

## **R. C. Chase to Governor John St. John**

In this letter, R. C. Chase invites Kansas Governor St. John to attend a "Temperance Barbecue" near Hiawatha on August 19th, realizing the Governor's busy schedule may prevent him from accepting the invitation.

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Hiawatha, Brown Co. Kas,

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1880

Gov. J. P. St. John:

(Dear Sir & brother:

I have just been waited upon by a committee, with request that I will write to you, and, if possible, secure you for an address at a "Temperance Barbecue," to be held in a grove about 6 miles north of Hiawatha, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. I expressed to the committee my fears that your official duties, and other engagements, would render it impossible for you to be here at that time; but a-



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gned to at once write you.  
 Mrs. C. and myself went  
 to Oneida yesterday, to hear  
 you. I think that Mr.  
 Shin rather did you  
 injustice, in his great  
 anxiety to shield him-  
 self from all blame, but  
 I think no serious harm  
 will come from it.  
 You can rest assured  
 that Brown County is  
 all right so far as  
 the Topeka state an-  
 nouncement is concerned.  
 If you think it prob-  
 able that you can  
 be at our barbecue  
 we will have it  
 so arranged.  
 Yours fraternally  
 R. C. Chase