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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1932.

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

ADULTERATION OF MILK.

On June 29, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Pevely Dairy Co., a corporation, Albers, Ill., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on July 17, 1911, from the State of Illinois into the State of Missouri of a quantity of milk which was adulterated. The product bore no label.

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: 4,000,000 bacteria per cc., plain agar, after 2 days at 37° C.; 4,000,000 bacteria per cc., litmus lactose agar after 2 days at 37° C., 100 per cent acid; 100,000 *B. coli* group; 100,000 streptococci. Adulteration was alleged in the information for the reason that the product consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance, to wit, bacteria.

On September 3, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,

Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 12, 1912.

