

MORE FUNDS FOR INSPECTION OF MEAT REQUIRED

Melvin's Annual Report Says New Law Brings About a Steady Improvement With Respect to Sanitation.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture, has the following to say with regard to the meat inspection.

During the past fiscal year there were inspected at the time of slaughter 25,672,075 animals, and of these there were condemned because of disease or other conditions 141,057 entire carcasses and 539,523 parts of carcasses, making a total of over 1,000,000 animals condemned in whole or in part. In addition there were condemned on reinspection nearly 25,000,000 pounds of meat and meat products which had become unwholesome since inspection at the time of slaughter.

The meat inspection has continued to grow in volume and has reached the point where further extension is impossible without an increase in the appropriation by congress. The expenditures on account of this work during the fiscal year amounted to about \$3,584,000 out of an appropriation of \$3,000,000. At the close of the year the rate of expenditure was higher than at the beginning, and it is now only by the strictest economy that the service can be maintained on its present basis without additional funds.

Sanitary Conditions Improved.
With the additional authority given by the new law the bureau has been able to bring about a steady improvement with respect to sanitation. New packing houses have been built so as to embody the best modern sanitary construction, and great improvement has been made in the sanitary condition of the older plants. The latter are being gradually abandoned for the erection of modern plants which may be kept at a proper standard of cleanliness with less labor and expense. As a result of this improvement there has been a considerable decrease in the amount of meat condemned because of unsanitary conditions. It has also been found that where cleanly methods are employed there is much less reason for the use of preservatives than under the old conditions.

A constant effort has been made to keep the service at a high standard of efficiency and to make improvements wherever possible. Notwithstanding the efforts to give the public a reliable inspection, however, the service has been made the object of unjust attacks. Serious charges made against the service at East St. Louis by a former employe were carefully and thoroughly investigated and were found to be without any real foundation, but to have their origin in personal animosity. A full report of this investigation was published by the department. In other cases the attacks have proved to be due to ignorance or misconception of the system of inspection, or a desire to cause sensation.

Many Charges Untrue.
Thorough investigation of a number of reported cases of ptomaine poisoning attributed to inspected meat has failed to disclose a single instance in which the trouble could reasonably be ascribed to that cause. The investigations were undertaken largely because of assertions by manufacturers of preservatives to the effect that the enforced discontinuance of preservatives was responsible for a great increase in the number of cases of ptomaine poisoning. The bureau has failed to find any justification for such arguments. In three cases of extensive outbreaks in schools it was found that the trouble was really typhoid fever, and in one of these instances it appeared that the report of ptomaine poisoning was circulated with a view to concealing the real cause. Another report of a death from ptomaine poisoning from eating canned meat proved to have originated in the imagination of a newspaper correspondent. The bureau has failed to find any justification for such arguments. In three cases of extensive outbreaks in schools it was found that the trouble was really typhoid fever, and in one of these instances it appeared that the report of ptomaine poisoning was circulated with a view to concealing the real cause. Another report of a death from ptomaine poisoning from eating canned meat proved to have originated in the imagination of a newspaper correspondent.

Inspectors Carefully Selected.
These instances are sufficient to show that credence should not be placed in published reports reflecting upon the meat inspection. The regulations are based not only upon the knowledge and experience of the bureau staff, but upon the advice of high scientific authorities outside of the department. The persons making up the inspection force are carefully selected through civil service examination and their work is closely supervised. One class of employes consists of veterinarians who are graduates of certain recognized colleges and who have a thorough knowledge of animal diseases and their relation to human health. Other employes are chosen because of their expert knowledge of livestock, meats, sanitation, packing house processes, etc. There are seven supervising traveling inspectors who visit the various stations from time to time, unannounced, and investigate the methods of carrying on the work. In this way it is extremely unlikely that inefficiency or corruption could remain undetected very long. In a work of such magnitude, carried on by so many people, however, it is too much to expect absolute perfection. All men are liable to occasional errors of judgment, and in a force of 3500 people there may even be a few who are incapable or unworthy. But even if it should happen on rare occasions that meat which should be condemned is passed, the amount is such an infinitesimal part of the entire quantity that it does not affect the value and integrity of the service as a whole. The large amount of meat actually condemned is good evidence of the care and thoroughness of the inspection.

Should Be Municipal Inspectors.
There is, however, a real and serious danger to the public from uninspected meat, and almost half of the meat consumed in this country comes within that class. The federal authority does not reach the business done entirely within a state, and the people must look to their state and local authorities to protect them against the danger from that source. One result of the federal in-

spection is to cause the diversion of diseased and suspicious looking animals to the unsuspected establishments where they are slaughtered for the local market. Many cities have an inspection service, but very few have an adequate force, and the inspection often consists merely in the examination of meat as offered for sale in the markets, when it is usually impossible to detect disease, the evidence of which may have been removed with the viscera or organs. As a rule sanitary conditions are very bad at uninspected slaughter houses. In order to provide real protection against disease or unwholesome meat a competent veterinary and sanitary inspection at the time of slaughter is essential. There is great need for supplementing the federal inspection with state and municipal inspection.

FAMILY ASKS COURT TO SETTLE QUARREL

Whether a deed executed by James R. Cardwell to his brother, Byron P. Cardwell, in 1893, should be considered as an absolute deed to a half interest in a lot on Alder street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, or merely as a mortgage, is the question to be determined by Circuit Judge Gantenbein in the trial of a case now before the court.

MME. SEMBRICH HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

For sheer loveliness of tone, the Sembrich concert Thursday night of this week will eclipse anything heard in Portland since Sembrich sang here once before. The vivid, shifting beauty, delicate shading and glow in her tones insure her preeminently the title, "greatest of living solatura singers."

Journal want ads bring results.

PREACHER, 75 YEARS OLD AND PENNILESS, GOES TO ALMHOUSE

Rev. George H. Houghton, 75 years of age and penniless, became an inmate of the county almshouse yesterday. In September, 1908, he achieved temporary prominence by subscribing \$5000 to the fund for the new Epworth Methodist Episcopal church, of which Rev. Charles T. McPherson is pastor. When the time came to pay the subscription he could not be found, but later he was discovered and it developed that he had subscribed in expectation of receiving a fortune from an English estate.

Investigate his claims. They were unable to find the records of his ministry in the east, but were satisfied that he had been authorized to preach the Methodist faith and they saw him located in a family on the east side. Here he has remained for about a year. Yesterday Houghton reported to the county relief officer, E. J. Carr, that he did not care to impose any longer on the kindness of those who were caring for him, and desired to go to the poorfarm. Shortly after that the wagon from the farm called at the courthouse and the old man took passage, carrying with him a pair of overalls into which he had stuffed his few belongings.

PANTHERS KILLING OFF OREGON DEER

Deer were never so plentiful in Oregon as this year, says C. N. Wonaocott, assistant general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has just returned from a visit in the southern part of the state. Bounties paid for panther and bobcat scalps are causing the destruction of the deer's worst enemies.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND SUPPORTS LEOPOLD

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 5.—"As a plain matter of fact there were no atrocities in the Congo. This may not be taken to mean that every minor official in the territory was guiltless of unjustifiable greed or that the Belgian operations, in a new and untried field of labor, were at all times free from abuses of any kind. But that the proclaimed atrocities took place and were the result of Belgium's general administration is entirely false."

ROCKEFELLER CLASS GOES BROKE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 5.—The Rockefeller Bible class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church is "busted." The members have not been contributing regularly and the class committee faces a deficit. George Atafel, president of the class, has sent a letter to all the members telling them it costs \$1000 a year to maintain the class. The average per capita contribution of the members, the letter says, has fallen from 12.60 cents to 10 cents, showing that the Rockefeller Bible class is good on statistics. If these contributions are increased only 25 per cent there will be no deficit. At least \$100 is needed to make good and the members of the class are urged to pay up at once.

PERMIT ISSUED FOR NEW FRAME CHURCH

The following permits were issued by the building department:
Mr. Prohasky—Erect one and one-half story frame dwelling, Kelly street, between Flower and Thompson; builders, Kelly & McCarthy; \$1000.
R. L. Gilson—Repair one and one-half story frame shop, 47-49 North Fourth street, between Couch and Davis; builder, W. R. Thorn; \$50.
W. N. Daniels—Erect three-story brick veneer apartments, Twenty-second street, between Johnson and Kearney; builder, D. Numemaker; \$10,000.
Mrs. M. E. Strom—Erect two-story frame dwelling, East Sixty-eighth street.

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Weak and miserable. If you have kidney or bladder trouble, dull head pains, dizziness, nervousness, pains in the back, and feel tired all over, get a package of Mother Gray's KIDNEY PILLS. The pleasant herb cure. It never fails. We have many testimonials from grateful people who have used this wonderful remedy. A regularizer it has no equal. Ask for Mother Gray's Australian Leaf at drug stores or sent by mail for 50 cts. Sample FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

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street, between Base Line Road and East Pine; builder, P. Headstrom; \$5000.
First M. E. Church of Woodstock—Erect one and one-half story frame church, Yukon street, between East Forty-third and Forty-fourth; builder, same; \$4500.
W. J. Evans—Erect one story frame garage, Elliott avenue, between Hazel and Hawthorne; builder, Thomas Vignar; \$300.
H. Bushnell—Erect one and one-half story frame dwelling, East Eighteenth street, between Sumner and Emerson; builder, J. L. Angel; \$2500.
C. A. Hill—Erect one and one-half story frame dwelling, Longview avenue, between Failing and Shaver; builder, same; \$2000.

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Men's Fine Suits

See our splendid assortment of fine Suits, in the newest fabrics and color effects, in single or double-breasted models, including a complete line of black worsted and blue serges, at the following low prices:

- \$15.00 Suits now \$11.75
- \$20.00 Suits now \$14.35
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- \$35 and \$40 Suits now \$25.00

Our complete stock of fine Overcoats at \$15 to \$40 reduced to same special prices quoted above on suits.

All this season's popular weaves and patterns.

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