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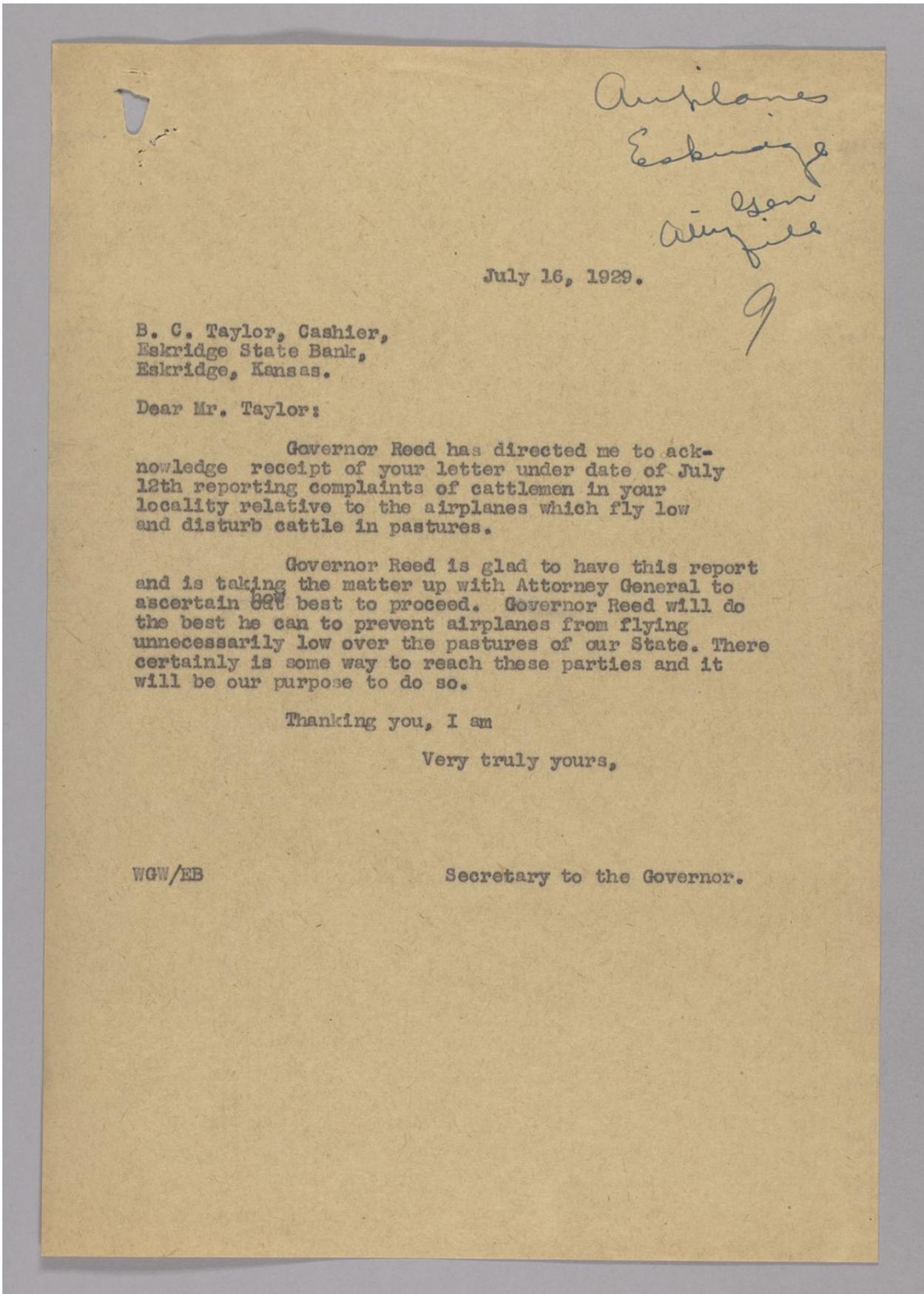
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July 16, 1929.

B. C. Taylor, Cashier,
Eskridge State Bank,
Eskridge, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of July 12th reporting complaints of cattlemen in your locality relative to the airplanes which fly low and disturb cattle in pastures.

Governor Reed is glad to have this report and is taking the matter up with Attorney General to ascertain ^{the} best to proceed. Governor Reed will do the best he can to prevent airplanes from flying unnecessarily low over the pastures of our State. There certainly is some way to reach these parties and it will be our purpose to do so.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

WGW/EB

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 16, 1929.

W. A. Smith,
Attorney General,
Building.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Governor Reed is in receipt of the enclosed letter from B. C. Taylor, Cashier of the Eskridge State Bank, Eskridge, Kansas reporting complaints from cattlemen in his section to the effect that airplanes are flying low over the pastures in Wabaunsee County and disturbing the cattle which are grazing in the pastures.

Governor Reed has advised Mr. Taylor that he is taking the matter up with you to ascertain how best to proceed in the correction of matters of this kind. Will you kindly give the Governor memorandum on the subject.

As I understand it, there is an airplane board in Kansas. However, I do not know what authority such board has in a matter of this kind.

Thanking you for advice in this matter, I
am

Very truly yours,

WGW/EB
Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 2, 1929

Mr. H. M. Perkins,
715 Minnesota Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It seems that we are never going to get any place in our correspondence, and I am willing to call the matter off.

I take it from your letter that you feel that the Governor of the State of Kansas and the Attorney General should be able to give practically all of their time to Kansas City, ignoring the fact that there are 105 counties in Kansas that have to be looked after.

Many of the cities in this state do not call upon the Governor or the Attorney General for assistance but feel that they are capable of handling their own affairs in their own city. Kansas City should be able to do the same thing and I know of no reason why it cannot unless it is because the good people permit the more undesirable citizens to run the affairs of the city.

I happen to know that the Attorney General has some one out nearly all the time assisting in cases where assistance seems to be necessary, but if the Attorney General should answer every call from individuals he would not have appropriation or force to start to do the work properly.

Very truly yours,

Parobe Attorney.

ASF:a

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Kansas City Kas.

July 1st 1929.

Mr A.S.Foulks, Topeka Kas.

Hon Sir.

I recd your much appreciated letter Sat and from its tenor I am lead to believe that I have probably got the ear of some one who may be able to see matters in their true light.

I must take issue with you however as to the duties of the people. It seems to me that the people have done their duty for didnt they elect 4 Judges a County Atty and an atty Gen and a Governor and a score of other men. This being the case should it be necessary for the people to get together and hold another election and create a sub government to make the men we put in do the things the law states specifically they shall do?

And as to the matter of " if the Gov took up each individual case" It seems to me taht one lawyer could not handle a thousand of such cases as occur in K.C.K. that he would be a poor stick of a lawyer.

We elected these men to office and now they say well if you will just show us where these things are being done we will be glad to handle the matter and then when the time comes they lay a paper down before us and say now sign on the dotted line so that we will have a complaint and we will go ahead. Then when the fellow finds out you signed it he begins to harass you in every way. I know for I have been there and the only difference with me was I told them to go to hades and if they fooled with me Id blow their ears off, and they let me alone.

We need some one in Kansas with no strings and some one who will open up the Law Books show them the law and say well its not me its the law and there it is.

Mr White is going to have a school for the J.Ps. to day. If he would prosecute every one of them for the thousands of dollars they have filched the working people out of it would amount to something but telling that gang wont get anywhere.

All and I mean all the officers of this State know that in the past they have made a farce out of the law and every law breaker knows that if his Pull is alright he is immune. Look at the thousands of paroles. These Judges should be told that Paroles are a thing of the past and when these fellows are convicted that they are going to serve and we would not need Half the police force we now have. Well we will see what Mr Whites School does today and then we will see how much good it does and I will write you again.

Thanking you I am Yours Resp.

H.M.Perkins & 715 Minn Ave K.C.K.

H.M. Perkins

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Kansas City Kas.
July 8th 1929.

His Excelency Clyde M. Reed,

Hon Sir,

Your letter regarding our cor
respondence received. I quite agree with you that our
correspondence is getteing no where as long as the atti
tude of doing nothing is followed.

I am not the person to tell you what to do
but I can call your attention to matters and have always
believed in telling the authorities of the failures where
I thought it would help the tax payers and my fellow man.
Of course if these things are to be tollerated
by our head officials then we cant get any place.

I read every day of what is going to be done
and then I observe that the matter complained of goes on
after a little flurry.

Under the corcumstances I suppose that it is
al right for the grand jury to indict police officers
and they stay on the Police force the same as if nothing
had happened. or that the Garbage money can be used as
they see fit and nothing done. or that the Police money
vanish and nothing done, or that the Water and Light mone
vanish and nothing done. That the Dist Judges can keep
on paroleing the law violators and nothing is done, or
that the office of the President of the Bar Association
can come into court and get a parole for a man who we
have been trying to get into jail for years and whom
tthe papers say RAN THE MOST DECENT SALOON IN KANSAS
CITY AND THAT LATLY THE WHISKEY WAS KEPT IN PITCHERS IN
THE REAR OF HIS JOINT/

I have given you evidence in the way of aff
idavits in the Lee Nelson Justice of the peace matter
sufficient to oust him from office , but you say the
County Authorities should take care of such matters.

Well then why dont they for evidently you
sent the affidavits I sent ypu to the Atty Gen, so
why dont the County Atty attend to the matter. He
knows without being told what has been going on in
these courts or so called courts.

As to the 85 Quarts of Booze that disappeared
ask Harry B rowers he will gladly tell you what he and
his deputies know about it I am sure. (Thats one of-
ficer who does his duty and make no mistake about it
but what about his backing) When he gets a case
and convicts a Bootlogger it dont amount to anything
for he will get a parole in a few days and be back
on the job. Then it takes Ten police officers to round
them up again. And the tax payer pays for it and the
City hall yells for an increase and says the Police force
is to small.

Yes sir if the Judges of the courts in Wyan
dotte would have said long ago, YOU FELLOWS WHO ARE CON
VICTED CAN STAY IN JAIL AND SERVE YOUR SENTANCE instaed
of being paroled we would not have an increase in the
cost of the police dept. or if the Co Attys office in the
years past hadnt taken \$25.00 from each one of them and
let them go we wouldnt have the high taxes we now have

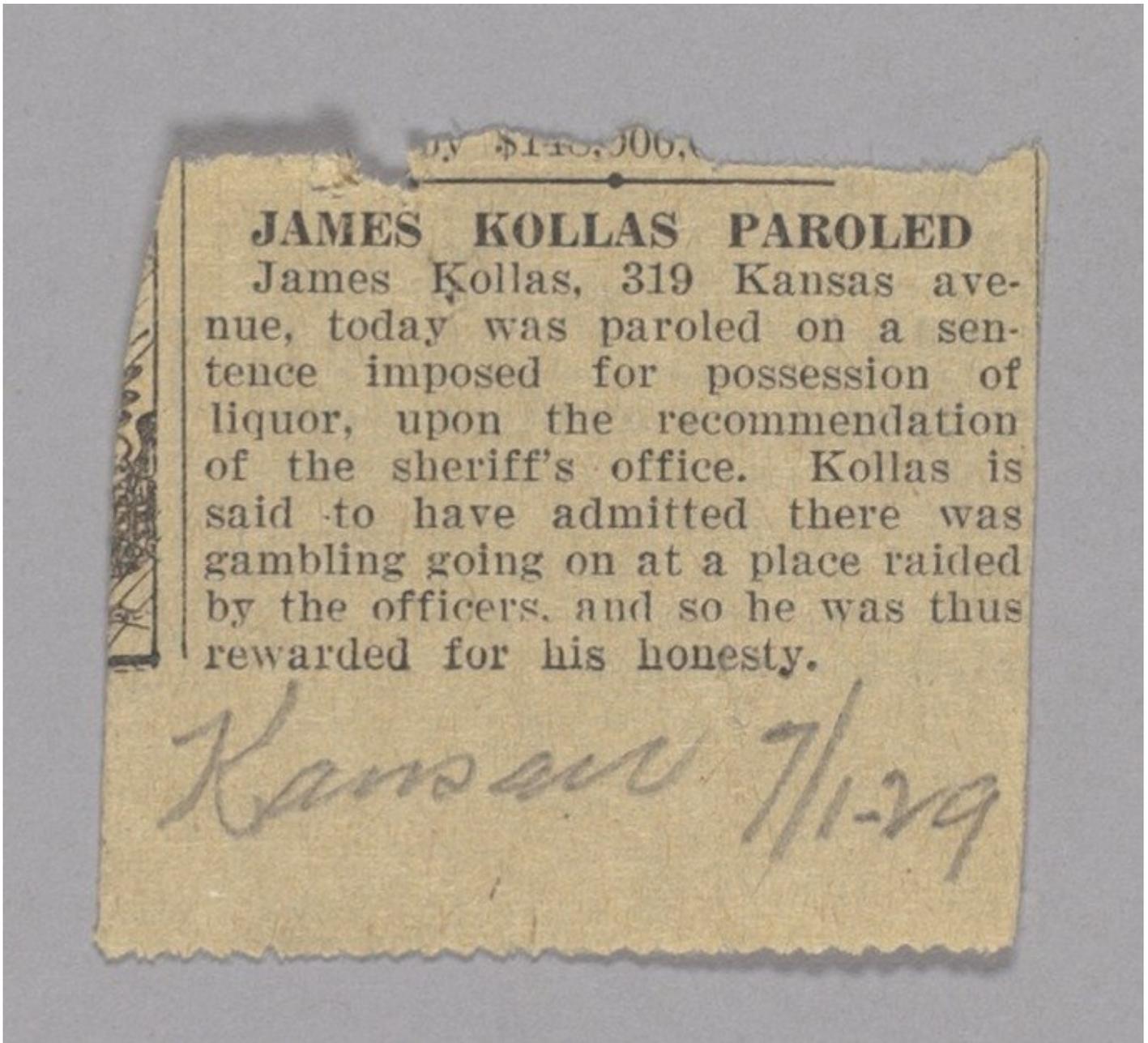
Its a case of mismanagment graft and under
handed tricks that have been the rule in Wyandotte
Co and when the powers here fail to function we go to
the Governor and get no satisfaction.

As I have said before the PEOPLE elect a
Governor , Atty Gen, Co Atty, and 4 Judges down here
and now it seems that we will have to go to work and
create a SUB GOVERNMENT to get the HIGH COST of taxes
reduced and take the Matter of Politics out of it.

Yours Resp.

H/M

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repeatedly to
Crowe, former president of the
sanitary district, to whom, Crowe's
friends said, he bears a striking
resemblance.

CHARTER TO OTTAWA FIRM

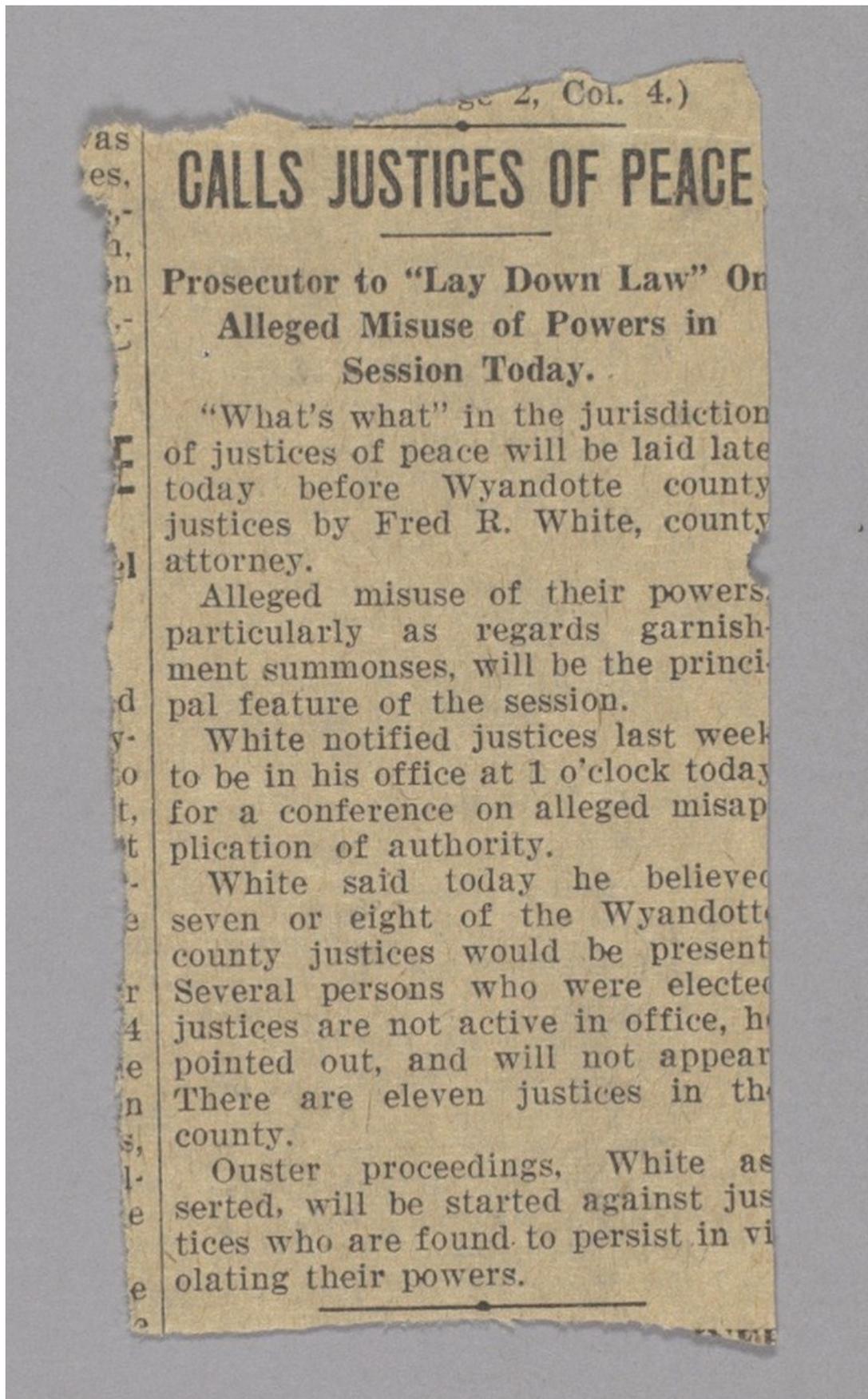
Topeka, July 1.—(UP) The Cen-
tral States Securities company of
Ottawa with a capital of \$25,000
was granted a charter by the state
charter board today.

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Parole to Father of Eight.
Nick Stepanovich, 3237 North
Twenty-third street, Kansas City,
Kansas, father of eight children, was
paroled today by Judge McCamish in
the third division of the Wyandotte
County district court after serving
twenty-five day of a 60-day sentence
for violation of the liquor laws.

INCREASING BUSINESS NECESSI-
TATES THE NEW DEPARTMENT.

C. L. Lyons, Ranking Freight Offi-
cer for the Road in Kansas City
Since 1920, Promoted to
Position Thus Created.



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een the departments.

When State avenue was widened,
Donovan points out, the contractor
ked the water and light depart-
ent to move its curb cocks back
d then compensated them for the
ork. Occasions like that are few
d far between Donovan says.

Also, he points out, the water
d light department has spent
out \$100,000 in the last ten years
the moving of electric light
es. This is paid out of the de-
partment's operating expenses.

P. KING ASSUMES DUTIES

W Western University Head Plans
Complete Inventory of Institu-
tion at Once.

I. P. King, former principal of
Northwest junior high school, as-
signed his duties today as president
Western university and superin-
tendent of the state vocational de-
partment.

King was selected by the A. M.
church and the state board of
vocation school to succeed F.
Peck, resigned. It is ex-
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A PAROLE TO J. P. CLARK.

Doctor's Recommendation Brings Court Leniency.

J. P. Clark, once influential in Kansas City, Kansas, politics, was freed from the Wyandotte County jail on parole today, not because the court listened to the pleas of hundreds of influential friends from the old days, but because Dr. E. D. Williams, county physician, said Clark's health was being impaired by confinement.

Clark had been in jail since June 15. He began a 60-day term after he had pleaded guilty to two charges of possession of liquor and maintenance of a nuisance at 312 Minnesota avenue. He also was fined \$200.

In paroling Clark today Judge W. H. McCamish reiterated that the importuning of friends of Clark had caused only embarrassment to the court. He was being guided solely by the doctor's recommendations, Judge McCamish said.

Clark is 62 years old. In the early days of prohibition in Kansas, when it was merely a word, Clark operated the Administration saloon. It was among the elaborate in Greater Kansas City.

Until recently Clark had a small cafe at 312 Minnesota avenue. Its shabbiness was in striking contrast to his former place of business. In the rear corn whisky was kept in pitchers, according to E. J. Wilson and Edward Hayes, police officers, who made the raid.

Clark paid his \$200 fine and \$65 in costs.

When there's a room

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MYRON A. LOEWEN, *Chairman*
FRANK H. CROMWELL, *Pres.*
SOL BERKSON, *V.-Pres.*
LEO H. FELD, *V.-Pres.*
SAMUEL GREENEBAUM, *V.-Pres.*
JAMES McQUEENY, *V.-Pres.*

GAS COOKER



3 burners,
enameled
clean-out
pan; oven

\$095

VALUE

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File

Kansas City Kas.
July 2nd 1929.

Hon Clyde M Reed Governor
His Excellency,

I am herewith enclosing you some clippings from the K/C Papers of July 2nd 1929.

What I have been saying is demonstrated very conclusively and shows that the fault of our excessive Tax burdens is caused by the paroleing of J.P. Clark, Nick Stepanovich, and James Kolas and others. This is all done in one day, and thousands of others have been done the same way. As soon as these fellows get out they begin the same thing over again and it requires 10 more policemen to rearrest and do the job over. If the judges would leave them in jail they would be safe and we would soon find that the others would take warning and quit, but as long as they know the Judges will turn them loose they persist.

And the most amazing thing is that the Bar Association is supposed to set and carry out the laws and examples and to live up to the ethics of the profession but we find this old offender the fellow who ran the decent saloon in K.C.K. (if there is any such thing I dont know what it is) being defended by the office of the President of the Wyandotte Bar Association and up there before the court asking that this old offender be paroled and Judge McCamish sustains him and paroles him. By the way according to a document in my hands Judge McCamish dont like the way Th U.S. Government Enforces the constitution and laws. I dont know how or why he took the oath as an attorney but in the letter he says he dont like it.

\$40000 a lot of money is appropriated by the Legislature to enforce laws in the state and the last campaign was carried on on the supposition that the Constitution and laws were at stake and that if any one else was elected we were going to the eternal Bow Bows, and yet so soon we find the men that espoused such as that deliberately violating the basic principles of the constitution and circumventing the laws. Oh such Bosh. Where did we get it?

There is just one conclusion and that is that the only persons to blame in this country of ours for the crime that is going on and those are the Judges who occupy the bench at least in Wyandotte County.

HOW CAN YOU EXPECT TO HAVE GOOD CITIZENS WHEN THE JUDGES AND OFFICERS SET THE EXAMPLE OF GRIFT AND CHICANERY? Will some of the wise ones answer that question.

And yesterday we had a Justice of the Peace school and they were all told what to do. But will they stay put? No not unless the County Atty issues some complaints, then they will probably wake up.

If the Governor would let the Judges of the District Court know that Paroles were taboed and that he wasnt going to spend the peoples money to rearrest the law violators the judges would stop and if they didnt and I was Gov they would resign.

Yours Resp.

H.M. Perkins 715 Minn Ave
K.C.K.

Copy Star.
Colliers Weekly
U.S. Atty at Washington
Liberty.

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June 27, 1929

Mr. H. M. Perkins,
715 Minnesota Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 26th in regard to the situation in Kansas City.

I am very glad indeed that the situation is improving as far as the suits brought before the Justice of the Peace are concerned.

I think you understand that the Governor has no way to act in these matters except through the Attorney General and the county attorneys of the various counties.

I know the Governor would be glad to see the situation cleaned up in your city but he cannot get except through the constituted authorities.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

ASF:a

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Kansas City Kas.

June 24th 1929.

His Excellency Gov Clyde M. Reed.

Honored Sir, I received the letter of your secretary Sat regarding the charges I filed against Lee Nelson, J.P. of Quindaro Tp Wyandotte County. And while we are at it we want to consider stopping M.F. Russell and C.T. Mc Quinn who operate the Mo. and Kan Edjstment Co and a fellow named Kent. Kent is located in the Huron Bldg and operates a collection agency and works through Nelson. The Mo and Kansas work through Justice Lavan of Wyandotte Township.

You say that the Atty Gen is investigating. For the life of me I cant see what there is to investigate. And further from the investigations and prosecutions that have previously been undertaken by Smith there is little hope that any thing will be done as everything else has been soft pedaled and no body go hurt.

While the state is putting out \$40000 to enforce the laws Mr Geo West the PRESIDENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF WYANDOTTE CO is in Court trying to get a parole for J.P. Clark one of the most notorious Whiskey sellers Wyandotte ever had. Now that this bird is caught and convicted what is the use of spending money to enforce the law is the Judges and the Prosecuting Atty and the Bar is going to see that they are turned loose on a parole.

Why not make them serve the time and the taxpayers money will be saved.

As to these Jack Rabbit J.P. Courts the thing to do is tell all of them to resign and a stop will be put to this thing of Carnishing the working people in a fictitious Court and mult ching them for costs that they have no right to. These fellows have got rich off the fees collected in this illegitimate way and should be made to pay back every cent.

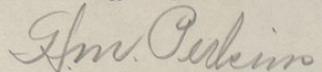
Mr Fred White doesnt like me because I tell the truth about these matters regardless of who or where it hits and when I found the papers would not publish these things I started a sheet of my own and distribute it myself. I see by tonights paper that the Agent of the A.T. and S.F Ry has made a kick to White. So he is going to get busy according to the paper, but why didnt he get busy when the working people complained which they have been doing for years?

It seems to me that there is no use of investigations as you have the facts there to oust all of them so why not begin now?

Yours R^{sp}.

H.M. Perkins

715 Minn Ave K.C. Kas.
Room I.



Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, law enforcement

June 25, 1929

Mr. H. M. Perkins,
715 Minnesota Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 24th written to Governor Reed in regard to the criminal situation in Kansas City, has been referred to me for answer.

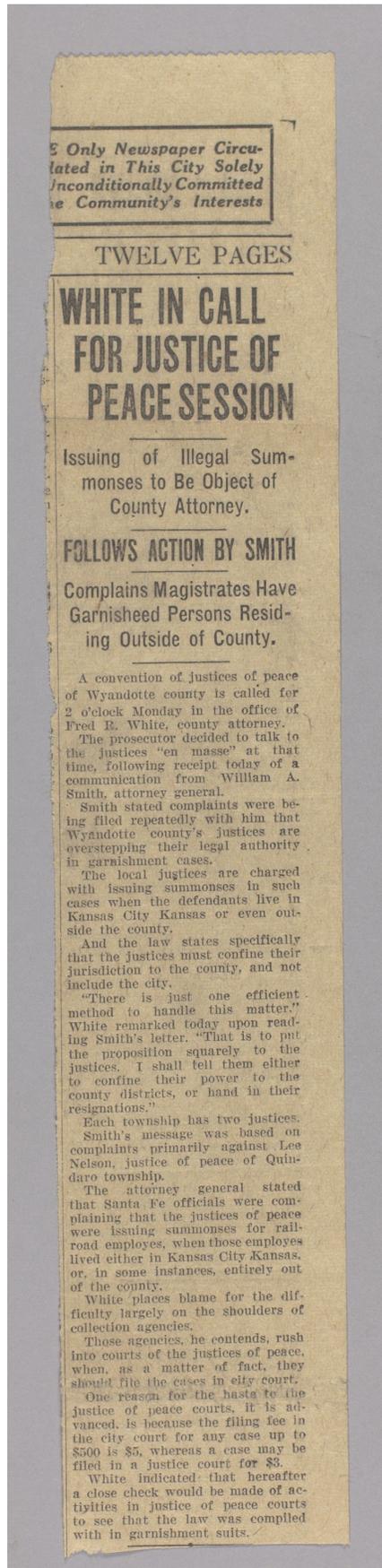
I have no ~~doubt~~ that you have room for making considerable complaint but the Governor is not a lawyer and has no power to bring proceedings in court except through the county attorney or the Attorney General. If you wish your complaint turned over to the Attorney General with instructions to make an investigation and bring proceedings if necessary, I will be glad to do so. The Governor has no authority to act independently in these matters and could not file an action in any court in this state to oust any officer from his position.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

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WOMEN SOUND CRY TO BATTLE ON POOL HALLS

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 6.)

for the 801 Osage avenue location was issued to C. B. Molen.

Long said that of the forty-two pool halls in the entire city, fourteen are in the Armourdale district.

That means that exactly one-third of the total number are in the Armourdale section.

Residents of the Rosedale district are responsible for preventing location of any pool halls there. Cooperating, they have been successful in banning the pool hall operators from Rosedale.

Protest "Gang" in Park

The women's delegation today also reported to F. LeRoy Cooke, commissioner of parks and public property, that a "gang" has established headquarters in Shawnee park. Cooke assured the women an immediate investigation would be made.

The pool hall matter was referred to Long and the board as a whole for consideration.

This is the third protest against 801 Osage avenue.

But a petition favoring continued operation of the pool hall in question also is before the commissioners.

As that petition is signed by men who declare "the women should not interfere with their recreational pleasures" and that "the pool hall conditions are not objectionable," it appears that the men and women are "taking sides."

KIWANIANS HEAR SPEECHES

Convention to Split Up Into Five Groups to Consider Policies This Afternoon.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 25.—(UP) Beneath the high vaulted ceiling of Milwaukee's auditorium 5,000 Kiwanians assembled today, attending conferences and listening to addresses that were part of their thirteenth annual international convention.

The third of the Kiwanis five-day meeting was generously sprinkled during the morning with addresses by students of the problems facing the club, whereas the afternoon was given over to five conferences at which administrative policies of the organization were under consideration.

At the conference this afternoon virtually every one of the problems of policy to be considered by the convention were to be discussed by each of the five groups.

FIREMEN BUSY LAST NIGHT

Three Blazes Reported Beside Fairfax Gas Company Fire.

Besides the fire at the Fairfax Gasoline company's refinery in the Fairfax industrial district last night two houses and one motor car suffered fire damage.

The Earl Ellington home, a one and one-half story frame dwelling at 834 Sanford avenue suffered a \$25 loss to the building and \$5 to the contents when a fire of un-

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Kansas City Kansas.
Jne 26th 1929.

Mr A.S.Foulks,
Parole Officer State of Kansas.

Hon Sir,

Your letter just received regarding the letter I wrote Gov Reed regarding the situation in Wyandotte County Kansas and in reply will say. I dont know as it makes a great deal of difference who the matter is turned over to for investigation but judging from the experiebnce of the past we have no confidnce in the Atty Gens Office to investigate any thing as in the past every thing has been soft pedaled before any one got hurt and finally dies out. In the matter of the shor tages at the City Hall and all the indictments brought by the Grand Jury the entire matter wassimply side tracked and nothing happened exceptan increase in salaries of every body and our taxes always on the up grade.

As to the paroleing of offenders, we have by publicity put the fear into the hart of the court and yesterday when the matter of a parole for one J.P.Clark came up the court seemed to frown on the taking up of the matter and it waspassed over, we suppose to be taken over some time in the future when sentiment dies out.

This action is not however in line with the previ-ous performances of our courts here for in the past about all the Bootleggers have been paroled but a large majority of them do not get even that far as they are able to get the action stoped before it gets that far. The truth of the matter the enforcement of the prohibitory law here for years has been a joke and foot ball for the County Attys office and a croud of lawyers who made a practice of useing it for the purpose of shaking down offenders and then letting them go back and make some more.

Mr Smith knows all about these matters and has plenty of evidence to disbar several lawyers who have participated in these matters in the past. Yet he never has done anything with the charges.

If the Judges of our courts had refused to parole so many bootleggers in the past the state would not have to aproprate \$40000 to enforce the laws of the state against crime which grows out of the Bootlegging.

Evidently Clyde Reed is meaning business because we got some action on a croud of Jack Rabbit Justices down here that have been getting by for years and collecting illegitimat fees.

This will probably convey to you our desires and line of action in such matters as these. It seems to take an immense amout of a gitation and correspondence to get action on matters that should be looked after by the proper officers. For instance Fred White says in the futner he will keep a close check on the J/Ps to see that they dont violate the Law, What we are wondering is Why didnt he do it with out a jacking up and compelling him to do his duty.

Thanking you I am
Yours Resp.

H/M/Perkins
715 Minn Ave K/C/K.

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and attornys general.*

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, law enforcement

Kansas City Kas.

June 26th 1929

Mr A.S.Foulks Parole Officer State of Kansas.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of a few days ago regarding the situation in K.C.K. will say that I do not understand your contention that the Gov has no authority to push matters of this kind, for the reason that during the time of the hearing of Darnell and others here at the City Hall the authority of C.B.Griffith was questioned by the defense and Mr. Griffith produced his certificate from the Gov Paullen and show he was here representing the Gov and proceeded.

These matters of paroleing bootleggers and others is well known to Mr Smith as I have a copy of the petition written by Smith as asst to Griffith at the time of the proceedings against J.M.Baird then Co Atty and in it all these matters are set out showing that he is conversant with Wyandotte Affairs.

The Courts here have held that you cant sue a J.P. as it is priveleged when he eres. That a Catholic Priest can libel you and it is priveleged. That a Lawyer can call you a thief in a court room although his case is finished and it is priveleged. That the Co Atty can libel you and it is priveleged although he was defendnng himself and not in the course or excersise of his duties. and there is a boy walks the streets of K.C.K. blind who was shot by two drunks who staggered out of a joint which had been reported to the Mayor, Judges, Prosecuting atty and Chief of Police by 15 Mothers yet it was allowed to run, When this boy sued the only witness was kept in Missouri and when we asked for more time we were forced to trial by Judge McCamish and when we couldnt get ready he dismissed the case, we had it reinstated by another Judge and contrary to the rule it was placed the Third case on the docket for the next week and when we again aske d for time Judge McCamish again dismissed it , so the boy is blind for ever and the same old bootleggers are still hanging around making the tax payers pay for the farce that is usually carried on in these cases.

I heard a conversation yesterday between some lawyers and one suggested that WHISKEY charges were worse than MURDER in Kansas. That is true for the reason that t they said the Co Attys office was worth \$10000 per year in K.C.K. WHY? Simply because the law gives then \$25.00 on each countfor cases SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED and \$100.00 on each car or building confiscated. The result is for years the Co. Atty just took the papers from the city courts and collected the \$25.00 without doing a rap and the Bootlegger went free and was back selling again before the Policeman could get back to his beat. In other words it has been a farce.

At the City Hall the Police Dept showed up about \$20000 short and Cooke got I to 5 years which means he will be back in a good job within 9 months. 5 minutes afterward the same Judge gave a young fellow I year after he had served 9 months in Jail for stealing \$20.00 in merchandise from a Rock Island Frt Car.

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As to these J.Ps. who have been hoodwinking the working people for years collected thousands of dollars illegitamately the Co. Atty knew it was unlawfull all the time why didnt they stop it, instead of waiting for some private citizen to take it up and make a complaint? They should be compelled to pay back every cent of what they have collected and the Officers should not wait untill some private Citizen comes in and files a complaint the evidence is all here and can be easly obtained to prosecute them. The statutes is plain and when I was a Justice of the Peace in Quindaro I refused to do business in the city although request ed many times. So I know what is the matter up there , they just couldnt refuse to graft when the oportunity came Knowing that their pull would get them by with the courts.

This man Nelson garnisheed Mike Delich at Armour's. Delich lives at 3200 Georgia Ave and had never been in the store of the plaintiff and so Nelson dismissed when I filed an affidavit denjng jurisdiction. I told him not to get that fellow any more as he lived in the city. Within Two weeks he garnisheed him again I went back to Nelson and asked him what he had garnisheed that man for house rent when the man had lived in his own house for 16 years. and in the city too. He said well make out your affidavit , so I did. Delich was about to lose his job at Armour's and I had to go down there and explain and help him out. Within a week or so Delich was garnisheed by Nelson again and I went over ther and Jumped on him good an strong and told him if the Courts had no control over him we would take the matter in our own hands and settle it. He gave me a release without an affidavit that time. This man never owed any of these bills so I syed them and when it comes up in court I suppose as usual their action will be priveleged.

The office of the president of the Bar Assm was very energetic last week in trying to get J.P.Clark paroled a man who everybody knows sold liquor in violation of law for years and who at last plead guilty.This of course is not supprising as I filed charges against several lawyers to disbarr them and the BAR ASN could find nothing against them although in oone case the County atty Harry Haw ward and Asst ATTY GEN Roy Hubbard whipped Dr Hadley in the Co Attys office for comeing there to complain that several Joints were operateing within a gunshot of the County Attys office and the Court Room of Judge Fischer.

When men tell us of Law when such stuff as this is going on it is disgusting.

It seems to me that when a ma n draws a salary as an officer he should enforce the law and not wait for some one to come in and tell him to do his duty.

When we had a grand jury they refused to listen to facts and found what they wanted to and in one case a

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they indicted a Police Officer but the officer never lost a day and got paid and is still on the force. That's the reason 85 quarts of Normandy Rumm was distributed around down at the City Hall a few days ago. Ask Harry Powers the Sherriff.

Judge What became of the investigation of Lee Judy the police regarding the story from Wichita. Soft pedaled.

It has been rotten here so long it will take a real honest to goodness Asst Atty Gen here to go in and hit wherever it is rotten regardless of who it strikes and then perhaps we will get some place.

As to me desiring to prefer charges against these people I have done that time and again but I don't think I or any other citizen should be compelled to make these cases when they have the power to make them themselves, and if necessary the Governor can send his representative here any time and do the prosecuting and no one can stop him.

But passing the Buck has been the general rule Mr Smith knows all about these matters if he desired to push

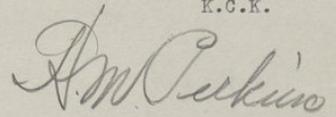
A few J.P.s fired and a few Judges told what the law was would do more good than anything else.

I would certainly like to be asst atty gen here awhile and I believe I could convince the state that Joe Folk from Missouri had been resurrected from the grave.

Thanking you I am

Yours R^{ly} sp.

H.M. Perkins
715 Minn Ave,
K.C.K.



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The Corn Crib - June 10th 1899. 43 Boston
Will some one answer? What became of the \$5
quarts of Normandy Rum at the City Hall?
Why was Weide only given 90 days? Was he
a persistent violator? Why didn't the U. S.
Government prosecute? What stopped the in-
vestigation of the Police Dept money and
the garbage money and the Water & Light
money? And they Mayor was going to
investigate Judy and find out about the
story from Wichita? All its all Soft
Pedaled. How do you like Soft Pedal
Government? Oust the whole bunch and
we may get Right & Justice.
Hon. Perkins
W. H. H. H.

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The Com. Cut. pp. 29. 4th Edition
Soft Pedal Government has lost. in
England. The People have got enough
of Extravagance and waste. We now
hear of a hike in taxes. Our officers
better be figuring on a reduction,
for when the next assessment comes
in 1930, there will be some wild cats
at the Court House. If our officers
would see the assets that belong to
the City and People for the benefit of
the Taxpayer, we could have a City
but never as it is. The will always be
the kite tail to the Mo. Lets make up.
H.M. Perkins
3158 Haskell Ave.

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June 28, 1929

Mr. H. M. Perkins,
715 Minnesota Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 26th in regard to the condition of things in Kansas City.

I think from the tone of your letter that you do not appreciate the number of complaints that come to the Governor's Office. If the Governor would appoint a special Attorney General on every complaint similar to yours that comes to the office, there would not be enough lawyers in the state of Kansas to act as Attorney Generals. I have no doubt that the Governor would be glad to appoint some one to act specially in your county or any other county, if the demand for the same was made by a large number of the best citizens of the county, but he could not appoint special attorney generals on the request of a single citizen, or a very few citizens, as he could not possibly provide the funds to pay for such special officers.

City government in Kansas City and in other cities of that size is not what it should be in most instances, but the fault lies at home and not with the state. I am convinced that there are

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more good people in Kansas City than bad ones and if all the good people who go to the polls would insist on electing good men to office, the situation would be entirely different, but the fact is that in a great many cities the elections are in the hands of the politicians and office holders who seek to keep themselves in power and the better element permit this to be done. If Kansas City would make a real honest to goodness effort to clean house, I have no doubt but that it could do so.

If you wish the Governor to act through the present constituted authorities for the enforcement of law, that is, through the Attorney General's Office or the County Attorney's Office, he will be glad to try to do what he can in that way, but I judge from your letter that you would not care to have that done as you do not seem to have much faith in either of these officials.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

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The spectacle of the President of the Bar Association trying to get a bootlegger Paroled in our Courts. And a City Attorney defending a fellow for stealing Building material from vacant property. And the Governor Counseling to H.C. K. on business but putting at the H.C.A.C. in H.C. Mo. A lot of Jack Rabbit J. B. doing business unlawfully while the Atty. Gen. investigates. That's some more of the Soft Pedal stuff. A Judge in the Dist Court takes sick, so business stops and the Lawyers & their Clients can wait until Sept. The salaries go on. Oh you poor tax payer, why dont you get wise? Next year you get a raise in tax rate. Fine business I don't think.
H.M. Perkins
3158 Haskell Ave K.C.

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MEMORANDUM TO GOVERNOR WITH REFERENCE TO
COMPLAINT OF A. K. SELLERS AT PAOLA, KANSAS.

Mr. Sellers has been writing to me for some time. His complaint is against Frank M. Sheridan for some practice he claims Mr. Sheridan is guilty of.

In a case of this kind I have always made it a practice to refer the matter to the Board of Bar Examiners.

The thing that Mr. Sellers complains of with reference to Mr. Sheridan seems to be a fight Mr. Sheridan had a number of years ago, as near as I can find out, and to tell the truth I have made up my mind Mr. Sellers is one of those pests that get started on a certain thing and just keep at it.

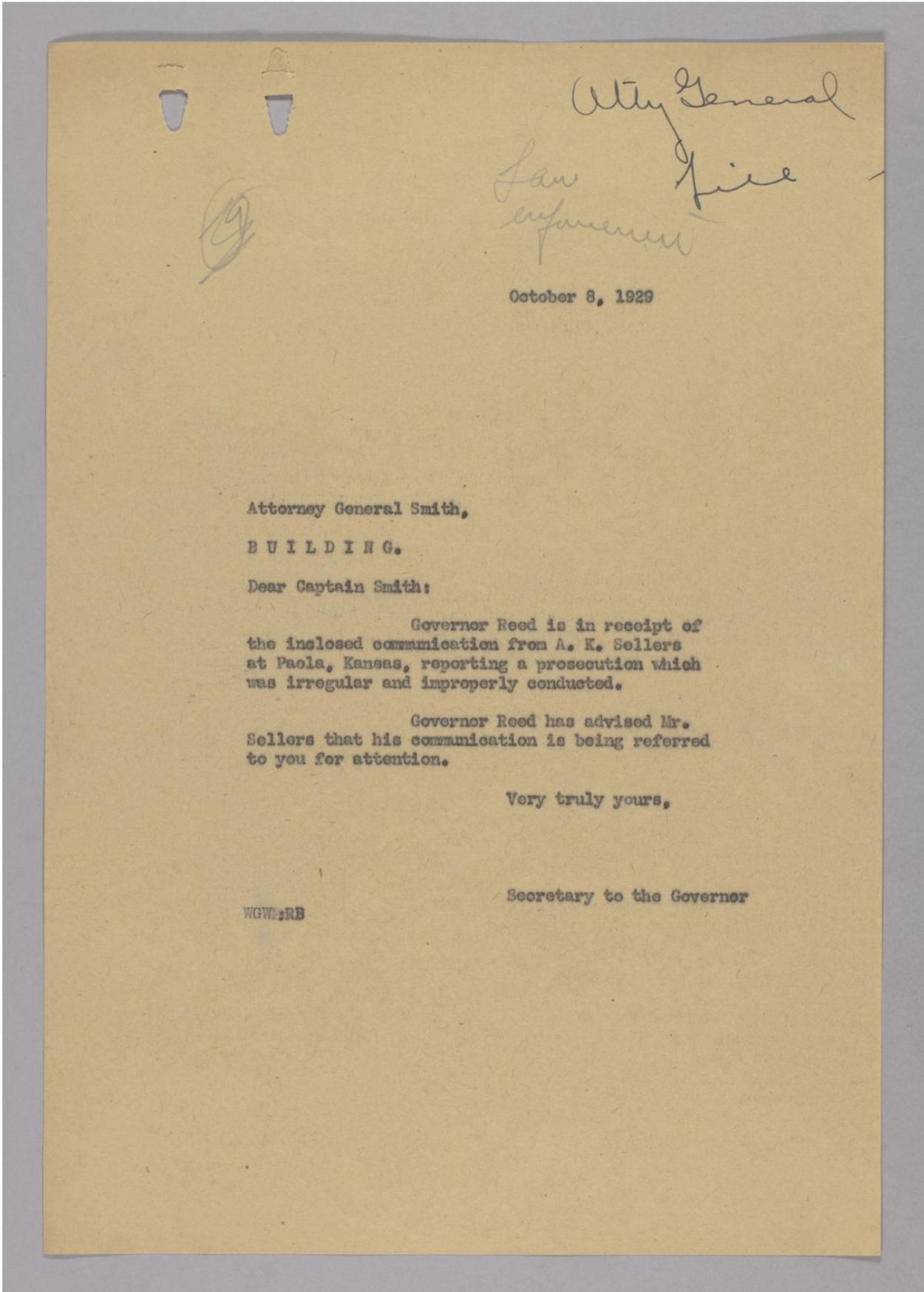
Very truly yours,

William A. Smith

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Attorney General

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October 8, 1929

Attorney General Smith,

BUILDING.

Dear Captain Smith:

Governor Reed is in receipt of the inclosed communication from A. K. Sellers at Paola, Kansas, reporting a prosecution which was irregular and improperly conducted.

Governor Reed has advised Mr. Sellers that his communication is being referred to you for attention.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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