

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1898-1915

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This collection contains correspondence regarding indemnities for cattle killed by tuberculosis, concerns over the findings of veterinary inspection, discussion of an outbreak of rabies among Kansas dogs that affected cattle, complaints of veterinary treatments killing animals, and general discussion about livestock diseases. Most of the correspondence is between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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The City of Englewood and the farmers thereabouts are very much alarmed over the safety of their horses and any suggestions as to the progress of the disease, its diagnosis and evidence of ^{will} its being contagious be greatly appreciated.

The cases here have been isolated all possible means have been exhausted to bring about a cure.

Very respectfully,

Elbert W. Smith
Veterinary Inspector.

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September 3, 1912.

Dr. Elbert W. Little,
Englewood, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 1st and note contents of same.

This epidemic prevailing among horses in Kansas is fearful and has caused untold losses to owners. Investigations have been going on for three weeks or more, but with no positive declaration as to the malady until last Saturday and Sunday Drs. Wolf and Robinson after many post mortem investigations, decided this to be strongylus aramatus, and I am enclosing you a part of their recommendations to owners.

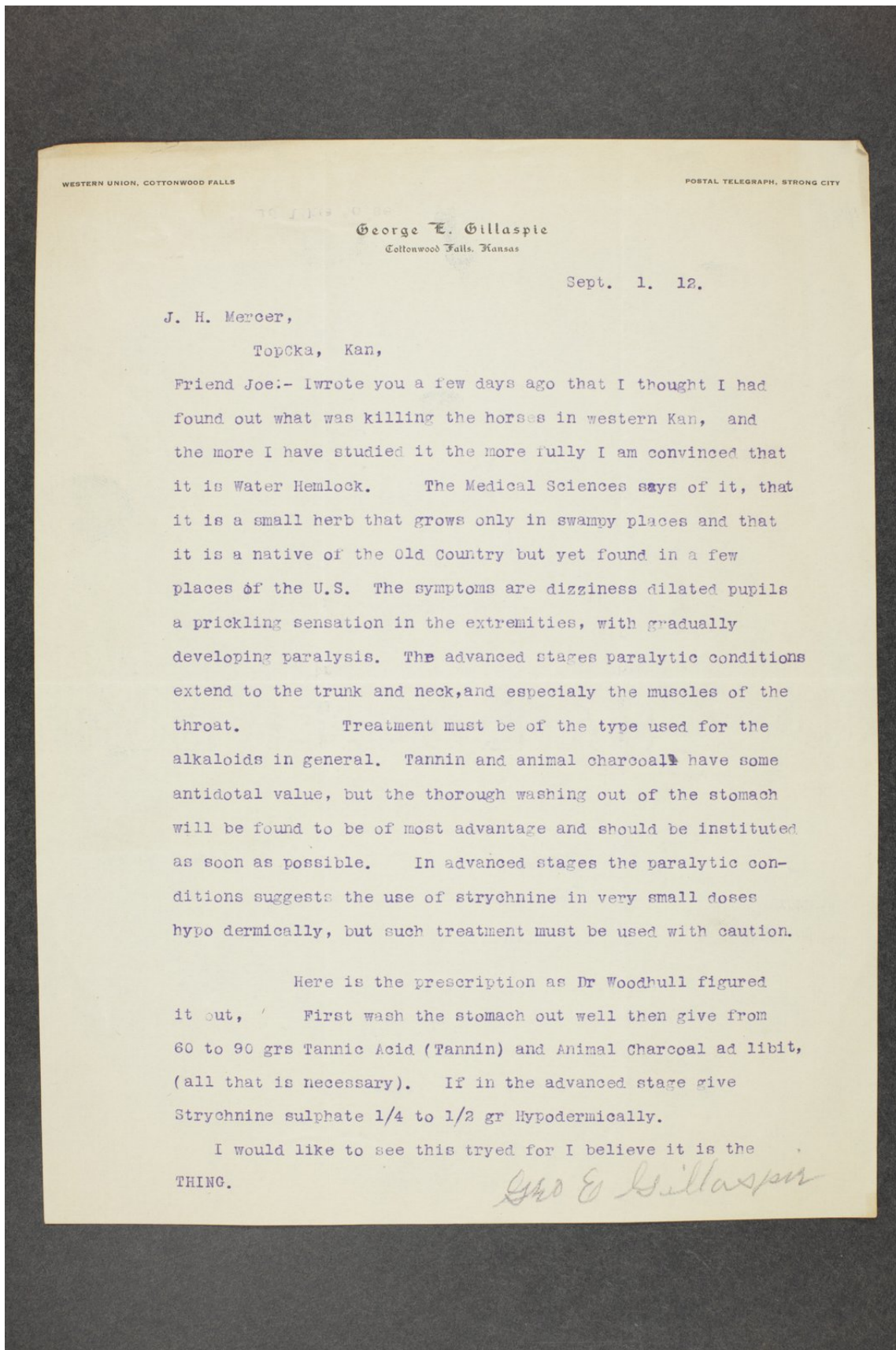
If this epidemic is spreading in your county, I would be pleased to have you get this information over the county as much as possible, and the recommendations as to the handling of the well horses, etc.

I have asked your Department for help and am expecting advice every day as to what they will do.

Would be glad to have you advise me at any time as to the situation, also if you think the county needs veterinary assistance in handling this trouble.

Very truly,

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WESTERN UNION, COTTONWOOD FALLS

POSTAL TELEGRAPH, STRONG CITY

George E. Gillaspie
Cottonwood Falls, Kansas

Sept. 1. 12.

J. H. Mercer,

Topoka, Kan,

Friend Joe:- I wrote you a few days ago that I thought I had found out what was killing the horses in western Kan, and the more I have studied it the more fully I am convinced that it is Water Hemlock. The Medical Sciences says of it, that it is a small herb that grows only in swampy places and that it is a native of the Old Country but yet found in a few places of the U.S. The symptoms are dizziness dilated pupils a prickling sensation in the extremities, with gradually developing paralysis. The advanced stages paralytic conditions extend to the trunk and neck, and especially the muscles of the throat. Treatment must be of the type used for the alkaloids in general. Tannin and animal charcoal have some antidotal value, but the thorough washing out of the stomach will be found to be of most advantage and should be instituted as soon as possible. In advanced stages the paralytic conditions suggests the use of strychnine in very small doses hypo dermically, but such treatment must be used with caution.

Here is the prescription as Dr Woodhull figured it out, First wash the stomach out well then give from 60 to 90 grs Tannic Acid (Tannin) and Animal Charcoal ad libit, (all that is necessary). If in the advanced stage give Strychnine sulphate 1/4 to 1/2 gr Hypodermically.

I would like to see this tried for I believe it is the
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Geo E Gillaspie

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C. W. HOBBS,

VETERINARIAN
SMITH, CENTRE, KANSAS.

September 2, 1912. 19.....

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Live Stock Sanitary Com.,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to the new and fatal disease among horses that is so prevalent over the state. We have an outbreak here of a very serious nature. I have visited about thirty-five cases in the last four days and only a very small per cent of them are recovering.

The muscles governing prehension and deglutition are almost invariably paralyzed and generally those of digestion and defecation and the animal always shows lack of coordination in the muscles of locomotion. On post mortem examination we find great numbers of ~~parasite~~ parasites all through the venous and arterial systems and in the intestines. The walls of the intestines are very much swollen and highly inflamed. I think that this parasite is some member of the strongylae family.

Would it be possible for you to send a man up here to help with this trouble? If not, could you give me a commission from the state so that I could draw a reasonable fee for my services in treating the disease?

There are a number of unscrupulous men who are not qualified going about the country claiming to have sure cures, when in fact there seems to be no effective treatment.

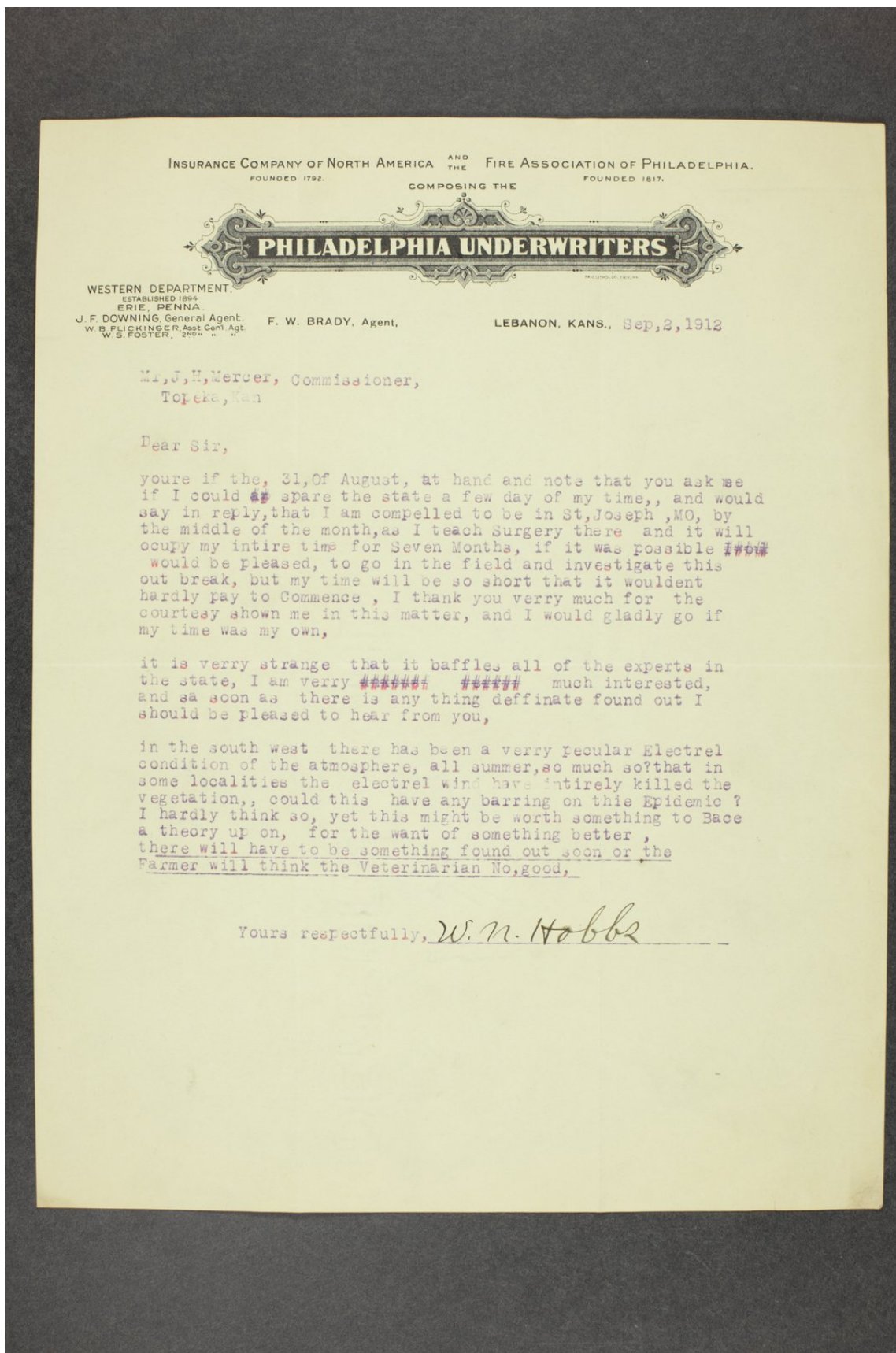
If allowed a nominal fee from the state I could advertise to investigate cases of the disease free of cost to the farmers and in this manner prevent them from being imposed upon by the frauds.

An early reply to this is much desired.

Yours truly,

C W Hobbs

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Form 308

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Garden City, Kas., Sep. 3, 1912.

Have you sent veterinary surgeon to Finney county? Man here
claims to represent you charging \$50.00 per day.

Dr. W. J. Stilson.

-COPY- Prosecuting Attorney,
Garden City, Kas.
Arrest any veterinarian claiming to represent state in your county
who makes any charges for his services.
J. H. Mercer.

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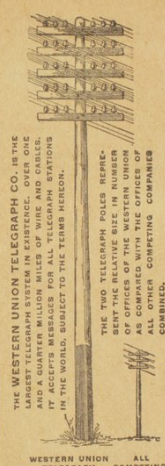
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6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
LOCAL OFFICE.

Stock Yards Station,

Kansas City, Mo., September 3, 1912.

Hon. Joseph H. Mercer,
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith copy of report of the investigation of cattle scabies at Council Grove, Kansas, by Mr. George E. Butin, veterinary inspector of this force, and as Dr. Butin is not authorized to issue quarantine orders in the State of Kansas, it is requested that your formal order be issued quarantining the Frank & Root cattle at Council Grove and forward a copy of your order to this office for our files.

Very respectfully,

Live Stock Inspector in Charge.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
LOCAL OFFICE,
Stock Yards Station,

Kansas City, Missouri, Sept. 2, 1912.

Mr. Albert Dean,

L. S. Inspector in Charge,

Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions received from you, I made investigation of outbreak of scabies in cattle at Council Grove, Kansas, Aug. 27th to 30th, 1912, and have to report as follows:

Inspection was made of 85 head of cattle branded ³ *Askle*, owned by Frank & Root, located on Sec. 28, Tsp. 16, R. 8, Morris County, Ks., and 20% were found to be infected with scabies. These were remaining cattle of shipment from Frank & Root consisting of 125 head which were found to be infected with scabies upon arrival at the Kansas City Stock Yards, Aug. 26, 1912. Temporary quarantine was served on owners.

Inspection was made of 2800 head of cattle owned by Gabriel Frank, branded as follows: 700 head, bds. *OLS \ LN*, 800 head bds. *AL th*, 1300 bds. *Z⁴ cc XS*, cattle were located on various pastures in vicinity of Council Grove, Kansas. All were found to be free of infection.

I Supervised the cleaning and disinfection of the pens and chutes of the Missouri Pacific Ry., at Council Grove, Kans., on account of scabies infection.

Very respectfully,

George E. Butin

Veterinary Inspector.



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September 5, 1912.

Colonel Albert Dean,
L. S. Inspector in charge,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your communication of the 3rd inst.,
I am herewith enclosing you copy of a letter this date
transmitted to Frank & Root of Council Grove, Marshall county,
Kansas, regarding the handling of their cattle recently placed
under quarantine by Dr. C. E. Butin of your Office.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

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Topeka, Kansas, Sept. 3, 1912.

Hon. J.H. Mercer,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas,

My Dear Sir,--

The State Committee is fully organized and the Campaign is open. We are located in the old quarters 919 Kansas Avenue, Topeka.

We are entering into a vigorous campaign for the election of our entire state ticket and desire to render every aid possible to all nominees on the several county tickets. We are having a very strong demand for speakers from all sections of the State. Would it be possible for you to give us some of your valuable time in this campaign? If so, I assure you it will be appreciated very highly. If you are in a position to render us some help how much time can you allow us and in what section of the State would you prefer to speak?

If you should be in Topeka, do not fail to call at Headquarters and have a visit with us.

Thanking you in advance for any favors shown and trusting I may have the pleasure of hearing from you at an early date, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Chairman.



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STATE OF KANSAS
W. R. STUBBS, GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

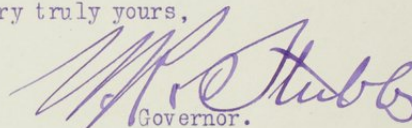
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Hon. J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Mr. Mercer:--

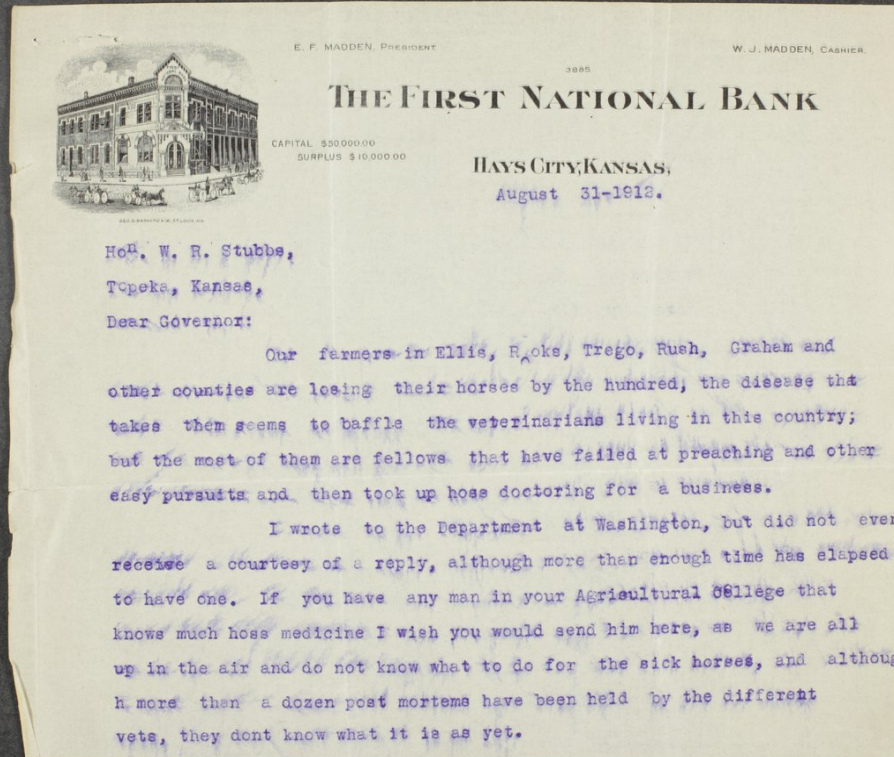
I am sending you a letter from W. J. Madden
Cashier of the First National Bank at Hays City,
Kansas. I wish you would give it as much of your atten-
tion as possible.

Very truly yours,

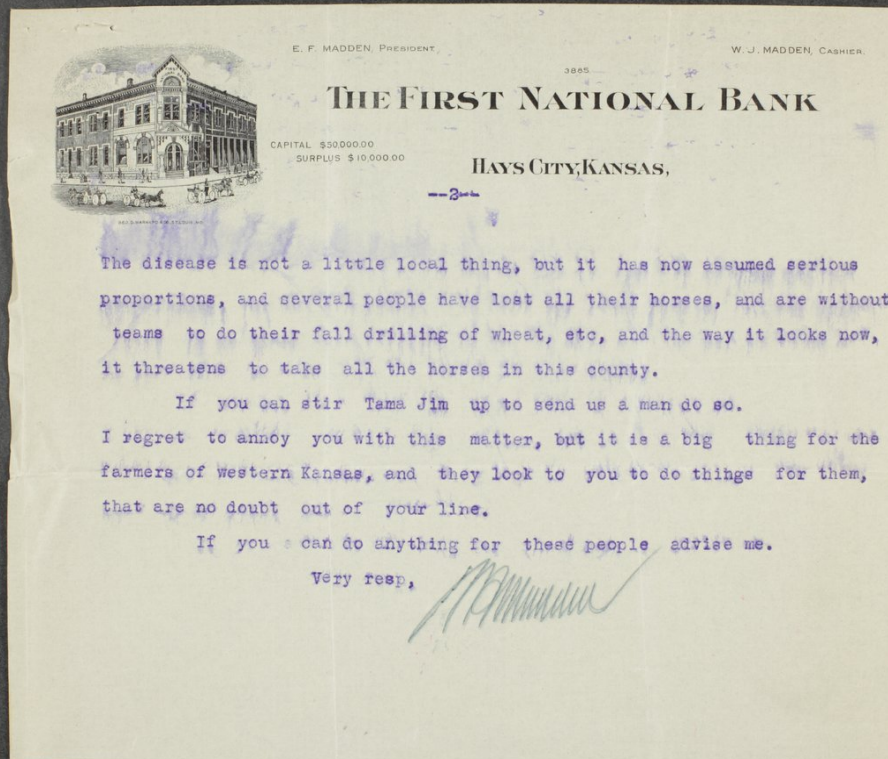

Governor.

Encl.

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Form 560 O.

DAY LETTER

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

RECEIVED AT
167 ks j 48 Blue Hays, ks Sept 4, 1912

W.R. Stubbs

Topeka, Ks

Dr Cross of Kansas City testing Laboratories has discovered diplo-
coccus in Cerebral fluid of sick horse I sent him and says it is
possible he can make a vaccine to prevent it you might call him
on 'phone at ten hundred thirteen Grand Ave KansasCity .Horses still
dying here.

W.J. Madden

2:32-p

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September 4, 1912.

Mr. W. J. Madden, Cashier,
First National Bank,
Hays City, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of recent date addressed Governor W. R. Stubbs has been referred to this office and contents of same noted.

I desire to advise we are making every effort possible to get veterinarians to the horse infected districts of the State, and I will send one to Hays City as soon as I can secure one for that place.

I am enclosing you a statement submitted to me by Drs. O. O. Wolf and Robison of the State Veterinary Board setting forth what they consider this epidemic is. This treatment they recommend is in line with that recommended by the Veterinary Department of the Agricultural College, and I would suggest that you advise your farmers of these recommendations and insist upon them doing everything in their power to protect the well horses especially, for the reason that in almost all cases the infected ones die.

Please advise me on receipt of this communication how conditions are in your community.

Very respectfully,



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STOCKTON, KANSAS, *Sept 3* 191*2*

Hon. J. A. Meseer,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Sir:

When I saw
Dr. C. Kinney of Plainville he informed
me that the McDonald horse had
been killed by the sheriff. I got the
deputy to sign the appraisement for the
chairman of the county comm. At
Stockton I saw the owner (M. McDonald)
and he said that he didn't know
anything about the appraised value
being placed at 35⁰⁰. He said that
before the test was applied he
would not have taken \$100⁰⁰ for
him and that the horse ought to
have been appraised at one half his



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value or 50⁰⁰ I there suggested that I insert "or 50⁰⁰" so that if there was any chance of it being raised to that figure he would get the benefit. I gave him a copy and also saw the sheriff and gave him the other copy. The sheriff said that \$50⁰⁰ would have been a good price.

I am returning Dr. Kinnick's letter. When going from Plainville to Stockton we saw Mr. Sweeney's horse, but I could not see anything suspicious about him.

I am going to Downs tonight.

Yours respectfully, J. H. Burt

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Form 269

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Sep. 3, 1912.

W. S. Ferguson,
President Thomas County Bank,
Colby, Kansas.
Dr. L. A. Howell is in employ of State. Furnish him funds
for living and travelling expenses.

J. H. Mercer.

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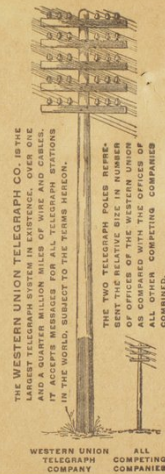
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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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Toalby KS Sept 2nd 1912

K.J.H.Mercer

Topeka, Ks,

We have a state man here L A Howell who
was sent out by R R Dykstra and he is
here on college money his funds are running low and
to continue the work he will have to have money
advanced to colby Kansas he is finding many new cases
developing right around colby

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Charles Buschow, Ex State Senator W.S. Ferguson
County-
Prest, Thomas Bank

551 P.M.

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Topeka, Kas., Sept. 3, 1912

J. P. Mercer,

State Live Stock, Commissioner,

Topeka, Kas.

No. veterinary here yet conditions worse can you do anything

Citizens State Bank

6-31 P Veterinarian will reach Topeka tomorrow some time.

J. H. Mercer.

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September 3, 1913

Mr. T. F. Garner,
Dodge City, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

On returning to the office this date from western Kansas from the horse infected district, I find yours of the 29th and note its contents.

I am inclined to believe the epidemic prevailing out there has been finally diagnosed. Drs. Wolf and Robinson of the State Board of Veterinary Examiners have been several days the latter part of last week in Lane county and posted many horses and have stated to me that they were sure the cause of this epidemic is what is known as *strongylus aramatus* or a palisade worm in the stomach, and they have recommended treatment for well horses, as they claim there is no remedy for sick ones after they have passed a certain stage. I am enclosing you a part of their statement regarding the treatment.

Wire me if you need more veterinary help.

Very truly,

Enclosed.



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Sept. 3, 1912.

Mr. J. P. Mercer,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you again in regard to our trouble among the horses here, which seems to be 90% worse than when you were here. They are dying just as bad as ever and seems to be no cure. I have been busy now for the last four weeks with them nearly night and day, and I don't know of but one that I have saved, but have hopes of two at the present time. So it seems to me that I ought to be on the list as Gillespie when he was here last week, wanted me to take the job for the state, and I told him I did not think I had time, but they won't let me alone, and my work has all been free gratis, as I hated to take pay when I was not sure I was doing any good. Now, I have come to the conclusion, through watching the delivery horses here in town, that have been kept up for months and fed on dry feed and still on dry feed, and none of them being sick, that it is undoubtedly coming from the grass, and I have advised everybody to put in dry pens and feed nothing but feed that was cut before this trouble showed up, and so far it seems that it has helped out. I also think that it undoubtedly an insect that was hatched around the lagoons and water holes that have since scattered over the country with the winds something like a chinch bug does after it gets its wings, and I would surely like to have the grass examined thoroughly by your men as to whether this is right or wrong.

Please answer James Ross P. H. Garner

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September 3, 1912.

Dr. L. Fredenberg,
Council Grove, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

As per my phone message of yesterday, I am writing and enclosing you part of a statement made to me by Drs. Wolf and Robinson of the Veterinary Board of this State as to their opinion of the epidemic that is now raging in Kansas, after two days careful post mortem investigation. I was present at the majority of these post mortem investigations and am firmly of the opinion their diagnosis is correct, therefore, you will please notify the two veterinarians in Scott city that I have there in State work of these findings. I do not recall their names, therefore would be pleased to have you write and give me their names on receipt of this communication.

Urge upon the farmers of Scott county the necessity of carrying out the recommendations of this statement in the treatment and care of their well horses. Use every effort possible in giving to owners of horses assistance in treatment as above suggested, for the reason that all efforts to save horses that have taken down with this malady have been of no avail up to date.

Keep me posted as to conditions, and should anything develop here that would be of advantage to you, I will either wire or write you.

Very truly,



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C. C. KINSLEY
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OAKLEY, KANS., Sept. 3 1912

Mr. J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir: I will report this morning the first opportunity of late as spinal meningitis is raging in my territory getting new cases every hour. I have known of 2 cases that has responded very nicely to turpentine and a third one that was treated with it last night reports favorable this morning I give internally also apply externally and I am going to try aspirating the serum (or some of it) from the meninges & injecting a weak infusion of formalin in glycerin tried one yesterday but she was so near dead & so far from home I have not heard since.

I am patiently waiting the arrival of the serum and instructions for use, what about using that how are we going to handle it to get to them as soon as possible and will we be allowed a helper. I suppose you will keep me informed as to progress they are making with the disease etc.

I am supposed to be at the Kansas City veterinary college the tenth of this month but I must serve my clients so help me out all you can so I can get through here as soon as possible. Please keep me informed
Very truly, C. C. Kinsley.

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September 3, 1912.

Dr. G. W. Hobbs,
Smith Center, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

I wired you this morning advising you to take charge of the handling of the trouble among horses and the State will allow you for your services. I am enclosing you a receipt book and would suggest that you take receipts for your expenditures, as the Auditor requires these before auditing accounts. The State will pay you for your necessary travelling and living expenses and also the statutory price of \$5.00 per day while in the service.

Drs. Wolf and Robinson of the State Veterinary Board, spent two days last week in Lane county investigating this trouble among horses. They posted a great many subjects and announced to me they were sure this disease was *strongylus aramatus*, and I am enclosing you a part of their recommendations in handling the well herds. Other veterinarians have different opinions concerning this disease, but this is the only positive diagnosis so far. The Veterinary Department of the Agricultural College at Manhattan is and has been investigating this matter daily, and should anything develop other than above stated, I will advise you.

Keep us posted as to conditions.

Very truly,



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KANSAS CITY, MO., September 3, 1912.

J. H. Mercer, Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I read with considerable interest the combined report of yourself and Drs. Wolf and Robinson in the Kansas City Times this morning. I am wondering if your report was only an error on the part of the reporter or if you are indeed of the opinion that the trouble is due to the *Strongylus armatus*. I just returned this morning from Franklin County, Nebraska, where I saw some 50 cases of this disease yesterday, and I am still of the opinion that the primary cause of the disturbance is the result of the ingestion of some fungus which is obtained in the pastures. I would certainly be glad to hear from you as to the progress that is being made in the control of the disease where it first made its appearance.

With kind personal regards,

Very truly yours,

A. T. Kinsley