

THE NEW COMMODITY RATES.

Des Moines Shippers Expect Their Extension to That City.

A MEAT INSPECTION ORDINANCE.

Butchers Concoct a Law to Get a Monopoly of the Meat Market in Iowa's Capital-Making Rail-road Regulation Obnoxious.

Iowa Matters.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 7.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The shippers of this vicinity are waiting with much interest the developments in the new commodity rates. It is thought that the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City road will extend them to Des Moines and other Iowa points within a short time. They have been in effect northwest of Chicago to protect Chicago merchants against the competition of lake lines, and it is understood that Mr. Egans has threatened to introduce them to Iowa. This road, the "Diagonal," as it is called here, has done a great deal for Des Moines, in lowering rates, and while not what is called a very strong road, it has a great deal of fighting pluck, and is not afraid, if occasion requires, to buck against all the other roads in its territory. If the commodity rates are confined to car loads they will very materially help Des Moines jobbers. The new rates are in binding twine, canned goods, cement, soft coal, cordage, glass, axle grease, grist stones, nails, marble finished, soap, sugar, tin plate, and many other articles.

Meat Inspection for Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 7.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The city council of Des Moines has passed an ordinance requiring that all meat sold in the city shall be duly inspected before it is sold. This is the outcome of the agitation begun some time ago by local butchers to head off outside competition by the Armour meat company, Chicago meat was being sold in this city below the prevailing price and the local butchers wanted an ordinance forbidding the sale of any meat that had not been duly inspected before being offered for sale. The ordinance provides for the appointment of inspectors who are to pass upon all meat before it is slaughtered, or, if this cannot be done, the meat cannot be sold until an affidavit of at least one person is procured stating that the animal was in a healthy condition before being slaughtered, and that the meat is suitable for food. It is thought that the last proviso will let in the foreign competitors if they choose to come.

What Mrs. Foster Thinks.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 7.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, president of the Iowa W. C. T. U., was in town the past week and spoke very freely of the prohibition situation in this state and throughout the country. She has recently returned from Pennsylvania, where she took part in the campaign for the prohibitory amendment. She thinks that the liquor men will now concentrate their strength to have prohibition repealed in this state. When asked whether she favored repealing the question of prohibition in the state, she replied:

"I have no sympathy with that at all. I do not believe in it, and I do not believe that the majority of the people believe in it. The people have voted on this question, clearly expressing themselves beyond a doubt, and I have no reason to suppose that they have changed their minds." There has been some talk of trying to get the expression of public opinion on this subject at the next election. It has been suggested that the governor could ask the people to vote upon the repeal or continuance of prohibition when they voted at the coming election. The voice of course would have no legal effect, but would simply indicate the drift of public sentiment. But that idea has been abandoned as impractical, for it was discovered that both parties would vote on the issue for votes for state officers, and that a fair expression of public feeling would not be had. The opponents of prohibition are therefore urging instead, that the high license republicans combine with the democrats whenever they can by so doing, elect a member of the legislature, and thereby, if possible, get an amendment to the constitution to prohibit the sale of liquor.

Mr. Ralph was hunted up and asked his opinion on the subject. He had felt sure the ordinance was a wise and a sound one, and he had looked into the matter, and knew of two expert chemists who would do all the necessary work of analysis for the sum named if the city furnished the chemicals necessary in the experiments. He also thought the city should provide a small laboratory for conducting the analysis.

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Mr. Rosewater—Suppose all that were true, would not \$9,000 be a part of the fair construction of the statute?

Mr. Creighton—I admit that what is a fair construction of the statute, that as he has returned the \$8,000 here, he should have credit for it, so far as we understand.

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