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THE BEEF TRUST REPORT

A whitewashed beef trust is no better than the old varicored critter—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

Mr. Garfield seemed to forget that the people have a steak in the meat controversy.—Minneapolis Journal.

Some of the packers have been running at a loss, says Commissioner Garfield. Let's take up a collection.—Kansas City World.

Now the supreme court will have to apologize to the beef trust for sustaining the injunction of Judge Grosscup.—Philadelphia Record.

The beef trust made only about 22 per cent on their private car investment. The private car business seems to be also a private snap.—Birmingham News.

According to Commissioner Garfield's observation the beef trust wears no horns, and the "disposition of carcass" may be described as "mild and gentle."—Sioux City Journal.

Commissioner Garfield feels that he can not consistently class the beef trust with the bad ones. Perhaps the oil trust, which he is now investigating, may be found to be a good one, too.—Buffalo Times.

A medical journal has discovered the fact that the beef trust works under unsanitary conditions. However, it seems to be strong enough to sit up and take notice every day.—Kansas City World.

Commissioner of Corporations Garfield shook with suppressed sobs when he learned from the lips of the managers of the beef trust how they had been abused by the people.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

If it is really a fact that the net profits of the beef trust last year were less than 2 per cent on the capital invested, there is a mighty sum of money between the producers' narrow receipts and the consumers' extravagant outlay that is entirely unaccounted for. Who has the money?—Lincoln Journal.

Garfield's report on the beef trust leaves that combination in restraint of trade wearing a halo. The beef trust's record is perhaps like the drummer's expense account; there are probably things therein which are not visible to the naked eye.—Houston Post.

Commissioner Garfield has exploded the popular belief that the packing business, conducted strictly as such, is immensely profitable. It is necessary to engage in other occupations than merely dressing beef to "make both ends meet."—Chicago Journal.

The beef trust, of course, will not allow the whitewash of Commissioner Garfield to be wasted. They may use it in their sausages or, perhaps, in their canned tongue, for which it would an excellent coating. Anyhow, they'll use it and use it advantageously. For nothing is lost by the beef trust, you know, but the squeal.—Joplin Globe.

Isn't there a tremendous leak in the packing house business somewhere? The beef trust has been accused successively of beating down live stock prices, boosting prices of the dressed article and of underpaying labor. Yet, according to Commissioner Garfield's report, it is making a profit of only 99 cents a head on cattle. Who is getting the rest of it?—Chicago Daily Review.

Commissioner Garfield found that some of the private car lines paid profits at the rate of from 14 to 17 per cent. This is hardly to be believed. If that was the condition of the business the owners of the lines would sell twice as much stock as has been issued, and pocket the selling price of the stock rather than the profits. Garfield would have us believe that some of these trust promoters do not know how to play cards.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

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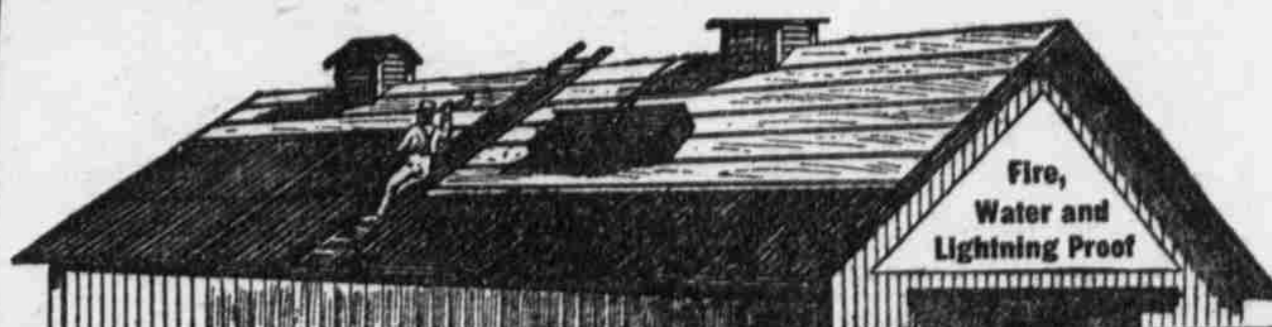
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