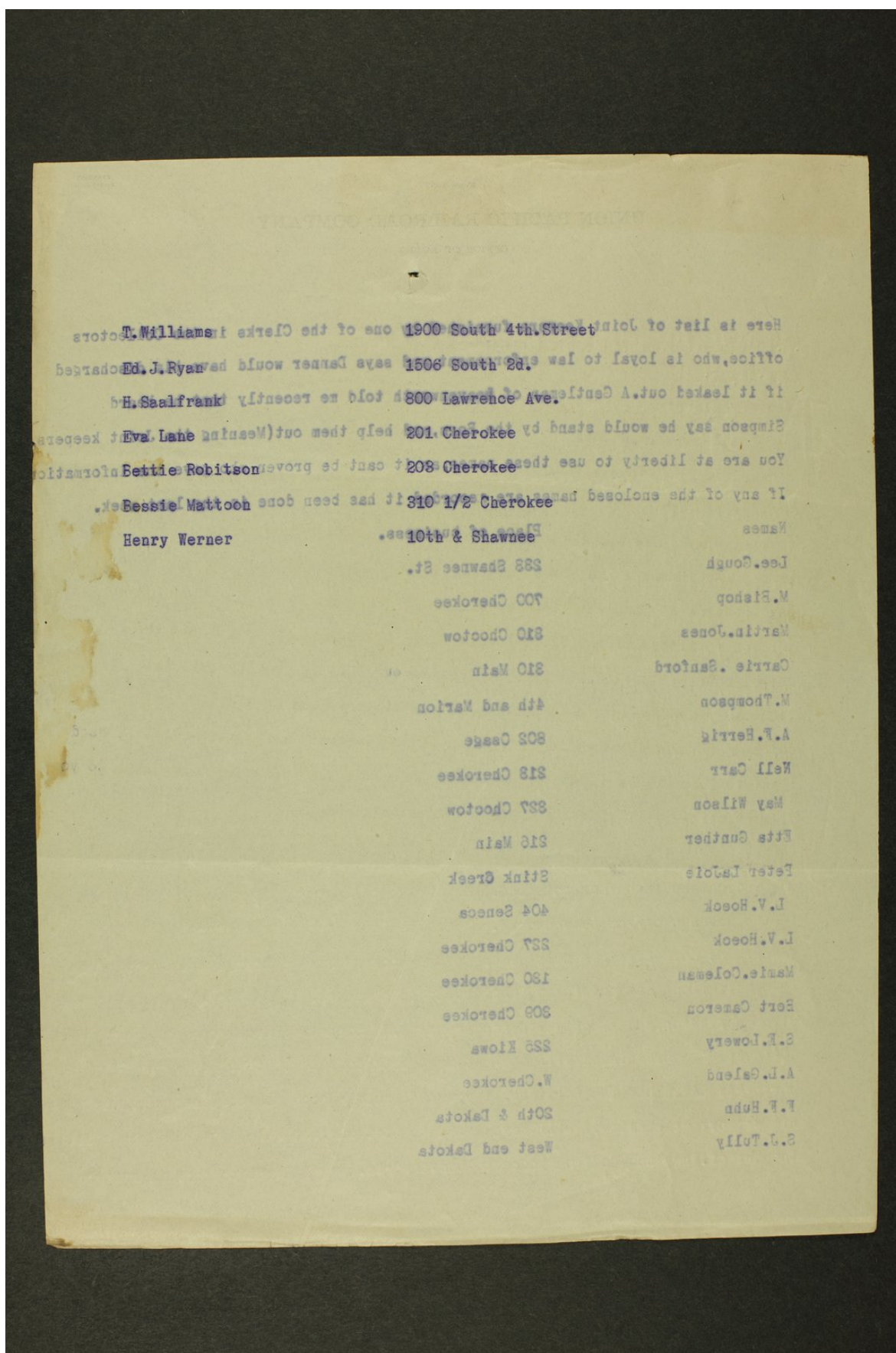
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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF AGENT

Here is list of Joint Keepers furnished by one of the Clerks in the Collectors office, who is loyal to law enforcement, and says Danner would have him discharged if it leaked out. A Gentleman of Heavenworth told me recently that he heard Simpson say he would stand by the Boys, and help them out (Meaning the Joint keepers). You are at liberty to use these names, as it cant be proven who gave the information. If any of the enclosed names are recorded it has been done in the last week.

Names	Place of business.
Lee. Gough	233 Shawnee St.
M. Bishop	700 Cherokee
Martin. Jones	310 Choctow
Carrie .Sanford	310 Main
M. Thompson	4th and Marion
A. F. Herrig	802 Osage
Nell Carr	213 Cherokee
May Wilson	327 Choctow
Etta Gunther	216 Main
Peter LaJoie	Stink Creek
L. V. Hoeck	404 Seneca
L. V. Hoeck	227 Cherokee
Manie. Coleman	130 Cherokee
Bert Cameron	309 Cherokee
S. E. Lowery	225 Kiowa
A. L. Galend	W. Cherokee
F. F. Huhn	20th & Dakota
S. J. Tully	West end Dakota





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STANDARD
8-08-200966

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF AGENT

Kansas City, Kas.

His Excellency E.E. Stubbs

Topeka, Kas.

We the undersigned members of the Civic league and other citizens of Kas City, ks. take great pleasure in reccommending to you Mr. Mont. Williams for appointment to the position of Parole officer at the state Penitentiary at Lansing. Mr. Williams has been a member of the Civic league since its organization and we believe no more concienious upright citizen lives in our City or even in the state. We believe you would do a good service to the state by his appointment, and honor a Citizen who has stood comrageously for law enforcement and the election of good men to office. It is with great pleasure therefore that we present his name to you and trust you will give him favorable consideration.

C.O. Littick Atty

Wm. Kelly the Star

W.W. Wallace Proffessor

A.K. Potter

A.A. Brooks, Judge City Court

W.H. McCamish Late Asst. Atty, Genl

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Ellis, Kansas, August 8, 1909.

Mr. F. M. Stahl,

Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Brother;-I am sorry Mr. Jackson does not seem to see his opportunity to stop the sentiment that makes gambling possible in many of our country towns, just by issuing an opinion similar to the one against the Eagles and other drinking clubs. He did a great amount of good by the one, and I am sure could in this case also.

As to prosecuting the women who gamble will say that I do not have the money nor the sentiment back of me to make a successful issue in the matter. and I do not wish to begin something I know I can but fail in. It is better to stop where we are than to fail in something else.

Faithfully
H. H. Bowen

Aug. 10, 1909.

George W. Hamilton,
607 Union Bank Bldg.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Sir:--

Your letter received and contents noted, and will say that I doubt the advisability of sending your relative who is addicted to the use of alcohol to Kansas. Of course the temptations to drink are not nearly what they would be where there are open saloons, and it would be impossible to get liquor through an unscrupulous physician, as physicians are not allowed to prescribe intoxicating liquors at all. The liquor in Kansas is supplied by bootleggers, who take advantage of the interstate commerce law and have it shipped in and distributed among certain parties with whom they have worked up a trade; or else it is secured from out of state wholesale houses by the party himself. There would be no law to prevent this man from sending to Kansas City and getting any amount of liquor he wished, and there would be no law against shipping such liquors into the state and delivering them to him.

Of course we are catching these bootleggers right along, and they are very shy and careful how they dispose of their liquors, yet they are still able to do business to some extent.

We consider the law in Kansas well enforced. In fact it is up to a high standard, considering the fact that the interstate commerce law al-



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lows the stuff to be continually shipped into the state. Sorry I cannot
offer you more encouragement for this person, I am,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Dict.--M.D.



Lincoln Trust Company

Corporation Department

607 Union Bank Building

Pittsburg, Pa., August 4, 1909.

Mr. Robert Norris,
824 Kansas Ave.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--

At the suggestion of Dr. Carroll of the Anti-saloon League here, I write to ask you to favor me with a little information concerning prohibition in your State.

I have a relative who is addicted to the use of alcohol, and wish to send him somewhere in your State where it is next to impossible for him to buy whiskey. He is willing to go, and wants to get away from liquor, but prefers to go to Wichita. Will you kindly let me know if the law is enforced strictly in this city, or whether he could get all the liquor he wishes by getting a prescription from ~~an~~ un-scrupulous physician. Also let me know whether it would be possible for him to get liquor should we inform the drug stores that he is addicted to the use of same.

Of course I realize that it is hard to find a spot where he could not get a little liquor at times, but I want to send him somewhere where it is not so easy to get, or where he could not get enough to do him much harm.

If you donot think favorable of Wichita, will you kindly recommend another town to me that is a good ways away from Kansas City, Mo., so that it would not be convenient for him to go there when he wished.



Aug. 11, 1909.

Rev. Homer E. Wark,
Pastor M. E. Church,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

My dear Wark:--

I had planned to go down to Leavenworth today and have a talk with you about conditions in your city. I have information that I consider reliable, which leads me to believe that some earnest, aggressive and stay-with-it work needs to be done. Our officers go down to Leavenworth, catch one or two napping, the word goes out, and the rest have a clean house while the officers remain in the city. As soon as they leave business picks up.

Brother Wark, our "Committee of 17" was a great factor here in Topeka when it looked dark. Topeka is too far away. What Leavenworth must have is a present, ready, watchful, aggressive, can't-be-bought nor intimidated something, that will make the lawless element stand up and take notice. Coddling is down there now and will be a power as an adviser. I know some things about your city that would be very helpful to a body of men that meant business.

You will be glad to know that not a single government tax receipt to sell liquor has been taken out by Topeka, nor by Shawnee County. Your county is different. Wark, you have got to lead the fight. If you do, you'll win. Any day that I am sure of seeing you, I will come, except, Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Leavenworth has environments that will make it more difficult than some inland cities, but it needs cleansing. It can be made clean, and kept clean. It must be.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours to win,

Superintendent.

Diet.--M.D.



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ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION SEATTLE 1909

DIVISION OF EXPLOITATION
JAMES A. WOOD, DIRECTOR
WELFORD BEATON, CHIEF OF PUBLICITY

August 12, 1909.

Robert Norris, Esq.,
824 Kansas ave.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear friend:-

The accompanying article on "The World's First Prohibition Exposition" merits at least your perusal, and I sincerely trust it will find, possibly in a condensed form, some place in the columns of your paper. I am sending you photographs, from which you can make a selection, should you desire to illustrate the article. We will pay for the making of the cuts, if you will run it and return the cuts.

I want to say confidentially and frankly that the men who have put heart and brain and brawn into the creation of this beautiful Exposition feel it more or less keenly that they have not received more cordial support from those temperance interests which they have sought to further. I shall esteem it as a very high personal favor if you can find place for the accompanying article in some form, and will send me a copy after it is issued.

With every best wish, I am,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

Royal W. Raymond
Division of Exploitation.

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Aug. 13, 1909.

Rev. J. M. De Lasane,
Pastor Christian Church,
Stockton, Kansas.

Dear Brother:--

Our field man has asked us to write to you in regard to
the union meeting to be held in Stockton by our field man, Imri Zumwalt.
Meeting to be held at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, Sunday, August 22nd.

We have sent posters to Rev. Dennis, also notice to the paper. Please
help us in advertising this meeting as you may be able to do. We be-
lieve this meeting will be one of special interest to the people of
Stockton, and trust that Mr. Zumwalt may be greeted by a large audience.

Thanking you for your help in pushing forward the work, I am,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Dict.--M.D.

Aug. 14, 1909.

Rev. Miller,

Osborne, Kansas.

Dear Brother:--

Will be with you on Sunday, August 22nd, for a union meeting, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, as per arrangement by Mr. Davis. Please see that the meeting is well announced. Have sent posters to Mr. Neil.

Your Brother,

Field Secretary.

Dict.--H.D.

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First Methodist Episcopal Church,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

REV. HOMER E. WARK, PASTOR

Leavenworth, Kan. Aug. 14th, 09. 190

My Dear Bro. Stahl:-

I was much interested in your letter. There is need, and long has been, for something aggressive to be done here. We have ~~be~~ tried twice since I have been here to affect some working organization, but were unable to do so, chiefly because there has been only two or three ministers here, located and in charge of the churches. One of them could not be relied upon. Then you know the Elwood business gave every minister a black eye here.

However some of us have been awake at least and are aware as to what was going on. We have no chance to win here until there is a change in our District court. We have been doing some things, by reason of our present judge Pro tem, who is O.K. and ought to be appointed if change comes. My expectation was that the old judge would be gone long before this, but God lets some people have plenty of time to get ready to depart from this world, and in this case there is probably need of all he will have. But really our efforts here are to be futile until we can convict them in the this court.

The work of the State Officers has been too "politic", and not enough from the shoulder. Then they are unable to be here long enough at a time.

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First Methodist Episcopal Church,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

REV. HOMER E. WARK, PASTOR.

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The course Jackson has pursued has been the best to get some immediate results, but not intended to stir up a big fuss, and have a finish fight of it. However I think they would soon do the business if the judge question was rightly settled.

Personally I have said from my pulpit what I think ought to be said. Outside I have contended every where and all the time that Leavenworth is a disgrace and a failure along the old lines. I tried to know the facts. I have tried to encourage and urge the officers of the city to the performance of their duty.

~~My estimate~~ ^{My estimate} of the situation. In this county we have in every county office men chosen by the interests, liquor and otherwise, these are here to do not what the law says, or their oaths say, but what the interests say. Graft is no sin here. They all do it, is the word. The county has been robbed and then sand-bagged. The people are unaquainted with the real facts. There

has been a change in the city, but this only in certain aspects, and the county is just where it has been for many years. The real fight here has not yet come. The victory will consist in driving out the whole court house "bunch", and get some men of a different type into some of the offices.

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First Methodist Episcopal Church,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Rev. HOMER E. WARK, Pastor

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Leavenworth, Kan.

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A group of men who will get together to assist prosecution of the poor devils who sell some liquor will not solve the problem. The work is deeper. We must get out over this county and state the facts, which show the bad and rotten government of the whole county for years, and bring about a revolution in the sentiment and politics of the people. It has been a desire with me to visit and speak in every church and school house in this county and lay out the ground for the defeat of the old bunch of politicians. This could best be done by man who live in county. But it ought to be done under the auspices of some organization. It is embarrassing for one to seek appointments over county for himself.

However it is my notion that there are facts enough in sight to stir up things in the county and city and make it mighty warm for the old grafters, and "boose-boosters". You could not believe how every thing in this county is a graft. There is not a job even of janitor in school house but what is sold out by the politicians.

The thing has got to aired. A preacher is not the best man to air it, but we have no public spirited men of courage for a job like this.

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Leavenworth, Kansas.

Rev. HOMER E. WARK, Pastor

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In a general way conditions do improve. But the fellows with friends and a pull, still go free. The chief business men of the city got up petition to have the National Hotel continue business, the meaning of which petition of course is, that they are to continue the old way, law or no law, and that this proprietor has the consent of the chief business men of the city, to do so.

Come over some day next week and we will go over the situation. Call me up or drop card what day you will come. Will be at home except on Monday.

Yours very cordially,

Homer E. Wark

Aug. 14, 1909.

Harriet L. Ricards,
Dunlap, Kansas.

My dear Lady:--

You can rest easy so far as Crawford being paroled is concerned. I have assurances from your county attorney that he will stay every minute of his jail sentence, and still remain till all his finer and costs are paid to the last cent. Your county attorney is sure O. K. on this man Crawford.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

Dict.--M.D.

Aug. 14, 1909.

John Maloy, Attorney,
Saratoga Hotel,
Excelsior Springs, Mo.

My dear Sir:--

Thanks for your prompt answer. No double meaning in
your answer. The substance has gone to the W. C. T. U. at Dunlap. I
think they'll rest easy.

Not a single tax receipt issued for Morris County up to date.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

Diet.--M.D.

Aug. 10, 1909.

Harriet L. Richards,
Dunlap, Kansas.

My dear Lady:--

Your letter in reference to one, Crawford, was mailed to me from Leavenworth. I have written to your county attorney concerning the matter. No names were mentioned. If the county attorney answers my letter, I will let you know the result.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

Dict.--M.D.



Dunlap, Kans,
7, 28, '82.

J. B. Godding,
Lopeka Kans,

My dear Mr. Godding:-

Some few days ago our officials succeeded in landing an "old offender" in our county jail. Sentence 30 days in jail, 100 dollars fine. This man is one Crawford who has doubtless done more to lower the standard of morals in Dunlap than any other man in the place. Now we hear there is a movement on foot to have his jail sentence shortened, or annulled. In the name of the womanhood of this town, I beg you to do all in your power to keep this man behind the bars the full limit of time.

Very cordially yours,

Harriet L. Picards.

Pres. Morris county W. C. S. U.

John Maloy Co. Atty. Morris Co.
Council Grove



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Excelsior Springs, Mo., *Aug 12, 1909*

My Dear Mr. Stahl-

Yours of 10th for-
warded. In answer will
say that you are not meddling
and that you have a right
to make the announcement
you did.

Allow me to assure you, that
Crawford will serve his sen-
tence to the last minute of the
term. When that is concluded
he will still remain in jail
until the fine and costs are
paid to the last cent.

I had not heard that any
such movement was on foot.
It cannot materialize.

Your correspondent needs have no
fears of me on that score. Very truly
Yours
John Maloy Co. atty

Will not get
Paroled



FRESH AND SALT MEATS

FISH AND OYSTERS

THE EAST SIDE MEAT MARKET

R. H. MILLER, PROPRIETOR

ALMENA, KANSAS,

July 21 1905

State Temperance Union
Topeka Kan. Gentlemen
I am writing you in regard
to Business Houses Dispensing
liquor in the state of Kan
we have at least four places
of business where men get
stuff to get drunk on
our Mayor is a temperance
man. Our Marshall and three
of the counsel men are Boozers
so we have to appeal to County
I am not personally acquainted
with the county officers but from
good authority we would get
very little satisfaction from
them so I am advised write
you people for advice and
help that we can depend
upon to stop the Business
and stop it hard. we



FRESH AND SALT MEATS

FISH AND OYSTERS

THE EAST SIDE MEAT MARKET

R. H. MILLER, PROPRIETOR

ALMENA, KANSAS,

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Dont want any Halfway
work about it we want
a man that knows his
Business to fight an
them and give them
the full extent of the
love that has cost so
much money and labor
to get made. if you
send a man you Had
better fight very quiet
about Sat. of any week
as then is when it flows
the freest

yours Truly
R.H. Miller



Aug. 14, 1909.

R. H. Miller,

Almena, Kansas.

My dear Sir:--

Your letter--not dated-- lies on my desk. We are very much interested in the H. W. counties of Kansas, and especially so when county attorneys fail to do their duty. The inference I get from your letter is that a detective is needed. Now, a detective should be the last resort. Our lawyers and the attorney-general's office both think that a much better way is to collect what evidence you can in a quiet way and use it as a groundwork for an inquisition.

Under separate cover I am sending you some blank books that have been carefully prepared for that purpose. If there is something shady going on, you either know or suspect where it is, and who is doing it. Note the place under suspicion, the men who frequent the place. Do they go singly or in groups? How often do they go? Shipments, deliveries, drunks, noise, anything that has a tendency to finding things. Some one that can see and watch, and quietly make a note of what is going on, can get all the evidence necessary to insure convictions. If your county attorney wont use the stuff, send it to us or to the Attorney-General, either one. We will put it up to the county attorney in such a way that there will be something doing. A detective don't cost very much, \$2.50 per day and expenses will be the cost. The time will be the expense. A new

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man is regarded with suspicion. He has got to get acquainted. He has
got to obtain their confidence and make good. All this takes time. The
book plan is both cheaper and better. Give all the details possible.

Yours to help in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

Dict.--M.D.