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A letter from editor A. B. Nettleton of the Minneapolis Tribune to Kansas Governor St. John seeking answers to several probing and relevant questions regarding the disposition and implementation of the recently adopted prohibition amendment.

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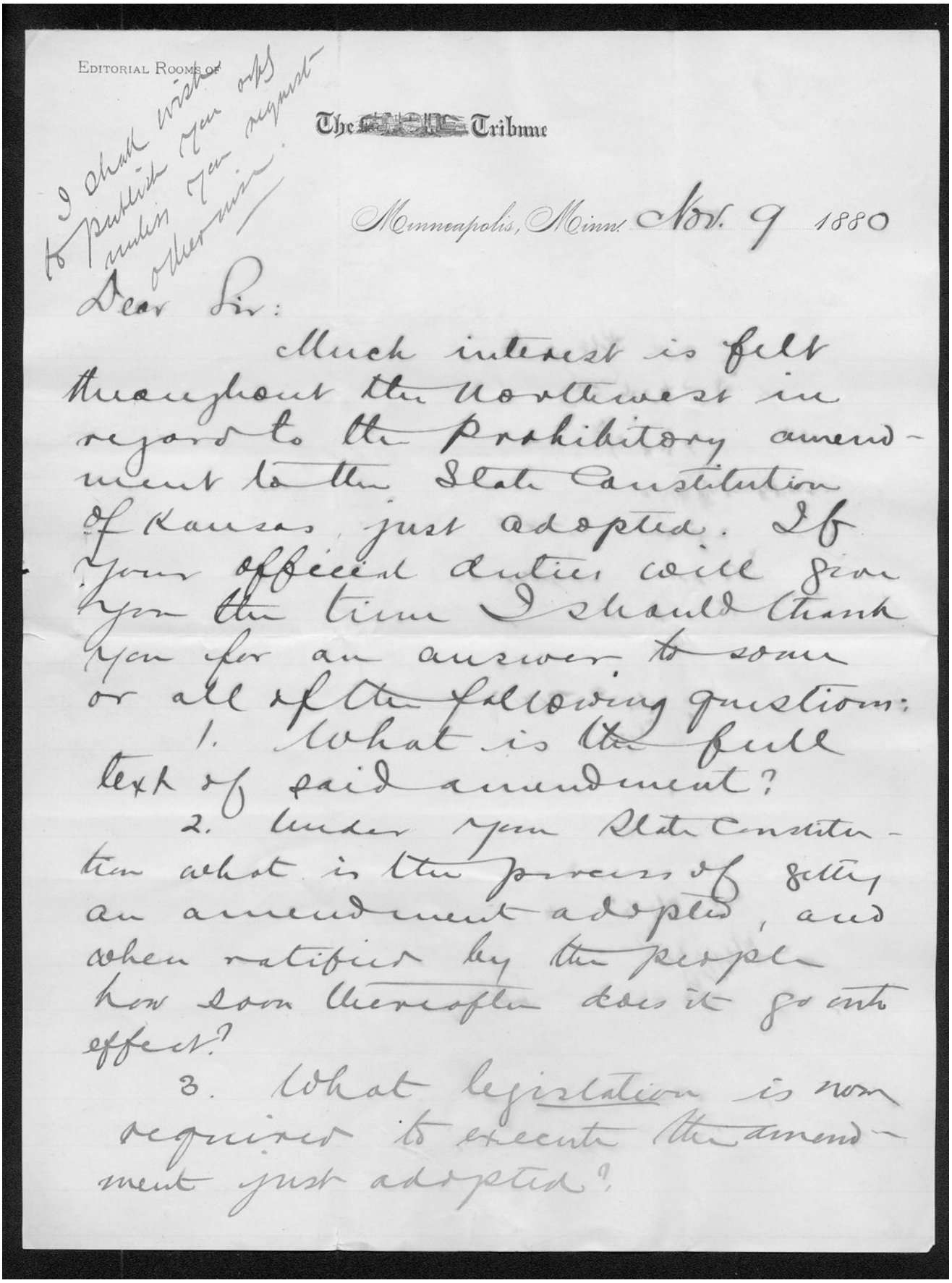
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I shall wish to publish your reply unless you request otherwise.

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Dear Sir:

Much interest is felt throughout the Northwest in regard to the prohibitory amendment to the State Constitution of Kansas just adopted. If your official duties will give you the time I should thank you for an answer to some or all of the following questions:

1. What is the full text of said amendment?

2. Under your State Constitution what is the process of getting an amendment adopted, and when ratified by the people how soon thereafter does it go into effect?

3. What legislation is now required to execute the amendment just adopted?

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4. What was the vote on the amendment, as compared with the vote for presidential and State candidates? Did any considerable body of voters decline to vote at all on this question?

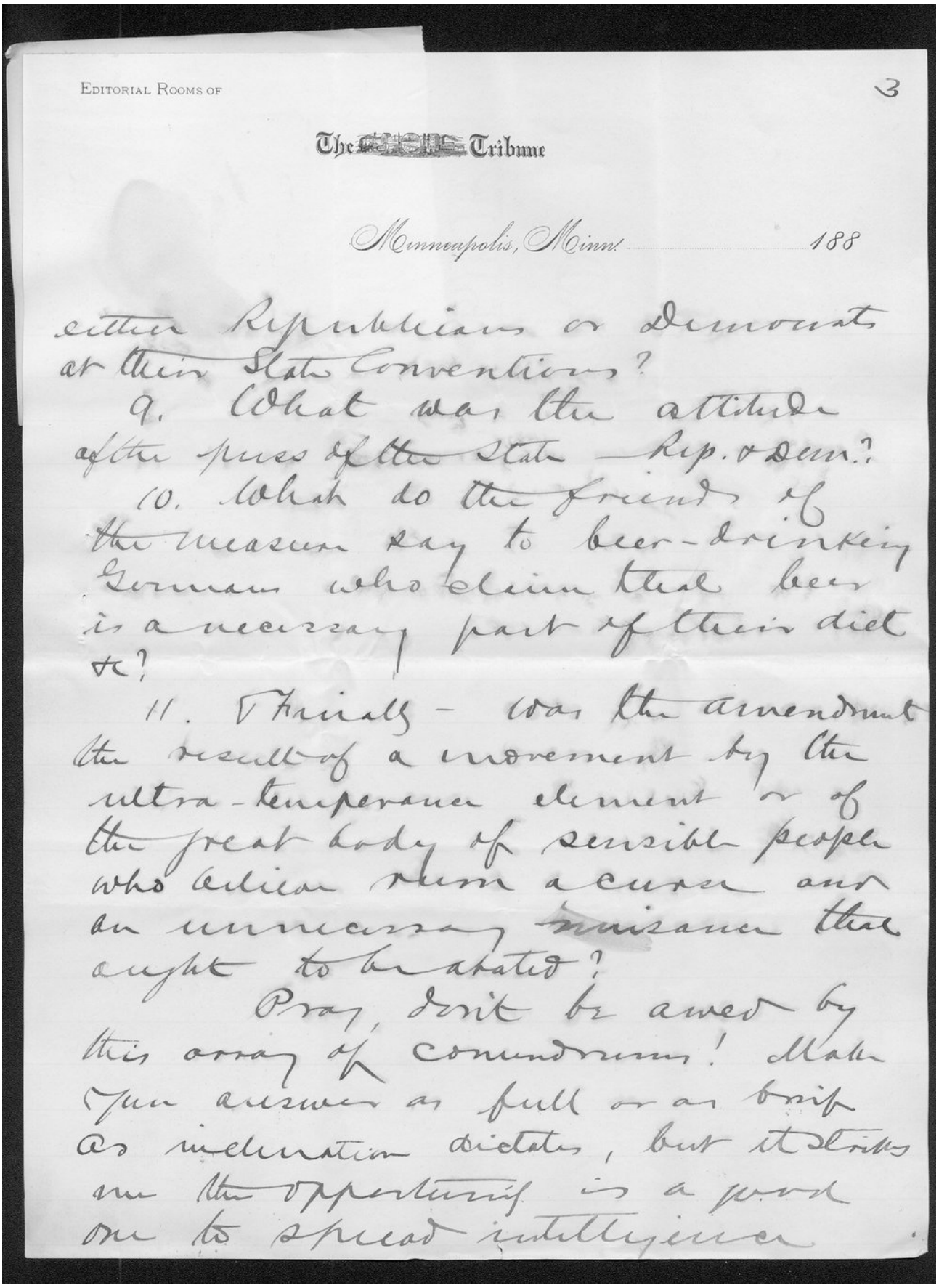
5. What was the relative attitude of the loop towns and the farming community on prohibition.

6. Did the Liquor interest outside the State manifest an active interest in the fate of the measure, if so what shape did that interest take?

7. Do you anticipate that public sentiment both in country and City will sustain & enforce the amendment?

8. How did parties divide on the prohibition question? Was the amendment endorsed by

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either Republicans or Democrats at their State Conventions?

9. What was the attitude of the press of the State — Rep. & Dem.?

10. What do the friends of the measure say to beer-drinking Germans who claim that beer is a necessary part of their diet &c?

11. Finally — was the amendment the result of a movement by the ultra-temperance element or of the great body of sensible people who believe rum a curse and an unnecessary nuisance that ought to be abated?

Pray, don't be awed by this array of conundrums! Make your answers as full or as brief as inclination dictates, but it strikes me the opportunity is a good one to spread intelligence

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on this vital theme – taking advantage of the fresh interest in your recent and victorious struggle.

Was your own majority small after by your personal advocacy of the amendment.

Most sincerely Yours
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Editor Tribune.

His Excellency
Gov. St. John,
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