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CHANGES IN DIRECTORY

Meat Inspection Granted

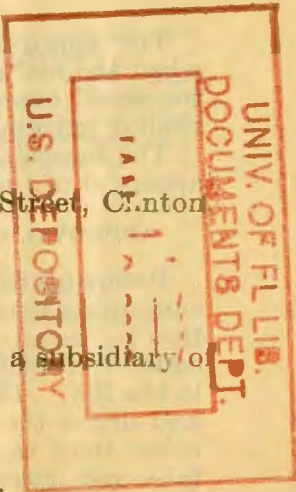
- *548. White Provision Co., Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, Ga.
905. Piemonte Sausage Manufacturing Co., 322 North Ninth Street, Clinton, Ind.
922. August Young & Son, Laconia Street, Lexington, Mass.

Meat Inspection Withdrawn

Inspection was withdrawn from the Collins Packing Co. (only) a subsidiary of Establishment 132-F, Brighton Dressed Meat Co.

Substations Added

Clinton, Ind., meat inspection, substation of Terre Haute, Ind.
Lexington, Mass., meat inspection, substation of Boston, Mass.



Change in Name of Official Establishment

70. E. A. Debroisse, 670 Center Street, South Bellingham, Mass.; mail, P. O. box 306, Woonsocket, R. I., instead of estate of L. A. Debroisse.

343. Mouquin (Inc.), and Moquin Restaurant & Wine Co. (Ltd.), 468 West Broadway, New York, N. Y., instead of the Mouquin Restaurant & Wine Co. (Ltd.).

827. Reliable Sausage Co., 311 West Illinois Street, Chicago, Ill., instead of the Sacramento Valley Association.

Change in Address of Official Establishment

113. P. D. Hughes Co., Broadway and Jackson Street, Camden, N. J., instead of 558 Berkley Street.

679. Julius Sostmann & Sons (Inc.), 705 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, Pa., instead of 232 North Delaware Avenue.

Change in Name and Address of Official Establishment

1020. Webster Packing Co., and Boston Food Products Co., Collins Packing Co., R. Marston Co., Brighton Abattoir, Brighton, Mass., instead of Boston Food Products Co., 16 New Street, Boston, Mass.

Add the Following Inspectors in Charge of Meat Inspection

Dr. Charles Corson, care Wisconsin Packing Co., Wausau, Wis.

Dr. W. K. McConnell, P. O. box 333 (office at 112 North Commerce Street, Natchez, Miss.).

Dr. F. P. Miller, care Confederated Home Abattoirs Corporation, Altoona, Pa.

Dr. J. R. Aufente, care Moultrie Packing Co., Moultrie, Ga.

Dr. G. T. Cole, care Swift & Co., 96 Wells Street, Atlanta, Ga.

Remove the Following Inspectors in Charge of Meat Inspection

Dr. W. K. McConnell, Wausau, Wis.

Dr. J. R. Aufente, Altoona, Pa.

Dr. W. C. Kailer, Natchez, Miss.

Dr. G. T. Cole, Moultrie, Ga.

Mr. A. H. Carpenter, Atlanta, Ga.

Notes

Dr. L. C. Butterfield, inspector in charge of meat inspection at Reno, Nev., is also in charge of tuberculosis and scabies-eradication work at that station.

Add "Room 325" to the address of Dr. S. J. Horne, Jacksonville, Fla., Peninsula Casualty Company Building, and "P. O. box 103" to the address of Dr. J. E. Ewers (office at the Gibson Packing Co.), Yakima, Wash.

NOTICES REGARDING MEAT INSPECTION**APPROVAL OF GELATIN LABELS**

The approval of ink brands is extended to cover the text on gelatin labels when the marking on the latter is similar to the ink brands in all respects, with the usual exception that the approval of a smaller size authorizes the use of a similar marking which is proportionately enlarged.

The foregoing does not alter existing instructions pertaining to the laboratory approval of the constituents of the labels.

APPROVAL OF NAMES AND TERMS INVOLVED IN TRADE-MARK REGISTRATION

Referring to items in recent issues of Service and Regulatory Announcements containing lists of names and words approved for all establishments for application by means of stencils, box dies or brands, the bureau's attention has been called to the alleged trade-mark registration of certain names and terms included in the list. The bureau has no jurisdiction in matters of trade-mark registration and under the Federal meat-inspection laws and regulations has no alternative other than to approve and permit the use of names and terms which are not false and deceptive in relation to products with which they are to be employed. Such approval carries with it no authority for the use of the marking involved in contravention of other Federal statutes, including those incident to trade-mark registration.

TRIMMINGS AND ORGANS FROZEN IN BLOCKS

It will be noted that the announcement May, 1924, entitled "Trimnings and Organs Frozen in Blocks" refers particularly to sanitary protection, legible inspection marks at destination, and to the use of paper which disintegrates.

The order is not retroactive but is applicable to coverings applied to the articles in question subsequent to the receipt of the announcement.

Full carload lots of trimmings and organs frozen in blocks may be shipped between official establishments in clean cars properly equipped without covering individual blocks and without inspection marks other than the regular bureau car seals applied to the cars.

Coverings are not required for the process of freezing the blocks in official establishments, or when the blocks are to be utilized in preparing product within the establishment where frozen, but when shipment is made in other than full carload lots the blocks shall be covered and marked as indicated in the announcement.

Cheesecloth or light muslin coverings are inadequate and not acceptable where protection from contamination in shipment and legible marks of inspection on the packages at destination are essential. Whenever coverings are required, as indicated above, they shall be of materials such as heavy muslin, canvas, wood, or heavy burlap lined with cheesecloth.

If establishments desire to use as a lining for cheesecloth or similar covering genuine parchment paper which will not disintegrate in contact with the product, the bureau will give the matter consideration upon submission of samples of the paper.

HOG STICK WOUNDS

The traveling inspector recently reported that the inspector in charge of the Federal meat-inspection service at Sioux City, Iowa, has given particular attention to reducing to a minimum the exposure of cut surfaces of the necks of hogs to contamination in the scalding tub. With this in mind he has succeeded in inducing establishments to make very small stick wounds no larger than the thickness and width of the sticking knife. In sticking, the knife is inserted inward and upward in the median line of the neck at a point level with the knee of the hanging front leg. This permits the flowing blood to leave the carcass without lodgment at the lower end of the wound. None of the establishments have offered objection and no improper bleeding has been noted.

APPROVAL OF STENCILS, BOX DIES, AND BRANDS

Referring to previous notices on the subject contained in Service and Regulatory Announcements, the following is a supplemental list of names and terms approved for all establishments, for application by means of stencils, box dies or brands, and such markings may be applied individually or in combination with other approved markings, provided the combinations are applicable to the product, are not inconsistent and do not result in false or deceptive labeling.

Any of the words or names may be applied in singular or plural form as may be appropriate.

Aceite de Semilla de Algodon (cottonseed oil ¹).	Keep.	Rollet (roll ¹).
American.	Kielbasa (sausage ¹).	Rolling.
Amerika.	Kiski (sausage ¹).	Salmoura (salt).
Banha (lard ¹).	Klobask (sausage ¹).	Sandwich (not applicable as a true name of product).
Block (ed).	Kolbassy (sausage ¹).	Sausage with Tomato Sauce (product packed in tomato sauce; tomato sauce not a con- stituent of the sausage ¹).
Bruised.	Kups.	Schweineschmalz (lard ¹).
Canned.	Local.	Shaped.
Canning.	Manteca ² Artificial (lard substi- tute ¹).	Sheet.
Cerdo (hog).	Manteca Chicharron (lard ¹).	Shin.
Chanco (pig).	Marca (brand).	Sow.
Cloth.	Marka (brand).	Superfine Brand.
Colored.	Midget.	Sustituida (substitute).
Common.	Muscle.	Tenderlets (tenderloin pieces ¹).
Cone.	Only.	The.
Club.	Pancreatic.	Touchinho (bacon or lard ¹).
de (of).	Pastry.	Trade Mark.
Defumado (smoked).	Pieces.	Underlips.
Delicacy.	Pigmy.	Wiener Style.
Elaborada (made).	Puerco (hog).	Wurst (sausage ¹).
Em (in).	Pura.	y (and).
Granosa (grainy).	Refinada (refined).	
Food.	Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.	
Imports des Etats Unis (Im- ported from the United States).	Registered.	
	Roasting.	

¹ Products to which applicable.

SOUTHEASTERN TEXAS VISITED BY FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

The following account of the foot-and-mouth situation was issued on September 27:

"The appearance of foot-and-mouth disease on a ranch 15 miles south of Houston, Tex., has resulted in an order by the United States Department of Agriculture quarantining Galveston and Harris Counties and portions of Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties. The disease was not definitely diagnosed as the dread cattle scourge, foot-and-mouth disease, until Saturday, September 27, but telegraphic reports received by the department September 26 so clearly indicated the disease that quarantine orders were issued immediately that day and active control measures begun.

"The new outbreak is in no way connected with the infection which appeared in California last winter and which has been suppressed. A preliminary survey of the Texas situation gives strong indications that the infection entered surreptitiously from South America through a Gulf port.

"The Bureau of Animal Industry immediately assigned 42 experienced inspectors to the suppression of the disease in the region quarantined. Most of these veterinarians are on the ground, others being en route. Texas officials have signed a contract for cooperation, and steam shovels worked all Friday night preparing a trench for the slaughter of the infected cattle. The usual methods of quarantine, inspection, appraisal, slaughter, and deep burial, resulting in the suppression of other outbreaks, will be followed.

"J. Boog Scott, chairman of the Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas, and Dr. Leon Cloud, State veterinarian of Texas, are on the ground actively cooperating with Federal forces in directing the work. The United States Department of Agriculture is represented by Dr. L. J. Allen, inspector in charge of veterinary field work in Texas, and by Dr. T. W. Cole, his assistant. Dr. Marion Imes, a Federal veterinarian of long experience in foot-and-mouth disease control, is en route to Houston and will direct the Federal force in the work of eradication.

"Thus far the disease, which appeared in one outfit of 400 cattle, has spread to only one additional herd, on an adjacent ranch. The terrain is flat, cattle in the region are accustomed to being handled, and most of the surrounding ranches are under fence. In fact the conditions in general are favorable for the eradication work. The Department of Agriculture has notified livestock authorities and sanitary officials of the various States."

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION, AUGUST, 1924

Station	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats	Swine
Baltimore.....	7,758	1,816	9,089	-----	69,095
Brooklyn.....	5,115	7,960	25,552	-----	-----
Buffalo.....	7,588	2,878	9,937	-----	71,046
Chicago.....	165,032	39,115	245,328	32	504,174
Cincinnati.....	10,627	7,977	6,862	3	53,430
Cleveland.....	8,862	8,311	9,854	-----	62,377
Detroit.....	5,877	6,040	5,961	-----	80,739
Fort Worth.....	51,697	43,093	11,730	664	22,945
Indianapolis.....	15,341	3,294	7,074	-----	120,927
Jersey City.....	5,511	6,070	37,189	-----	46,087
Kansas City.....	103,100	45,421	86,044	383	178,794
Milwaukee.....	11,182	14,932	5,940	-----	58,261
National Stock Yards.....	33,679	10,622	43,384	79	91,734
New York.....	29,323	43,680	141,081	27	73,202
Omaha.....	77,506	6,852	153,547	16	177,003
Philadelphia.....	8,399	7,022	16,347	-----	68,736
St. Louis.....	16,209	3,992	8,151	-----	136,590
Sioux City.....	27,508	1,991	8,835	-----	170,749
South St. Joseph.....	33,125	11,788	60,617	-----	89,768
South St. Paul.....	27,708	29,928	24,663	-----	113,772
All other establishments.....	134,834	72,698	145,923	340	880,777
Total: August, 1924.....	785,981	374,480	1,063,108	1,544	3,070,206
August, 1923.....	820,514	402,643	956,580	1,687	3,556,039
8 months ended August, 1924.....	5,828,854	3,234,475	7,771,763	18,095	35,276,289
8 months ended August, 1923.....	5,798,043	3,052,234	7,599,841	11,570	34,548,970

Horses slaughtered at all establishments, August, 1924, 586. Inspections of lard at all establishments, 127,481,793 pounds; compound and other substitutes, 26,484,713 pounds. Corresponding inspections for August, 1923: Lard, 153,604,722 pounds; compound and other substitutes, 32,621,465 pounds. (These totals do not represent actual production, as the same lard or compound may have been inspected and recorded more than once in the process of manufacture.)

CARCASSES CONDEMNED DURING JULY, 1924

Cause	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Swine
Emaciation.....	231	71	154	78
Hog cholera.....				913
Inflammatory diseases.....	457	109	259	1,769
Immaturity.....		84		
Tuberculosis.....	3,965	79		9,973
All other causes.....	757	199	266	4,529
Total.....	5,410	542	679	17,262

IMPORTS OF FOOD ANIMALS AND OF MEATS AND FOOD PRODUCTS

The statements following show the imports of food animals and of meats and meat food products inspected by the Bureau of Animal Industry, during August, 1924, with figures for other periods for comparison.

Imports of food animals

Country of export	Cattle	Swine	Sheep	Goats
Mexico.....	6,815			
Canada.....	16,671	4,093	534	7
Total: August, 1924.....	23,486	4,093	534	7
August, 1923.....	17,645	159	4,005	35
8 months ended August, 1924.....	123,669	11,264	26,077	7,728
8 months ended August, 1923.....	75,663	1,744	19,449	110

Imports of meats and meat food products

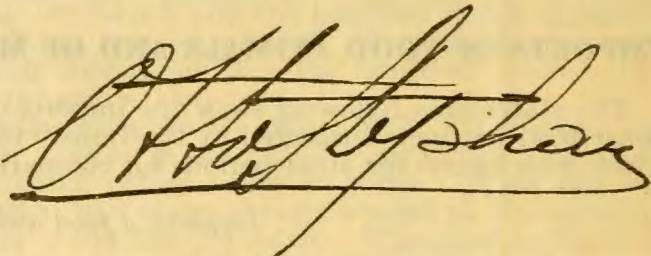
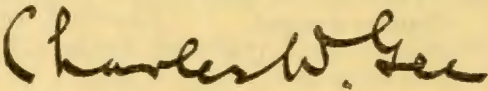
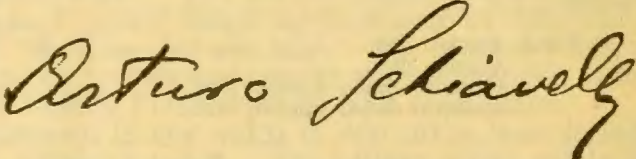
Country of export	Fresh and refrigerated		Canned and cured	Other products	Total weight
	Beef	Other			
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Argentina.....	132,958	10,832	1,116,390	195,634	1,455,814
Canada.....	525,103	743,099	14,376	61,546	1,344,124
Uruguay.....	67,600		163,480	30,531	261,611
Other countries.....		8,687	16,996	26,249	51,932
Total: August, 1924.....	725,661	762,618	1,311,242	313,960	3,113,481
August, 1923.....	1,350,392	341,882	1,010,397	3,132	2,705,803
8 months ended August, 1924.....	9,603,027	7,255,956	7,996,795	1,333,927	26,189,705
8 months ended August, 1923.....	5,089,220	7,442,871	8,421,495	817,875	21,771,461

Condemned in August, 1924: Beef, 96 pounds; pork, 147 pounds; total, 243 pounds.

Refused entry: Beef, 18 pounds; veal, 90 pounds; total, 108 pounds.

FOREIGN OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN INSPECTION CERTIFICATES FOR MEAT AND PRODUCTS FOR IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED STATES

The following are additional names, addresses, and facsimile signatures of foreign national Government officials authorized to sign and issue certificates of inspection for meat and meat food products offered for importation into the United States:

Country and name	Signature
BRAZIL	
Otto Stephan	
ENGLAND	
Charles W. Gee	
ITALY	
Arturo Schiavelli	

Name Removed From List

The name of Dr. Guiseppe Mirabella, of Italy, has been dropped from the department's list of foreign officials authorized to sign and issue meat-inspection certificates for meat and meat food products exported to the United States, his authority having been revoked by his national government.

LICENSES FOR VETINARY BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, SEPTEMBER, 1924

LICENSES ISSUED

License No.	Date	Name and address of firm	Products
21	1924 Sept. 23	Continental Serum Laboratories Co., Isett Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa.	Mixed bacterin (avian).
52	Sept. 23	The Cutter Laboratory, Sixth and Grayson Streets, Berkeley, Calif.	Hemorrhagic-septicemia bacterin.
107	Sept. 2	Jensen-Salsbery Laboratories (Inc.), 520 West Pennway, Kansas City, Mo., and Shawnee Road and Forest Avenue, Kansas City, Kans.	Do.
107	Sept. 23	do	Anti-hemorrhagic-septicemia serum.
183	Sept. 19	Williams-Hoffman Serum Co., 322 North First Street, Kansas City, Kans.	Anti-hog-cholera serum; hog-cholera virus.

ANTI-HOG-CHOLERA SERUM AND HOG-CHOLERA VIRUS PRODUCED UNDER UNITED STATES VETERINARY LICENSE, AUGUST, 1924

Serum			Virus	
Ordinary	Clear	Total	Simultane- ous	Hyper- immunizing
<i>C. c.</i> 44, 797, 561	<i>C. c.</i> 15, 647, 672	<i>C. c.</i> 60, 445, 233	<i>C. c.</i> 4, 746, 448	<i>C. c.</i> 13, 694, 331.

SUMMARY OF TUBERCULOSIS-ERADICATION WORK IN COOPERA- TION WITH THE VARIOUS STATES, AUGUST, 1924

State	Tuberculin tests during month			Total to date			Inspector in charge	State official
	Herds or lots	Cat- tle test- ed	Cat- tle re- acted	Once- tested free herds	Ac- cred- ited herds	Herds under super- vision		
Ala.....	238	2, 096	5	1, 623	168	2, 174	R. E. Jackson.....	C. A. Cary, Auburn.
Ariz.....	98	1, 055	10	2, 327	10	2, 861	F. L. Schneider.....	S. E. Douglas, Phoenix.
Ark.....				834	45	967	L. E. Lyons.....	J. H. Bux, Little Rock.
Calif.....				2, 004	25	2, 174	R. Snyder.....	J. P. Iverson, Sacramento.
Colo.....	23	627	6	1, 105	27	1, 318	W. E. Howe.....	C. G. Lamb, Denver.
Conn.....	114	1, 969	60	1, 445	495	1, 736	R. L. Smith.....	J. M. Whittlesey, Hartford.
Del.....	125	1, 401	111	1, 467	771	2, 807	W. G. Middleton.....	O. A. Newton, Bridgeville.
D. C.....				270	10	288	J. A. Kiernan.....	
Fla.....	162	2, 375	17	5, 084	316	6, 034	J. G. Fish.....	J. V. Knapp, Tallahassee.
Ga.....	101	1, 704	6	3, 891	45	4, 661	A. L. Hirleman.....	P. F. Bahnsen, Atlanta.
Idaho.....	134	1, 352	15	15, 086	93	16, 989	W. A. Sullivan.....	W. R. Smith, Boise.
Ill.....	4, 141	40, 666	1, 961	1, 750	717	48, 078	J. J. Lintner.....	F. A. Laird, Springfield.
Ind.....	2, 356	19, 330	135	27, 807	7, 831	35, 934	J. E. Gibson.....	R. C. Julien, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	2, 598	42, 443	1, 038	32, 647	3, 756	49, 508	J. A. Barger.....	M. G. Thornburg, Des Moines.
Kans.....	138	3, 639	58	5, 788	976	6, 932	N. L. Townsend.....	J. H. Mercer, Topeka.
Ky.....	1, 570	9, 279	44	26, 196	274	30, 548	W. F. Biles.....	W. H. Simmons, Frankfort.
La.....	232	4, 074	108	1, 547	110	2, 076	A. F. Staub.....	E. P. Flower, Baton Rouge.
Me.....	787	6, 026	27	13, 235	1, 640	14, 345	J. B. Reidy.....	H. M. Tucker, Augusta.
Md.....	607	8, 590	661	2, 120	1, 179	6, 464	T. A. Ladson.....	James B. George, Baltimore.
Mass.....	124	2, 608	711	551	158	1, 171	E. A. Crossman.....	L. H. Howard, Boston.
Mich.....	4, 486	33, 031	812	50, 961	266	61, 429	T. S. Rich.....	H. W. Norton, jr., Lansing.
Minn.....	1, 682	32, 302	654	10, 700	4, 086	17, 761	W. J. Fretz.....	C. E. Cotton, St. Paul.
Miss.....	20	556	0	465	116	722	H. L. Fry.....	P. P. Garner, Jackson.
Mo.....	860	9, 920	92	47, 476	395	49, 140	Ralph Graham.....	H. A. Wilson, Jefferson City.
Mont.....	490	8, 183	34	17, 309	147	18, 092	J. W. Murdoch.....	W. J. Butler, Helena.
Nebr.....	783	9, 751	22	8, 436	362	9, 107	C. H. Hays.....	L. R. Cantwell, Lincoln.
Nev.....	99	928	3	1, 757	15	2, 373	F. E. Murray.....	Edward Records, Reno.
N. H.....	148	1, 267	30	1, 841	789	3, 248	E. A. Crossman.....	A. L. Felker, Concord.
N. J.....	223	3, 175	256	738	304	1, 465	W. G. Middleton.....	J. H. McNeil, Trenton.
N. Mex.....	88	914	2	2, 127	4	2, 340	F. L. Schneider.....	Mat Keenan, Albuquerque.
N. Y.....	3, 063	40, 117	4, 128	16, 933	8, 163	33, 446	H. B. Leonard.....	H. J. Henry, Albany.
N. C.....	5, 105	11, 562	37	109, 791	65	120, 325	W. C. Dendinger.....	Wm. Moore, Raleigh.
N. Dak.....	559	10, 385	109	14, 546	2, 501	19, 644	H. H. Cohenour.....	W. F. Crewe, Bismarck.
Ohio.....	1, 498	12, 620	512	22, 637	1, 420	26, 801	A. J. De Fosset.....	F. A. Zimmer, Columbus.
Okla.....	27	1, 083	7	236	411	669	C. J. Becker.....	J. A. Whitehurst, Oklahoma.
Oreg.....	1, 010	7, 763	91	24, 913	548	22, 663	S. B. Foster.....	W. H. Lytle, Salem.
Pa.....	2, 325	13, 529	310	18, 629	2, 849	23, 758	P. E. Quinn.....	T. E. Muncie, Harrisburg.
R. I.....	4	256	0	29	26	58	E. A. Crossman.....	T. E. Robinson, Providence.
S. C.....	137	1, 507	7	766	176	4, 485	W. K. Lewis.....	W. K. Lewis, Columbia.
S. Dak.....	79	2, 409	39	490	357	999	J. O. Wilson.....	A. E. Beaumont, Pierre.
Tenn.....	43	1, 030	2	154	385	12, 732	E. I. Smith.....	W. B. Lincoln, Nashville.
Texas.....	45	1, 794	23	687	240	1, 070	L. J. Allen.....	L. G. Cloud, Fort Worth.
Utah.....	630	4, 025	52	9, 143	102	10, 106	F. E. Murray.....	A. J. Webb, Salt Lake City.
Vt.....	261	4, 386	139	1, 801	2, 685	6, 869	L. H. Adams.....	Edward H. Jones, Mont- pelier.
Va.....	479	4, 569	50	1, 044	1, 230	2, 571	R. E. Brookbank.....	J. G. Ferneyhough, Rich- mond.
Wash.....	778	6, 196	75	24, 452	137	26, 239	J. C. Exline.....	L. C. Pelton, Olympia.
W. Va.....	388	3, 552	43	4, 462	510	4, 941	George W. Neff.....	J. H. Stewart, Charleston.
Wis.....	4, 714	85, 142	1, 278	41, 595	4, 318	50, 421	J. S. Healy.....	John D. Jones, jr., Madison.
Wyo.....				4, 627	9	5, 219	John T. Dallas.....	A. W. French, Cheyenne.
Total.....	43, 572	461, 186	13, 780	585, 522	51, 262	775, 758		

PERMITTED DISINFECTANT

In accordance with the provisions contained in the regulations of this department governing the interstate movement of livestock, (B. A. I. Order 273,) the bureau has granted permission for the use of "Mapco 50% Cresol Compound," manufactured by Michel & Pelton Co., 639 Howard Street, San Francisco, Calif., as a saponified cresol solution, in the general disinfection of cars, yards, and other premises.

PERMITTED DIP FOR CATTLE FOR TICKS

"Curts-Folse Lime and Sulphur Solution," a lime and sulphur dip, is permitted by the department in the official dipping of cattle and sheep for scabies. Dilutions permitted: For cattle, 1 gallon of the dip to not more than 15 gallons of water; for sheep, 1 gallon of the dip to not more than 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ gallons of water.

TELEGRAMS

Secretary's Memorandum 458, dated November 23, 1923, gives the following instructions about telegrams:

Employees filing official telegrams at field points in cases where messages can not be delivered during business hours on the day of filing sometimes fail to employ night-rate service as required by paragraph 81 of the Fiscal Regulations.

The superintendent of telegraph has been instructed to deliver all Washington incoming messages through the appropriate bureau visiting officers. A special report to chiefs of bureaus will be made in instances where day telegraph service appears to have been improperly employed, or where careless construction or the use of unnecessary words has occasioned an unnecessary charge against Government funds.

PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Secretary's Memorandum 501, dated September 10, 1924, indicates the policy of the department with regard to personnel as follows:

1. The present personnel policy contemplates that additions shall be made only where by reason of duly authorized increases in work or other equally specific causes such additions are shown to be absolutely necessary, and that reductions in force shall be made wherever practicable. Administrative officers of the department should canvass their personnel situations carefully now and at regular intervals hereafter in order to assure the maintenance of only the minimum force needed to perform effective work.

2. Recommendations for appointment should continue to indicate whether for the purpose of filling vacancies or to constitute increases in force. If the latter, it must be clearly shown in each case that the increase is necessary and the specific reason for it briefly stated.

3. Employees whose services can be dispensed with should be dropped from the rolls.

4. With the abolishing of the statutory rolls there is more opportunity than previously to clear the salary rolls of surplus employees or of those who do not give proper attention to their work, if there be such employees, not only for reasons of general economy in the expenditure of the taxpayer's money but also in order that funds may be made available to compensate adequately those employees who by reason of their capacity and industry become deserving of such recognition.

EMPLOYEES' ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

If an employee is absent without pay between the date of forwarding pay roll to Washington and the close of the month it will be unnecessary to advise the bureau *by wire*, as heretofore, unless the employee is quitting the service or there is a chance of his not working sufficient time in the next month to cover the overpayment.

Unless one of the above-mentioned conditions prevails the bureau should be advised of leave of absence without pay *by letter*, accompanied by a corrected time report and the necessary deduction made from the employee's salary claim for the following month.

These instructions will not apply to the month of June (the close of the fiscal year), since an overpayment in one fiscal year can not be deducted from a claim in another fiscal year. For the month of June, therefore, the bureau should be advised by wire (night message whenever possible) as heretofore.

These instructions will supersede those issued heretofore on this subject.

RESULTS OF PROSECUTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS

Penalties have been imposed in prosecutions for violations of regulatory laws, as reported to the bureau, as follows:

Livestock Quarantine Law

Walter L. Beale, Franklin, Va., interstate movement of two cows without inspection, dipping, and certification, \$100 fine.

Samuel W. Brey, Souderton, Pa., interstate shipment and transportation of cattle without tuberculin test, \$50 fine.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co., unloading clean cattle into other than "noninfectious" pens in the quarantined area, and failure thereafter to mark waybill "Southern cattle," \$200 fine.

Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western Railroad Co., interstate shipment of 1 dead hog in same car with live animals, \$100 fine.

Cincinnati Northern Railroad Co., shipping and accepting for interstate transportation 14 cattle without tuberculin test, \$100 fine.

Bruce N. Gordon, Greencastle, Pa., interstate movement of 12 heifers without tuberculin test (2 cases), \$100 fine.

W. H. Johnson, Pavo, Ga., causing a heifer to be transported in a private conveyance from the quarantined area of Florida into Georgia without inspection, dipping, and certification, and interstate transportation of said heifer without tuberculin test, \$25 fine.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault St. Marie Railway Co., interstate movement of Canadian cattle without marking waybills "Canadian cattle for immediate slaughter," \$100 fine.

St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co. (8 cases), failure to mark waybill "Southern cattle," \$1,200 fines.

Wabash Railway Co., accepting a dead hog for interstate transportation, \$100 fine.

Twenty-Eight-Hour Law

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co., \$100 fine.

The Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Co., \$100 fine.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Co., \$100 fine.

New York Central Railroad Co., \$100 fine.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Co. (4 cases), \$400 fines.

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Department Bulletin 1274. Cockleburs (Species of *Xanthium*) as Poisonous Plants. By C. Dwight Marsh, Glenwood C. Roe, and A. B. Clawson, Pathological Division. Pp. 24, pls. 4.

Farmers' Bulletin 876. Making Butter on the Farm. By William White, Dairy Division (now Bureau of Dairying). Revision. Pp. 22, figs. 18.

Farmers' Bulletin 1135. The Beef Calf. Revision. By E. W. Sheets, Animal Husbandry Division. Pp. 29, figs. 24.

Miscellaneous Circular 21. Posters Prepared by School Children in Milk-for-Health Programs. By Jessie M. Hoover, Dairy Division (now Bureau of Dairying). Pp. 8, figs. 5.

Amendment 26 to B. A. I. Order 287, to prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease in cattle, sheep, other ruminants, and swine. Effective September 26, 1924. P. 1.

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