

## **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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Oct. 21st, 1913.

Dr. Stanley Ritter Von Malicki  
Hillsboro, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

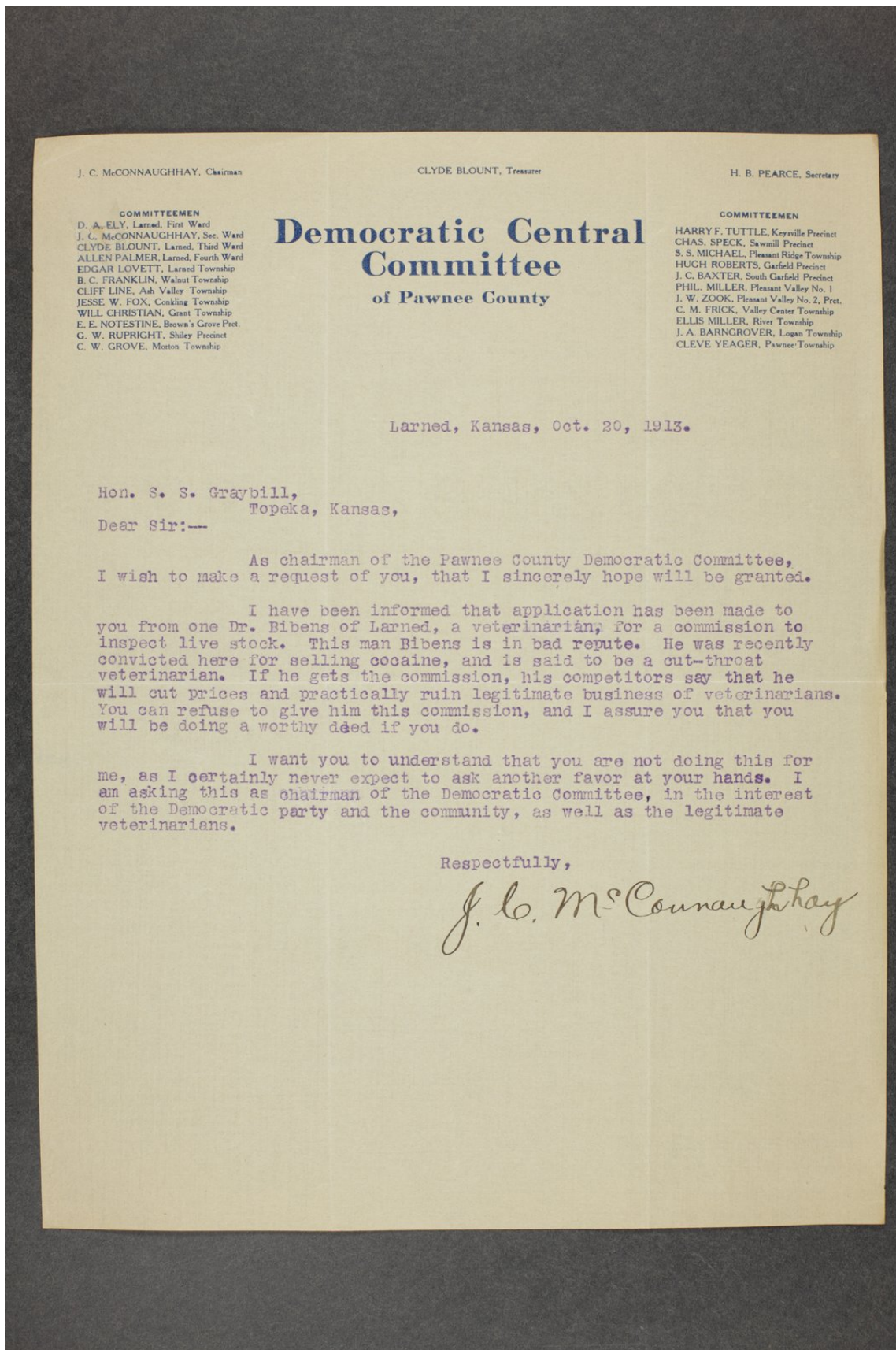
It is true that our Rules and Regulations were put out on the 1st of July and on the 15th of Aug. Colorado put in the Legislative act that all horses and Mules coming into that state must be tested for glanders before.

Bear in mind that hereafter horses and mules and asses will have to be mallein tested before coming to Kansas.

Very truly yours,  
Livestock Sanitary Commissioner.

G/L

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J. C. McCONAUGHAY, Chairman

CLYDE BLOUNT, Treasurer

H. B. PEARCE, Secretary

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CLYDE BLOUNT, Larned, Third Ward  
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ELLIS MILLER, River Township  
J. A. BARNGROVER, Logan Township  
CLEVE YEAGER, Pawnee Township

Larned, Kansas, Oct. 20, 1913.

Hon. S. S. Graybill,  
Topeka, Kansas,  
Dear Sir:---

As chairman of the Pawnee County Democratic Committee,  
I wish to make a request of you, that I sincerely hope will be granted.

I have been informed that application has been made to  
you from one Dr. Bibens of Larned, a veterinarian, for a commission to  
inspect live stock. This man Bibens is in bad repute. He was recently  
convicted here for selling cocaine, and is said to be a cut-throat  
veterinarian. If he gets the commission, his competitors say that he  
will cut prices and practically ruin legitimate business of veterinarians.  
You can refuse to give him this commission, and I assure you that you  
will be doing a worthy deed if you do.

I want you to understand that you are not doing this for  
me, as I certainly never expect to ask another favor at your hands. I  
am asking this as chairman of the Democratic Committee, in the interest  
of the Democratic party and the community, as well as the legitimate  
veterinarians.

Respectfully,

*J. C. McConaughay*



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Mr. J. C. McConnaughy,  
Larned, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 29th at hand and in reply will say, that I have enough men in Pawnee county, doing the work of inspectors and will not appoint anyone else, and especially this man, on account of your letter.

Very truly yours,

G/L

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Deleau Kans  
10/17 - 1913

Mr Graybill  
Sir received your  
letter today, my wife in  
it you say that you are  
not give me a Commission  
for Interstate shipment  
unless I am from a  
Reputable College I fully  
relish that I am not  
from a College that is  
recognized by this state  
but think I am justly  
intitled to a Commission  
as some Vet that never  
booked in with College



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I was in Peru a few days  
ago and there was a Det.  
there everyone stalks for  
Interstate shipment and I  
ask him how he got his  
Commission as I Remind him  
he to be non graduate and  
he said he just returned to  
the State Sanitary Comm.  
and he sent him some  
blanks to fill out and  
have stalk men to sign  
and he sent it in and  
got his Commission and  
I began looking into the  
matter and I find a  
little a number of them  
doing this work that

OVER

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are non graduates and  
and that is the reason  
am asking you for this  
I am not taking on  
any one and can prove  
the state much that I have  
note of messagony.  
Hoping to hear from  
you in regards to this  
matter I am

Res yours

Dr P H Martin  
Sedalia  
Kans





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Dr. P. W. Martin,

Sedan, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter received and note what you say, about the Commission.

I wish you would send me the name of the man, at Peru who claims to have a commission under this office and is a non graduate.

He probably had a commission under Mr. Mercer's administration., which expired on the 1st of April and I think if he will look over his commission he will find that it reads that way.

I will do anything in my power there and if possible grant you a commission later.

Yours very truly yours,

G/L

Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner



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10-18-1913

Wincaid, Mo

S. L. Graybill  
Topeka, Mo

Dear Sir I saw  
a Grey mare in my practice  
that looked very suspicious  
of Glanders with drew some  
blood from the Jugular  
Vein sent it Dr. Rinsley  
to make an agglutination  
Test The Test gave a positive  
reaction of Glanders  
The Animal is owned by  
J. H. Outbirth Bayard, Mo  
As I understand it you will  
direct proceeding in those  
cases I write to inform you  
of This case I think owner  
will comply with whatever

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The Law requires if you think  
best to send State Veterinarian  
to investigate surrounding  
condition alright as you  
know a local man does not  
care to have any prejudices  
will close hoping to get  
an early reply

Yours Respy  
Dr Frank M. Vaigh



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Mr. Frank M'Caigh,

Kincadā, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter received and in reply will say, that I want you to isolate the horse affected with the glanders and I am enclosing you an appraisement blank which you will please take to the Chairman of the County Commissioners and have him to get the sheriff and take you out to appraise the horse and afterwards have the sheriff destroy the horse and do this at the expense of the county as the law provides that the sheriff shall take charge of everything, and bury the horse and present his bill to the County Commissioners for the same.

Please let me hear from you about this matter.

Very truly yours,

G/E

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Winfield, Kansas, October 18, 1913.

Sam S. Graybill,  
State Veterinarian,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:-

I have four head of cows on my farm seven miles south of Winfield that have been afflicted with some ailment for about one year. One of the cows has a cough; one has a swelling in the nose; three of them have lumps on their bodies. They appear to eat and drink well, but are not right and have not been normal for about one year. A few days ago a butcher looked at the cattle with a view of buying some of them and told me that he had had some experience with ailments of this kind and pronounced it tuberculosis. Now I am anxious to know whether the cattle are afflicted or not with this disease and would ask you if you will kindly let me know if there is any way by which you could come or send a man to make this investigation. That is, does the State have an appropriation for expenses of veterinarians for making such investigations? If there is nothing of that kind, can you inform me as to what will be the best step for me to take to ascertain what is wrong with the cattle. I have not called a local veterinarian and do not want to do so if I can avoid it. For this reason I am addressing you and will be very thankful to you for such information as you can furnish me. In the event you cannot come or send some one to make the investigation.

Awaiting your reply and thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

*Address me  
Winfield Kansas  
Route 4*

*Wm Dowler*



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Mr. Wm Dower,

My Dear Sir:

Your letter received and in reply will say, that there is no appropriation for testing these cows at the man's request.

You are supposed to have your cows treated just the same as you would if a member of your family was ill, you would expect to have a physician come and diagnose the diseases.

This department has no money for investigating diseased live-stock unless they come into the state contrary to the law, in a diseased condition.

I would advise you to have Dr. T. R. Ellison come out and test your herd, and I assure you his charges will be reasonable.

Very truly yours,

Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

G?L

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COURT CONVENES FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH AND  
SECOND TUESDAY IN JUNE AND NOVEMBER



**GEORGE J. BENSON**  
COUNTY ATTORNEY OF BUTLER COUNTY  
ELDORADO, KANSAS

October 20th., 1913.

Sam Greybill,  
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

About two weeks ago a veterinary who lives at Peabody, we think his name is Hill, reported that a horse in Fairmount Township in this county, belonging to a man by the name of Parker in Wichita was suffer- with glanders. Mr. George Elder, the chairman of our board of County Commissioners, went to assist in appraising the horse. I was not there myself but Mr. Elder tells me that a large number of the neighboring farmers appeared and at first demanded that the horse be not killed. He also reports that the farmers felt very much concerned and by their talk and actions seemed to influence the veterinary to place a value on the horse far above its true value. The owner of the horse appraised it at \$160.00, the veterinary at \$130.00 and the County Commissioner at \$85.00. Others who were there <sup>and</sup> saw the horse have told me that \$85.00 was a large price for the horse. The only way that they could agree was to add the three appraisements together and divide the total by three, which made the appraisement \$125.00.

The County will of course have to pay one-half of that amount. Mr. Elder told me that something like forty other horses in the neighborhood had been exposed, or at least had been near the diseased horse and it was possible that other cases might arise. The Commissioners do not object to complying with the law and paying the owner one-half



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**GEORGE J. BENSON**  
COUNTY ATTORNEY OF BUTLER COUNTY  
ELDORADO, KANSAS

of the reasonable value, but they do object to paying practically the full value and have asked me to write you and ask that in the future and especially if any more cases should develop in the neighborhood of the horse in question, that a veterinary in this county be appointed as one of the appraisers. The Commissioners do not feel that it is fair to appoint a man who lives in another county and is in no way interested in the expenses of this county and especially that it is wrong to appoint a veterinary who practices among the farmers of that community where the feeling is so strong against this law.

I am writing you this at the request of the Commissioners and ask if it is necessary to kill any more horses that a veterinary from this county be appointed. The Commissioners do not charge that the veterinary who did the work acted corruptly or anything of that kind, but his location is such that he would expect to practice his profession among the farmers interested. Mr. Elder also tells me that a large number of farmers gathered at the meeting and were very antagonistic towards the officers, the law and anyone who had anything to do with the killing of this horse, and the Commissioners believe that this attitude together with the friendship of the veterinary for the farmers in the territory surrounding his town, caused him to place too high a value on the horse. Mr. Elder is a successful and practical <sup>farmer</sup> and he with two or three others who saw the horse have told me that

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**GEORGE J. BENSON**  
COUNTY ATTORNEY OF BUTLER COUNTY  
EL DORADO, KANSAS

\$85.00 was really more than the horse was worth.

Kindly let me hear from you and keep this request in mind in  
case any further action is necessary on your part.

Very truly,

GJB-FB.

*George J. Benson*  
*County Attorney*



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Oct. 28th, 1913.

Mr. Geo. I. Benson,  
El Dorado, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

I have written Mr. Elder and expressed my idea about the horse and told him I thought he was appraised too high and then not being able to find the man to whom he belonged, makes it hard.

We have sent the appraisements to Wichita twice and both times it was returned to this office.

You will be sure and keep the amount of Dr. Hillis bill out when the order is drawn.

Very truly yours,

G/L

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Mr. E. E. Ellis,  
Latham, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

I have fully investigated the quarantine law on scabby cattle and am frank to confess that I am in the wrong in notifying you that it would be the duty of the stock yards company to pay you back the money you paid for the disinfecting the yards.

In the first place the law does not provide for shipping scabby cattle at all unless they are tested and it was only on the account of Mr. Healey that I consented to allow them to go at all for treatment, and that lead me to believe that cattle could be shipped in this way and would be advantageous to the buyer and seller.

Cattle can be shipped as exposed cattle but not affected and you can see where the people would soon do away with their pens and apparatus to do this, at home and have it all done at the Union Stock yards and perhaps the amount of fees would not be nearly as much as the cost of the dipping and disinfecting etc., and you can readily see where the stock yards companies would be losers.

I am glad to know that Mr. Smith has refunded your money, they realize that you are a good patron of the company and live where the company does a great deal of business.

I believe that Mr. Smith is endeavoring to build up, and maintain a yard which is as sanitary as any yards in the country.

When I told Mr. Smith that he must pay you back I overlooked the section that



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B.E.E.#2.

says that absolutely no cattle can be shipped under the Rules and Regulations of the department.

I hope you will have no ill-will against Mr. Smith for the treatment you received for I feel sure that Mr. Smith thought he knew what he was doing and when there was any question about it he gladly refunded the money and hope you will appreciate this and continue to be a patron of the Wichita Union Stock Yards.

Very truly yours,

Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

G/L

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

Kansas City, Missouri, October 23, 1913.

Mr. Sam S. Graybill,  
L. S. Sanitary Commissioner,  
Topeka, Kansas.

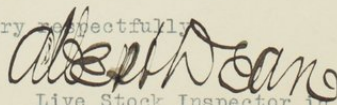
Sir:-

Regarding the inclosed copy of I. D. Form 24B report from South St. Joseph, Missouri, showing that 80 head of cattle owned by McDonald & Washington, Manhattan, Kansas, cattle shipped from Volland, Kansas, were found to be infected with scabies, reference is made to report of Dr. Peter I. Kershner, dated September 5, 1913, in which he states that upon range inspection of the McDonald & Washington cattle, about 5% were found to be infected with scabies, and placed in quarantine on the Goodsel pasture in Wabaunsee & Geary Counties under the Laws of the State of Kansas. In this connection, you are advised that unless these cattle were released under authority from your office, the Quarantine Laws of the State of Kansas have been violated, and the prosecution of the guilty parties is respectfully recommended.

You may call upon Dr. Kershner for any evidence or assistance needed in this investigation, and kindly inform this office what action is taken regarding this apparent violation.

As this office has no field inspector available to supervise the cleaning and disinfection of the C. R. I. & P. pens at Volland, it is requested that you look after the matter.

Very respectfully,



Live Stock Inspector in Charge.



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COPY  
FD-31B

U. S. Department of Agriculture,  
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

REPORT OF ~~SWEEP~~ CATTLE INSPECTED FOR SCABIES.

Where inspected: South St. Joseph, Mo.

Date: October 22nd, 1913.

No. INFECTED—Scabies: 80

Was disease advanced? No

No. EXPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

No. FREE: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection made by Hoyman & Shambeau

For feeding (?) breeding (?) slaughter (?)

How many cars cleaned and disinfected? -4-

Owner: McDonald & Washington.

Owner's address: Volland, Kansas.

Station loaded at: " "

Date and hour loaded: October 21, 1913.

Railroad shipped over: C. R. I. & P.

Car Nos. and initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Consignee: Prey Brothers & Cooper.

Address: South St. Joseph, Mo.

Destination: " " " "

No. certificate (if issued): ----

(Signed) T. A. Shipley  
(Over)

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USE THIS BLANK FOR REPORTING INSPECTIONS. REPORT ALL DIPPINGS ON I. D. FORM 34-A.

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Five cattle showed lesions on  
withers, and one on back; all  
were small areas.

Brands LS l.s.  
— l.h.



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Oct. 25th 1913.

Mr. Albert Dean,  
Inspector In Chagre,  
Kansas City Mo.

My Dear Mr. Dean.

Your letter of the 23rd at hand and in reference to the M'Donald & Washington cattle, will say, that Peter I. Kerschner came to me, last Sunday and told me that the cattle on the M'Donald & Washington pastures were about to be shipped, and he advised me to go there, on account of his going to Mulvane where he had been trying to get, for some time. I started and unfortunately got behind a wreck and did not get there and was on the train all that day. I then phoned them when I arrived at Herrington, and the men there informed me that there was no infection there at all. He said that there had been two cars shipped out in which a few had been found to be infected but he did not believe that they had any more infection there that they were clean cattle.

As before stated, on account of the wreck and knowing Mr. M'Donald's ability to find any diseases or traces of infection I gave them permission over the phone to ship the cattle.

Now Mr. Dean I am frank to say that I probably did not do my entire duty in not going to the pastures but I spent two days and one night on the trains trying to get there and thought I was perfectly safe in allowing them to ship without my inspection.

I am fully aware that no scabby cattle are allowed to be shipped but under the circumstances will see, that the yards are properly cleaned

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and I will write to Mr. McDonald & Washington  
and tell them that under ~~no circumstances~~ they  
ship any more cattle from those pastures  
until they are inspected.

I hope you will look over this error  
at this time as it was unavoidable in every respect.

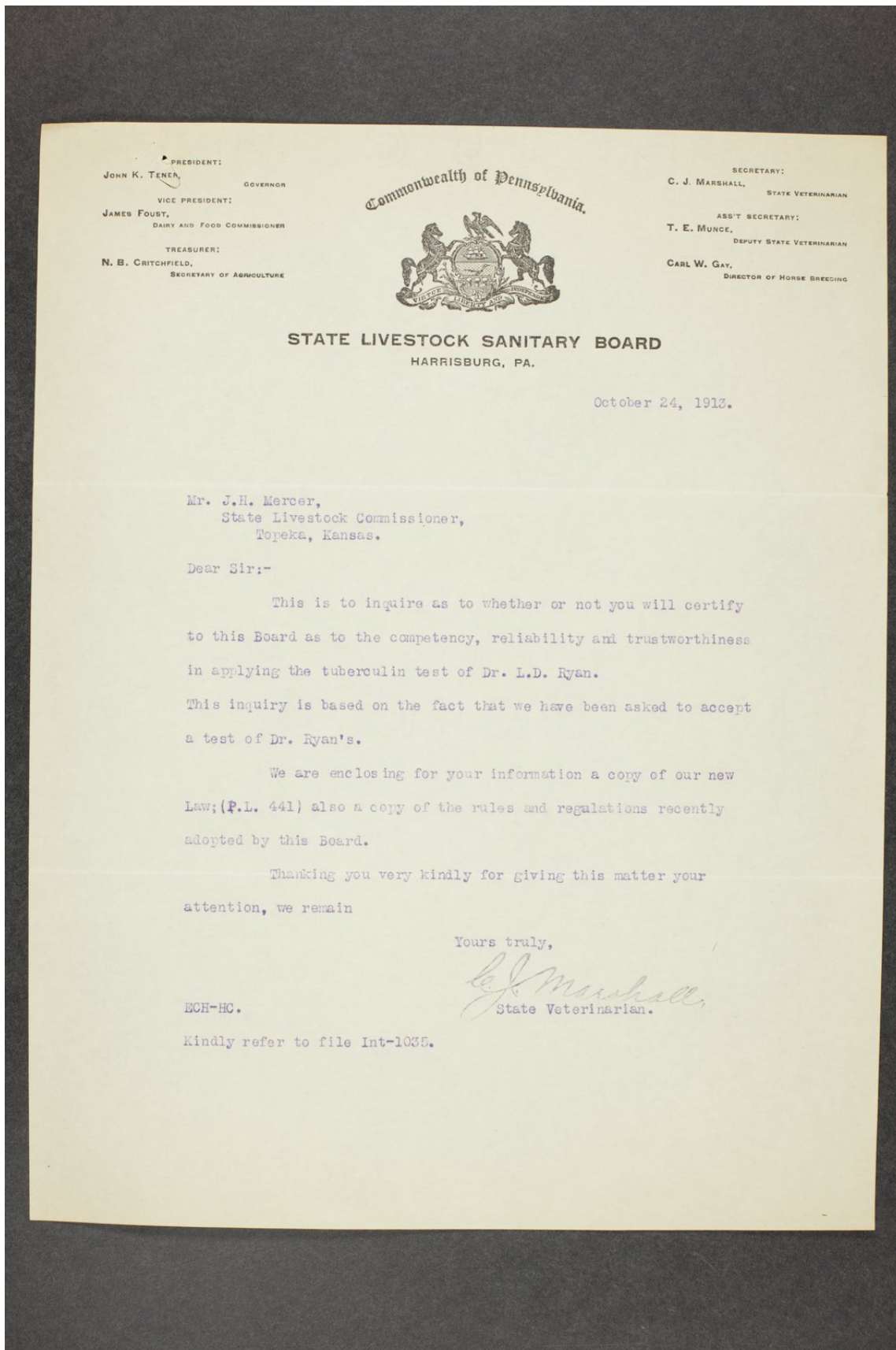
Very truly yours,

Live Stock Sanitary Commission

G/L



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Oct. 27th, 1913.

Dr. C.J. Marshall,  
State Veterinarian.  
Harrisburg Pa.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 24th at hand and in reply will say, that Dr. L. D. Ryan, of Emporia, is a graduated veterinarian of the O. V. C. and has a commission to do testing for interstate shipments, and is one of the most competent veterinarians in the state.

In your letter you spoke of enclosing a copy of your Rules & Regulations but the copy was not enclosed, would be glad to receive a copy soon.

Very truly yours,

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner.  
By Chief Clerk.



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DR. D. A. TYLER  
VETERINARY SURGEON AND DENTIST  
HALSTEAD, KANSAS.

Halstead Kans.,  
Oct. 25, 1913

Sam S. Graybill  
Topeka Kans  
Dear Sir

I was called yesterday by  
a party, Mrs Ryan, to examine  
a cow which for some time  
has shown numerous enlarge-  
ments in the region of the

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DR. D. A. TYLER  
VETERINARY SURGEON AND DENTIST  
✓ HALSTEAD, KANSAS.

submaxillary and postpharyngeal  
lymphatic glands and upon  
opening one I found the puss  
to be quite typical of that of  
tuberculosis. and upon being informed  
of this the owner desires to have  
the cow tested by the state and  
ask me to write you in regard  
to the matter. Respectfully,  
Dr. D. A. Tyler.



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Oct. 29th, 1913.

Dr. D. A. Tyler,  
Halstead, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th recieved and in reply will say, that you are an authorized veterinarian from the state of Kansas to test for tuberculosis but this party being suspicious of his cow and calling you out, and taking your diagnosis of the case does not through the responsibility on the state and under the law he will be punishable by a heavy fine if he does not have this cow tested.

I can, if necessary, put this matter in the hands of the sheriff, send a veterinary there to test hereand all the expenses incurred in looking after the cow could be charged up to him and could be collected by law.

I wish you would report this to him and show him this letter if you care to and tell him that there is only one thing for him to do, and that is, to have this cow tested and he will have to stand the charge.

Please report to me at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

G.L.



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C.W. SPENCER  
COMMERCIAL LAWYER  
TITLE EXAMINER

### Spencer and Spencer

LOAN AGENTS  
BONDED ABSTRACTERS

J.H. SPENCER  
REAL ESTATE  
INSURANCE

Sedan, Kansas October 25, 1913.

Mr. Sam S. Graybill, Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

In Re: your communication to P. W. Martin of this place,  
dated 21st inst. Martin states that a Mr. Linderman and  
Nolan of Grenola, Kansas have both been appointed to make  
tests for tuberculosis and glanders and to issue certificate for  
interstate shipments. He further states that neither one of  
these parties are graduates of any Veterinary College.

In this connection I am inclosing to you a petition signed  
by all of the leading Democrats and best business men of this  
locality, asking you to appoint Mr. Martin. It appears that  
Mr. Martin is not a graduate of any Veterinary College, but he  
is qualified to hold this position. I do not want you to make  
an appointment that would be inconsistent with your method of  
making appointments or to do something that is not right, but  
if it is possible to make the appointment under the law, Mr.  
Martin not being a graduate of a Veterinary College, I wish  
you would do so.

Please let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

CWS/AB



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Oct. 30th, 1913.

Mr. C. W. Spencer,  
Sedan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter in regards to Dr. P. W. Martin, at hand and in reply will say that, the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado & Missouri will not accept charts from non-graduates and you can readily see where it would put this state if it did not pay any attention to the requirements of the other states.

I am satisfied from the experience that I have had with Dr. P. W. Martin, that he is a competent veterinary but the other states would turn his tests down and it would make it hard for the shipper to have to be held up, on the line besides it is expensive.

As to Dr. Noland, he has no commission to test stock under this department. Dr. Linderman has a commission but he was the first doctor about, to get one and was reported to me to be a graduate, and his commission will have to be revoked, I am writing him to-day.

Very truly yours,

Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

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