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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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Sept. 5, 1930.

D. W. Perkins, Pres.,
Niotaze State Bank,
Niotaze, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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1. Because of the drouth, will there be any cat tle or other livestock shipped west or southwest to places where feed conditions are favorable? No
 2. Because of the drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county? Yes cake and corn.
 3. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? Yes
 4. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock Producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? Havent heard many pass their opinion.
 5. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind. Banks in this locality are short of funds and are unable to finance farmers that need it.
- Would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information immediately.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Mercer
Secretary.



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DOG, CAT AND POULTRY DISEASES A SPECIALTY	S. C. FREELAND, V. S. PHONE NO. 108	E. L. FREELAND, V. S. BOTH PHONES NO. 104	THE FREELAND STOCK REMEDIES COLIC CURE ALTERNATIVE POWDERS HEALING OINTMENT BONE AND NERVE LINIMENT
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MARION, KANSAS, *Sept 5-* 19*30*

Mr. J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kans.

Dear sir.

Re- drought conditions of
marion Co.

We feel that there is plenty of pasture
and rough west to carry the cattle of
this vicinity thro'. There will be quite
a little corn shipped in, quite a lot of
wheat being fed; about 70 per cent of
crop is in the bins. This from a
large acreage and fairly good yield.
I have consulted our Bankers, and
they seem to think they will be able
to finance those in need of help.
from interviews with some of our
Stockmen and farmers. I feel that they
are not very much enthused over the
Farm Board. But I am inclined to believe
it is from a lack of knowledge.
We feel that the freight rates are a
heavy toll on our products at this time.

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MARION, KANSAS, _____ 192

I can see no fairness in Kansas not being included in the list of drought stricken states. as a large part of the state is very hard hit by the drought and with the present values of grain & cattle, a large percent of our farmers and stockmen are financially ruined and must have help.

Respectfully
Dr. S. C. Freeland

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Attawa Co.

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J. E. SULLIVAN, VICE PRESIDENT

THE NILES STATE BANK
ESTABLISHED IN 1902
NILES, KANSAS.

JAMES W. SULLIVAN, CASHIER
L. H. KUEKER, ASST CASHIER

Sept. 12 - 30

Kansas Live Stock Assn
Topeka Mo

Mr. Mercer:

Your letter of Sept 8 recd and contents noted. Your No 1 - There must be no cattle shipped only to Market from this Point.

No. 2 - Relative to Feed & Grain There no doubt will be Grain and some feed shipped in as our corn crop is almost gone. #3 No Cattle here are mortgaged for more than they will bring on the market. at least 90% are in this class. and does not warrant a long loan.

No #4 The general attitude toward the Farm Bank Most Farmers are leaning back to this bank. In the past four months.

No #5. As above stated most of these cattle must have to be shipped out. and at the best under present conditions must lose lots of money. The best help at present and the most future would be a reduction in the freight rates from Point of origin to destination. and a corresponding rate on feed as coal and corn from districts into



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#2
This District. The General attitude of the
Farmers raising these cattle is a hope for
Improvement in the Market and a reduced
Cost on Expense to get our these cattle
for shipment
Yours very truly

JS
Enclosed Please find \$10.00 for new
Members ship

M O Sullivan

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I think there will be enough
fodder hay to winter what cattle
we have here. But the corn
and Kaffir corn crop will be
so short there will have to be
a lot shipped in before it is raised
again. We have a good many
small farmers that milk cows
that will be awfully short of feed.
Most of them have reached their
limit of credit and will have to
sell off their stock, quit
all of this Federal Farm Board dope
that is put out speaks of loan being
made on good security through
Co-Operative Organizations. That will
not do our part of the country a bit
of good. We can not get a dime
that way. Any amount of our farmers
will have to have. Charity assistance
or small loans on their honor obligation.
They can not give security.
Respectfully J. E. Anderson



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September 5, 1930.

Mr. J. Anderson, President,
Commercial State Bank,
Waverly, Kansas.

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- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? *yes*
- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *They have not suggested a thing that will help this community.*
- 5th. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind.

Would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information immediately.

Very truly yours,
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Secretary.

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GUSTAVE F. FELLAY, VICE PRESIDENT

SINCE 1885

THE MADISON BANK

CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$38,000.00

E. B. SHAFFER, VICE PRESIDENT
GEORGE SCHURTER, CASHIER

Greenwood

MADISON, KANSAS *Apr 7 - 1930*

*Mrf & Meyer
Napaka Kan*

Dear Sirs

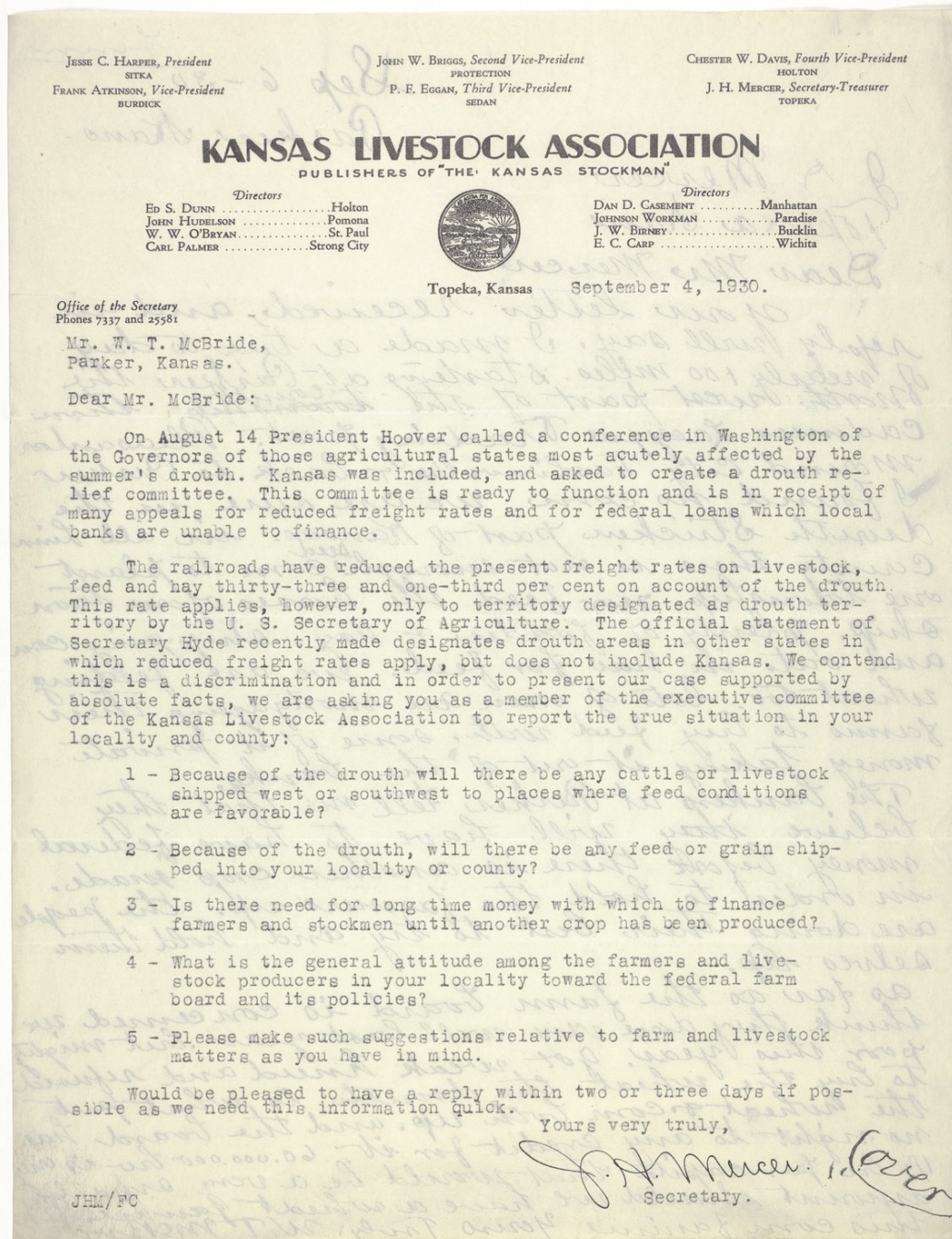
I have you of the 5-1/2 in regard to south conditions in this locality. Well say unless the market gets very much better, then will we have light cattle shipped back south & meat & winter we will save how to ship in corn & commercial feeds in order to get through the winter. We are all ready shipping in barley wheat & other crops that is being used every day. (#3) we all save Need Money till next fall in order to not have to sacrifice our young stock. Most of our farmers are with the Board while not perfect. It is a step in the right direction.

we all think the South Country in Kansas, or certainly entitled to the reduced R. R. Rates. That other states are getting

Kansas is a mighty good customer of our Railroads. & in such a time as this, we are entitled to a cut rate.

*Very Truly
A A Boruah*

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Linn
Sep 6 - 30
Parker Kans.

J A Mercer
Topeka Kans

Dear Mr Mercer

your letter received, and in reply will say. I made a trip to day of nearly 100 miles. starting at Parker the North West part of the township. then Cadmus Laegre Trading Post. Pleasanton Morand City Tassinville & back to Parker. I found no corn. we are sure in the drought stricken part of Kansas. in all Linn County there is not enough ^{seed} corn to plant one township. nor feed the horses of one township. plenty of fodder & hay. shipping corn and oats in now for feed. we are feeding wheat too. lots of men are mortgaging their farms to buy feed with, some of it private money taking it out of the banks. The bankers at Parker tell me that they believe they will have to have federal money before there is another crop made. in order to hold the farmers up. the people are doing their best to try and hold themselves up.

as far as the farm board is concerned we think they done very well last year. but might be poor this year. got weak kneed and refused to buy the wheat. the drought is what put the wheat & corn both up. and the board has no right to any credit for it. 60,000,000 bu is only 1/2 bu per capita that would be a very small amount should we have a wheat famine like this corn famine Yours Truly W T McDaniel

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Blue Mound, Kansas, Sept. 6 - 1930,
 Mr. J. H. Mercer,
 Topeka, Kansas,
 Dear Mr. Mercer:

Replying to yours of Sept. 4/30,
 will say, that in as much as, at President
 Hoover's conference, on August 14, with the
 Governors of the agricultural states most
 acutely affected by the summer's drought, and
 Kansas being included in said list of states,
 I think it very unjust for the U. S. Secretary
 of agriculture, Mr. Hyde, in his official ^{statement},
 recently, where he designates drought areas
 in other states, in which reduced freight
 rates apply, but does not include Kansas.
 Many farmers, already have had to move
 their live stock, owing to pastures giving out.
 Thousands of dollars worth of feed, consisting
 of corn, wheat, barley, cake meal, mill feed, etc.
 have already been shipped to Blue Mound, as
 well as to other towns in Lincoln County.
 I doubt very much of there being enough
 local money to finance farmers' stockmen
 until another crop is produced.
 Local banks already are limiting their loans
 to stockmen to the minimum.

What could be the attitude of the farmers and stockmen toward the Federal Farm Board and its policies, when just a few short weeks ago, two of its members toured the greatest wheat belt in the U.S., Kansas included, insisting that the wheat growers cut down the acreage, and raise less wheat, as there was such a tremendous surplus in the country which would ruin the industry they cut down on the production, and now according to a statement made by Secretary Arthur M. Hyde on Sept. 5, he says "assuming the consumption runs this year up to the 5-year average" ~~He~~ He said he will need every bushel of grain now in the country.

In conclusion, will add that without a doubt, the surplus of wheat will be taken care of, and the job that confronts the Farm Board now, is to see, that the farmer and stockman of the drought stricken areas receives every assistance, that is possible to give them. We had a fair crop of hay, but corn is considered almost a failure.

Yours sincerely
Chas S. Curtis.

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*The Radium State Bank
Radium, Kans*

Dear Mr. Bauer:

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No not many cattle here
- 2nd. Because of drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county?
Some
- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced?
yes
- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies?
They do not think much of it.
- 5th. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind. *We all feel that prices for farm products are so low, we get nothing for what we have*

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to sell after expenses are paid.

Very truly yours,
J. H. Mercer
Secretary



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- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *no*
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Antagonistic

Repeal of Federal Reserve Law

Change of attitude toward small banks

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Dear Mr. Miles: *Plevna*

C.W.
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- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? *No*
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Mr. W. M. French,
Partridge, Kansas.

Dear Mr. French:

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- 1 - Because of the drouth will there be any cattle or livestock shipped west or southwest to places where feed conditions are favorable? *no.*
- 2 - Because of the drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county? *cut cake & corn.*
- 3 - Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? *yes*
- 4 - What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *Very agreeable.*
- 5 - Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind.

Would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information quick.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Mercer
Secretary.

JHM/FC

Dear Mercer:

Our local community will not need to ship stock out in fact I would think some stockers will be shipped in.

Every thing points to a wheat pasture year also Kaffir is good. Corn: no yield but one half crop of fodder.

Some arrangements should be made with local banks so that they could finance their farm customers for at least one year. But there is always the danger of the farmer over buying machinery and farm equipment if money is too easy.

I really think if confidence could be restored, our trouble would be at least half over.

Yours truly
W. H. French

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no.
- 2nd. Because of drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county? *very little if any*
- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? *no*
- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies?
very little confidence.
- 5th. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind. *Only need better prices and we will be sitting on top of the world.*

Would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information immediately.

Very truly yours,
J. H. Mercer
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Mr. Pet Nation,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Nation:

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- 3 - Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced?
- 4 - What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *No*
- 5 - Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind. *Naturely not in favor of Bours*

Would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information quick.

Yours very truly,
Pet-Nation *J. H. Mercer*
Secretary.

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Manhattan

Dear Mr. Bennett:
Richard

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- 1st. Because of the drouth, will there be any cattle or livestock shipped west or southwest to places where feed conditions are favorable?
Some will be shipped to Texas because owners do not wish to sell on present markets.
- 2nd. Because of drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county? Probably not. Some barley bought early because of cheapness.
- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced?
Not for our regular customers
- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies?
Sympathetic but doubtful as to final good.
- 5th. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind.

Would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information immediately.

Immediate neighborhood has enough rough feed to get by nicely and will have considerable corn. Very spotted crops of corn. Wheat and 2 crops of alfalfa were excellent and prospects for present crop of alfalfa good. Some farmers without credit locally might handle some stock if could be

Very truly yours,
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Secretary



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Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Leonardville Kansas,

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NO-
- 2nd. Because of drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county? Will probably be some corn shipped in
- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced?
- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies?
Answer- very little attention paid to it,
- 5th. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind. None, Think we will have plenty feed, with the exception of corn, which will be shipped in later.

Would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information immediately.

Very truly yours,
J. H. Mercer
Secretary

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Leonardville Kansas
Sept 10 1930.



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The State Bank of Ogden
Ogden, Ogeew County,
Kansas

Dear Mr. Kelly:

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- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *Favorable*
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Mr. John Tomson,
Dover, Kansas.

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- 2 - Because of the drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county? *Yes, yes.*
- 3 - Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? *yes*

- 4 - What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *The farmers here want to see the board stand out but would like to see more action.*

5 - Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you have in mind. *quite a number of cattle men (commercial) will go broke as they would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information quick. unless some help is extended will be unable to secure feed to carry over and should have long time money for that purpose.*

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- 2nd. Because of drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county? *Yes, barley & cottonseed cake & meal*
- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? *No*
- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *Not much interest taken by our farmers*
- 5th. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind. *Our farmers & live stock men can take care of themselves*

Would be pleased to have a reply within two or three days if possible as we need this information immediately.

D. Stuewe
Very truly yours, *D. Stuewe*
J. H. Mercer
Secretary

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- 2nd. Because of drouth, will there be any feed or grain shipped into your locality or county? *yes*
- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? *do not know any more*
- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *do not feel they will do much good unless they adopt more liberal prices*
- 5th. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind.

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Very truly yours,

J. H. Mercer
Secretary



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*Real Estate, Loans
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ALMA, KANSAS

September, 5th. 1930.

J. H. Mercer, Esq.,

Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 5th. Inst. will
answer as follows:-

- No. 1. Last Sunday there was shipped 750 head of steers to a place to be fed. There will be a lot more shipped between now and when the grass is frozen.
There is talk of shipping out a lot of young cattle to winter.
- No. 2. There has been at this writing several car of Barley shipped in for feed, and most every week there is shipment of barley to feed cattle.
- No. 3. There is several parties farmers and cattle men who need help, and unless that get some money on a long time I do not know how they will pull through.
- No. 4. The general opinion is that there is to much politics and not enough action. What they want and need is help now before it is to late.

There is a small per cent of our cattle men and farmers who need money to tide them over. Our Banks are loaned up to the limit and can not furnish the money needed.

There has been about 1000 head of heavy steers shipped to Nebraska and placed on full feed. I understand there will be another shipment soon to the same neighborhood.

I think we are in better condition here than in a great many other parts of the State. I understand that in Chase and Greenwood Countys thir feed crop is very short.

Yours truly.

J.B. Fields

There has been a very small per cent of our grass cattle shipped.

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- 3rd. Is there need for long time money with which to finance farmers and stockmen until another crop has been produced? *yes*
- 4th. What is the general attitude among the farmers and livestock producers in your locality toward the federal farm board and its policies? *Favorable*
- 5th. Please make such suggestions relative to farm and livestock matters as you may have in mind. *Cooperation with financial agencies*

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J. H. Mercer
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