MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF FOOD IS STORED HERE

Local Packers Hold Vast Quantities of Meat in Storage, Says Report of Assessor.

That enormous quantities of food are stored in Omaha cold storage warehouses, is shown by the latest statistics taken by Deputy County Assessor H. G. Counsman.

In one warehouse alone over 10,000,000 pounds of meat are stored by three local packing plants. The report further shows that in the same warehouse large quantities of fruit are stored by local commission firms.

The assessor's report, taken in April, shows that Swift & Co. have the largest amount of meat stored in this warehouse. When statistics were taken, this firm had 900,956 pounds of beef, 10,613 pounds of corned beef, 2,426,466 pounds of pork, 940,459 pounds of cured pork, 1,228,875 pounds of dry salt pork, 18,303 pounds of lamb and mutton, and a miscellaneous quantity of meat estimated at 1,188,438, making a total of 6,714,610 pounds.

Millions of Pounds.

The report shows that the Cudahy Packing Co. had a total of 1,402,688 pounds of meat, and the Morris Packing Co. a total of 2,133,533 pounds. The Armour Packing Co. stores all surplus meat in its own warehouse, according to Mr. Counsman, and does not make a separate report of the quantity stored.

"I never saw so much meat in my life," declared Mr. Counsman, "as I did when I checked up on these statistics. Other Omaha warehouses store smaller quantities of meat, of course, but the total amount is amazing.

"In this same warehouse the Skinner Packing Co. had 199,000 pounds of poultry stored.

"Although the report was taken in April, it is safe to assume that there is as much meat stored there now, if not more than there was in April."

Out of Law's Reach.

"There should be a new law making it a felony to store or destroy food stuffs to keep up prices," said County Attorney A. V. Shotwell, when told of the cold storage problem.

"There is no law in the state now making the malicious destruction of property by the owner an offense. If a man has 1,000,000 pounds of pork, he can dump it in the river without violating the law."

The state law on cold storage provides that food can be stored in warehouses for 12 months, and if permission from the food commissioner is obtained it may be kept for a longer period, providing the food is in the proper condition. The law says it is unlawful to advertise cold storage food as fresh for sale, and after it is once taken from storage it cannot be returned.

Unless there is a conspiracy to fix prices by storage to put food out of reach of the public, nothing can be done to remedy the cold storage situation, according to Mr. Shotwell, who also stated that he believed cold storage warehouses were being used to regulate prices.

Must Prove Conspiracy.

"Eidence of conspiracy would have to be proved beyond a doubt before any action can be taken," Mr. Shotwell continued. "There is a new law in Ohio which makes it possible to prosecute any one holding food stuffs in storage to profiteer, and the same law should be passed here.

"County Prosecutor Schlesinger of Columbus, O., has filed proceedings in the Franklin county court against the Columbus Packing Co. and the Fairmont Creamery Co. recently under this new law. He has asked the court for an injunction and a receiver for 151,611 pounds of pork which he alleges the creamery company has had in storage for the packing company in excess of the period stated by the law and for the purpose of profiteering."

Store Hides, Too.

In addition to the hundreds of thousands of pounds of meats and other foodstuffs stored in Omaha, as shown by the figures of Mr. Counsman, it is reliably reported from other sources that the packers also have stored in and around Omaha many thousands of hides, to keep them off the market.

Zimman Confers With Commission Men On Municipal Market

City Commissioner Zimman held a meeting yesterday with the heads of the vegetable and fruit commission houses on "commission row" in the interests of the municipal market.

"My object was to get the commission men to co-operate with the municipal market and grocery to the extent of giving the gardeners free scope to deal with the city market on the same basis as they do with the commission men and retail grocers," he said.

"The commission men showed a fine spirit and said they would certainly interpose no objections to the gardeners doing this.

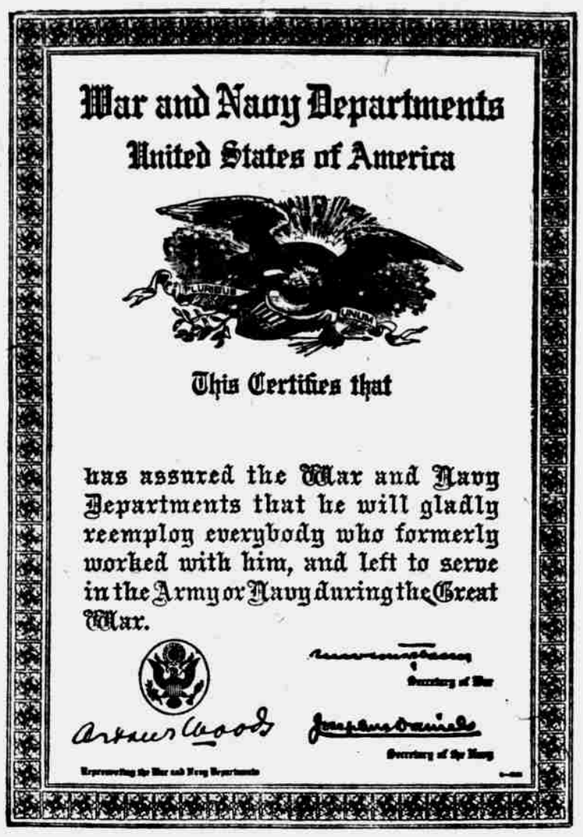
"I expect to have a meeting also with the gardeners and another with the representatives of the retail grocers.

"A number of men have already applied to rent stalls in the municipal market in the basement of the Auditorium. Everything is going well and it is possible the market with a few staple groceries in stock will be opened in the basement of the Auditorium next Saturday."

A report from the South Side that the municipal store to be located in the city hall there will be open Sunday mornings was denied by Mr. Zimman.

"The city store cannot very well disobey the city ordinance, which prohibits the opening of grocery stores on Sunday," he said.

Honor Legion for Men Who Give Jobs to Returned Yanks



Certificates of this kind are awarded employers who either give returned soldiers and sailors their jobs back or place them in new positions. The Army or Navy departments, respectively, award the certificates.

DOCTOR IS SUED FOR $15,000 BY YOUNG WOMAN

Miss Gertrude Wright Says Employer Struck and Kicked Her as Result of Argument.

Miss Gertrude V. Wright, 21 years old, 2423 St. Marys avenue, yesterday filed a $15,000 damage suit in district court against Dr. Charles E. Barnes, 518 Securities building. She alleges that on July 29, while she was employed in his offices, he struck and kicked her as the result of an argument.

She was about to go on an errand, Miss Wright says, when the doctor asked her why she didn't comb her hair, and made an insulting remark about her appearance.

"You brute, don't say that or I'll have you arrested," Miss Wright quotes herself as saying.

She alleges that the doctor then struck her and threatened to dissect her if she called the police. She fled into another room in the doctor's office, she says, and he followed her and attempted to choke her.

Two boys entered the waiting room of the office, and he released her, she alleges. The doctor weighs 250 pounds, she asserts, while she is "a small girl of tender years."

Friends of Dr. Barnes brand the charges as "false and ridiculous."

Horse Show Scenes For Omaha Movie Are 'Shot' at Brandeis Home

Horse show scenes for the Chamber of Commerce motion picture "East Meets West," were taken yesterday at the home of George Brandeis in Fairacres. The scenes were filmed on the Brandeis race track grounds. Mrs. E. John Brandeis rode "Fashion Plate," the horse which she rode at the Chicago horse show and which took a prize there.

Miss Grace Allison and Miss Daphne Peters, two accomplished horse women who are prominent in Omaha society, also rode their horses in the picture. Among the men who rode for the picture are Frank McCaffrey, Bert Murphy, John Garvey, Dr. John Fitzgibbon, Frank Stockdale and E. John Brandeis.

Pvt. George Bennett, Omaha Soldier, Loses Life In Far-off Siberia

Word was received here Tuesday night from the War department at Washington of the death of Pvt. George W. Bennett in Siberia. According to the advice sent to his mother, Mrs. Mary Bausnick, 915 South Twenty-fifth street, Private Bennett lost his life August 3 by drowning. The telegram did not give the details.

Private Bennett was a member of Company G, Thirty-first infantry. He enlisted in the army May 27, 1918. Mrs. Bausnick received two letters from her son Monday. They were dated July 6 and 8. Besides his mother, Private Bennett is survived by one sister, Miss Margaret Bennett, and two brothers, William and Frank Bennett, all of Omaha.

Boys Entered in Airplane Contest Hear Expert Lecture

Arthur Balis, former airplane instructor in the army, entertained as many boys as could be crowded into the Burgess-Nash lecture room yesterday, when he talked on the construction of planes.

Practically every boy present at the lecture has entered or is planning to enter the Burgess-Nash airplane contest to be held at Miller park Saturday afternoon. So many boys were late in finishing their planes that the Burgess-Nash Co. extended the time of taking entries until 2:30 Saturday afternoon, when boys can enter their plane at the Miller park clubhouse.

Four prizes are to be given for planes making the longest distance. Men from the three newspapers will act as judges.

The Bee's Fund for Free Milk and Ice

"I realize what BABIES SUFFER in this HOT WEATHER," says a contributor to the fund from Lyons, Neb.

If we all realized that, the contributions to this fund would be even much greater than they are.

Remember—EVERY CENT that you give to this fund goes to buy milk or ice for a suffering baby in a family where the father is dead or gone and where the mother is bravely struggling against poverty and often against sickness.

It's just as though you went out yourself and gave it to the family, except that The Bee, through the visiting nurses, investigate every case very thoroughly so that only the really helpless and deserving get the milk.

We would like to have your contribution and assure you that it will go where it will do the maximum good to a really needy baby.

Will you SEND or BRING a contribution now?

Previously acknowledged	$771.85
From Two Babies	2.00
Mrs. S. Peterson, Cedar Rapids, Neb	1.00
Cash, Lyons, Neb.	2.00
W. C. T. U., St. Edwards, Neb.	2.00
Total	$778.85

More Omahans Arrive.

The following Omahans arrived recently in New York from overseas:

Headquarters Detachment, Fourth Division—Sergt. Udeal B. Jackson, 3164 South Thirteenth street; Pvt. Phillip H. Gell, 1801 North Twenty-fourth street; Pvt. George E. Noren, 922 North Twenty-fifth street; Corpl. Fred W. Henderson, 3524 Franklin street.

Company C, 58th Infantry—Corpl. Bert M. Rose, Twenty-second and O streets.

Company F, 58th Infantry—Pvt. Tony Slobotsky, 1902 Davenport street.