

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1296.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF FROZEN EGGS.

On September 15, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed an information in the District Court of the United States for said district against the Omaha Cold Storage Co., a corporation, alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about October 7, 1910, from the State of Nebraska into the State of Missouri of a quantity of frozen eggs which were adulterated. The product was labeled: "Omaha Cold Storage Co., Omaha, Neb., Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co., St. Louis, Mo."

A microscopical examination of a sample of said product made by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, showed it to be a poor looking product, part of a dirty eggshell and excelsior found; mold present; appearance of spot eggs. A bacteriological examination showed the presence of an excessive number of organisms, including 1,000,000 *B. coli* group, indicating a filthy and decomposed animal substance. Adulteration was alleged for the reason that the product consisted of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance which had been mixed and packed with said product so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality.

On September 15, 1911, the defendant company entered a plea of nolo contendere and was fined \$25 and costs.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 20, 1912.*

