

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1915-1919

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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. The correspondence is mostly between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
LOCAL OFFICE.

JHM.#2.

The two calves of Greenwood's are isolated in barn and quite likely will live only a short time. For positive diagnosis I have submitted the brain of the bull for examination, and make this report for any further action you may wish to take in the case.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Smith

Vet. Ins. B. A. I.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

LOCAL OFFICE

Tuberculin sent out by the Bureau of Animal Industry at the request of
Hon. J. H. Mercer during the month of May, 1919.

May 1,	Dr. F. W. Major,	Ft. Scott, Kansas.	20 cc
3,	Dr. C. A. Mooney,	Leavenworth, Kansas.	40 cc
	Dr. J. S. Jameson,	Columbus, Kansas.	40 cc
5,	Dr. G. W. Hill,	Topeka, Kansas.	20 cc
6,	Dr. N. S. Bugett,	Columbus, Kansas.	100 cc
	Dr. J. J. Streng,	Chetopa, R. 5, Ks.	100 cc
	Dr. A. E. Amend,	Wilsey, Ks.	120 cc
	Dr. C. A. Hough,	Holton, Ks.	120 cc
	Dr. D. A. Jones,	Tonganoxie, Ks.	120 cc
8,	Dr. A. H. Kraus,	Ellsworth, Ks.	100 cc
9,	Dr. J. H. Burt,	Manhattan, Ks.	60 cc
	Dr. Geo. I. Rhea,	Larned, Ks.	100 cc
	Dr. E. L. Duke,	Lombsburg, Ks.	240 cc
	Dr. C. C. Kinsley,	Oakley, Ks.	20 cc
	Dr. R. R. Dykstra,	Manhattan, Ks.	120 cc
	Dr. J. S. Jameson,	Columbus, Ks.	100 cc
13,	Dr. C. G. Libby,	Glen Elder, Ks.	20 cc
	Dr. J. J. Streng,	Chetopa, R. 5, Ks.	120 cc
15,	Dr. J. I. Kennedy,	Chase, Ks.	40 cc
	Dr. L. L. Jones,	Garden City, Ks.	40 cc
16,	Dr. E. S. Chartier,	Hope, Ks.	40 cc
17,	Dr. A. C. Evans,	Goodland, Ks.	40 cc
19,	Dr. W. R. Bernard,	Bellville, Ks.	40 cc
	Dr. F. Johnston,	Harper, Ks.	40 cc
21,	Dr. S. E. Hays,	Hutchison, Ks.	100 cc
22,	Dr. F. M. Babcock,	Lyons, Ks.	80 cc
23,	Dr. R. G. Menefee,	Towanda, Ks.	20 cc
	Dr. G. S. Shaw,	Washington, Ks.	60 cc
26,	Dr. J. A. Lomax,	Leona, Ks.	120 cc
	Dr. A. E. Thompson,	Hiawatha, Ks.	20 cc
28,	Dr. E. W. Little,	Kansas City, Mo.	200 cc
	Dr. W. H. Wallace,	Kiowa, Ks.	40 cc
	Dr. C. Muller,	Eureka, Ks.	20 cc
31,	Dr. R. E. Fahnestock,	Belleville, Ks.	100 cc

Total, 2560 cc

Harry M. Garpe
Acting Inspector in Charge.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

MONTHLY REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTED AND DIPPED FOR { SCABIES.
TEXAS FEVER TICKS.

Station Topeka State Kansas Month of May, 1919

DATE.	INSPECTIONS.			DIPPINGS.					
	Infected.	Exposed.	Free.	FIRST.			SECOND.		THIRD.
				Infected.	Exposed.	Free.	Infected.	Exposed.	Infected.
1.	0	0	0	660	0	0			
2.	1103	628	75	338	390	0			
3.	326	170	75	286	150	0			
4.				608	13	0			
5.	544	127	0						
6.	0	0	215	806	365	0			
7.	102	350	3525	102	505	0			
8.	1000	0	0	896	419	0			
9.	0	0	1800	740	65	0			
10.	0	0	0	405	0	0			
11.	0	0	0	0	11	0	400	0	0
12.	243	0	0	243	0	0	550	0	0
13.	400	158	495	0	131	0	325	0	0
14.	0	99	0	0	0	0	286	0	0
15.	0	199	290	128	209	0			
16.	0	0	0	0	394	0			
17.	488	133	0	109	133	0	23	0	0
18.	0	936	0						
19.	0	0	0				1037	0	0
20.	660	776	281	704	331	0	1290	99	
21.	249	413	0	280	752	0	603	20	
22.	820	633	496	1920	1723	0	290	15	0
23.	557	1558	465	457	1703	336			
24.	850	529	70	910	649	0			
25.	0	1110	0	0	0	0			
26.	0	0	0	0	1120	0			
27.	870	1023	534	275	748	1211	279	0	0
28.	0	220	0	62	220	0			
29.	924	627	523	453	272	216	471	55	0
30.	0	0	0	0	0	0			
31.	0	0	0	0	63	0	612	0	0
Totals.	9136	9789	8845	10372	10366	1763	6166	189	0
Total inspections	27770			Total Dippings 28856					

Number certificates issued 0 Remarks: _____

Number cars c. w. d. 52 _____

Number infected bands or herds 148-11 _____

Kind of dip used _____

Reinspections of infected animals: _____

Number bands or herds _____

Number cattle _____

Henry M. Grafe
Inspector in Charge.

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May 6, 1919.

Mr. C. E. Van Meter,
Johnson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed State Veterinarian at hand and same noted. The only simple method that I can recommend to you in saving your calves from black leg would be to vaccinate them with what is known as the germ free black leg serum.

This is manufactured by the State Agricultural College at Manhattan and you can secure same by writing that institution. It is also manufactured by the Kansas Black Leg Serum Company, Wishita, Kansas. The college charges 35¢ per dose and if you are a member of the Kansas Live Stock Association you can secure the serum at the Wishita Plant at the same price.

Some time ago they were charging 50¢ a dose for serum to everyone not a member of the Kansas Association. The germ free black leg serum is absolutely all right and I cannot recommend it too highly.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM:MH

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Johnson, Kansas.
May 3rd, 1919.

State Veterinarian,
Topeka, Kansas,
Dear Sir:

Last season I lost several head of calves from black leg.
I desire to use a preventative this season and ask your advice as
to how to proceed. Please let me hear from you immediately with your
advice and oblige

Very truly yours,
C. E. Vandmeter,

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State of Kansas

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

OFFICE OF
LIVE-STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

May 7, 1919.

Eagle Serum Company,
3rd & Central, Kansas City, Kans.
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Live Stock Exchange Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Missouri Valley Serum Company,
50 N. 2nd St., Kansas City, Kans.
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Live Stock Exchange Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Peters National Serum Company,
1612 W. 16th St., Kansas City, Mo.
Inter-State Vaccine Company,
Live Stock Exchange Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Kaw Valley Serum Co.,
Rosedale, Kansas.
Gulfcoil Serum Company,
Kansas City, Kansas.
Standard Serum Company,
Kansas City, Kansas.
Dr. Chas. L. Ray Serum Company,
Firestone Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Royal Serum Company,
Osage & Adams Streets, Kansas City, Kans.
Lathrop Serum Company,
Lathrop, Mo.
American Veterinary Supply Company,
16th & Walnut, Kansas City, Mo.
Jansen Salsbury Laboratories,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing for your information copy of letter dated May 5th to W.H.Weeks, General Manager of the Kansas City stock yards, that is self-explanatory.

On or about May 10th I expect to issue a rule covering points indicated in the Weeks letter. I am giving you this information previous to issuance of said rule in order that you may govern yourself accordingly if you desire to participate with other companies in furnishing serum and virus to be administered on the Kansas City yards.

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Live Stock Exchange Bldg., K. C. Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing you herewith a copy of a letter this day transmitted to Mr. W.H. Weeks, General Manager of the Kansas City Stock Yards that will explain itself.

A copy of this same letter has been sent to each of the Serum Companies operating at Kansas City. Would be pleased to have you confer with each other in some manner and select a representative to take part in the conference of five referred to at nine o'clock Saturday.

Thanking you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

Enc.
JHM-MH

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May 5, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Weeks, Vice President,
Kansas City Stock Yards, Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Weeks:

Our meeting at Kansas City last Saturday did not bring out anything that would warrant my changing our plans materially from those indicated in my letter to you of last week.

We intend to issue a rule embodying the provisions for the vaccination of stock hogs at all public stock yards in Kansas about as follows:

That the maximum price of serum and virus shall not exceed \$1.25 per 100 c.c's. and that the serum company furnishing serum, shall for the present, be the distributing agent. That an approximate charge per head covering labor be as per the following schedule:

Temperature Man	@ 1 ¹ / ₂ ¢	per head
Driver	@ 1 ¹ / ₂ ¢	" "
Gate Man	@ 4¢	" "
2 Catchers	@ 1 ¹ / ₂ ¢	" "
Table Man	@ 1 ¹ / ₂ ¢	" "
Veterinarian	@ 5¢	" "
Foreman	@ 2 ¹ / ₂ ¢	" "
Stock Yards Charge	@ 23¢	" "

From my view point of this whole situation, it appears that this will be a fair schedule of charges covering serum, labor and stock yard charges for the vaccination of hogs at the Kansas City market.

The state will appoint two veterinarians who will not be connected in any way or manner with any stock hog company or serum plant and later if the business demands it, we will appoint a third man. The foreman in charge of this work will be authorized to employ help as is provided in the above schedule. He will provide for the collection of all charges in the transactions, and will be bonded for the safe handling of the money entrusted to his care.

I am not making this as a rule, but am sending a copy of this letter to all of the serum companies suggesting that they comply as nearly as possible with the arrangements in prices until the rule is published and put into effect, which will be done not later, I think, than the 10th of this month.

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Mr. W. H. Weeks,
Kansas City, Mo.

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It is to be hoped that this plan will be satisfactory to everyone concerned and I sincerely hope that the Kansas City Stock Yards Company will look upon this matter as being for the best interests of the stock hog industry, and that the revenue which they will derive from this plan, while not large, will be sufficient to warrant the stock yards furnishing facilities as they have heretofore outlined. Of course, the vaccination of hogs is all to be done under government supervision.

I am writing this letter hurriedly for the reason that I am compelled to leave on this evening's train for Chicago to attend a rate meeting and will be there until Thursday evening, and thought it would be best to notify all concerned so that they could be making their arrangements accordingly.

I will be back in Kansas City next Friday and may stop there. If not, will try to have the regulations become effective as above stated, not later than the 10th of this month.

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Under the new rule all accredited serum companies will be able to participate on an equal basis, and it is suggested that serum companies now furnishing serum and virus for use on the yards, adjust themselves to the new schedule at as early a date as possible in order to facilitate the progress and efficiency of this work. This new schedule is being worked out on a basis of fairness to all parties concerned, including the shipper, the stock yards company, the serum company and labor connected therewith, and I trust will meet with your approval and cooperation.

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ATTENTION SERUM COMPANIES:

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It is understood that Serum Companies are to deliver serum and virus from its own distributing stations to the purchaser at the place where the hogs are to be vaccinated. Contract for the sale of serum must be made through the Live Stock Commission Companies or the person or persons having the hogs vaccinated and charges collected in like manner.

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J. H. MERCER
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State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVESTOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Mr. Frisco Housen,
Olney, Kans.

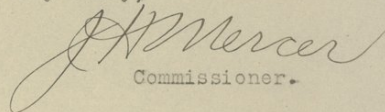
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find bulletin #11 which covers the quarantine plan for handling Texas fever tick infected cattle and also exposed cattle .

We are advisee that your cattle are classed as exposed, therefore it will be necessary for you to handle them in line with the provisions of this quarantine notice.

Both government and state inspectors will be at your place at different times to inspect your cattle and if no ticks are found they will be released and you will be privileged to handle them in whatever manner you choose.

Yours very truly,


Commissioner.

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BULLETIN No. 11.

Kansas Live Stock Sanitary Department.

TEXAS FEVER.

The fact has been determined that an infectious disease known as Splenic Fever, or Texas Fever, now exists among the cattle in certain pasture districts in Kansas.

This disease is transmitted from one animal to another by means of an insect parasite known as the "Texas cattle fever tick."

It is therefore ordered that all cattle upon which fever ticks are found shall be classed as "INFECTED," and the pastures in which said infected cattle are located are hereby placed under quarantine.

All cattle within these quarantined pastures must be dipped or sprayed, in an accredited, arsenical solution dip, under the direct supervision of an inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry, of the Department of Agriculture. Cattle within these quarantined pastures shall not be moved from said pastures, except upon a permit issued by the State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, his representative, or an inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry, of the United States Department of Agriculture.

All cattle located in pastures adjoining quarantined pastures are hereby classed as "EXPOSED" cattle, and cannot be moved from said pastures without permits issued by the State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, his representative, or an inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry, of the Department of Agriculture.

All livestock owners, county officials, and veterinarians are hereby urged to put forth their best efforts in cooperation with the state and federal authorities, in their endeavor to promptly stamp out this serious infection. If all interested parties will be alert to their responsibility, no further serious losses need occur.

Quarantine lines will be established by the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner and his representatives, and proper notices posted upon gates, and other conspicuous places, in the various infected districts.

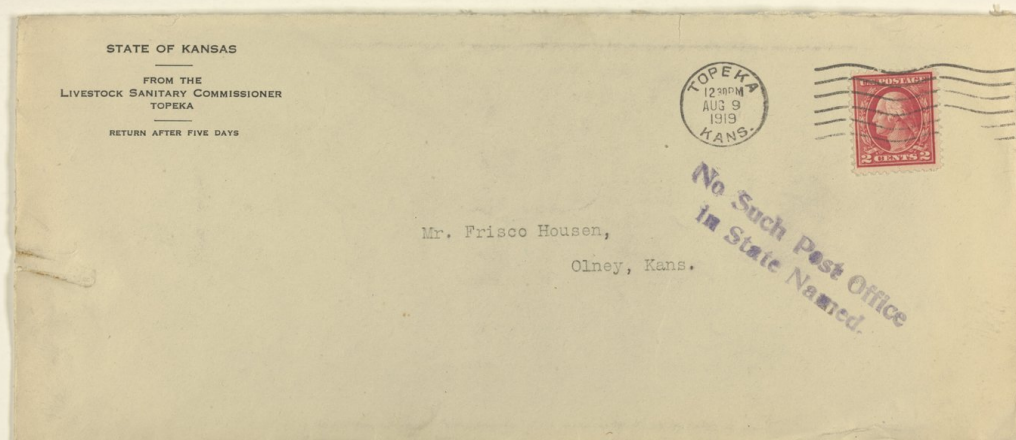
All owners or caretakers of cattle located in Texas-fever infected or Texas-fever exposed pastures in Kansas are hereby forbidden to move or in any way handle cattle, except in compliance with the provisions of these regulations under the pains and penalty of the following law:

Extract from chapter 495, Laws of 1905, "SECTION 24. Any person who shall violate, disregard or evade, or attempt to violate, disregard or evade any of the rules, regulations, orders or directions of the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner establishing and governing quarantine shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than \$100 or more than \$5,000.

(Signed) J. H. MERCER,
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

Done at Topeka, Kansas, this 1st day of August, 1919, and effective on and after this date.

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May 12, 1919.

Mr. W. P. Ham, Sheriff,
Atchison County,
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th, I am enclosing you herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Atchison County for \$62.50, same being one-half of the appraised value of a horse belonging to Eugene Watson which was condemned and destroyed on account of being infected with the contagious disease glanders, as diagnosed by Dr. L. E. Shay. I am also enclosing copy of the appraisement.

I am sending you these papers since your county has paid Mr. Watson for the horse. You can have Mr. Watson qualify to them or turn them over to your Board of County Commissioners for whatever disposition they may deem advisable for their records.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF
SHERIFF
ATCHISON COUNTY, KANSAS

W. P. HAM
SHERIFF
ED. McCULLOUGH
DEPUTY

ATCHISON, KANSAS, May 6th 19 19

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of the 3rd. inst., will say that on account of the financial condition of Eugene Watson I urged the immediate payment by the county for the glandered horse that I destroyed for him. The amount of the claim paid by the county to Mr. Watson was \$62.50.

Please have a warrant drawn in favor of C. M. Voelker, county clerk for the above amount, and oblige

W. P. Ham, Sheriff.

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May 3, 1919.

Mr. W. P. Ham, Sheriff,
Atchison County,
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In looking over our records today, we find that we never have drawn an order in favor of Mr. Eugene Watson for the horse destroyed by you on account of glanders.

I note you do not state in your letter of February 19th whether or not the Commissioners have paid Mr. Watson. I wish you would ascertain this fact so that I may draw the order if he has not already settled the matter satisfactorily with the Commissioners.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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• Kansas,

February 25, 1919.

Mr. W.P. Ham, Sheriff,
Atchison County,
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 19th, which came to the office in my absence. Some appraisement blanks have been sent to you.

Of course, if the County Commissioners have adjusted the matter with you and Eugene Watson by paying him whatever they saw fit for the horse, and it is satisfactory, it will be all right with this department.

However, the law is that the appraisement be made by the owner, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and a representative of this department, and that an order be drawn on the Board of County Commissioners by this department for one-half of that appraise value and that the animal be destroyed under the direction of the Live Stock Commissioner. If this has all been done and it is satisfactory with your people, it is all right with this office. However, it will be necessary to follow the requirements of the law in the future.

If the County Commissioners have not paid for the horse and want us to issue an order, you have them sign one of the appraisement blanks covering the transaction and secure the signature of the owner and send it to this office and I will sign it on the basis of their agreement and draw the order, otherwise let it be as above stated.

I am enclosing you under separate cover a copy of our Biennial Report and a copy of the law, etc.

Thanking you for the information in your letter.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner

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May 13, 1919.

Mr. Wm. M. Gregory,
Cottonwood Falls, Kans.

Dear Gregory:

I have yours of the 6th with enclosures and note same. I will have Mr. Stone take the matter up with King & Jones again with reference to the unsettled account and see if we cannot get a settlement out of them right away.

I note in Charles expense account it seems that his room and board is unnecessarily high. There is no reason why he need stay at the Westbrook Hotel and pay \$60.00 a month for a room and furthermore it appears that he ought to be able to secure his meals for much less than \$2.00 a day. I don't know just what arrangements you fellows made with him regarding his expenses in Texas but since he has been down there so long and probably will be there some time yet I don't think it necessary for him to stay at this hotel when he can secure just as good accommodations elsewhere much more reasonably. I will write him if you want me to or if you think it is all right we will say nothing further. I am returning herewith letters and papers.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

M/E



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COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS

May 6th, 1919.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Joe-

Am in receipt of enclosed letter and clippings from Charles. From these clippings things seem to be still looking up over in Commmanche County. With his check I also told him to still keep up his effort in trying to sell a part of the leases and to use the surrounding development as a leverage to ehlp him sell them.

I sent the Continental Supply Company their check and settled the account in full with them and would suggest you have Robt. Stone stir King & Jones up on the balance they owe the Company. This amount we paid the Continental Supply Co. of about \$1170.00 is a part of the \$1400.00 or \$1500.00 King & Jones owe us.

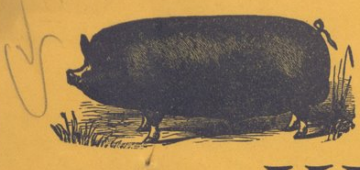


Am leaving for Detroit today to be gone about a week and when you have finished with Charles' Better and bills, please return here for the Company files.

Yours very truly,

GHB

Wm M. Gregory

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Let us buy them for you. If you slip 5c on a car load you have lost \$12.00. Let us protect you. We know!

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Buy him good ones and he will come back. It pays.

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Remember!
I follow your instructions.

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Send us your orders for immuned stock hogs.

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Headquarters for Eastern Stockmen. Come in and meet your neighbors.

Mr. A. P. Burdick,
Ass't State Veterinarian,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir and Friend:

I believe your recent investigation here in the Yards will eventually do some good. I hope so anyway for we want to see this serum proposition handled right and sell as cheap as possible. It would be suicide, however, to let the Stock Yards Company have a half a cent per C.C. for their work as they handle ten to twenty cars a day and the future will be no doubt fifty to one hundred cars a day so you see what a monstrous robbery it would be to let them have things their own way. I would sure like to get a contract to handle all the vaccination at these Yards at one fourth cent per C.C.. I think it would make a millionaire of me in a very few years.

I wrote Mr. Weeks a while back calling his attention to the fact that this is the time to improve their facilities for handling stock hogs in the Summer and Fall season when the runs are heavy. I enclose copy of my letter and also copy of his letter in reply by which you will note it does not look like they intend to do anything unless they get this big steal off of the serum. I wish you and Dr. Mercer would take up with the Stock Yards and notify them to get their facilities in line with the work they will have to do this Summer and Fall so we will not have another mess like we had last Fall when the commission firms at one time had as many as 45 carloads of stock hogs bought up waiting to be vaccinated, and it looked like it would take a week to get them out.



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Mr. A. F. Burdick 2

I read Dr. Mercer's letter to the serum companies outlining your proposal. I heartily agree with those plans in every way providing details can be arranged and serum men can be made to do the work at the price. I do think, however, that the two cents per head to the Yard Company for their facilities is unnecessary as they already get three times as much revenue from a carload of stock hogs as they do from anything else that enters the Yards. The fact that they have made a big fortune under the old plan substantiates my contention that they should not be allowed anything more for their facilities.

I will appreciate a letter from you or the Doctor stating your views, also advising what headway is being made.

KLP/DQ

Respectfully,

A. F. Burdick
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