

### CLUB LADIES IN PURE FOOD CRUSADE INSPECT MARKETS

A committee from the civic section of the Greater Medford club has been accompanying State Food Inspector M. S. Shrock on his tour of inspection of the markets and eating houses of Medford this week. Four bakeries, one candy factory, six meat markets, five dairies, six groceries and twelve eating houses were inspected. The ladies did not inspect all of these places, but will do so in the near future.

Some very deplorable conditions were found, especially in the eating houses. Any housekeeper knows that oysters, tomatoes and mushrooms must be emptied at once when the cans are opened. But in more than half the eating houses and one or two hotels food of this sort was found standing in the cans hours after they had been opened—in some cases decayed in the cans.

Many ice boxes were found to contain rotten meat, soured or mold vegetables, decayed fruit and abundant evidence of mice. In fact, one eating house was serving meat that had been recently gnawed by rodents. In a space in the rear of one eating house, eight by ten feet, were found the following articles: One toilet with the door standing open and indescribably filthy, used by the occupants of four buildings; a barrel where a shoemaker soaked his sole leather, two barrels of garbage and fish refuse, a chair on which reposed some twenty pounds of meat, uncovered; two boxes nailed on the wall containing meat and other food, liberally coated with mice tracks, and two dogs.

The committee made a second visit to this place and found that the dogs had been removed and an effort made to screen the boxes. But so long as such hovels exist and the owners, for the sake of a few dollars, are allowed to rent them for such purposes, we may expect that someone will be foolish enough to try and make a living by offering the public a sure way to acquire ptomaine poisoning or typhoid fever.

The following incident was related by one of the inspectors as having occurred in Medford, but was classified by the inspectors as typical of that class of food handlers throughout the state: A butcher was found with a meat grinder that had not been washed since fast used, and perhaps not for several days. It was late in the day and another inspection was made the following morning. At this time the helper was preparing some meat for the grinder, which was still unwashed from the previous day's work. "Are you going to wash that grinder before you grind that meat?" was asked of the helper. With a very astonished and inquiring look the helper said: "I will, if it is necessary." He was told it was necessary.

"We believe that people who operate an establishment where food for human beings is prepared should be trained for the work," said one of the inspectors. "Yet we very often find that men with no knowledge of the business or legal requirements and with apparently less desire for qualifications than for profits, are juggling our food behind the scenes, and we risk our lives in their untrained hands."

"In your town we found a man who operates a restaurant and does much of the work himself, yet showed himself to be ignorant of some very vital things. He was frank to confess his ignorance and admitted he had had but three weeks' experience working in a very small restaurant previous to taking charge of the one he now operates. He was asked why he undertook so important a task with so little training, and he again showed his frankness by admitting that he was led into it by the assurance that there was money in it."

The grocery stores inspected all rated well above 60, though only one was found free of mice. This one should be a refutation of the idea that a cat is a necessary adjunct of a grocery store.

The bakeries of Medford leave one with a sinking feeling in the pit of the stomach—the place where they once put bakers' bread, but can put it no longer. One inspector answered when asked how he would go about cleaning up such a place, "With a torch. How can you expect to have clean bread baked in a livery stable or the outhouse of one?"

The scoring of the grocery stores will not be made public until all have been inspected.

The public market will not be scored, though it was inspected and sanitary conditions were found excellent.

MRS. A. A. BIRD,  
Chairman civics section.

### GOOD RATINGS MADE BY STATE FOOD INSPECTOR

The inspectors' official scores by Deputy Food and Dairy Commissioner M. S. Shrock, are based on 100 points for a perfect plant, 40 of which are based on perfect equipment and construction, while 60 points are allowed on perfect methods as shown by the cleanliness. Following are the Medford stores rate this week:

Markets and Slaughterhouses	
Nichols & Ashpole, market and slaughterhouse	72.1
Warner, Wortman & Gore, market and slaughterhouse	70.6
East Side Market, market and slaughterhouse	69.8
West Side Market and slaughterhouse	65.4
Star Market	56.0
Medford Fish & Poultry Market	52.0
Ed Bins, market	32.3

Candy Factory	
Medford Candy Factory, N. Grape street	46.4

Bakeries	
Model Bakery, E. Main St.	57.4
Medford Bakery, S. Central	42.5
Royal Bakery, W. Main St.	40.5
Pullman Bakery, Pine St.	40.0

Eating Houses	
Medford Hotel, W. Main St.	77.5
Boarding House, Mrs. Addie Hart	74.4
Sixth and Bartlett	74.4
Johnson's Cafe, S. Central	68.7
Electric Kitchen, W. Main	67.5
Plainview Hotel, S. Holly	66.6
Manhattan Cafe, N. Front St.	64.8
Nash Grill, W. Main	57.6
Diamond Boarding House, J. M. McNelly	57.2
Cafeteria, Horic & Shepardson, S. Central	55.7
U. S. Chop House, S. Front	49.5
English Chop House, S. Front	45.0
Oregon Restaurant, S. Front	42.2
Home Lunch Market, Mrs. M. Gibbs, N. Fir	32.7

Dairies	
J. W. Snyder	68.0
Asberry Beall (retailed by Medford Creamery)	62.5
W. R. Wagner, (retailed by East Side Dairy)	45.3
John Bellinger	43.3
M. Walsh	28.3

It may be stated that these scores reveal with mathematical precision the conditions as they exist with the exception of two places, viz., the Medford Candy Factory which has just been moved into new quarters and had hardly settled down to working conditions at the time of inspection, and the Cafeteria which was scored quite low on account of lack of equipment rather than slack methods. The Cafeteria is a very clean place. Sixty is a high dairy rating.

#### Resolution of Thanks, Jan. 7, 1914.

Whereas, the Medford Commercial club, Medford, Oregon, furnished a valuable part of the splendid exhibit material and offered invaluable assistance to the efforts of the state immigration commission to assemble and install a creditable exhibit for the state of Oregon at the Chicago Land Show and the International Dry Farming Congress, therefore

Be it resolved that at this special meeting of the Oregon State Immigration Commission held January 2, 1914, the members of said commission to express and record their appreciation to the Medford Commercial club for the splendid and effective co-operation and assistance rendered.

- THOMAS C. BURKE, President.
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### VIRGINIA APPLES NOT COMPETITORS WITH NEWTOWNS

E. M. McKeaney, who is local representative of the fruit commission firm of W. Dennis & Sons of London, England, and the Pioneer Fruit company, returned Friday evening from a six weeks' visit to New York City, where his firm has established an office.

Mr. McKeaney visited several other cities of the east, but the places of special interest from a fruit viewpoint were Virginia and New Mexico—these two states being comparatively new apple-producing sections. In Virginia the Albemarle pippin is grown for shipment and in a way this fruit goes on the market in competition with the Newtown pippin of the Rogue River valley. But in the opinion of Mr. McKeaney the only way in which this variety of fruit can be considered as a competitor with the Newtown is in its keeping qualities, which are such as to enable its being put on a foreign market alongside of the Newtown. The Albemarle has not the peculiarly pleasing flavor of the Newtown—in fact, there is nothing to the apple which compares with the Newtown, either in flavor, size or general appearance.

"No," said Mr. McKeaney, "the Pacific growers of Newtowns need have no fear from this Virginia apple as a competitor in any of the markets of the world, and then again the territory in that state in which this fruit can be grown is very limited. There is practically only one small valley in Virginia where this fruit can be grown with any success whatever."

"I also visited the much-lauded new apple section of New Mexico. Here the Jonathan and Ben Davis are grown, but the fruit matures too early to be of any great value for shipping. The extreme heat of that section ripens the fruit for market as early as September, and being grown in this warm climate when it reaches New York or any other distant market, it is too soft and overripe to meet with anything like a reasonably good market. There is no climate in the world which can produce an apple to a degree of perfection equal to the northwest Pacific coast."

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### MERRICK'S BOOSTING CAUSES TRAVELER TO PASS STATION

To the Editor: Talk about "boosters." Merrick is sure some hypnotizer.

We were traveling east together on the "Pacific Limited" and met up with the sheriff of Coffe county, Nevada, and F. E. Merrick began to ask questions about the state of Nevada (and you would have thought that he was a five-year-old from the amount of questions he could spring up.) Well, he satisfied his curiosity and began on Rogue river valley and had that sheriff so spellbound that he forgot to get off at his station where he changed cars to go to his county seat and was carried on twenty miles before he discovered that he had passed his junction. Then he laughed and said that big red Spitzberg got the best of him and the apple story was great. Now I call that some "booster."

Our train was late, so we will have to remain here until tomorrow forenoon, as there is only one train per day north to Douglas, Wyoming, our destination.

They are having beautiful weather, as a Chinook is blowing lightly and the thermometer stands at 68 degrees at 10 a. m. and the sun is shining bright as summer.

I am enclosing a few heads of a new wheat, "Black Emmer," which is a winter or fall wheat, and under favorable conditions produces 450 bushels per acre. Let some one plant it if you care to. It is a great stock food, taking the place of oats, barley, etc. It may do all right to plant it now and the effects of what winter we have there.

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