

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1929-1939

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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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(D) Cow, No. 1207, inoculated September 15, 1930, with 20 cubic centimeters of composite carrier blood.

This project was a study of the effect of formalin and refrigeration as a means of attenuating the virulence of citrated blood. Pure formalin (0.5 of one per cent) was added to the citrated blood from four carrier animals, Nos. 106, 125A, 106A, and X106), and kept in an ordinary refrigerator 30 days at a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit. At the end of 15 days one cow, No. 1206, was given 35 cubic centimeters of this formalinized blood. At the end of 30 days cow, No. 1209, was treated similarly. In 12 days cow, No. 1206, was tested with 20 cubic centimeters of composite carrier blood. In 27 days cow, No. 1209, was treated with 20 cubic centimeters of composite carrier blood. Both cows developed the disease and succumbed. The cases were noticeably acute. The only unusual difference was the extension of the incubation period to 27 to 29 days as against the usual period of 23 days in native cattle.

(E) A repetition of study of vaccine production.

Similar to (C) except only one-tenth of one per cent formalin was used. Three cows were injected, each receiving 40 cubic centimeters of formalinized blood in 15, 15, and 10 cubic centimeters at intervals of three to five days. Subcutaneous injections were made and no noticeable

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reaction to the injection was seen. Fresh citrated carrier blood will be used to check increased resistance on two of these three cows. One will be let go as a control animal and a yearling steer raised in the experimental barn will be used as a check on the virulence of the blood.

III. Continuation of the project at the present time comprises the carrying out of work along the lines of developing an immunologic agent against this disease. An endeavor to culture the causative factor and to use it in various ways endeavoring to immunize animals. Work will also be projected on the transference of the disease by vectors. This work was to have started last year, but because of lack of funds at the right time, the necessary structures could not be built at the right time.

IV. No publications.

Signed E. J. Lushardt
Project Leader

Signed A. R. Dykster
Head of Department



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Anaplasmosis

June 22, 1931.

Dr. J. R. Mohler, Chief,
Bureau of Animal Industry,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Mohler:

Following up our communication of the 16th instant.

It will not be possible for us to make a report to your department as to future arrangements with respect to the anaplasmosis research work at Sedan, Kansas, before the first of July, as our conference is to be held on the 24th of this month. Therefore, we respectfully request that you continue Dr. C. A. Pyle, in charge of the research work at Sedan, on the pay roll at \$200.00 per month for the month of July, 1931, and Dr. R. B. Christenson at one-half pay for the month of July, 1931. I am making this request for the reason that it will not be possible for us to make any change in the plan or the work before August 1, 1931.

Thanking you for this favor and an early reply,

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A



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COPY

June 18, 1931.

Dr. U. G. Houck, Asst. Chief,
Bureau of Animal Industry,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Houck:

Your telegram of June 17 reached me about 5:00 p.m. of the same date. In your telegram you state as follows: "Send names of employees on anaplasmosis project to be paid from Bureau funds".

In view of the fact that the anaplasmosis project in Kansas is a co-operative one between the B.A.I., the Kansas Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner and the Agricultural Experiment Station, I at once attempted to get in touch by phone with Commissioner J. H. Mercer in Topeka, and Director L. E. Call here at the college. Both are away from their respective offices at this time and therefore I have not had an opportunity to confer with them.

To the best of my knowledge there is no difference in regard to the employees on the anaplasmosis project to be paid from Bureau funds than that which has existed during the present fiscal year and which to the best of my knowledge is to continue until the end of the present fiscal year, June 30, 1931.

Under date of May 29 I addressed a letter to Dr. L. Enos Day in Chicago in which I sought information as to whether the Bureau of Animal Industry was likely to lend to the Kansas anaplasmosis project the same financial support for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931, as that which it has been giving during the present and preceding fiscal years. Copies of the letter to Doctor Day, amongst others, also went to Doctor Mohler and Doctor Buckley of the Pathological Division. So far as I know, no reply has been received to this communication.

A conference in regard to the anaplasmosis project to be attended by a B.A.I. representative, a representative from the office of the Kansas Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, and a representative from the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, is scheduled to meet in Sedan, Kansas - the seat of the project - at 10:00 a.m., June 24. The purpose of the conference, as I understand it, is to formulate plans for its financial support and for its technical continuance, on and after July 1, 1931.

I am sending copies of this letter to the office of Commissioner J.H. Mercer in Topeka, and to that of Director L. E. Call, and if either of these gentlemen have additional information relative to the telegram quoted in the first paragraph of this letter they doubtless will communicate with you at once.

Very truly yours,

RRD:PEP

CC: Hon. J. H. Mercer
Director L. E. Call
Dr. L. Enos Day

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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
DIVISION OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

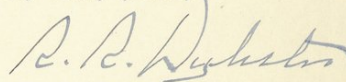
June 18, 1931.

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I have your letter of June 16 in which you announce a conference in regard to the anaplasmosis project to be held in Sedan June 24, at 10:00 a.m. We are planning on attending the conference.

Very truly yours,


R. R. Dykstra,
Dean of Division.

RRD:PEP

CC: Director L. E. Call

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June 26, 1931.

Mr. W. O'Connell,
County Agent,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

We are enclosing herewith copy of Memorandum of Agreement covering the reaccreditation of Marshall County for a three year period. This copy is for your files.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

"REMODIFICATION OF AREA"

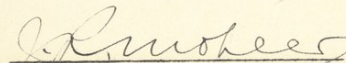
All the cattle in Marshall County as required by the provisions of the Uniform Methods and Rules governing modified accredited areas, have been tuberculin tested by a duly authorized veterinarian, and, as a result of said test, tuberculosis is known to exist among cattle not to exceed one-half (.5) of one per cent.

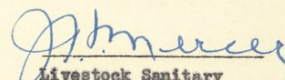
All herds of cattle in which tuberculosis is known to exist (herds containing cattle that have reacted to a tuberculin test) have been quarantined by the State of Kansas, and will be kept in quarantine until released by the proper State livestock sanitary official.

In view of the above, Livestock Sanitary Commissioner of State of Kansas does hereby petition the Chief, Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to officially declare Marshall County as a Modified Accredited Area for a period of three years from date, provided that during that time the percentage of tuberculosis of cattle does not exceed one-half (.5) of one per cent.

The said commissioner - - - - - hereby agrees to prevent the movement of cattle into Marshall County except in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Methods and Rules for Tuberculosis-Free Accredited Herds of Cattle.

Approved:


Chief, Bureau of Animal Industry,
U. S. Department of Agriculture.


Livestock Sanitary
Commissioner, Kansas.

Date: June 16, 1931



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June 29, 1931.

Mrs. Edw. Steinhoff,
Osage City, Kansas.

Mr. E. J. Mall,
Clay Center, Kansas.

Dear Friends:

First, I want to apologize for the delay in submitting this report. My health has not been very good for a year now, yet I have been trying to keep up the work of the department as well as possible. This accounts for the fact that I have not written you sooner.

Yesterday I read very carefully the correspondence submitted by each of you which is being returned herewith. The correspondence leading up to the transaction covering the purchase and sale of the 400 chicks over which this controversy has arisen shows that Mr. Mall was very careful in his requirements for well-bred and healthy chicks. The correspondence also shows that Mrs. Steinhoff was very positive in her declaration as to the breeding and health condition of the chicks sold. Therefore, as I analyze the transaction covering the sale and delivery of the 400 chicks in question there is no legal liability on the part of anyone involved. It does seem, however, that from the time the chicks were delivered until the matter was submitted to the writer the best business judgment was not exercised by either party to the transaction.

I will not enter into any lecture on the matter but suffice it to say that it is my judgment that had both parties to the contract shown a friendly feeling toward each other in trying to adjust the difference, an agreeable and satisfactory adjustment could have been made. Since you are both good people

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and are both vitally interested in the development of the poultry industry, I think it regrettable that a controversy of this kind has arisen. Therefore, the only suggestion I have to make is that if this feeling of dissatisfaction can be eliminated by you people meeting and discussing the matter with a view of overcoming the unfriendly feeling that has arisen, you should do so and then after such a discussion if either of you feels that there is a moral obligation involved it can be adjusted between yourselves.

I am very sorry that I cannot come to a more definite conclusion but, as above stated, I cannot do so from the records submitted.

With my very best wishes and warmest personal regards to you both,

Very truly yours,

JHM.A

Dear Sirs:

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

JUN 22 1927

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

June 29th/, 1931

Mr. J.H. Mercer
State Livestock Commr
Topeka.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Recent appraisements for T.B. on my territory as follows;

May 28th. Shawnee Co.
J.C. Kincaid, Topeka, 1 reg. F. at \$180.00, Sutherin.

May 29th. Jefferson Co.
Chas Winans, Oskaloosa, 1 f at \$50.00 Commr Lowe
Frank Crosswaite Winchester, 1 f at \$55.00, Commr Tait.

Wilson Co. June 3rd.

J.W. Hyde Altoona, 1 f \$50.00
F.S. Bursch, Buffalo, 1 reg bull \$100.00; 1 f \$75.00; 1 f \$25.00:
2 f at \$50.00 each. Commr. Kimball.

A.J. Schwartz, Fredonia
1 bull calf \$15.00; 1 hieffer \$45.00; 1 aged cow \$35.00
Commr. Apollo.

Neosho County, June 2nd.
A.D. Jones. Thayer. 1 f \$50.00, Commrs Lefever and McCall.

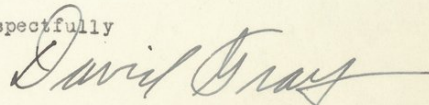
June 10th, Montgomery Co.

F.F. Harris, Coffeyville.
1 reg Jersey Cow at \$100.00 Commr Ford.

Johnson Co. June 17th:
Geo. Jorgenson, Overland Park
1 reg cow at \$130.00; 1 fresh cow at \$100.00: 3 cows at \$90.00 each
Commr Krumm.

Jefferson Co. June 18th:
W.J. Noll, Nortonville, 1 f \$85.00
J.D. Means, Osawkie 1 f \$55.00
R.M. Trimbell, " 1 f \$40.00
Commr. Tait.

Respectfully



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June 29, 1931.

Dr. John W. Smith,
Lebo, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

When retests were made in Marshall County recently for reaccreditation of the county, the following herds which are under state and federal supervision were not tested:

H. C. Lucas, Route 4, Frankfort--last test 6-13-29
R. McKee, Blue Rapids--last tested 12-18-30
Jas. Shaughnessy & Sons, Route 2, Axtell--last
tested 4-26-30
Chas. H. Wagoner, Blue Rapids--last tested 4-25-30
J. M. Nielson, Marysville--last tested 4-28-30

As soon as you finish your other work kindly get in touch with the above owners and arrange to test their herds.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

H. C. Lucas - Frankfort, R#4	
tested 6-13-29	
R. Mc Lee - Blue Rapids,	
tested 4-26-30	
Heiman Plegge, Marysville, R#6	
tested 12-18-30	
Jas Shaughnessy & Sons, Atell, R#2	
tested 4-26-30	
Chas. H. Wagoner, Blue Rapids	
tested 4-25-30	
Miss Atchison, these herds were shown on the list for Marshall County but were not included in the retest. Wonder why?	
B.A.L.	

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3						Cysticercus						
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SECOND FLOOR COURT HOUSE

TELEPHONES: OFFICE, 159; RESIDENCE, 315

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF KANSAS

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND APPLIED SCIENCE, U. S. DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE AND MARSHALL COUNTY
FARM BUREAU CO-OPERATING.

DIVISION OF EXTENSION
COUNTY AGENT WORK

MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

June 23, 1931

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Livestock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

In reply to your letter of June 22 in regard to the letter which you received from Mr. J. M. Nielson, Marysville, Kansas in regard to his cattle not being tested when the rest of the cattle were tested in our County.

Mr. Nielson has never been satisfied with the work that the state and federal men did in our County in 1928 when they tested cattle for tuberculosis and has been a consistent knocker about the work. We did not feel that we should test his herd since he is never satisfied with the work.

Another thing, we would have had to take a separate day to test his cows since we did not have any other herds in his township and we did not go out of our way and had all of the herds that were located together.

I trust that you will understand this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. O'Connell
W. O'Connell,
County Agent

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Miss Ahlberg, D.V. says that Dr. Jones
may test this head sometime when he is
testing ~~in~~ Marshall County or in county
adjoining.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
LOCAL OFFICE
When you write
me, Nelson, will you please send us a copy
of the letter so that we may write
Dr. Jones, D.V. Jones, D.V. Jones, D.V. Jones
Wichita Kan
June 20-31

Dr. H. L. Townsend
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Doctor - In reply to yours of the 19th

I checked with the accredited heads in
Marshall Co, was advised by the County Agent
Mr. O'Connell that all the accredited heads had
been tested with the exception of the Frank
Wempe head at Frankfurt, which I tested.
A red line had been drawn through each
name indicating that they had had a recent
test. Would have been glad to have tested Mr
Nielson's head, had I known anything about it.
W.D. Bowser

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June 22, 1931.

Mr. W. O'Connell, County Agent,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I have a letter from Mr. J. M. Neilson of Marysville, Kansas, advising that he had made request for his herd of cattle to be tested during the county free area retest in Marshall County. He states that he talked with you with respect to the matter.

Our records show that Mr. Nielson has an accredited herd and federal and state veterinarians are instructed to test all accredited herds when making retests in free area counties. I am wondering why Mr. Nielson's herd was not tested. Dr. Townsend has written Dr. Bowersox asking for information as to why he did not make the test in question and I wish you would give me any information you may have in connection with the matter.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

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June 22, 1931.

Mr. J. M. Nielson,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the
17th.

When retesting for reaccrediting counties is being
done by state or federal veterinarians they are instructed
to test all accredited herds in the county wherever owners
wish tests made. Why your herd was not tested I do not know.
I am making inquiry through the government office and also
have written the County Agent and as soon as I hear from them
I will write you further in connection with this matter.

I might add that we will follow this up and see to it
that your herd is tested by someone.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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Marysville, Kansas

June 17, 1931

Mr J H Mercer

Livestock Commissioner

Dear Mr Mercer, I am writing you about T. B. test on my herd of Shorthorn's. You know I have an accredited herd. The farm bureau put on a test here in this county a short time ago and sent out blanks to be sent in for request to test. I sent this in and also saw the County agent and he said my herd could be tested.

I don't know whether it was a state or Federal test that did the testing, you probably know that, but they passed my herd up and did not test them. I went in last week to see the agent but he was gone and the office girl told me, they tested herds where reactors had been found ^{three years ago} and others that were farm bureau members.



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I have been a member until this year
But am paying taxes which helps
support the Farm Bureau.
As you know times are hard for me stockmen
as well as all farmers, only worse, and
I feel that my herd should have been
tested and I understand other herds
were tested near Marysville that were
not bureau members and who had
no detectors three years ago
I have talked with two of our
local Veterinarians here and they advised
me to write you
I left word last week for the agent to
call me as was keeping my cattle at home
from pasture which is several miles from
home place but he did not call me
I should like to keep my herd accredited
and feel entitled to a test as well as others
and would like to hear from you
Yours Very truly J. M. Nielson



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July 1, 1931.

Mr. Guy L. Hursh,
310 Crawford Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 25th with respect to the
Jake Henrickson case.

Since there are several letters and reports of record
in this office in connection with this transaction I would
suggest that you come to the office some day and look over
these records and I will be very glad to discuss the case
with you.

We will furnish you copies of any records you may
wish later.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

Henrickson

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GUY L. HURSH
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR
310 CRAWFORD BUILDING
TOPEKA, KANSAS

June 25, 1931

Hon. J. H. Mercer,
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Jake Henrickson, a young farmer living south of Hays, has consulted me respecting a transaction involving the purchase and use of hog cholera serum by him. I understand the facts are as follows:

Henrickson went to Jacob Bisenius, a druggist connected with the A. B. C. Drug Company at Hays and told him he wanted to immunize one hundred hogs against hog cholera; that the druggist represented to Henrickson that he knew all about the treatment and that he would sell him the proper vaccine for treating them; that the druggist placed an order with the Denver Serum Company for the vaccine and later received and delivered it to Henrickson and told him how to use it; that Henrickson followed the instructions given to him and very shortly thereafter all of the hogs died.

Later investigation disclosed that they only delivered to Henrickson the active germ.

I do not know whether this serum was registered or not. I am writing to the Director of the Experimental Station at the College of Manhattan to ascertain this fact.

I have been informed this matter has been called to your attention previously and that you have had some correspondence respecting it. I wish you would be kind enough to give me any information you may have bearing upon this matter so that I may not be doing something which will not be in keeping with any action you may have taken in the matter. I will greatly appreciate your early reply.

Very truly yours,
Guy L. Hursh

GLH:FG.

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April 28, 1931.

Mr. J. M. Henrickson,
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your footnote on our letter of the 20th instant.

As I have told you heretofore, there is no way I can settle a claim for losses. All the State Live Stock Commissioner can do in this case is to file complaint against all parties to the transaction having anything to do with the handling of the hog cholera virus and, of course, that would include yourself as well as the druggist and the serum company which sold the virus to parties who had no authority to use it.

As stated in former letters, it seems to me that the thing for all of you to do is to try and get together. The druggist, the serum company and yourself should get together and make a settlement by each of you taking part of the loss. Even if I should file complaint and obtain a conviction it would not contribute to your loss in any way.

I have no objection to your showing this letter to your attorney as I would be very glad to help you in any way I can go get some kind of a settlement.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

April 20, 1931.

Mr. J. M. Henrickson,
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In going over some of our unfinished records here in the office I find we have never had a report as to whether or not you succeeded in securing a settlement with parties connected with the loss of your hogs by reason of the use of hog cholera virus furnished by a local drug store at Hays.

Will you please let me hear from you with respect to this?

Very truly yours,

J. H. Mercer
Commissioner.

JHM.A Mr. Mercer

Dear Sir. glad to here from you
I have never got a cent out of my hogs. seems as they have
got some kind of a scheme worked out. one of the drug. est
Left and the other said he had nothing to do with it
they are just trying to Beat me out of it. it is the called
A. B. C. Drug. Co. and Bicerians is the man here and the
man that ordered the Virus. If you can do anything for
me I would very much pleased J. M. Henrickson

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April 20, 1931.

Mr. J. M. Henrikson,
Hays, Kansas.

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Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

Ways 7th
Jan 11-31

Mr. Mercer

Dear sir I wrote
you about 3 weeks ago
and ask if you could
help me collect the
money for the hogs I lost
King and the Drug Co.
refuse to pay and have
employed lawyers
give me your advice.

Truly Yours

J.M. Henriksen
Ways 7th



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State

W. J. MADDEN
HAYS CITY, KANSAS

November 25-1930

Hon. J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kansas,
Dear Mr. Mercer:-

A young farmer here recently bought some vaccine from a drug company for his hogs and they gave him the virus only and he lost all his hogs about ninety six in all.

This boys name is J.M. Henrickson, and he asked the drug company about the vaccination and relied on their instructions, and he would like to have your opinion about whether he can recover from the company or the vaccine concern, or whether he has any recourse.

Henrickson is well known to me, and has always been a good straightforward young man and if there is any relief for him we will be glad to have you give us your opinion.

Thanking you in advance for anything you may be able to do for him, I am,

Very truly *W. J. Madden*

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November 28, 1930

Mr. W. J. Madden,
Hays City, Kans.

Dear Mr. Madden:

The J. M. Hendrickson matter was brought to my attention some little time ago and I have had investigation made of the matter. I wrote him concerning the matter under date of October 17, and later I received a letter from Mr. Henry F. Herrman, attorney, who advised me he was handling the case for Mr. Hendrickson.

It seems to me that the druggist and the serum company that sold this man the hog cholera virus was responsible for his loss and damages, however no case like this has ever come to our attention, therefore we have no precedent. The facts are all of the parties violated the state law in handling and using the virus, since our records show none of them, even Mr. Hendrickson himself, had permission to use the virus. However it is not our policy to cause him any trouble, or any one else, providing there is a disposition on the part of the interested parties to stand a part, if not all of this boy's loss. If you happen to see Mr. Hendrickson, have him show you the matter I wrote him, as I covered the proposition quite thoroughly in my letter to him.

Just received a letter from Senator Allen's secretary, Mr. Judd, advising that he had already recommended three boys for an appointment to Annapolis, and that he had carried out his plan of having the boys take the examination, and the three having the highest grades would be the three he would recommend. There seems to have been 21 applicants for the three appointments. Mr. Judd states Mr. Reynolds did not make a very good showing, that he ranked 15th on the list of 21, so it will be necessary for him to try again. I assure you I will be very glad to help him in any way I can whenever the matter comes up.

Yours very truly,

M/I

Hays Kansas
Dec. 3-30

Dear Sir. Mr Mercer

I am writing you again
to see if you could help
me. My attorney has made
demand on King and Bisenious
and they have refused to
do anything. King says he
will not even consider it.
and does not feel that he
owes me anything.

Bisenious has employed
attorneys to fight any
action that might be
brought.

They know that I am
a ^{Poor} man, with out money.
with a large family
to suport. and money is
hard to get. I would be
much pleased if you would
call their attention to the
law. and what they might
expect. it might help
me bring them to terms.
I would be satisfied if I
could get the price of the
hogs. as I need all I can
get. I do not like to spend
all in law. the attorneys
want half. hoping to here
from you. Yours Truly
J. M. Hennrichson



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October 31, 1930.

Mr. Chas. E. Collins, President,
O. M. Franklin Blackleg Serum Company,
408-410 Live Stock Exchange,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Charley:

I have your letter of the 28th and have read same carefully.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the last biennial report of this department and call your especial attention to Chapter 47, Section 628-629-630 on pages 18 and 19 of the report. The sections of law cited apply to the sale of anti-hog cholera serum.

In this connection, the Agricultural College at Manhattan have not paid any attention to the law so far as the sale of hog cholera serum in the state is concerned, other than to comply with the federal law. However, the use of the virus comes directly under this department and as you know, it is the only dangerous feature in the vaccination of hogs and we do not permit anyone to use the virus without a permit from this department. Of course, that would apply to the sale of the virus as well, as no one could legally sell hog cholera virus to anyone in the state unless he held a permit from this office to use it.

I am in a hurry this morning as I have a bunch of cattle that I am moving north to put on full feed. I will write you more at length later.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A