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Various analyses of these associated waters have been made, but these are inconclusive, at least through superficial interpretations of their chemical content.

It is most needful then at this stage that a more careful and deeper study be made of these waters from the standpoint of the physiological chemist and I respectfully appeal for the assistance of your Department particularly in a chemical study of these waters with the view to determining what peculiarity of a chemical nature, differentiates them from other waters that from this standpoint may be termed "normal" and also what chemical ingredients or combinations may exist as a common factor in these waters from the various afflicted districts.

For your further information I enclose a reprint of a recent article that describes a very interesting local manifestation of this problem existing at Oakley, Idaho.

Very respectfully yours,

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