

# Prohibition enforcement prompted several editorials

A century ago, enforcement of prohibition laws was not uniform in Kansas, or other states for that matter. That brought a lot of criticism in some Kansas communities.

Yet Kansas and its citizens received praise from others for their attempts to make a better place to live. *The Goodland Republic* included several articles on this subject March 23, 1906, on the editorial page:

“William Allen White (Kansas’ own Pulitzer-prize winner and newspaper publisher) has been stirring up things, and other leading papers of Kansas have followed the suggestion of the *Emporia Gazette* by saying that until Topeka cleaned up the town and became a law-abiding community, the support of her semi-centennial celebration plans should receive no support from them.”

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Under the title “The Civic Revolu-



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lution in Kansas,” Newell Dwight Hillis had this to say:

“For months the magazines and newspapers have been filled with accounts of the rebellion in great cities against municipal corruption and wickedness in high places.... But in one or two great states, where native Americanism is at its best, the revolution has passed on to the positive reforms...”

“The explanation of this civic revolution in Kansas is to be found in the intense Americanism of the people. One-half of the state was founded by anti-slavery people, reformers, Puritans of the Puritans.

“They founded the school and church, the academy and college, side by side. Some towns, like Lawrence and Emporia, have almost as many bookstores as they have grocery stores...”

“Other states sell beer; these towns sell books. More magazines and great books in proportion to the population are sold in this part of Kansas than in other states in the union.... This accounts for the civic rebellion that started spontaneously about 60 days ago.

“People decided to resume their right to run their own politics...to sacrifice enough of their time and business interests to give themselves to good government.”

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And another editorial note: “We know some of the things prohibition has done for Kansas. For instance, Kansas has the smallest number of paupers to its population of any state in the union. Kansas spends more money for education in proportion to population than any other state. Kansas has 805 newspapers, and only 20 of these will allow liquor advertisements in their columns.”

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**BUSHEL OF MONEY**  
**Heavy Deposits in Kansas Banks**

John Q. Royce, state bank commissioner, issued a report yesterday stating Kansas has made its greatest gain in bank deposits, in the same length of time, in the history of the state.

The report shows that total deposits in state and national banks is \$120 million, a gain of nearly \$10 million since December 1905. On

the basis of 1,500,000 inhabitants, Mr. Royce says that the state’s wealth per capita is \$86.15, up from \$75.

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A report from the district Land Office released these figures:

Homesteading acres were still available, although rapidly dwindling. “In Wallace county, 18,000 acres were yet unclaimed; in Cheyenne, 45,000; in Logan, 16,000; in Gove, 5,000; in Rawlins, 6,800; in Sherman, 2,000; and in Ellis, 1,000 acres. The rest is in 40 and 80-acre tracts scattered over the district and good only for grazing purposes.”

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**IN SOCIETY**  
Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Stevens entertained about 40 of their friends last Friday night at the Coleman home on East 11th street.

The invitations announced a

“Busy Bee Party,” consequently every one was ready to “get busy.” Dr. A.C. Gulick won the prize for guessing the contents of the “beehive,” for which he received a pound of honey resting on a hand-painted china plate.

The next contest was won by C.E. Swarts, who succeeded in answering the most questions with answers beginning with the letter “B.” The prize was a unique beehive money bank. Other amusements followed until refreshments were served.

The guests were still kept guessing. At the plate of each was a card, giving the menu in the form of conundrums (riddle whose answer is a pun).

Five minutes were allowed in which to guess what was to be served. In this contest, H.K. Adams won the prize, a box of bon bons. Some out-of-town guests came from Denver and Lawrence.

# Scammers call, claiming to be bill collectors, and demand money

*Dear Attorney General Kline: During a visit with an elderly neighbor, he told me about a recent phone conversation with a supposed bill collector who was rude and demanded payment for an alleged debt immediately. My neighbor realized that the call was a scam because he had never done business with this person, but it was obvious the call was upsetting to him. Is this type of activity common?*

Dear Kansas Consumer:  
Scams of this nature are much more common than you might think. More than 60,000 allegations of adult financial abuse are reported to social service agencies across America each year.

Unfortunately, our experience dealing with elder issues tells us that most likely there are thousands of additional victims we



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will never know about because vulnerable adults often feel too scared, embarrassed or powerless to speak out.

The scam your neighbor faced is not new to Kansas. One of the most common versions is where the caller claims the consumer has an outstanding debt of several hundred dollars and demands that payment be made immediately and only in cash or certified funds.

The caller offers no proof of the alleged debt but then threatens that if the debt is not paid, a lawsuit

would be filed immediately. The scammers hope to prey upon elder consumers who quickly give in to the threat of the lawsuit and go ahead and send their hard-earned

money.

Here are some tips to help vulnerable Kansans protect themselves:

- You should be wary of anyone who calls you and requests financial information such as your bank account or credit card information. Legitimate businesses never request such information over the telephone.

- Never have your Social Security number on your driver’s license or have it pre-printed on your checks or any other documents to which others may gain access. Guard your

credit card information, Social Security number, and checking account information as you do the keys to your house.

- Closely scrutinize all credit card and bank statements for charges applied to your account without your permission. If you discover such charges, call my Consumer Information line at 785-296-2424, select category 7, then push No. 3 and No. 4 for more information.

- Never place bank statements, credit card information or any sensitive financial or personal information in the trash without first shredding or otherwise defacing the material.

If you or someone you know has been targeted by a scam artist or is a vulnerable adult, help is available. As soon as you believe financial

abuse has occurred, you should report the incident to local law enforcement agencies and your county or district attorney. You should also complete a consumer complaint form and send it with all related documents to my Consumer Protection Division.

If a credit card was used in the transaction, you may challenge the charge in writing to the credit card company within 60 days of the charge posting to your account. Also, if the amount is under \$4,001 and both parties are within the state of Kansas, you can file suit in small claims court. You do not have to hire an attorney to do this.

As a way to help make justice for vulnerable adults a top priority, I formed the Vulnerable Adults Task Force in 2003 to protect Kansas’ senior citizens and persons with dis-

abilities from consumer fraud and exploitation through education, investigation and prosecution. To request a consumer complaint form, or for additional resources, call my Consumer Protection Division toll-free at 800-432-2310 or go on-line to [www.ksag.org](http://www.ksag.org).

*Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help you avoid becoming a victim of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions.*

*For information or to file a complaint, write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., Second Floor, Topeka, Kan. 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, (800) 432-2310.*

# matters of record

## Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

**March 11** — 6:51 p.m. 300 Main, a 2005 Chevrolet driven by Connie Johnson was driving north on Main, and turned left on 3rd Street and hit a parked 1994 Ford owned by Ryan L. Doyle.

**March 15** — 6:34 p.m., 1200 Texas, a 1998 Ford driven by Shawnee Butts was driving west on 12th Street without lights when a 1998 Chevrolet driven by Nathan S. Brady pulled out and hit the Ford.

**March 16** — 6:52 p.m., 2180 Commerce Rd., a 1994 Chevrolet driven by Juan M. Diaz was backing up and hit a 2005 Ford owned by Alye Barron. Diaz pulled forward and backed into the Barron vehicle a second time. Barron talked to Diaz, and they came to a

verbal agreement about how the Ford would get repaired.

**March 20** — 8:50 a.m., 320 E. 8th, a 1988 Ford driven by Delmer West was entering Kabredlo’s parking lot when he was struck by a 1998 Ford driven by Sena Brown who was backing out. Brown hit West’s car in the rear fender on the driver’s side. Both cars were moved prior to the police officer’s arrival.

**March 21** — 7:45 p.m., 2721 Commerce Rd., a 2003 Ford truck pulling a goose neck trailer was driving in the parking lot when the trailer struck a parked 2003 Volvo owned by Roadway.

## Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**March 8** — 8 p.m., 1618 Main, Randy Kern was victim of bat-

tery. Case referred to county attorney.

**March 11** — 12:47 a.m., 13 Caldwell, arrested Brock John Holzmeister for minor in possession, transporting an open container, no proof of insurance and driving without lights when needed. Case referred to city attorney.

**March 12** — 6:28 a.m., 2519 Enterprise Rd., Tamara Randall reported an attempted aggravated robbery at Comfort Inn.

12:45 p.m., 824 W. business U.S. 24, arrested Bobbie Jo Tesmer on a warrant for failure to appear. Case referred to city attorney.

4:34 p.m., 1209 Cherry, report of criminal damage to Goodland High School.

**March 13** — 5:38 p.m., 2218 Commerce Rd., arrested Richard Kenneth Love and James Michael Melson on warrants from the U.S.

Army. Case referred to county attorney.

**March 14** — 11:09 a.m., 1209 Cherry, report of criminal threat, disorderly conduct and battery at Goodland High School. Victims were Harvey Swager and Steve

Raymer. Case referred to county attorney.

**March 15** — 3:09 p.m., 1120 1/2 Main, Apt. 3, April Pilgrim reported a rape. Case referred to county attorney.

**March 16** — 7:46 p.m., 2710

Commerce Rd., arrested Mark James Cavenee for theft of motor fuel \$428.06 from Valero truck stop. Case referred to city attorney.

**March 17** — 6:06 a.m., 2520 Commerce Rd., Gardenwise Distributors reported a theft.



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**S&T Wireless**

S&T Wireless celebrated their grand opening on March 16, 2006. On March 1st, S&T became the newest authorized agent for Nex-Tech wireless.

The employees of S&T are excited about the technology and service Nex-Tech brings to the area. Nex-Tech has 123 towers in western Kansas, more than other local carriers, and plans to add even more. Don Newell said that Nex-Tech’s philosophy is that every town with a population of 300 or more needs a tower, and that is their goal. Another perk, Don said, is that all the money earned from Nex-Tech’s agents stays local.

S&T Wireless is excited to offer the best Nex-Tech has to offer. Local, regional, and nationwide plans are available at price points that work for everyone. They also offer wireless Internet connection that is great for people on the go, or even those in the country. Some of the other new and fun features include mobile web, which is the Internet on your phone and BREW access, which allows you to download games, ringtones, and even watch television right on your phone. They also offer text and picture messaging. All of these features are available on the coolest Motorola, Nokia, and LG phones available.

Stop by S&T wireless today and see what Nex-Tech has for you. With their monthly specials on phones and plan, you are sure to find what’s right for your cellular needs.



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Friday & Saturday – June 23 & 24  
7 p.m. to 7 a.m.  
at The Sherman County Fairgrounds

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Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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