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Food Values of Meat To Be Studied by 29 State Colleges

Twenty-nine state agricultural experiment stations are soon to begin work on a national cooperative experimental program seeking the solution of the difficult problem of what makes quality and palatability in our meats. Dean F. B. Mumford, University of Missouri, is chairman of a special committee of live stock and meat authorities which has mapped out plans for this study. The work is said to be one of the greatest projects of its kind ever undertaken. No one experiment station will attempt a solution of the whole problem, but each will engage in some phase in which it is particularly interested. Subjects for investigation include feeding, breeding, methods of slaughtering and curing, methods of cooking, and many others. First, however, to quote the Missouri authority, it will be necessary to definitely establish what quality and palatability really are. This is one of the greatest difficulties facing the experimenters, for at the present time there is no standard of measurement of quality and palatability in meats. This is intended to be a cooperative investigation, not for the purpose of proving anybody's theories or opinions, but to find out the facts, and will prove to be a great fact-finding enterprise.

The study of meats has had the approval of every research agency that usually approves such project, from producer to consumer, the national live stock and meat board, agricultural colleges, the U. S. department of agriculture, the American society of animal production, and the directors of experiment stations. The directors have selected four questions which they deem of sufficient importance for national research and one of these questions is "factors influencing the quality and palatability of meat." Those serving with Dean Mumford on the special committee, which is known as the Cooperative Meat Research Committee, are E. W. Sheets, chief of the division of animal husbandry, bureau of animal industry, U. S. department of agriculture, secretary; Prof. M. D. Helser, Iowa State College; Prof. H. J. Granlich, animal husbandry, University of Nebraska, and Dr. C. Robert Moulton, director of the department of nutrition, Institute of American Meat Packers.

Agricultural experiment stations which have signified their intention of taking part are Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and New Hampshire. Practically 75 per cent of the nation's meat products come from the states participating in this study.

JOHN R. McQUIGG IS LEGION COMMANDER

Omaha. — The American Legion's seventh annual convention ended with the elevation of John R. (Go Get 'Em) McQuigg of East Cleveland, O., white-haired 58-year-old lawyer-banker and wounded overseas engineering officer, to the honor of national commander. The matter of commendation for Colonel William Mitchell, severe critic of the nation's aerial defense, was the hidden rock of dissension which never was revealed. It was not brought to the floor of the convention but was disposed of in committee meetings by recommending adoption of one of Mitchell's proposals, that for a department of defense with control over three equal branches, air, navy and army, but without naming him. The next meeting will be held in Philadelphia in 1926 and that of 1927 was awarded to Paris, France.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

James B. Duke, millionaire tobacco manufacturer, died at his home in New York. The department of agriculture estimates the total cotton production at 14,759,000 bales. Colonel William Mitchell refused to testify before the naval court inquiring into the Shenandoah disaster. Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne reiterated before the naval court that her husband objected to the Shenandoah flight. Airplanes are on sale at the New York John Wanamaker department store as regular merchandise. The retail price is \$2500 each. The federal government realized \$24,179 from the sale of public land in abandoned reservations in the state of Washington, the interior department reported.

Dwight Davis Heads War Department. Washington, D. C.—Dwight F. Davis of Missouri, Tuesday was appointed secretary of war. He takes the place of John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, who retired because of ill health. As assistant secretary Davis has been the actual head of the war department since last spring, when Weeks was sent to New England by his physicians for an operation and a long vacation. The new secretary, a lawyer and business-man, is in his 47th year.

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Suit to Nullify State Gas Tax Filed at Portland

Suit was filed in the federal court at Portland last Saturday to nullify the state gasoline tax. Auto freight truck owners are back of the suit while the auto passenger bus owners and operators are opposed. W. L. James, president of the Oregon motor stage association, said in reference to the suit that his association "has several times officially and publicly gone on record as being in favor of the gasoline tax, and have gone further by going on record as being in favor of an increase in the present gasoline tax, if this is needed to increase the revenue for the building and maintenance of the roads of the state, our position being that the gasoline tax is, together with a license fee based on the weight of vehicles, the only correct measure of the use and damage to the roads."

"Short Cuts" Not a Civic Economic Necessity

This is an age of short cuts to everything. No one seems to have time for the "meat" of anything. The hair is cut short, the dresses are cut short, and the sleeves are cut short. We want our sermons short and we insist on our public speakers making it short and "snappy." Synthetic foods, substitutes for the real thing, abound, and corn beef and cabbage exist only as a comic page myth. Every body is looking for a short cut to wealth without work. Robbing a bank seems to be the most favored of short cuts in this class. Motorists are constantly demanding short cuts and highway commissions are straightening highways to make greater speed possible. Short cuts to health are sought in sanitariums after health has been lost by burning the candle at both ends. But the world's work is not going to be done with short cuts. Those of us who are engulfed in the "short cut" mania will have to learn that patience, time and hard work are just as much requirements of accomplishments as they ever were.

1 KILLED, 20 HURT IN WRECK OF LIMITED

Engine and Two Cars Leave Track Near Arlington; Broken Rail Cause.

The Dalles, Or.—One person is dead and twenty others more or less seriously injured as the result of a wreck on the Union Pacific Saturday night nine miles west of Arlington, when the Continental limited struck a break in the rails, throwing the engine and two cars over the embankment. The dead man was R. H. Lee, fireman, of Portland. The list of injured reported taken to The Dalles hospital for treatment included: Irving Brown, Casper, Wyo., bruised but able to go on; John Davis, Portland, brakeman, shoulder wrenched, still in hospital; Charles M. Wall, Portland, engineer, back and shoulder wrenched, several ribs broken; Ed Waldvogel, Pendleton, badly shocked; Mrs. A. C. Voelker, Pendleton, slight injury in back; Mrs. Laura Cantrel, Alturas, Cal., going to Nyssa, Or., slight injuries; Tom McDavid, colored cook, ankle hurt; E. B. Schull, Portland, brakeman, deadheading east, badly bruised but able to go to Portland; J. Boyd Hanley, Pawtucket, Okla., badly bruised but able to go; G. H. Hamilton, baggage man and express clerk, broken clavical, skin abrasions, bruised and badly shocked. Reports of the cause vary, but it has been ascertained that a big boulder, weighing about four tons, rolled down an embankment and onto the track, breaking the heavy rail on the right hand side of the track. The rock was not on the roadbed, rail officials declare. A trackwalker had passed the spot on his inspection trip shortly before the wreck occurred. As the locomotive hit the place where the rail had been damaged it leaped from the tracks and rolled over, instantly killing Fireman Lee and badly injuring Engineer Wall.

MADDEN ATTACKS AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

Washington, D. C.—The army and navy were charged by Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee with squandering millions of dollars in a "purposeless, meaningless, endless experimental orgy" in technical aircraft development. Testifying before the president's air board, which resumed hearings after a recess of several days, Mr. Madden declared technical development of aviation could no longer be "safely let" to the two military services if the United States was to take its place "among the countries of the world in the air." "It credit is to be given witnesses who have preceded me," he asserted, "the experimental and development work conducted by the army and navy since the war has been productive of very little, if any advance," toward a plan which might be accepted by congress.

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