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Correspondence sent and received by members of the Kansas State Temperance Union, including President Foster Dwight Coburn and Superintendent Frank M. Stahl. Correspondents include Mary Evelyn Dobbs, corresponding secretary for the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Julian K. Codding, warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary, and representatives of 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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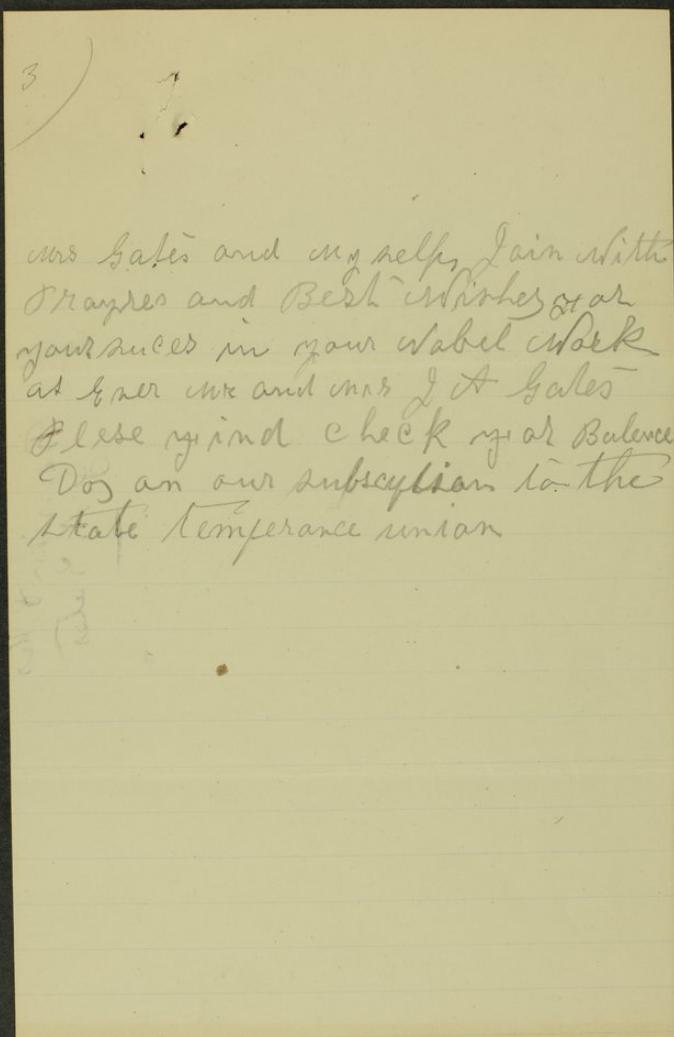
may the Ruler of that is good
and the Churches and all good
People Be with you in your
Wable work is my Prayres
Dear Brother Sall it has
Ben so long sence you was
at Pearey senter it seameas
as thos of you have almost year
saken us we are strugled
along to tric to keep things
alone Brother galbet is with
us and we are Prayen for
A gaud ald of ashend
Revivel such as we never
have at Pearey senter when
you was with us well
Brother Sall I want to say
longer I am as ever your friend

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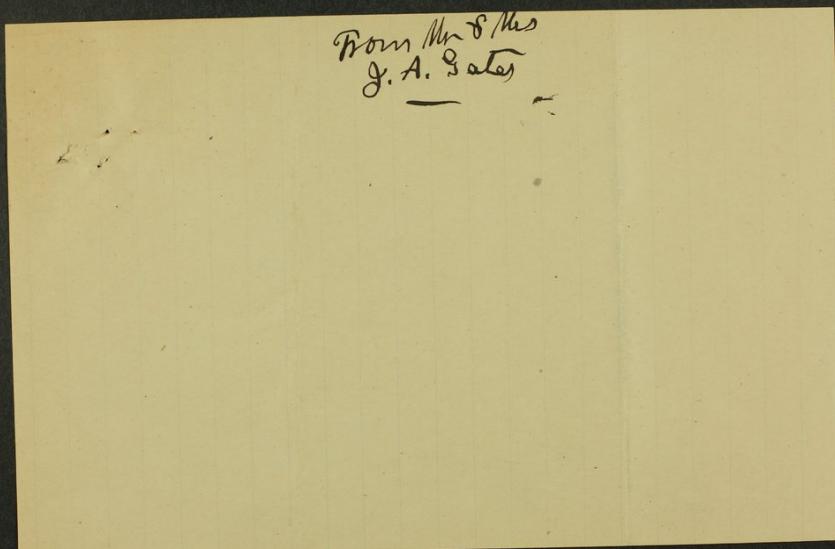
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Sept. 6, 1910.

Rev. H. T. Davis,
1135 Jackson Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Davis:-

Got home last night in good shape, found everything in apple pie order, everybody happy, and things going all right. I think I can stay away double the time next time and feel perfectly satisfied. I received a letter this morning from a man who signs his name N. S. Robinson, dated from Liberal, Kansas, and who gives his address as Oswego, Kansas. His address is of small importance in connection with what he says, and that may not amount to much, as from his own standpoint he says it is hearsay. His information is that at 116 West Douglass, Wichita, on the second floor, with a pool hall underneath, is a club where they have a bar and are selling booze. He says there are 300 men who have keys to this place. This I am telling you for what it is worth. The place being located will make it fairly easy to find out whether there is anything in his letter or not.

We had returned to us unclaimed this morning a letter addressed to Rev. A. C. Daggett of Culver, Kansas, whom you gave us as the proper man to write to concerning the meetings in the Bunker Church, twelve miles northwest of Waldo, which was Craven's appointment for August 28th. The fact of the letter being returned to us shows that A. C. Daggett was not the proper party. I am telling you this so that you will know, if you wish to re-date the place, that Rev. A. C. Daggett is probably a myth.

I have just received a letter from Rev. G. M. Lebourne, pastor of the Congregational Church at Sedgwick, in which he has considerable to say about the violation of law in his town. I have referred him to you and promised him that you would take the matter up with him at your earliest convenience. Please do this and use your judgment in regard to what should be done at Sedgwick.

Lovingly yours,

FMS/ER.

Superintendent.

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Sept. 7, 1910.

Rev. W. C. McCurdy,
Pastor First M. E. Church,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Brother:--

It is getting near time now when the Ministerial Union will have meetings again; therefore I am sending you some material concerning the State Temperance Union, asking you to see that the Ministerial Union gives us a Field Day in Emporia as early as can be conveniently arranged, leaving this entirely for you to manage.

The State Temperance Union is something like the Anti-Saloon League, is affiliated with the Anti-Saloon League, we contributing our portion to the National Anti-Saloon League work. Our local work, however, is somewhat different, on account of the different conditions in Kansas. It is largely law enforcement work, and we have expended some in this work so that we do law enforcement along other lines aside from prohibitory lines, notably against gambling dens, bawdy houses, and anything of this nature. The only funds which we receive are those which are raised in meetings like those we shall hold in Emporia.

I enclose you some material that may help you in making the meetings. It will be useless, from a financial standpoint, for us to make any arrangements unless we can be given the morning hour in all of the leading Churches. We can use the minor Churches in the evening with some degree of success, or can go to country points near by.

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W. C. M.-2.

Hoping that you were enabled to find some boating during your summer vacation, and that you are rested and in condition for a great winter's work, I remain

Your friend and brother,

CZ/ER.

Field Secretary.

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THE AMERICAN ISSUE

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF
THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
ERNEST H. CERRINGTON, EDITOR
WESTERVILLE, OHIO

September
Nine,
Nineteen-Ten.

Mr. Frank M. Stahl,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Brother Stahl:-

We have already reached the point in our publishing business where it seems absolutely necessary for us to put in a perfecting press. This press should have been put in to start with, but it meant a larger proposition than the Anti-Saloon League could possibly undertake at that time, and the purchase, of necessity, had to be postponed. As a result, we have a capacity in every other department of our publishing house far in advance of our press room capacity; and, in order to produce the largest amount of printed matter at the least possible expense, we must increase our capacity in press room either by the addition of extra flat bed presses, or by the installation of a perfecting press. The men who are familiar with conditions are practically unanimous in the opinion that we should put in a large press, instead of attempting to do the work that we will need to do with additional flat bed presses. This kind of equipment will require the additional expenditure of \$25,000.00; and, in order to meet this demand, we are compelled to appeal to the strong friends of the League in practically every state in the Union.

A large part of the money for the present equipment has been secured here in Ohio. We cannot get these same supporters to furnish money for this additional press; hence, we appeal to you to lend a hand at this time, when your assistance can probably count for a great deal more than you have an idea. Dr. Russell is writing you, asking for a list of men to whom it would be possibly worth while to send copies of the American Issue, pamphlets, circulars and tracts giving the facts regarding our publishing house, and to whom we can by-and-by appeal for financial support sufficient to take care of the cost of this new press. I believe every state in the Union will co-operate on this proposition, and you can readily see that every one of a hundred or two hundred special friends of the League in each state is willing to co-operate, it will not require a large sum from each one to do the business. If you will kindly send to Dr. Russell or myself a list of a hundred or a hundred and fifty of the best supporters of the Anti-Saloon League in Kansas, we shall begin at once a campaign

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of education with these men, sending them literature and facts bearing on the publishing house and the work which we are attempting to do here, in the hope that they may become interested; and I can promise you that this will be done in such a way that you need have no fears of its embarrassing you or the League work in your state. I am writing you frankly about this matter, because I believe you are interested in the great project which we have undertaken here in Westerville, and that you will willingly lend us your aid in this special effort at this time. These lists will be carefully preserved, and will be used for no other purpose without your full consent.

Hoping to hear from you in regard to this matter at the earliest possible moment, and with sincere regards, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest Thompson".

EHC/C.

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STATE OF KANSAS
W. R. STUBBS, GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

September 10th 1910.

Mr. Clerin Zumwalt,
822 Kansas Ave.,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Mr. Zumwalt:

Your invitation to the Governor to attend
your meeting at 11 o'clock Sunday A. M. came here in
his absence. I doubt whether he will be back at that
time.

Thanking you for the same in his behalf, I
remain,

Yours very truly,
J. D. Leahy
Private Secretary.

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Kansas City, Kansas. Sept 11, 1910.
Hon. F. M. Stahl.

Topeka, Kansas,

My dear Mr. Stahl.: Yours of the 6th inst forwarded to me from Manhattan, and I presume you seen the account of the week I was in last Tuesday morning near the yards in Kansas City. Am on the repair track for a few days, nothing but a strained ankle and a severe shaking up - but in answer to your letter: The County-attorney of Riley County R. P. Evans has the man convicted and in jail for boot-legging. I never heard ~~the~~ any of the testimony and do not know how strong it was. I think if you would write to Mr. R. P. Evans the Co. Atty. at Manhattan and signify your willingness to assist and ask about the condition of things it might be mutually beneficial to both

yours very truly

J.W. Richards

1609 Va Ave

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THE AMERICAN ISSUE

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September
Twelve,
Nineteen-Ten.

Mr. Frank M. Stahl,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr. Stahl:-

I am not sure that all our state superintendents appreciate the necessity of changing the Sunday subscription cards in accordance with the recommendation of the Post-Office Department at Washington. Superintendent Anderson's plan seems to fill every requirement, and is very much better from the standpoint of the League. It is true, however, that the change from the old system (if it has not already been made in any of the states) must be made at once or the states will get into serious difficulty, and in all probability will lose the entry for their state papers.

The recommendation by the Department was made more than a year ago, and they are now beginning to make careful investigation to see whether the state Leagues have complied with the instructions. I am simply sending you this in the way of a warning, so that you may be on your guard, and have all the ends of the subscription cards which contain the special subscription to your paper, filled in such shape that they can be fully investigated by the Post-Office inspector at any time he may happen to come to your office. If for any reason you have not in any part of your state adopted the new plan, you should do so at once; even if you are compelled to destroy a large supply of old blank subscription cards. You may be sure that the liquor crowd is bringing all the pressure possible to bear upon the Post-Office Department to embarrass the Anti-Saloon Leagues, and it behooves us not to be caught napping.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

EHC/C.

Ernest H. Cerrington

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Sept. 14, 1910.

Mr. E. A. Cheney,
Menlo, Kansas.

Dear Friend:-

These fellows that sell to the threshing crews are very hard to catch. If sales of whisky continue after the threshing season is over or late into the fall, please let me know. I shall be up in that region perhaps in the late fall or early winter and will confer with you. The County Attorney of your county has told me that he is very willing to do work, and I think if you get a list of the names of persons whom you think have bought liquor--a list of those from other towns near by is often better than those in your own town, for men will often give away another town quicker than their own--and send them to us, we will send them back to your County Attorney, asking him to act. I am sure in that case he will act and probably do good work. He will perhaps act better by receiving the names through us, on account of having expressed himself to me so strongly about the matter, and on account of the fear which County Attorneys have very often of our power to bring the Attorney General on the field. Get a good list of names--not of worthless old loafers, but of fellows who have probably bought--send us this list, and we will see what we can do.

Very truly yours,

CZ/ER.

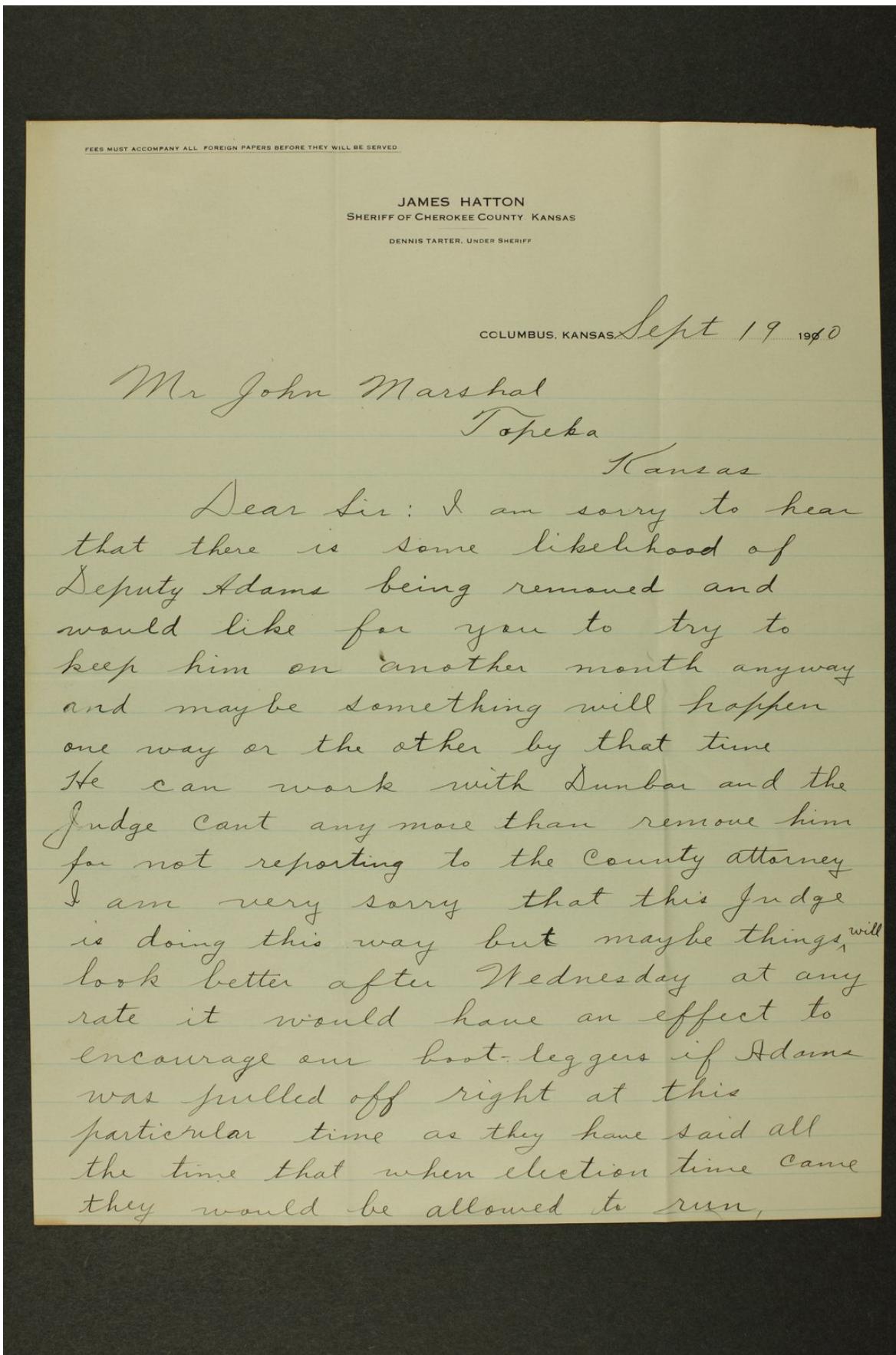
Field Secretary.

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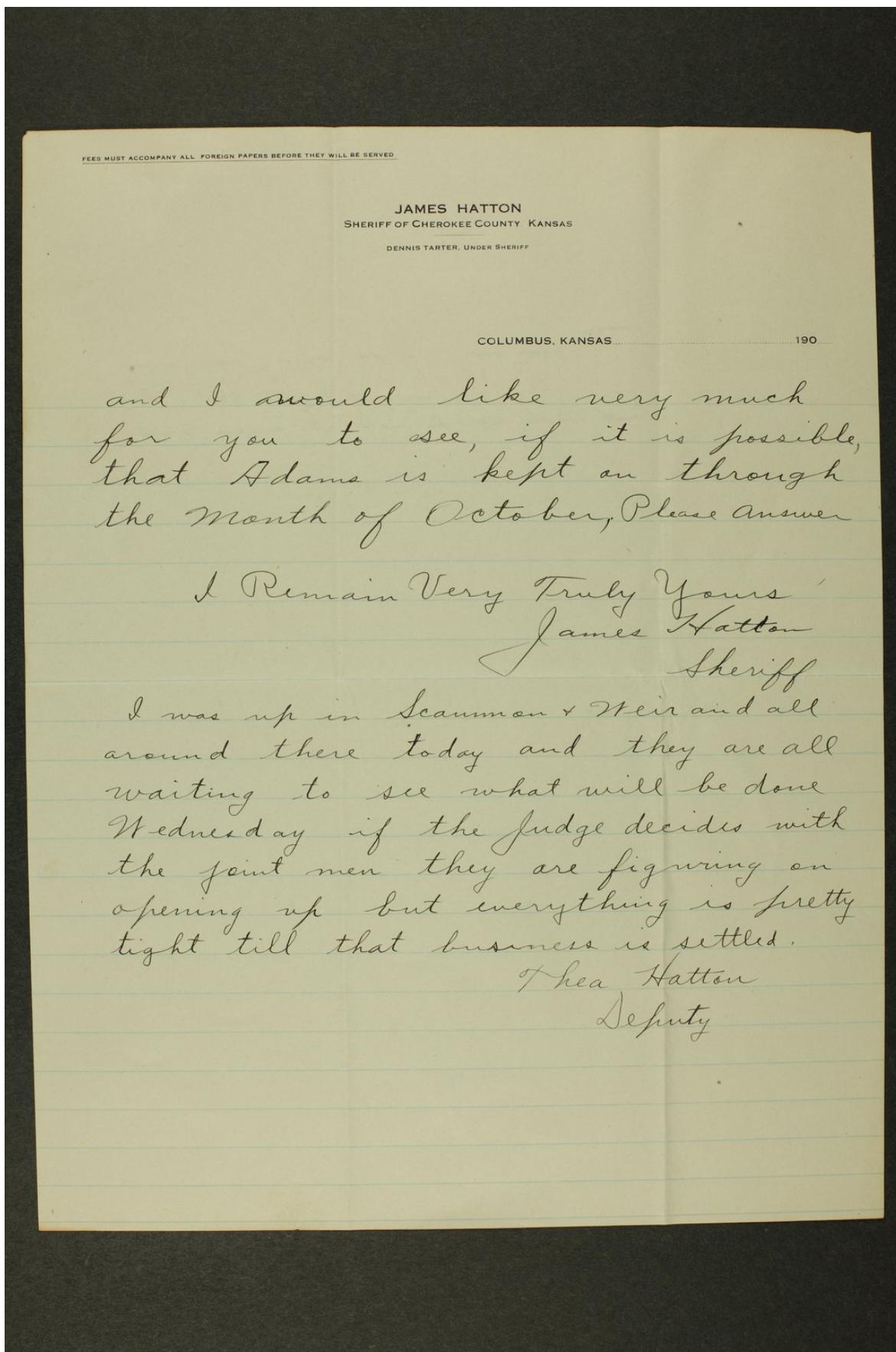


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Lescott, Kau.
Sept 20-1910.

F. H. Coburn,
President State Leum. Union
Topeka, Kau.

Dear Sir,

We wrote the union
in July about our perplexity
in regard to conditions
in our town, matters seem
to grow worse. Now on
Friday and Saturday
^{Sept. 23-24} this week, our town
holds a carnival or so-
called home coming of
the M. W. A. and we are
sure it would be a good
time to do something in
regard to apprehending

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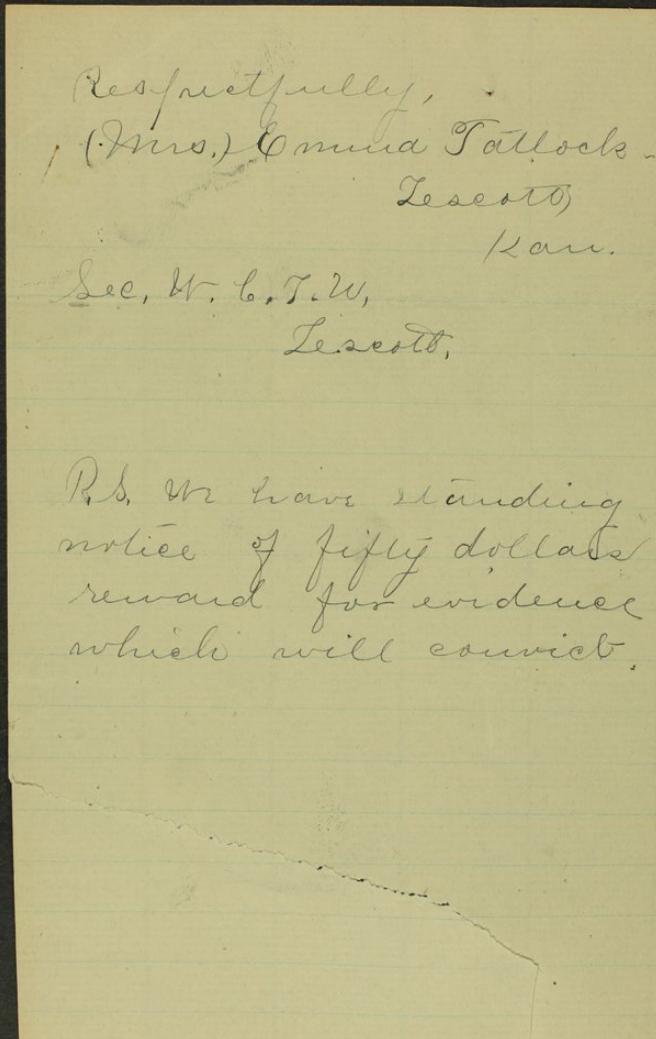
some of the law-breakers.
Not only in regard to the
sale of intoxicants but
to the keepers of desire,
profitable houses or rooms.
Would you inform us
by return mail, what
bribery would be requir-
ed of us, if we would
ask the S.T.W. for a
detective for those two
days with view of try-
ing to arrest and convict
these people? If you will
so oblige us we will
call a meeting imme-
diately and let you know
if we are able finan-
cially to respond.

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Sept 29th 1910

Mrs. Emma Tatlock,

Sec. W. C. T. U.

Tescott, Kansas

My Dear Lady :-

Enclosed you will find a report of how our men found things at Tescott. I think he is quite a capable man so far as getting on to the inside is concerned. I told him to look around and find out what he could before reporting to you. Not being able to find anything he failed to report to you. It might have been more satisfactory and you might have given him some helpful pointers, but one thing is certain, your town was pretty clean during the gathering.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

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Anson Kaw. 9-21-10

Dear Brother Stahl:-

Your letter at hand.

Silver Creek is a country church
5½ miles northeast of Anson.

You come to Rivendale on the
Rock Island and if the Mo.P.
train to Anson has not come
through Rivendale you come out
on it to Anson. If it comes
through before you get to
Rivendale I will drive down
there and bring you out here
Sat night. I can find out
by telephone if both of these

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trains are on time. Yes there
is a livery barn and hotel
at Riverdale - but you
will not need to use them.

Now, I'll know whether your
C.R. & P. train from Topeka will be
in in time to intercept with M.P.
train if not I'll meet you at
Riverdale. You may wait at
the depot or hotel for me.

Yours Sincerely
J. L. Penner

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Ward W. MacHenry, Chairman, Ashland, Oregon W. F. Shields, Secretary, Medford, Oregon J. W. Shirley, Treasurer, Medford, Oregon
Bert Anderson, Medford, Oregon Harry H. Tuttle, Medford, Oregon H. E. Badger, Ashland, Oregon James Lowe, Ashland, Oregon
E. S. Wolfer, Eagle Point, Oregon T. J. Hazleton, Central Point, Oregon C. S. Sanderson, Central Point, Oregon

Jackson County Anti-Saloon League

FINANCE COMMITTEE
W. F. Shields C. H. Pierce H. H. Tuttle

41 S. Holly St.

Medford, Oregon, Sept. 24, 1910.

The Kansas State Temperance Union
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sirs. - We have a campaign on in Oregon for state-wide prohibition by constitutional amendment. We are at a great expense to carry this campaign and yet we want to do everything possible to win the victory.

What can you dole prepaid to us in Medford 4000 of Gov. W. R. Stubbs Chicago speech? Can you give us 4000 prepaid for \$20-? Please answer at once.

Enclosed find 25^c for which send me 10^{or more} copies for immediate use.

Very truly,

W. F. Shields

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Oct. 6, 1910.

Mr. W. F. Shields, Sec.,
Medford, Oregon,
41 South Holly Street,

My dear Sir:--

Your letter has been on my desk for several days and I was waiting, hoping to help you out with "Facts Proved by Figures", as per your offer. Our neighbors, Missouri and Oklahoma, are in a wet and dry fight. Both are calling for help, and our treasury has a good round balance on the wrong side. I am sending you in addition to your ten copies of "Facts Proved by Figures", some samples of other stuff that is good. This stuff has a very small margin above cost, as they are priced and sent prepaid.

I will let you have 4000 for \$60.00, you to pay expressage. I would gladly give them to you if I could. I do hope you will win in your great fight.

Sincerely yours,

F.H.S./ER.

Superintendent.

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Sept, 27th 1910

Mr. G. E. Mason,

Pastor M. E. Church,

Mitchell, Kansas

My Dear Brother:-

I learn through our date maker, Rev. H. T. Davis of Wichita,
That I am to speak in your church at 11:00 A. M. Oct. 2nd at Ledianna at 3:00
P. M. and at Frey Chapel at 8:00 P. M. I have learned by experience that it is
wise to make arrangements for getting from the railroads to country points. If
you will engage a livery team for me I will be very glad indeed.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

C. M.

Superintendent.

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The Twenty-One Year Prohibition Club

of Lincoln County, Oklahoma

Central Committee

M. J. MILLARD, CHAIRMAN JOHN E. THACKREY, SECRETARY
A. B. CARPENTER, TREASURER

IN DEFENSE OF OUR PROHIBITION LAW
WE STAND BY OUR TWENTY-ONE YEAR CONTRACT

Chandler, Okla., Sept., 29th, 1910

Secretary Kansas State Temperance Union,

Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

As you of course know we are now engaged here in Oklahoma in a battle to retain our prohibitory law. As I was born and raised in Kansas and was for sometime actively engaged in the temperance work there I naturally look there when I want the best facts and statistics to be had on the question of prohibition. Can you send me samples of some of your most effective literature, statistics, etc? Have you Mr. Coburn's recent speech at Chicago printed so that they may be had in quantities? I not only have to supply literature to various workers in the county but am also conducting a column in the leading papers of the county.

Very Respectfully Yours,

John E. Thackrey
Secretary.

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Oct. 4, 1910.

Mr. John E. Thackrey,
Secretary The 21 Year Prohibition Club,
Chandler, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:--

Your letter of September 29th has been received and we are glad to know that some of our old Kansas prohibition workers are doing good work in Oklahoma, and trust that they and the good people of that State may come out successful in the battle to retain your prohibitory law. Under separate cover we are mailing you some of our leaflets, pamphlets, etc., showing the benefits of an enforced prohibitory law in Kansas. "Facts Proved by Figures" by Governor Stubbs is our latest, and we consider contains the strongest argument ever published in defense of prohibition. We can supply you with this booklet, Mr. Co-burn's address, and any of the others in any quantities desired at the prices named on the leaflets.

Wishing you the greatest success in your work, I am

Sincerely yours,

ER.

Superintendent.

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Bake Camp Mo Sept 30th 1910
Frank M. Stalley
Sup't State Temperance Union
Dear friend. Topeka Kansas
Some time ago I recd some
Temperance Literature from you for
which I am very thankful and I believe it
has done some people a great deal of
good to read. especially Gov. Stubbs
Chicago Speech and Attorney Jickets
Chautauqua speech at Winfield I
believe I have found it necessary
to loan these booklets & I need
more of them so please state the
price of at least 3 of each & will
remit the price at once as we
need all such as we can get
to work with even among Church
members please send me as much
literature in behalf of Kans Prohib.
ition as you can spare & send price
I shant spend money at time from
now till the Election is over Frank
among the Rail Road boys & I believe
they like me at least they read and
most of them express a desire to

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see Missouri Dry but the great question is up among them lately as about 10 days ago a man went through on a passenger train and distributed a lot of stuff with a heading like this What Prohibition has done to Kans comes to be an address of Vernon J. Rose at Joplin Mo. Jan 23 1910 he claims to be an ex chief of ~~P.D.~~ Police of Kansas City Kans I am mailing you one by this mail in Sept paper I gathered up all of these I could get hold of & have most of them in my posession the President of any W.C.F.U. is sending 2 of them to different State Presidents & Supt. in Mo but as I understand this these things have been distributed from St Louis to Kans City and if I had some to show the truth of what Prohibition has done for Kansas I would go over the same tracks & distribute the

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good Seed ³ my husband is a
Rock Island R R Agent & oper
at the Nay a station on the
R.I. & P. R.R 2 miles from Cole Camp
but we don't have a Post office
there so we get our mail on the
Ruel Route & I can get a Pass
& go any place on the Rock Island
this was a R.I. Passenger Conductor
that distributed those Speeches as
Rose she would get into trouble
if the Company knew it but I don't
want to make him trouble but I do
want to convert him so please
help me and all you can
Trusting in the Father & the good
people of this world I am your far
faithful work. Respectfully your
Mary C. Higgins
We are family at
Wash Co Kansas
MCH

Post office
Cole Camp
Mo

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C. R. J. McInturff,

Lawyer,

Title Examiner, Abstracter, Real
Estate, Loans & Insurance.

SCOTT CITY, KANSAS.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Scott City, Kansas, Oct. 1. 1910

Mr. John Marshall, Assistant Atty Gen'l,

Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Sir:- I would like to have an expression from you as to what is about right and proper for the ordinary commission or fees for Administration. While Kansas does not say in express words, yet it may be that your wide experience would suggest something that be to some extent a guide.

The matter has arisen several time in this county, and I have suggested 5% as a fair commission for the administrator, and for atty's fees, good judgement and efficiency in all matters.

Our Probate Court is not disposed to allow much for services in such matters, and we think it is one cause that has led to poor results, poor records &c.

That I may, as county attorney, and otherwise, correctly and wisely advise, I would like to have your opinion as to whether 5% is proper for compensation. Such is the law of Missouri and other states.

Respectfully,

*C R J McInturff
County Atty Scott Co Kan.*

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