

H. P. Stebbins to Governor John St. John

This letter from H. P. Stebbins to Kansas Governor St. John, outlines his reasons and ideas for a state-wide prohibition rally to be held July 4, 1880. Commenting on the difficulty of raising funds for the cause, he mentions the "devotees of Bacchus" will likely experience no problem.

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Atchison, Kans., *April 23*, 1880.

Gov. St. John,
My dear Sir -

I have just written Rev. A. M. Richardson, suggesting that we arrange for a grand rally of our people throughout the whole State, especially in the rural districts, in the interest of Prohibition, on the coming Fourth of July.

Our attempts to have meetings here except by Sunday night "union meetings" promise to be of no benefit, yet expensive. We must have a speaker of known merit and reputation to half fill a small hall on almost any week-day evening - so many other amusements, purely, and such as cost something, to draw off our citizens.

The country people always want something to fill in the 4th, are always liberal in their preparations, and ready to come out. At these gatherings of the yeomanry local organizations of the best material (working) should be made,

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and the friends of the cause called out from
any doubtful position, or otherwise, and the
watchword, ~~should~~, "organize" should be
sounded in prolonged notes. I also sug-
gested that it would be well to distribute,
(judiciously) a few very brief circulars giving
from 6 to 12 very short reasons ~~or~~ statements
of why we have faith ~~in~~ that good results will
come from the ^(acceptance) passage of this amendment, & also
presenting the fallacies, falsehoods and sophis-
tical positions and the tricks and subtleties
of the opposition party.

We find it very hard work to raise any
money for our good work — yet the devotees
of Beecher will no doubt raise a large fund,
their gains being heavy out of what should not
be legitimate, since it is neither the pay for hon-
est labor or the result of fair exchange.

Most truly,
(Sec'y pro tem) H. P. Stebbins.