

W. D. Wyatt to Governor John St. John

A letter to Kansas Governor St. John from attorney W.D. Wyatt of Clinton, Illinois. Wyatt asks the Governor to visit and speak to the temperance faithful in his community on September 8th. Wyatt, although professing to be a Democrat, suggests he would support St. John as a Presidential candidate in 1884.

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Lincoln, Ill., Aug. 11th 1880

Gov. John P. St. John:

My Dear Sir & Mrs.

Your very kind,
encouraging and welcome letter
came duly to hand, and for which
please accept my humble and
ever grateful thanks—

Of course the eyes of the
good people of the enlightened
and Christian world are
watching the canvass in your
noble young state with deep
interest and solicitude, and
are hopeful for its result, and
would not call you away for
a moment, if in your wisdom
and judgment, you should deem
your presence necessary at home.
But we are confident that
you will succeed beyond any

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doubt by an ever-ubiquitous Majority,
are proposing to follow you
if ample in Illinois, and
know that your presence and
a lecture on the 8th or 9th at Decatur
Ills. would be of inestimable
service to the cause in this
grand State. Could you imagine
what an impetus ^{your presence would give} and assistance
to the cause ^{here}, you would, I am
sure, make any reasonable
sacrifice in your power to be
with us. The presence of no
hundred or hundred men being
would, bring to us such
aid as would your presence.
Remember that you are
the honored and revered Head
of our national organization,
and that your name is dear

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to all of us - That your noble
character and efforts on behalf
of our cause, have brought influence,
power and a grand inspiration
to the work - and that among the
true philanthropists, humanitarians
and Christians, all over this
broad land, your name has
become a familiar household
word - and not as much so
anywhere ^{else} as in Illinois, and
when this is all so that you
have it in your power to ac-
complish more for the cause,
and assist us more in our
efforts to accomplish good than
can be expressed verbally or on
paper - I repeat remember all
this and do so the good Lord
in his infinite mercy and wisdom



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May seem to direct you —
The course of the cause, in this
State seems the overture and
upward; in fact it is an one
Grand room; and if you will
favor us with your presence at our
convention, carry the Prohibition
Amendment by a decisive majority
in Kansas. we will follow
suit; and in 1884 if the good
franchise is carried your
party, as a necessity to suc-
cess & nominate you for the
Presidency on a Prohibition
Platform, and assist in
your triumphant Election.
In politics I have been a Democrat
yet voted for Lincoln in 1864 &
Grant in 1868. shall vote for
Neal Dow in 1880, and hope

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to be permitted to live & work for
John P. St. John, whether nominated
by the Republican or prohibition
party in 1884 — and see him
elected — and that fully
express the opinions feelings and
hopes of 100,000 voters of my State
who are not of your political
faith — Hence you may form
some remote idea of how much
we wish to see you, and of
the vast amount of assistance
you can be of — And am
sure you will if you can hardly
possibly do so, attend our State
convention, of but for one day —
Say the 8th of September 1888 —
and hoping for a speedy and favorable
reply, that God may bless our united
efforts to do good I am fraternally & truly
Yours
W. D. Wyatt
Per - H. B. C. Y. A.