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BEEF TRUST TO SELL EMBALMED BEEF AGAIN

Public Should Refuse to Buy the Vile Stuff If It Is Offered Them.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Embalmed beef will soon be on the market in every city in the land.

This unpleasant prospect is the result of a courtesy extended the packers by the United States Government. The courtesy was in the form of a ruling by the National Department of Agriculture, which is now going out to the Federal bureaus of animal industry in every section of the country.

Hereafter benzoate of soda—held by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, head of the National Bureau of Chemistry and other leading chemists, to be harmful in its effects upon the human system—may be used in whatsoever quantities the packers chose in preserving meats and meat products. That is so far as national regulations are concerned.

The ruling is in line with the finding of the referee board which recently reversed the opinion of Dr. Wiley in other things. Despite the fact that the trend of national legislation and rulings had been against the use of benzoate, the board's finding was such as to result in the absolute letting down of the bars.

The circumstances attending the issuing of the new order are unusual if not remarkable. The order was issued on March 3 and placed in circulation March 4. It was signed by George B. Cortelyou, Oscar S. Straus and James Wilson, who at the time, as heads of the Treasury Department, Department of Commerce and Labor and Department of Agriculture, respectively, were designated in the pure food law to frame the regulations.

Of the three men, two were to retire from office the next day, and actually retired before the scope of their order became known. It is being pointed out now a sense of propriety might have suggested that the incoming administration should be left free to decide this important question. The American public does not know yet of the order that was promulgated, and every indication is that someone will come in for much criticism when the full meaning of the order is appreciated.

Not only does Dr. Wiley believe the Government is making a grave error in permitting the use of a preserver in meats, but many of the leading chemists of the country, including Prof. Charles H. Lawall, chemist for the Pennsylvania State dairy and food division.

The most important feature of the order in question is yet to be told. There is language in the order not justified by the referees' report. The report says that bensoate of soda in small quantities, specified as five-tenths of one grain per day, is not injurious to health.

The order of the three cabinet officers declares that no objection will be raised to the use of benzoate of soda, without placing any limitation upon the quantity, and provides only that the presence and quantity of the drug shall be shown upon the label.

Heretofore, the Government regulation was, in effect, that no meat or meat food should contain any substance which lessened its wholesomeness, nor any preservative except common salt, wood smoke, vinegar, pure sugar and saltpeter. The new regulation reads:

"The meat inspection regulations have been amended so as to permit the addition of benzoate of soda to meat or meat-food products which are placed in containers or packages to which are securely affixed officially approved labels plainly showing the produce and amount of this preservative."

Of the ruling in favor of the beef packers Prof. Lawall said:

"The Government should not allow the use of sodium benzoate in the preserving of meats. It is bad in principle. It is unfair to the public. The experiments conducted by the referee board were made upon healthy persons and did not clear away the doubts as to the dange of using this preservative.

"According to their own report, when large quantities of sodium benzoate were administered, the board found slight modifications in certain physiological processes, the exact significance of which is not known: These experiments were on healthy persons. It is fair to assume, therefore, that if the bars are entirely taken down and benzoate of soda is used in all kinds of food, including meats, the deleterious effect will be marked.

"The process of using benzoic acid in preparing meat is an indication that we are going back 5,000 years, for benzoin or its products has not been used in the preservation of flesh since the Egyptians stopped embalming their dead."

Keep your eye on the want ads. There may be something advertised which is of interest to you.

Officer Burns to Death Under His Wrecked Auto

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 29.—Deputy Sheriff James R. Abrams was burned to death and George C. Barco was seriously injured when Mr. Barco's machine turned over near Boynton shortly after midnight last night, pinning Abrams, Barco and Richard Gardner under the machine.

The gasoline tank exploded scattering the burning fluid over the men. Gardner succeeded in extricating himself uninjured and helped Barco from under the machine, but Abrams was pinned under in such a manner that he could not be moved. The accident was caused by the steering gear becoming unmanageable.

A little want ad. will accomplish big results.

Aged Colored Man Dies.

"Uncle" Henry Jackson, one of the most widely-known colored residents of the city, died at his home on Sunday morning about 6 o'clock. The deceased had been confined to his bed for the past fifteen months or more, suffering from an attack of paralysis, and it was the third one of these that finally claimed the old man. He was a very conspicuous figure here with his pair of old mules, and all of the population remember the old man in his working days with his dray. His funeral was held yesterday from the M. E. colored church.

POSTMASTER DORSEY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

DOCTOR SAYS HIS WOUNDS WILL PROVE FATAL.

Cut His Throat and Shot Himself in Stomach With 32-Calibre Pistol.

News received in this city last night from McIntosh was to the effect that Postmaster Dorsey, an aged and respected citizen of that place, had been foully murdered, first by being shot and then his throat cut from ear to ear.

Particulars at first were very meager and it was hard to ascertain any information, but through the kindness of the A. C. L. operator it was learned that Mr. Dorsey's wounds were self-inflicted with suicidal intent.

The old gentleman had doubtless tired of life and troubles and decided he could best end his suffering in this way. When found it was about 8 o'clock and he was in a pool of blood, and although yet alive would say nothing to the large number of people that congregated around him.

Later a letter was found which explained the circumstances and it was then known it was a clear case of suicide.

The physician summoned pronounced the wound of the bullet fatal. He said that while the cutting of his throat would not necessarily be fatal, the 32-pistol ball in his stomach would cause his death.

The aged wife is distracted over the occurrence.

JUDGE CARLISLE'S COURT

Was Busy Nearly All of Monday on Criminal Cases.

Business again loomed up in Justice Carlisle's court on Monday and as a result nearly all of the entire day was taken up in hearing cases.

John Herd plead guilty to receiving stolen brass and was bound over to the circuit court in the sum of $250.

Willis Herd plead guilty to stealing brass from railroad cars and was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs or serve three months with the gang.

Roy Jones plead not guilty and was tried by a jury, who decided otherwise. The judge gave him $10 and costs or four months.

The above cases were worked up by Special Agent Pinkoson, who is in the employ of the Coast Line. The boys had been stealing the brass boxings from the cars in the local yard for some time past.

WILL ADDRESS EDITORS.

Congressman Clark Will Address Association in Ancient City.

Congressman Frank Clark has gone to St. Augustine, where he will remain for the next few days before proceeding to other points to look after some business matters.

He accepted an invitation to deliver an address to the Press Association which will convene in that city today.

Congressman Clark is one of the most gifted orators of the State and his services are always in demand.

Election of Officers.

The Elks held an interesting session last Thursday night, when the following officers were elected to fill the various chairs during the next year:

Lee Graham, Exalted Ruler.

J. W. Blanding, Esteemed Leading Knight.

Capt. L. E. Barker, Esteemed Loyal Knight.

J. D. Gardner, Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

Dr. J. M. Dell, Secretary.

W. R. McKinstry, Treasurer.

L. M. McCormick, Tyler.

J. D. Stringfellow, Trustee.

CRAZY SNAKE WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST

Old Chief, With Twenty of His Band Slain, Signals For General Uprising Of Band.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 29.—Five companies of Oklahoma militia marched last night against Crazy Snake's band of Creek Indians, half breeds and negroes, entrenched in the Hickory Hills, seven miles from Henryetta.

A battle is regarded as inevitable, as the heavily armed troops set out either to capture or exterminate the murderous band, which since Thursday has caused the death of six men, the wounding of many others, and brought a condition of terror.

Leaving Henryetta at 3 o'clock with seven miles to go and encumbered with arms and equipment it was expected the troops could not reach the Indians before 7 o'clock.

Crazy Snake's men number about 200, all armed with modern rifles and plentifully supplied with ammunition. They had prepared for two months for this final stand against lawful authority. They sent out word yesterday that they would fight to the death.

Crazy Snake's band strongly intrenched itself early in the day and was reinforced from time to time.

Crazy Snake is in personal command. This was established by testimony choked out of his college-bred son by means of a nice, new inch rope. Young Harjo, strung up by the determined deputies until nearly dead, gasped out that his father was in command, named the Indians who killed the deputies, told the officers how to trail the band and did everything which a stoical red man is supposed not to do.

When the Fighting Began.

This first real Indian uprising of years has held this region on edge for three days. It broke out last Thursday when several deputy sheriffs went to Henryetta to arrest negro cattle thieves. They were fired upon by negro half-breed friends and forced to retreat. Returning with additional forces, they were fired on by the band, then augmented by some of Crazy Snake's Indians. Three negroes were killed and five wounded, according to the official reports, although it is thought that many more Indians were wounded. This clash resulted in forty-one arrests.

Marshal Edward Baum and Deputy Sheriff Herman Odom were the deputies killed.

A Stidman dispatch says an engagement between officers and Indians occurred near there yesterday morning, in which several Indians were wounded. Both the Indians and negroes, many of the latter allied with the Creeks, took their wounded into the hills, which made it impossible to learn definitely the casualties. The number of the dead since Thursday is placed unofficially at six.

The bodies of Marshal Baum and Herma Odom were taken to Eufaula. There was evidence that Crazy Snake and his family had left hurriedly in the night.

Young Indian Tells All.

After Chitti Harjo, Crazy Snake's son, struggling hard against yielding, whispered "Let down, tell—all—know," the noose was loosened and he gave a complete list of Indians who participated in the fight of the previous night and confessed that his father, instead of being in Washington, was at the head of the outlaw bands scattered among the hills of the former Creek nation.

"Those were your father's tracks in the yard this morning?" asked Deputy Jones.

"Those were his tracks," said the Indian, who then told that Charles Coker, reputed as a dangerous Indian outlaw, had fired the shots which killed Baum and Odom. His confession also revealed for the first time some of the real secrets of generalship over the Creeks.

"Coker is an expert shot," he said, "and was fully 300 yards distant when he made fine targets of the bodies of the officers. He is scouting now with the band and will be hard to catch."

The members of the band in Harjo's house last night, he confessed, belong to the Light Horse Guard. His admission sent the posses hurrying on the trail of the old Indian, whom they hope to capture quickly and thus ward off the impending battle.

Young Harjo is a stalwart, intelligent youth. He is an athlete and has played football with some of the Eastern Indian schools, but he retains all his native instincts.

With Crazy Snake's whereabouts almost definitely established, the officers prepared with the aid of the military to crush the Indians in the fight which it was believed was imminent.

Brutal Father Lures His Little Son to His Death

PITTSBURG, March 29.—After firing two bullets at his wife, pointing a revolver at his mother-in-law when she attempted to help her daughter, and trying vainly to get his little daughter out of a neighboring house that he might kill her, Harry Smith, aged 31 years, a motorman living at Coraopolis, near here, Saturday sent a bullet through the brain of his six-year-old son, Russell, killing the boy instantly, and then shot himself through the head, dying in a few moments. The cause of the tragedy is said to have been liquor and jealousy.

Smith, who has been married for thirteen years, came home from work Saturday afternoon and upbraided his wife about a domestic matter. Fearing trouble, the woman sent the two children to the home of a neighbor. During the argument which ensued Smith is said to have drawn a revolver and fired two shots at his wife, who ran from the house. He then pointed the revolver at his mother-in-law, who tried to quiet him, but did not pull the trigger, and left the house, going to the home of the neighbor where the children had been sent.

He called to his girl to come to him, but the child did not respond. Hearing his father's voice, Russell came to the door and was shown a bag of peanuts, which Smith offered to give him. Unsuspectingly the boy ran to his father, but the latter, instead of giving the lad the peanuts, drew his revolver and fired a shot through the child's brain. Without pausing, the man turned the weapon upon himself and sent a bullet into a temple, falling beside the body of his murdered son and dying instantly.