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To the State Department of Health  
Re: Infected Wells on Private Property

. . . You are advised that it is the opinion of this department that the authority given in Section 45 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes is sufficient to authorize a health officer to close a well upon private property which has been, or which is believed to be, the source of typhoid fever and to prohibit the use of the water therefrom by all persons.

Any such infected well is a public nuisance and the law will uphold the health officer in suppressing the same.

William H. Fisher  
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