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## THE NEW LAW IS MERITORIOUS

Such Can Be Said of Oregon's Dairy Legislation.

The following is an excerpt of the new dairy law passed by the recent Oregon legislature:

It shall be unlawful for any dairyman who skims his milk by cream separator process to offer or expose for sale, or sell any milk or cream coming from a separator that is not thoroughly washed and cleaned within three hours after each use thereof, or to offer or expose for sale, or sell any milk or cream coming from a separator that is kept in any stable or other building where any animal is housed or in any other place that is unsanitary, or where bad air exists; provided that this does not prohibit keeping such separators in a room that is wholly separated by sealed and papered partition from that part of the stable in which animals are housed. All tin and wooden ware and other utensils used about any dairy shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

When cows are kept by any person or persons, for dairy purposes, whether for butter, cheese, or for the production of milk or cream for sale, in addition to provisions already made by law, and now enforced, the stables or barns where such cows are kept shall be thoroughly cleaned every day and kept in a sanitary condition. The cow's udder shall be well cleaned immediately before each milking, and when the udder is soiled by mud or other filth it must be thoroughly washed with water and wiped with a clean, dry cloth.

It shall be unlawful for any persons who operate cream routes to accept or receive cream on said routes which has been separated or skimmed more than four days, excepting from the fifteenth day of June to the fifteenth day of September of each year, during which period it shall be unlawful to accept cream which has been separated or skimmed more than three days.

It shall be unlawful for any person, agents of same to deliver to any creamery or cream station, or to any railroad station or boat landing, to be shipped to any creamery, any cream which has been separated or skimmed more than four days, excepting from the fifteenth day of June to the fifteenth day of September, during which period the cream so shipped or delivered must not have been separated or skimmed more than three days. And person or persons who sell or deliver cream as above specified, shall fasten on the can, pail or other vessel in which such cream is sold and delivered, a tag in which is printed, written, or stamped the owners name, and the words, "This cream is not more than four days old," if sold at any other time of the year than between June 15 and September 12; "This cream is not more than three days old," if sold between June 15 and September 15 of each year. It shall be unlawful for any creamery, agent or employe thereof to receive or accept such delivered cream unless it is so tagged.

It shall be unlawful for any person engaged in the manufacture of butter for commercial purposes to use in the manufacture of said butter any cream that is pronounced unfit for use by the state dairy and food commissioner, or by any deputy of the state dairy and food commissioner. Possession of such cream shall be considered prima facie evidence of intent to use the same and shall be deemed a misdemeanor within the meaning of this act, unless said creamery possessing said unfit cream shall have made complaint immediately upon receipt of said cream to the state dairy and food commissioner and requested his inspection of said cream, in which case, if the cream is found upon inspection to be unfit, it shall be con-

fiscated and the creamery shall not be liable to fine and shall not be required to pay for said cream.

Every creamery must take cream samples of all cream purchased by it and must keep such samples for a period of two days, subject to the state dairy and food commissioner or his deputy.

The law provides for the appointment of three deputies to the state dairy commissioner who shall have power to do inspection work among the dairies and creameries, each to receive a salary of \$1200 a year and \$800 for expenses. These deputies are to be appointed by the governor on the advice of the state dairy commissioner.—Pacific Homestead.

It seems strange that so meritorious a bill as the one framed in the interest of the dairy industry should have had such hard sledding in its course to Oregon's statute books. It passed the senate without dissent, but after that its life was in continual jeopardy until it became a law. All laws for the purpose of bringing about reforms of any kind are sure to be opposed by somebody. The very fact that they have opposition is prima facie evidence of the need of such laws. If everybody agreed as to what is right and acted honestly there would be no need of laws. But the millennium has not yet dawned.

This dairy law is a good one—not drastic in its demands nor drawn in the interest of any one man or set of men, but rather for the general upbuilding of the dairy industry in the state. It is practically the same as the laws in force in the most progressive dairy states in the east. It was unanimously endorsed by the Oregon State Dairy Association and by the Oregon Pure Bred Livestock Association, two organizations composed of the leading breeders and dairymen of the state—men that stand for progress and improvement.

The recommendation of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner should have been ample guarantee of the need as well as of the efficiency of such a law without further recommendation. Had the bill been one that provided any remuneration, pecuniary or otherwise, to this officer, one might be justified in looking at it differently, but it does not and instead rather adds to his duties and responsibilities, so his interest in the bill only came through his interest and pride in the general improvement of the dairy industry.

When we stop to think how in significant the industry was in this state when Mr. Bailey first accepted this office about eleven years ago, and to what magnificent proportion it has grown during that time; that he is the oldest in office of any dairy and food commissioner in the United States and that he has twice been honored with the presidency of the National Association of Dairy and Food Commissioners, we must concede his competency to judge of the needs of the industry whose interests he has guarded so long and so faithfully.

The inspectors for which this law provides will be under the direction of the Dairy and Food Commissioner, he will be held responsible for their work and in him should be vested the power (as it originally was in this dairy bill) to employ and discharge these deputies. The bill was first voted down in the house and it was only after it was amended by giving the appointive power to the governor that a reconsideration was reached and it was passed by a small majority. It is the shame of a few designing, unscrupulous persons that the impression was scattered among the dairy men of certain portions of the state that if this bill became a law every one of their dairy barns would have to be torn down and replaced with new ones and other hardships would be brought to bear upon them that would compel them to quit the business.

So much pressure was systematically brought to bear upon the governor that he was almost persuaded to veto the bill, when at the last moment, a few of its friends were apprised of what was being done and came to its rescue just in time to save it.

We regret that any such sentiment has been created. Until it is corrected it will militate against the useful operation of the law. What is needed for the building up of the industry is harmonious cooperation. This law will work no hardship on any one who wants

to run a decent dairy and do right. In no other way can this or any other industry be made to prosper. If you are in harmony with this idea the new dairy law will be a material aid to you. If not the sooner it puts you out of business the better for both you and the dairy industry of the state.

The dairyman, who, knowing the nature of this law, takes a stand against it, is doing just so much to block the improvement of the industry. He is classing himself with the fellow who insists on keeping foul stables, dirty cows, filthy separators and furnishing the creamery man with dirty and over acid cream that will make the kind of butter that will mar the reputation of our buttermakers, invite the shipment of butter from other states and ruin the industry of this state. Can you afford it, Mr. Dairyman?—Rural Spirit.

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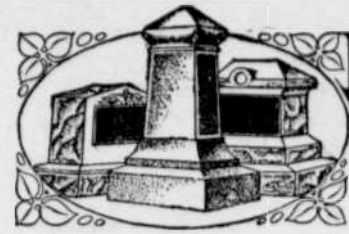
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