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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. Coddington, 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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THE KANSAS HOME MUTUAL LIFE
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State Temperance Union
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Frank M. Stahl works at Wichita Kans

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| <i>30 hrs 3 Days work at 30¢ per hr</i> | <i>9.00</i> |
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H. F. Murphy

Windsor, Kans Feb 24 1910
State Temperance Union;
Dear Friends:

I promised
my pulpit for Sabbath
Morning March 6 to
H. T. Davis and would
be very glad to have
him or some other
equally good man from
the Union, but I
am closing my year
work at Windsor for
my Conf. Meet 16 and
will have to have the

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morning dear for my
own work. As I
do not know where
to write Bro. Davis I
write you. If I am
returned to Kinsley will
be glad to arrange date
and time after Feb 27.
Cordially

E. M. Cunningham

P.S. Show this make it clear
that I can not give
my pulpit for the Union
before Feb. 27.
E.M.C.

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February 26, 1910.

Rev. E. M. Cunningham,
Kinsley, Kansas.

My dear Brother:--

Your letter cancelling the date in your church for the morning of March 6th has been received. Your reasons are good. I called up Bro. Davis by phone at Wichita and told him that your church would be open to us after March 27th. I am writing to the Congregational Church in your city, cancelling the evening date at his church, and also the afternoon date at Offerle. We hope to make these same dates when we come to your church.

Sincerely yours,

FWS/HR.

Superintendent.

March 3, 1910.

Rev. H. T. Davis,

1138 Jackson Avenue,

Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Davis:--

The enclosed card and notation on the statement sent will explain themselves. If you can remember the circumstances connected with this subscription and card it may help us in our books. We have no mark on this card nor no account of any part being paid.

The day here is ideal and the prediction is that it will continue for several days, which makes it hopeful for the coming Sunday. We now have five dates for the coming Sunday. Smith, Imri Zumwalt and Pomeroy will take a vacation, so far as field work is concerned.

The outlook for dates after the 6th seems to be promising, and I am in hopes that our men will find places from that time on. Until some different arrangements are made will expect you to date five men and we will try and take care of the other three up here.

There is another little item, Bro. D., that has left us somewhat in the dark. Pomeroy in collecting old cards met one A. L. Knott in Wichita, a plumber by trade. He had a card for \$6.00 presented to Mr. Knott and he said that he had taken up the card and given you \$12.00 by check, \$6.00 to pay up a pledge for the coming year. Mr. Knott has no credit on our books and we are utterly at sea in regard to the transaction. Do you remember the circumstance and can you help us out?

The girls last week kicked up quite a row about being frozen in our office and today they are talking about electric fans and ice water. Changeable world, isn't it?

Hoping you will have a better day Sunday than I and that I will have a good day, I remain

Sincerely yours,

FMS/ER.

Superintendent.

HEADQUARTERS OF

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THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

WESTERVILLE, OHIO March 3, 1910.

Mr. Frank M. Stahl,
824 Kansas Avenue,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Brother:

The National Headquarters' Committee have unanimously elected Superintendent S. E. Nicholson of Pennsylvania, as our National Legislative Superintendent. Mr. Nicholson has accepted the position and is now on the ground, at Washington, and will have permanent charge of our work at the capitol from this time forward - moving his family there as soon as he can make adjustments to do so.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. C. W. Carroll has been elected Mr. Nicholson's successor as Superintendent of the Pennsylvania League. Mr. Nicholson, by experience and temperament is eminently fitted for the position at Washington.

I want to earnestly request that you at once write to such of your United States Senators and Congressmen, as are not known to be positively against us, informing them of Mr. Nicholson's selection for this position; expressing briefly your estimate of his fitness for the position, and asking their co-operation in such measures as he may bring to their attention. It will be very helpful indeed to Mr. Nicholson in his work at Washington, if you will do this, and it will give him easy access to Congressmen that it would require a long time, otherwise, to establish friendly relations with.

Our work there is becoming so increasingly important that it is impossible, with the growing responsibility of the General Superintendency, for Doctor Young and myself to give it the attention it must have.

Very cordially yours,

P. A. Baker.
General Superintendent.

PAB/S.



March 3, 1910.

Rev. P. A. Baker,
General Superintendent Anti-Saloon League,
Westerville, Ohio.

My Dear Brother:--

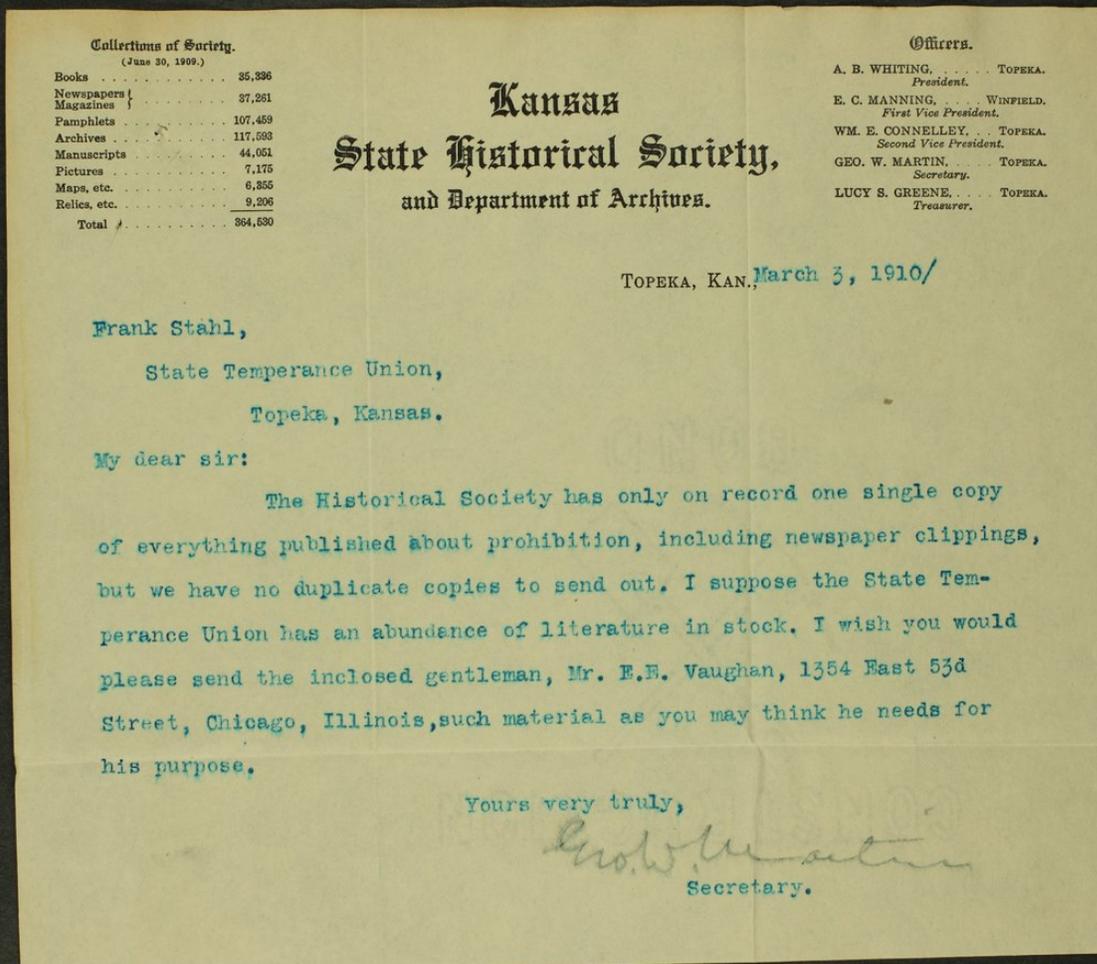
Your letter of March 3rd is now before me and I note what you say in regard to S. E. Nicholson of Pennsylvania, who has accepted the position of watching legislation at Washington, D. C., and also your suggestion that we write to the Senators and Congressmen from our State, telling them what Mr. Nicholson stands for, and asking that they give him their cooperation in his work. It will be a pleasure to do this, and it seems to me that with a solid delegation from Kansas and the delegations that we ought to have from the other eight States that are now standing for Statewide prohibition, and large portions of other States, we ought to be able to accomplish something with the present Congress. One of our great needs here in Kansas is interstate commerce legislation that will give us the benefit of our own laws and protect us from the man in Missouri and other States who can sell to people in Kansas and yet remain immune from prosecution.

I note what you say also in regard to the political condition existing here in Kansas in regard to a successor to Miller from the fourth district. We are in a very peculiar position here. Miller is the chosen leader of the Langley bill as amended, that we are now pressing, with the hope that it may become a law, and is regarded in Kansas here as a very efficient, earnest and aggressive worker for the temperance interests; while on the other hand, Attorney General Jackson, who is contesting the place with Miller, has been by far the most aggressive man that we have ever had in Kansas that has held the same office. He has been more help to us than any other one man in Kansas, for the reason that he is in full sympathy with our work, and that under our inquisition law--which has the power of subpoena, question and committing for contempt for refusal to answer--wherever we have a County Attorney who fails to come up to the standard, all we have to do here at headquarters is to make a showing of this kind and our Attorney General will appoint some man who will do the work. This is a help that we have never had before; so as Jackson as our right hand man and helper here, and Miller as our helper there at Washington, we are not in a position to do aggressive work for either man. I would just say this one thing, that if Mr. Miller is successful in pressing his work and getting a good hearing and a good showing, he will have made himself very much stronger with the people of Kansas and will be a pretty hard man to beat. We have nothing but the very best words to say for both men, and hoping that He who rules and overrules will guide us aright, and that whatever is done will be for the best, we remain

Sincerely yours,

FMS/ER.

Superintendent.





The University of Chicago

1354 E 5th St.

Chicago -
Secy. State Historical Society of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir: I have a request to make and being
a Kansas, I expect it will be granted inmediate
reply. I am a student here in the University
of Chicago, and am preparing a 6000 word
theme on The Effect of Prohibition in Kansas, I
desire to treat this subject in ^{two} three ways, from a
social or moral stand point of view and from a
political or social commercial stand-point. If you have
any printed matter by the State on this subject, I shall indeed
be glad to receive same such information, and if possible
by express mail.

Thanking you, in advance for this especially favor, allow
me to be

Very respectfully,

E.E. Vaughan

March 3, 1910.

Mr. B. E. Vaughn,
1354 E. 57th Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:--

Your letter asking for literature in regard to a paper that you are writing in the interests of prohibition has been referred to us from the Historical Society of this city, and under separate cover we are trying to send you the literature we think will help you in your paper. One strong point, it seems to me, in an article of that kind, would be the financial situation, of which you make no mention. This one thing seems to have more effect pro and con, in the cities especially, than any other one item, and the literature that we send you will answer this question fully.

Wishing you success, we remain

Sincerely yours,

FMS/ER.

Superintendent.



March 4, 1910.

Mrs. Jane P. Langley,
Morland, Kansas.

Dear Sister:--

I think it would be possible to locate your booze seller without a detective, and if you wish can give you some instructions as to how to work in this manner. I remember I looked into the matter when I was in Morland and found that so far as I could ascertain no one was selling, but that a number were clubbing together and shipping in and then dividing up. This is very hard to get at and will be best handled by the new law which we are at present trying to get to prevent the shipment of liquors into the State.

In a small town like yours the drinking element always suspicions any stranger who comes in. We find it easy to do detective work in large towns, but in small towns almost impossible. A man would probably have to stay in a town the size of Morland for two or three weeks before he could get the confidence of the drinking element. This would make it very expensive, as our men charge \$2.50 per day and expenses, and we have no man that I could conscientiously recommend to you who is doing detective work at the present. Two of our field men, Mr. Davis and myself, have done some of this work, but I am afraid that everyone in Morland would recognize me on account of my having been there in the fall. Mr. Davis would be unavailable on account of being busy with work in Wichita at present.

I will turn your letter over to Mr. Stahl, our Superintendent, and he will probably give you a little more definite answer than I am able to give at present. Please remember that we desire to help you in every way possible, but I looked in to the Morland matter when there and believe it would be very expensive to use a detective long enough to get the right evidence. I shall be passing through some time within a few months and could stop off and see what could be done, and in that case it would cost you nothing, but could not promise you when. Would not like to come and be on expense for a long time when the prospect of getting evidence is so poor.

Yours for the cause of righteousness,

OZ/ER.

Field Secretary.



March 4th, 1910.

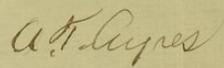
John Marshall,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Marshall:-

I ~~was~~ had expected to hear from you before this relative to the Cleveland matter. I have before me a letter from Mrs. Shipman and she seems to be worked up a little over the fact of Stiles being back there trying to make a further settlement with her children upon condition that they secure a deed from her, without being willing at the same time to pay her something and she says that she will not be willing to make such a deed unless she is paid \$1000.00. In the letter to Mrs. Susie Cleveland, however, she indicates that upon the payment of \$1000.00 to her and satisfactory settlement with Susie she would be willing to release all claim in the matter. I hope that under all the circumstances you can include this amount for her and that we may be able to get the whole matter adjusted at an early date.

Kindly advise me as soon as you can.

Yours very truly,



Dict. ATA/D

March 7, 1910.

Hon. A. T. Ayres,
Attorney at Law,
Howard, Kans.

Dear Mr. Ayres:

I talked to you a little yesterday on the telephone, but could not hear you, and again today. I realize that I have delayed unnecessarily long in letting you know about the Cleveland matter. When I was in Howard I had pretty fully made up my mind what to do, but the next day I received a letter from Mrs. Cleveland which indicated that she was not altogether satisfied, and delayed answering you. A few letters have passed between Mrs. Cleveland and myself since that time. This correspondence relieved me of the responsibility of saying whether she should or should not follow the line suggested the day I was in your office. I have this morning received another letter from her. Under this letter I do not feel authorized to make any statement to you concerning the matter, save and except that Mrs. Cleveland does not desire to settle upon the terms suggested. I cannot make this plainer without communicating to you what would be improper, on account of the communications from Mrs. Cleveland to myself.

Very truly yours,

John Marshall

Wichita Kansas.

3-4-10.

Dear Bro:- — at Ellenwood

The Pres^s are on verge of going into union meeting with Geo M. E. & the M. E. and Pres are about ready to give me a union meeting for same day and for these two reasons I have held dates for 20th I will have date for 5 men any time I want to send in so you don't need to be uneasy about it. I love all of Horington - Geo Bard, Albert, P. Rock charges now, also Cunningham and Geo charges, grouping them as I hope to give I will place 5 men and if you are hung up on other men let us know.

I have had some trouble making dates for 13. I went to conference at N. City hoping to meet all of Lane's Dis but men I wanted to see most were not there and I could not find them. We are having trouble with this date because weather has been so bad preachers have not been able to finish their ~~work~~ work for conference.

I found these men at N. City Dis Conf had been written to and some had said to a conclusion - no meeting until after conf.

H. H. Wolfe of N. City sent me his address this week so I could send him a subpoena or ~~order~~ order in a very important whiskey case.

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Date ^{of} 13. of March.

11 a.m. Leoti M. & Ch. Write Rev Chambers and Earnest Foster of Leoti
 3 P. " Silkirk M. & Ch. " " " " Leoti and N. G. Ballard Silkirk,
 7:30. " " Tribuna " " " " M. E. Pastor - This date is not made I could
 not get in touch with pastor - please write him I have already
 written ask him for Tribuna at 7:30 I cant get it ask
 for country points and if he will give country points
 for Mon and Tuesday eve better story and feel them.

Pro Dues & cents charge. - Rev Norman ^{pastor} of R. Center.
 11 a.m. Burns Chapel M. & Ch. 1 1/2 W. Nekoma, Write W. A. Kitch Nekoma R. D. S.
 3:30 P.M. Nekoma S. Ch. Write Mrs ~~H~~ Nancy West Nekoma.
 7:30 P.M. Alexander W. B. Ch - Dat not complete yet - pastor holding
 meeting now will write definitely Monday - write Mr Kirkpatrick
 of Alexander, write Pastor of M^{rs} Cracken that is his home
 will him also at Alexander as he is they now
 I believe it will be open - If it is not open sun
 eve and his meeting closes then better hold it for
 Mon eve 14, 8:30.

Ness City circuit, Rev N. H. Reichard, Pastor Ness City.
 3 P.M. Bazine M. & Ch. Write N. H. Young Bazine.
 7:30 " " Riverside " " " Mrs E. S. Walter, Francis.
 7:30 " " Mar 14 Fairview S. Ch. - Write E. W. Riel Ness City.
 7:30 " " " 15 Nonchalant S. Ch. " Leo Slagle - Nonchalant.
 7:30 " " " 16 Beeler S. Ch. " R. M^{rs} Kelsey Beeler.
 These meetings will all be announced in school and church and phone
 church and home would be a good way to tell them.



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Jan 10
Healy Charge, Owen Kanon Pastor
Address Healy.

1. Wm. Manning M.E.Ch. With pastor at Healy and Sam. Walker Manning.
2. " " Grigsby S.A. With Pastor Healy and W.C. Dickinson Grigsby.
3. " " Healy M.E.Ch. " Rev Owen Kanon Pastor.

If I don't get a letter dall for you I want you
to go to Leoti I want you to get a
touch of real western life. I will stop at Healy
because Owen Kanon is a special friend he
was on my first preaching charge.

I will meet you on M.O.P. No 3. at Levenson
or Ferrington or Herington.

I will make no date if I can.

Dates open for us at this time seem to be rather
so, badly. but business will pick up soon.

As ever

Helen



March 5, 1910.

Rev. A. F. Chaffee,
Independence, Kansas.

My dear Sir:--

There is a great demand from other State in regard to conditions in Kansas. Our friends, the enemy, seem to take special delight in misrepresenting conditions in this State. The continual cry is that prohibition is a failure, that towns have gone down hill since the prohibition law has been in force, that buildings are vacant, people are dissatisfied, business depressed, and all the ills that mortal flesh is heir to have come upon Kansas and her people because of our prohibition law. Our answer to these charges can only be obtained through such data as you have given us. We know that it costs work, that it costs time, and I wish to say to you, Bro. Chaffee, that we thoroughly appreciate the time and work that you have given to sending us this statement, and we thank you sincerely for it. We purpose getting up a booklet composed of statements like yours from the leading towns in Kansas that we want to use in answer to the misrepresentations and slanderous statements made through brewers, saloon men and unfriendly papers in other States. We are very glad indeed to hear of conditions at Independence and we know from the temper of the people of Kansas that the saloon has gone to stay and will never be tolerated again in this State. We would be glad at any time to receive from you any interesting facts or statements regarding Independence under law enforcement.

Yours for the complete elimination of the saloon, not only in Kansas, but
throughout the whole United States,

FMS/ER.

Superintendent.



March 5, 1910.

Mr. B. T. Polson,
Winfield, Kansas.

My dear Sir:--

Your letter concerning Mr. W. G. Calderwood, Secretary of the Prohibition State Committee of Minnesota has been received. I note that he is to be in Kansas for your meeting at Lindsborg, March 23rd and 24th. You ask for two other dates and wish us, if possible, to arrange one for him in Topeka on the 22nd, 23rd or 25th. There is some information I would like to know in regard to Mr. Calderwood, as to what the cost will be and what he expects. The Churches here in Topeka have been occupied by other than the preachers a great deal of late. One prominent minister told me the other day that it seemed to him he was unable to occupy his pulpit, as it had been filled by others for several weeks. If a meeting had been on Sunday one could probably have been arranged in one of the theaters, as we have a large meeting almost every Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. But of this one thing I am quite certain, with the number of lecturers and traveling men that are making applications and filling so many pulpits in the larger cities he would not get any more than the ordinary Church audience if he was to come to this place; while, on the other hand, if in some of the smaller cities of a thousand to 2500, where a union meeting could probably be arranged, his audience would probably be double anyone he could get in this city.

I would like to hear Mr. Calderwood and learn of conditions in Minnesota, as we are very anxious to get a white strip from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, and what we lack is Texas on the south and Nebraska and Minnesota on the north. With the many things going on this city, however, and so many places for people to go to, it is a question if he could get an audience any week day night that would be satisfactory or would encourage a speaker. Wish I could give more encouragement, but these are the facts.

Sincerely yours,

FMS/ER.

Superintendent.

Baldwin Mar 7th 10

My Dear Brother Stahl,

It is alright about laying off when there is no way of making dates. I will be glad to go again, of course, when there is work to do.

You do not owe me any back pay I think. On the contrary I think there is due from me to the Union about eight dollars.

I have been wondering if I am likely to come through Topeka this week? I ought to get some good legal advice about our situation in Baldwin. There are a whole lot of facts that are not clearly in the open, that are yet certain violations of the liquor law. We have our boot leggers. They are known. The difficulty is getting exact evidence. Old man Morgan goes to the house of one of them for liquor doubtless and for other worse purposes it is believed.

To get this advice I might have to leave Baldwin on Friday evening and see Hawley, our Co. attorney that night, and see our Topeka counsel in the morning. This would require perhaps a dollar extra of expense money on my trip out. It would take some of my time also Friday evening and Sat. morning, and I am spraying my trees now. Would the Union stand this little added expense, if I gave the time?

Very cordially,

Julius Smith



March 8, 1910.

Rev. Julius Smith,
Baldwin City, Kansas.

My dear Smith:--

Glad you've come to life. I was thinking about writing to you today. Your dates for next Sunday are: 11:00 a. m., Talmage; 3:00 p. m., Willowdale; and the evening date not positively arranged. Those points are in Dickinson County, out a short distance from Abilene. Your route will naturally take you through Topeka, and we can talk over the matters to which you refer. The time you speak of and the small amount of expense incurred in getting the information you want will be all right.

It has been a hard time for our date men. The two last Sabbaths before this only five men were dated and for the coming Sunday only six men are dated out of eight or nine we could use to good advantage if we had dates.

Hoping the bugs and vermin are squirming under the spray you are putting on your trees, and that you will be able to send us up a barrel--I might say, two or three barrels--to the Union for winter use, I remain

Sincerely yours,

FMS/ER.

Superintendent.



March 10th, 1910

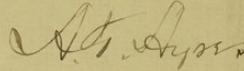
John Marshall, Esq.,
Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Marshall,-

I received yours of 7th inst. relative to the Cleveland matter and note that it is not likely that any settlement will be made. I regret this since I think it would have been better for all parties concerned that this matter be cleaned up out of court and I should have done what I could to have accomplished that end and I think it could have been satisfactorily worked out. I had really led myself to believe, or been persuaded, that Mrs. Cleveland really meant to treat Susie in a liberal manner in this matter, but am now quite certain of the reverse. If litigation is necessary we will, ofcourse raise all questions that may be to our advantage, and make the best of the situation that we can.

Do you expect to be down here any time soon, or do you think a further conference bewteen us might accomplish any thing?

Yours Very Truly,



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Kansas Department of the Anti-Saloon League of America
(The Church in Action Against The Saloon)

824 KANSAS AVENUE
IND. PHONE 1272

OFFICIAL ORGAN "THE KANSAS ISSUE"

Topeka, Kansas Mar 14, 19

My Dear Bro Stahl

I got good train connection from Abilene to Galvna Sat. so went on to destination. I was surprised on arrival to learn that Bro. Pomeroy had been there a little while ago. The friends had secured Manchester, also which was also ⁱⁿ Pomeroy's day work. I could therefore only go ahead & supplement his collection & not duplicate them.

We had good audiences all around, & I think, a very useful day. I had "liberty" in speech & the people seemed much pleased.

The financial returns were better than I had thought they would be. Between \$49.00 & \$50.00 of which some \$13.00 was in cash. In addition I found a man who had subscribed \$6.00 to Pomeroy, whose wife had also subscribed \$3.00. The wife had rec'd notice but he had not. He asked me about it & said if I would find his card he would immediately send a check for \$9.00, covering both subscriptions & one dollar to spare. This morning Mrs. Mc Card closed down the card & he will receive early notice. In that case we have prospect of early receipt of \$9.00 from this source. The wheat up in that high



rich prize is damaged at least 50% -

I see I go to Leam
for next Sunday. - Bulker Co.

I was out all night getting
back to Abilene, my only way to make train
connection for Lawrence to attend to our business
there today. This made 33 no livery + feed, \$390, rather
a large outlay. But I had good luck again
in entertainment, having no hotel bill, some
for meals however. The expense of the
day was a trifle over \$10.00 total.

Sincerely

Julius Smith

March 16, 1910.

Rev. Levi Johnson,
Pastor Friends Church,
1014 Randolph Street,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

My dear Brother:--

Your letter of yesterday came to hand in this morning's mail and I note what you say in regard to Leavenworth. Your testimony concerning conditions is just like we have heard from scores of others coming from States where the saloons are running wide open to one where there are no open saloons; even though there may be hidden joints and the law is violated, the change is so great that the newcomer into prohibition territory always has some nice things to say in regard to his environment. We understand the conditions in Leavenworth fairly well. The fight has been long and hard and Leavenworth is one of the last cities in Kansas to come under the influence of our prohibitory liquor law. Being right on the border of the State with open saloons just across the river it has been a hard and a long fight, and the victory is not yet complete. Attorney General Shubert has had Leavenworth as part of his special assignment. He has had a hard job of it, but he is persevering, and I will give him the information you have given me and I feel sure that results will follow.

Glad that you are interested, and believing that in the near future Leavenworth will be classed as one of our clean cities, I remain

Sincerely yours,

FMS/ER.

Superintendent.



Capeka Branch
Secretary College Department
Mrs. Mary Price Smith

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
Methodist Episcopal Church



Baldwin, Kansas, Mar 18/10

My Dear Bro. Stahl,

Just a hurried line before
work starts this morning to indicate the
results Sunday. I made my date hoping
to drive from Kirgman; could not get
nearer by any railroad. Too late for Wichita
connections. They go out in the morning

Conditions were peculiar at Spi
ney & Reno. ~~Spina~~ was alright. The
results were not what they should have
been. A little over 40⁰⁰ in all. About
double that would have been right.
Twelve ^{dollars} or 20 in cash. More next week
or 20. Excuse haste.

Cordially
Julius Smith



El Dorado Kans. Mar 18, '10

To The Supt. Kansas State Temperance Union.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith the bill sent me on acct of my subscription to the Kans. Temperance Union. which was made with the definite promise on the part of your agents that the "Official organ" was to be sent to me during the currency of my subscription.

I have had only two copies of the paper, and that after writing to Headquarters about the matter twice, the first time I wrote in a very friendly and courteous manner, three months later when I sent in the 2nd installment on the pledge I enclosed a letter saying that I was not getting the paper, and that unless it was sent I should not pay any more on the subscription. Since then I have not had the paper or any communi-

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ation from the Union,

Furthermore I have made enquiries from Temperance workers, and find that the so called Temperance Union is not doing any better toward other friendly supporters of Temperance than it has done to me, therefore I have decided to cast my influence and vote with the real promoters of prohibition.

So far as I can see the Temperance Union is not the "Church in action against the saloon" only in so far as the Union can secure financial support from the Church without rendering any account even through the official organ.

I remain very sincerely
a supporter of true Temperance
W. S. Sharp.

Pastor of the Baptist Church
Eldorado Kans.

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March 22, 1910.

W. A. Sharp,
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Dear Sir:--

Your letter of March 18th has been received. We have letters that come to this office of which 95 per cent are very satisfactory and many of them we label "Roses and Sunshine". Probably two or three a year we label "Thorns and Thistles". It seems to me that you are either not a Kansas man or else you are very much in the dark in regard to the work of the State Temperance Union. The State Temperance Union was organized by the churches of the State of Kansas to fight a thoroughly organized foe. Delegates from the churches meet from year to year when the accounts that you say are not audited, are audited by a committee and passed upon each year by the delegates from the different churches throughout the State. Reports are received, new officers are elected, conditions in general talked about from all standpoints by the leading men and women of the State, and an executive committee left here in Topeka to confer with at any time and direct matters.

The men who are at the head of this work today and active are Governor W. R. Stubbs, Attorney General Jackson, Secretary Coburn, J. W. Gleed, Charles M. Shedd, and many more of like standing. These men are the acknowledged leaders of temperance work, not only in Kansas, but throughout the entire United States. When I say that the world is coming to Kansas for information, for literature, for copies of her laws and methods of procedure, I am stating the literal truth. We are sending literature printed in this office to Europe, to Prince Edwards Island, to Maine, and from Maine to California in most of the States.

Your letter is not good reading, but my belief is it was written without thinking or knowing of the general conditions.

In regard to the paper that seems to be the bone of contention with you, I will say this: That our agent said probably just exactly what you report. The paper is printed away from home. We furnish the copy and the list of names and they are sent from the office, and there are some complaints; but in very few cases, if any, is the office to blame where the paper has not been received. We are always sorry for this and always send back numbers when we find out the paper has not been received. Our part of the contract will be kept and you will receive the paper until the end of the year. Your account will stand on the books just as it is and your letter will be placed on file. We never want money unless it comes willingly, and that applies to you as well as to any other man

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that has made a pledge. In conclusion will say this: That you have not been in the fight for better things in Kansas any great length of time or else you have not studied the situation and do not know what it is.

Hoping that we can work together, as we ought, for the upbuilding of the temperance cause here and elsewhere, I remain

Truly yours,

FMS/RR.

Superintendent.