

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN OREGON

By Paul V. Maris, Deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner.

Of all the various resources which are at present being developed in our state none is of greater importance than the dairy industry. Because of its stable character, because of its certainty and lack of chance, because of its unending existence, because of its tendency to enrich rather than impoverish our fundamental source of wealth—the soil, it is easily of first importance to the great class of our people who derive their profit from supplying the world with food. Hard times may greatly reduce the consumption of luxuries, adverse weather may destroy many crops, certain methods of agriculture may deprive soil of its productive qualities, our timber may in time be exhausted and our mines may be gutted of their store of wealth, but we are fortunate, indeed, very fortunate in having a state which is especially adapted to the pursuit of an industry which is unfailing and which will last as long as the great natural laws themselves.

Nations have developed their resources and settled back to a dependence upon the herd and flock and the patient animals of the field and lot have not failed them.

A brief review of the development of the dairy industry in Oregon and a little study of the conditions as they exist today are sufficient to convince anyone that the business is as yet in its infancy.

Not so many years ago our leading agriculturalists and even our educators were shaking their heads at the man who undertook to dairy, saying, "This is not a dairy country." In 1900 the revenue from this industry to the state was estimated at \$5,000, while last year it reached \$17,000,000.

The present revenue from dairying is not small, but there are reasons why we expect it to increase and the reasons briefly are these: Conditions are not favorable to the continuance of agriculture as it was formerly conducted here, and dairying is one of the most inviting fields to which the farmer of the old school can turn. Furthermore, dairying up to the present has not been conducted upon an intelligent or scientific basis. Thousands of dollars are being lost annually to the state because the average Oregon dairy cow is not up to the standard she should be. This condition would gradually remedy itself and every effort is being put forth to encourage and hasten the change for the better. Along with the inferior cows, improper care and wasteful methods of feeding are at present potent sources of loss. Waste from the unnecessary feeding of grain stuffs and waste from no feeding at all are common errors. The cost of producing is of as much importance to the dairyman as the price of the product. A few dairymen have solved the problem by the use of home grown crops which they make to succeed one another in such order that the herd has its cheap, succulent green food the year round. Many others are depending entirely upon the native grass pasture in summer and hay alone in winter, but the example of the more successful will become the general rule in the end and the dairy product and the profit from it will be greatly increased when that time comes.

The creamery men through their broad and liberal judgment have appropriated for an educational work among the dairymen, in the nature of cow-testing associations, similar to those which have done so much to elevate the standard of the dairy industry in the Old World countries. The object of this association work is to show exactly which cow is the profitable cow and which is not, also which herds are the most profitable

herds, and how those herds are fed and managed. This system will make the information possessed by our most successful men common information, providing all are willing to accept it.

After all it is the man who is succeeding that is the great source of encouragement and the great factor in development. Here and there, becoming more and more numerous, are practical dairymen who are making splendid incomes from their business. They prove beyond question the possibilities of the occupation.

With one of the best markets in the world at hand, and with conditions favorable in every respect, and with nothing lacking but a higher intelligence and more scientific methods on the part of these engaged in the business, we may well look for a continued and rapid growth in our dairy industry.

More Trouble in Morocco.

Paris, Sept. 4.—Arab tribesmen at Roudenib, the former stronghold of Muli Hafid on the Algerian frontier, suddenly attacked the French post yesterday afternoon.

The hills surrounding the blockhouses swarmed with Moorish warriors on foot and on horseback. The fighting continued until 7 o'clock in the evening, the French finally beating off the enemy after the Arabs had sustained heavy losses. The French had two men killed. A renewal of the attack is expected.

It is estimated that 15,000 Moors surround the French post at Boudenib. The French garrison totals 1500 men. A column of French reinforcements has reached Bouanans, 40 miles from Boudenib.

Colomb-Bechar, Algeria, Sept. 2.—Information transmitted from Boudenib and Bouanans by means of signal flags report that the Berbers renewed their attacks on the French post at Boudenib during the night. They attempted to carry the signal station at the rear of the blockhouses. A number of violent rushes were made, but they were repulsed with great slaughter.

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Hulton was attracted to the street

by the tune of a hurdy-gurdy, and throwing the operator a quarter of a dollar, told him to repeat the tune as often as the coin would pay for. Then Hulton began dancing, executing two steps, waltz, jig and buck and wing steps as the movements changed. A crowd gathered, and when the music the first coin paid for ceased, another one was passed up, and the dancing continued until the police interfered.

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John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has been entrusted with the duty of looking after the stock and financial affairs of the concern. Last October, when the Guggenheims were hard pressed, he made them a loan of \$20,000,000 and since that time has been in practical control.

With their usual astute ness, the Rockefellers kept secret their relations with the Guggenheims by having the old board of directors of the smelting trust reelected, with the addition of one man, Walter T. Page, who was himself a Guggenheim representative. But the deal was engineered by James Phillips, Jr., the confidential agent of the Rockefeller interests. It is thought their control of the smelter industry will soon be as absolute as that of the Standard Oil.

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