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## THE HORSE EPIDEMIC

The editor received the following letter and set of instructions from the state live stock commissioner. Believing that it might be of some value it was thought best to print it. A late issue of the Topeka State Journal shows where these instructions have been carried out there is an improvement over the former condition. So many theories as to the cause of the disease have been exploded it is difficult to tell just what is the cause. Nebraska experts scoff at the idea of cerebro-spinal menengitis and say it is caused by the thousands of little white and yellow millers that swarm over the Kansas pastures. These millers form a web which causes the infection. As a usual thing all experts advise sanitary measures to keep the infected horses in the best of condition in order that they may at least throw off a part of the poison that in some manner gets into their system, and where the advice of the experts called together by Commissioner Mercer has been carried out no new cases have developed and conditions are improving.

The following is the letter and instructions:

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 12, 1912.

Editor Western Normal Leader, Hays, Kansas.

DEAR SIR: I am enclosing you a statement given out by the leading veterinarians at a conference held last Monday. The recommendations set forth in this statement will be of great advantage to the farmers of your county. Would be pleased to have you publish this statement through the columns of your paper.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MERCER.

Recommendations for Prevention of Horse Epidemic.

At a conference in the Governor's of the leading veterinarians that have been investigating the disease affecting horses in the western part of Kansas, it was the consensus of opinion that but few horses that have been kept out of pastures and on dry feed have been affected; that the outbreak was primarily brought on by climatic conditions; and that it was not, in the true sense of the term considered to be contagious. As a result of this conference, a committee consisting of Drs. O. O. Wolf of Ottawa, B. A. Robinson, Independence, A. T. Kinsley, Kansas City, Mo., F. S. Schoenleber, Manhattan, B. R. Rogers, Manhat-



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tan, J. S. Buckley, Washington, D. C., K. W. Stouder, Topeka, and J. H. Mercer, Live Stock Commissioner, was appointed by the Governor to formulate recommendations that will benefit those interested.

The recommendations, which do not differ much from the previous official recommendations for prevention of this disease, are as follows:

1. That all horses and mules be taken off pasture until freezing weather.

2. Feed these animals on green corn fodder, cane or Kafir, bran, oil meal, or in fact, any food that has a laxative action.

3. Feed cautiously hay cut from low or overflow land, or that land receiving drainage from pasture.

4. See that the horses have a pure, wholesome water supply, free from surface drainage and that they are excluded from all still, stagnant or surface water.

5. Empty, clean and thoroughly disinfect all water troughs and tanks by scrubbing out with a solution of four ounces of carbolic acid in one gallon of water, once a week.

6. Fast the animal from twelve to twenty-four hours and administer on an empty stomach one quart of raw linseed oil, to which has been added two ounces of turpentine. Repeat this in twelve to twenty-four hours. Great care should be taken in administering the oil for fear of strangulation.

Drench slowly. In case the animal strangles lower the head. A quart

and a half of melted lard may be substituted for the oil. This course of treatment should be repeated in from six to eight days. Never give any drench through the nostril. Instead of the oil a capsule composed of aloin five drams, calomel one dram, ginger one dram, and beachwood creosote twenty drops, may be given and repeated in one week.

7. Allow the animals free access to the following mixture: Powdered iron sulphate, 1 lb., powdered copper sulphate,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., powdered glauher salts, 6 lbs., common salt 12 lbs. Mix the above ingredients thoroughly.

Some horses will die after being fed on dry feed, but horse owners should not become discouraged, but should continue to keep them off pasture and provide proper feed and water as recommended.

#### CURATIVE MEASURES.

These are practically useless as most of the infected horses die. The following has given the best results:

1. Keep the animal in a shady place.

2. Place on top of the head cold packs, either ice or water.

3. Do not drench affected animals, as the throat may be paralyzed and they cannot swallow; drenching will therefore result in lung fever.

All of the above measures should be thoroughly carried out, as half-hearted measures are useless.

OFFICE OF LIVE-STOCK  
SANITARY COMMISS'NER }



TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 10, 1912.

In many sections of our state the where horse epidemic is raging, unscrupulous persons are taking advantage of the unfortunate conditions and are grafting off the farmers by representing they have remedies that will cure the disease. This is nothing more or less than a steal, and such grafters ought to be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretenses.

I would suggest to owners of horses that they pay no money to strangers who are selling these fake remedies.

J. H. MERCER.

Ask Mr. Burmaster if it is polite to talk while other people are talking.

Miss C.—“Mr. Burmaster, won't you recite for us? I know you like to talk.

Burmater.—What about?

Miss Bovee informed us Friday that we were expected to march and not waltz to her music upon leaving the auditorium.

Mr. Beach has been known to say that he has the nicest typewriter in the Normal. We suppose he meant the machine, though Miss Lillie Moore runs the machine.

The Freshman English class were initiated at the beginning of the week. Each was expected to give a two minute speech. Most of them seem to have plenty to say at other times, but to talk before the whole class—oh, horrors!

# Normal School

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Most of the Chapel time on Monday, was taken up in speeches. All of our new teachers had the pleasure of addressing us. Mr. Sullivan, a former student and graduate of the Normal, first addressed us. We think he is going to be quite sympathetic and thoughtful since it has not been long since he was a student. Mr. Wood from Pittsburg, next addressed us—we heard him before, last summer. He remarked that if he had still possessed the same record, he would have put it on; yet we were well pleased with the one he did put on. Mr. Wooster, who had been a teacher here a few years ago and left us, was to make a speech twice as long as any of the rest. He, having forgotten the speech that he had prepared some four years ago, one that was not asked for, was forced to make his speech as he went so he said. Miss Bovee seemed much displeased at the thought of making a speech because she had not been informed that this was expected, whereas both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Wood had burned the midnight oil for at least two nights, perhaps including Sunday night; or at least it was suspected by some that they did. We are not at all sure though from the speech Miss Bovee gave us that she too did not burn midnight oil, although we know she would not plead guilty.

Mr. Van Cleave not being present at Chapel gave us his speech Tuesday morning upon the lines of athletics.

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### Mary Had a Little Lamb.

(Old Version)

Mary had a little lamb

It's fleece as white as snow,

And every where that Mary went

The lamb was sure to go, etc.

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Mary was so blessed by good fortune, as to have included in her earthly possessions the small descendant of a mother of that meek and gentle genus of animals known as sheep.

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And, notwithstanding what particular longitudinal, lateral or altitudinal, special vicissitudes might transpire thru the meanderings of

Mary, this gentle and affectionate mammal would invariably and voluntarily inflict upon itself, the occupation of transporting its physical corporosity to a point as nearly identical in distasteful relations as permissible by physical law, etc.

Rev. Hale took charge of the Chapel services Tuesday morning.

Owing to some trouble with the Normal electric lighting plant the literary societies will be unable to have evening programs until the plant is in order again, or some other arrangements made for lighting the building.

As we come back to school from our summer vacation, at the beginning of the fall term, with very near or little to nothing in our heads, we begin to realize fully the responsibility of collecting sufficient news and material for the publication of the first issue of the Leader.

In general, people think that the success of this paper depends upon the editor. Yet, even though this may be partially true, we feel that the success of our school paper depends very largely upon the support in subscriptions and contributions given by the student body.

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Professor Sullivan has been chosen as "sister" (assister) to the two literary societies for the coming year (as announced in chapel.)

From the waves of the melodious tones that of late are being issued forth from the Literati Hall, to our ears, we feel quite sure that in a short time that the quartet of Faculty members will favor us with some splendid music; of course, not casting any reflections upon the music given heretofore.

Miss Bovee recently in explaining the use of flats to some hard-headed music pupils, said: "Sharps and flats in music are just like people. The sharps go up and the flats go down."

This is not boating weather anyway so we are not worrying because there is not enough water to boat-ride on.

Some of the foot-ball boys are getting quite enthusiastic. They want a table to themselves at the club so that they can diet themselves, and become expert players.

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Mrs. Van Cleave was a Normal visitor Monday.

Will the carpenters ever cease pounding away so we can study in peace.

Boys please do not forget to put on your coats at five on Sunday evenings before eating your lunch.

Professor Main being sick on Monday, was unable to meet his classes.

Correspondence work is carried on now under the direction of Professor Beach.

At the end of the first week there were three hundred and twenty-four students enrolled, an increase of one hundred six over the enrollment last year at the end of the first week.



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Davis, Robert Terril, L. D. Wooster,  
Bert Clark, C. A. Beeby, Elsie Smith,  
Alphonse Brungardt, Ralph Albert,  
Clifford Grant, D. H. Leighton, Ella  
Henning, Adelia Ottken and H. T.  
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Lloyd Law, the assistant business  
manager, having accepted the posi-  
tion of assistant cashier of a Hill  
City bank in the absence of the  
assistant cashier of the bank, leaves  
a vacancy in the Leader staff to be  
filled. Mr. Fred Beeby has consent-  
ed to fill that vacancy and has al-  
ready started in business in a way  
that shows that no mistake was  
made in choosing him.



We have two faculty members as regular boarders and nine ticket members at present.

New student at the Depot: "Are you a student at the Normal."

Professor Bird: "Oh no! No I am not a student."

Ten years ago the entire enrollment at the Normal numbered twenty-three. Now a faculty numbering twenty-three are required to teach the young people of Western Kansas. Could any one ask for more rapid increase in attendance? We see, too, the number of buildings our increased number requires.

Beware! In the new Building Mr. Beach is to be the cross old man. And too, if upon any occasion, there is too great a disturbance, any of the faculty ladies' sweet tempers are apt to be ruffled, and the guilty one might lose his head—so says Professor Picken—or at least the guilty one should lose his head.

Professor Wood, because of having to interview a man about blacksmithing machinery, was late to Algebra class the other morning. He gave the following classical piece of poetry as an excuse:

There was an old man of Berlin,  
Who sat down on the point of a pin;  
He said with a shout, as he pulled  
the pin out,  
I hope it won't happen "agin."

Miss Bovee has reseated the members of the Faculty every morning of this term. We do not know the exact reason as yet.

The old students who are not attending school this year might be interested to know of some of the changes that have been made. A partition has been placed in the old Domestic Art room, and the Model school moved down there. The music department occupies the old Physics and Chemistry rooms.

The old Domestic Science room is a store room for the Manual Training department, which has been extended to reach it.

The Library takes in the rooms that were used for the Model School and the Mathematics room. The old Reading room is a general office. The old Drawing room down stairs is now used for history.

Up stairs no changes have been made excepting a glass partition between the Commercial department and the one-time Latin room which is now used for a typewriting room.

In the new Agricultural High school building, we find on the basement floor, the Agricultural department and Club rooms.

On the second floor, the Physics, Chemistry and Correspondence departments, and on the third floor, Domestic Science and Art.

The Sophomores saw something green  
And thought it was the Freshman class,

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Rev. Wiest and Rev. Alexander were Normal visitors Friday.



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One decided change from our old method is the manner in which we wear our coats while we dine. We used to wear them on coat hooks, now we wear them on our backs.

Electric fans would somewhat moderate the pain caused by the heat produced by the extra covering of a coat, necessitated by the added fashion that originated originally in the conventionality of other high-class dining rooms, but more directly in our faculty committee's

### The Song of Our Business Manger.

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Is the cash of subscription  
When the generous subscriber  
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But the one who can't pay  
I refrain from description  
For perhaps dear reader  
That may be you.

The classes were seated Wednesday, supposedly according to their rank, but some of us began to feel rather small when we were asked to take seats two or three degrees back of where we felt we should be.

"Johnny's" melodious voice is heard no more in the kitchen.

Mr. Grant is running the dishwasher this term.

Mrs. Wallace Sullivan visited Normal one day last week.

The Misses Fannie Stout, Ella Henning and Elizabeth Stover, are kitchen assistants.

We are all looking forward to some splendid music in the near future. Miss Bovee seems much interested in her work.

There is a greater number taking post graduate work this year than ever before. They have the honor of occupying the front row.

A great many of the old students are back again this year. We do not feel so lonesome with them here.

adherence to social formalities that we might return the dignity exhibited by the newly furnished dining hall as it stood before we entered.

Some of the students seem to think that the "silence" mottoes are up in the library to keep them from speaking only while passing under them. As soon as they are out from under them they feel released.

Fred Beeby received the nomination of county superintendent of Graham county on the democratic ticket. His opponent in the next poll will be Miss Elizabeth Kline, also known by many of the Normal students.



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