DENVER'S FIGHT ON FOOD TRUST

It Contains Many Features Familiar in the Salt Lake Situation.

CHARGES BY THE STATE.

They Are The Same as Those Made Here and Defense is Conducted On Similar Lines.

Salt Lake is keenly interested in the prosecution of the Denver Food trust by Attorney-General W. H. Dickson, and this is for the special reason that the Retail Merchant, published in Salt Lake, is but a counterpart of the Merchant's Index, published at Denver, and both are official organs of combines which are linked with other combines in all the principal American cities.

The news items of the Retail Merchant in Salt Lake formed the basis for the stir made here against the grocers and butchers, resulting finally in grand jury action. The news items of the Merchant's Index formed the basis for definite charges in Denver, and an application for an injunction dissolving the trust, instead of an investigation to determine whether one exists.

Here is the tell tale "caution" printed in the Index, which now forms the basis for the case in court:

"Push the goods protected by agreements. Cut out, as far as possible, all goods demoralized by price-cutters."

A LOCAL PARALLEL.

The policy is very similar to the one Lorenzo Jensen defended here to reporters during the first few weeks of interviews with him, and similar to his work against price cutting to make "leaders," as he explained it.

The "price committee" of the Denver combine came in for extensive and sarcastic treatment in Denver, and the defense for it was the same as that advanced here in public—just that it was a social committee to spread information, and not fix prices.

The argument of the Colorado attorney-general, by which he sought to convince the court that there existed a trust, contains the following paragraphs:

"I will convince the court," said he, "that there exists a combine such as is charged in the complaint and prayer for injunction. And I will show it from facts gleaned from the affidavits of these respondents. First, I will say that the retail grocers of Colorado are members of the Denver Grocers' association or of one or the other sixty-six local associations in Colorado; second, that the Retail Grocers' association is made up of the sixty-seven local bodies, through the fact that the president and secretary of each are members; third, that the Denver local association publishes a rating book with a list of protected articles; fourth, that the said list of protected articles is furnished by the Denver local association to the publication committee of the state association; fifth, that the state association publishes the schedule of prices in a journal known as the Merchant's Index; sixth, that the said protected prices are maintained by the retail dealers; seventh, that if the price is not maintained the retail dealer cannot purchase any more articles; eighth, that the articles purchased by the retail dealer are bought through the wholesale dealer or the jobber, and it is the latter who refuse to sell unless prices are maintained.

"These eight facts disclose the existence of a combination. We have on file A. J. Beckwith's affidavit setting out that George Simonson sends out cards regulating the retail trade on sugar, but pleading in defense that it is a fair rate.

HIGH PRICES FOR ALL.

"I have here a copy of the Merchants' Index, giving a list of officers of the Denver Retail Grocers' association and its various standing committees. Among these committees is the "price" committee, with C. Reddish as chairman. Reddish is quoted somewhere in the book as saying that a new price will have to be made on 'Beat-em All' soap, because the manufacturer says so. Then follows a list of protected goods, containing such items as pickles, tea, coffee, spice, sugar and flour, some of which are actual necessities.

"Again, the Merchants' Index announces that Kuner's pork and beans will have to be sold in future at two cans for a quarter, because the manufacturer says the cost of preparing them has advanced. It does not state that they will cost more to the dealer, but that he must maintain a higher scale of prices.

"On May 4 the Index reports a meeting of May 2, saying that the different points to be considered in the maintained prices for groceries were brought out by Mr. Reddish, who stated that the attention of the National association had been attracted to the Denver association, and that they have Denver in the front rank. They feel that the good accomplished for the grocer so far can hardly be measured.

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN

Attorneys for the defense objected to the reading of the Index, and this brought from the state's attorney a sarcastic commend:

"Why do you wish to shut the mouth of your official organ?" The objection to reading from the Index was overruled.

"Now," said Mr. Dickson, dropping the files, "all the facts I have spoken of have been brought out by the respondents. I would like to have them tell the court what is the necessity of a price committee in a social organization, or why it is necessary to have a sugar committee? We have shown that the wholesale dealer and the jobber refuse to sell to the retailer unless he maintains the price."

He quoted then the affidavit of J. E. Roach, telling how the wholesale dealers of Denver had refused to sell to him because he would not maintain listed prices. The respondents took exception to this producing affidavits to show that the reason Roach was denied the right to purchase from the wholesalers and jobbers was because he had been through bankruptcy proceedings.

TRUST BANKRUPTED HIM.

"Who forced him into bankruptcy?" thundered the attorney general. "It was the combine that drove him out of business in Longmont, and I will prove it when this case comes to trail."

By their own admission the Denver Retail Grocers' association is obliged to maintain a fixed scale of prices on certain "protected" goods or lose the right to deal in them by the manufacturer. The confession, buried in an affidavit from F. D. Thompson, S. W. Babcock, A. J. Beckwith and A. T. Sweet, presented by Atty. Ira C. Rothgerber and intended as a defense for the retailers of Denver who are charged by Atty. General Dickson with co-operating with the "food trust" to charge the consumers of Colorado 20 per cent more for the necessities of life than would be demanded in an open and competitive market, was the sensation of the hearing.

HOW TRUST DOES IT.

In an affidavit signed by John F. Rocho of Fort Collins and presented by the attorney general it was stated that Rocho had attempted to sell 18 pounds of sugar for $1, when the combine had fixed the amount at 14 pounds, and that as a result he was refused the right to buy any more goods. To combat this, Atty. Ralph Stevens, for part of the combine, put H. A. Galbraith on the stand and he denied emphatically ever hearing of Rocho.

The defense in Denver echoes many familiar phrases to Salt Lakers who were in the cross-fire of October and November charges and replies. One affidavit was as follows:

THREATENS A FAMINE.

George Simonton declared in a forceful affidavit that if the price of foodstuffs is reduced 3 per cent as a result of the attorney general's campaign it will put the retailers out of busines and create a famine in Colorado.

He quoted figures to show that the dealer makes little out of the handling of sugar. According to his statement, the average price in 1906 of beet sugar (wholesale) was $5.16½ per sack of 100 pounds and in 1907 $5.29½. The request, he said, sent out to dealers by the Merchants' association was only on granulated sugar. In March of this year the profit to the dealer on sugar was 15 per cent.

CUT RAW MATERIAL.

"The only way," Mr. Simonson says, "to reduce the cost of living is to lower the price on grain, wheat, beets and other raw materials, or to cheapen the cost of manufacture."

For the year ending Oct. 1, 1907, Mr Simonson said that 71.9 per cent of the sugar consumed in Colorado was made from beets. He cited the fact that since the establishment of the Retail Merchants' association there have been fewer failures among the grocerymen of the state, contending that better business methods had been in vogue.

MISS MAUD MAY BABCOCK.

The recital to be given this evening in Barratt hall by Maud May Babcock, will be one of the literary events of the season.

It is Booth Tarkington's "Monsieur Beaucaire" that is to be read; not the drama, which is somewhat hard to follow, but the story as written by Mr. Tarkington. This is really a great work of fiction; it is full of appeals to universal interest; and its fine purpose and brilliant language cannot too often be recalled. After all, the best works of literature are not appreciated till they are read aloud; and they are read by some one who can read.

Then, too, it is Miss Babcock who is to do the reading of this beautiful story this evening. She is one of the state's own artists, and one of the best readers in the country. Her whole life has been devoted to her art. Wherever she has learned that she could add a touch here and there to her work, she has hesitated at no pains to do so. This is her first appearance before a Salt Lake audience, since her return from Europe, and all her friends have been looking forward to this evening's reading. And tonight she reads her favorite selection, "Monsieur Beaucaire."

Too much encouragement cannot be given to the cultivation of the higher arts of expression among the people. Hitherto this side of life has not received the consideration is deserved, because the conditions in western life were not, until lately, very favorable to its growth, and so nearly all of the entertaining in this department was at one time furnished by eastern talent. But now that day is past. Such artistic readers as Miss Babcock have appeared. Her recent readings before the most critical audiences of Philadelphia, Boston, and other eastern cities, have added laurels, not only to her own art, but to Utah, her adopted state.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Alma Eglund Seriously Injured in Runaway Yesterday.

Alma Eglund, a farmer living south of the city, was seriously injured in a peculiar runaway yesterday afternoon. He, in company with Peter Madsen of Holliday, was driving along the road in a cart, when a team belonging to W. A. Wayman started to run, going in the same direction as was Eglund. A wheel of the wagon interlocked with a wheel of the cart, and the latter vehicle was dragged along with the three maddened horses. Mr. Madsen was thrown off and escaped injury, but Mr. Eglund became tangled and was dragge a long distance before he was released. He was unconscious when picked up, but soon recovered.

REGARDING BP. SPALDING.

Bishop Spalding of the Episcopal church is traveling in the east in the interest of church work in Utah. The Churchman, in a recent issue, says of him: "The bishop of Utah recently spent three days in the city of Pittsburg. On Friday afternoon, Nov. 22, he addressed a meeting held under the auspieces of the Pittsburg branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, at Trinity parish house, on 'Nurses and Nursing in Mormondom.' In the evening of the same day he spoke to a meeting in charge of the young men of Christ church, Allegheny. On Sunday morning he preached at St. Thomas' Memorial church, Oakmont; and in the afternoon and evening delivered missionary addresses at the Church of the Ascension and at St. Peter's, Pittsburg. On Monday he went to Erie to spend a few days with his former parishioners at St. Paul's, where he preached the sermon at the service on Thanksgiving day."

Bishop Spalding has been appointed to preach the sermon at the consecration of the Rev. Edward J. Knight, bishop-elect of Western Colorado, at Trenton, N. J., on Dec. 19th. He expects to reach this city by Jan. 1 and to preach in the Cathedral on the first Sunday in January.

FUNERAL OF ABEL J. FLINT.

Death of Well Known Citzen Follows Operation for Appendicitis.

Funeral services over the remains of Abel J. Flint were held Wednesday at the Twenty-second ward meetinghouse, under the direction of Bishop Alfred Solomon. The following named Elders were speakers of the occasion: L. C. Hardy, Samuel Holmes, John L. Nebeker, Samuel Jenkins, A. F. Barnes, William H. Hepworth and Thomas N. Blake, all of whom spoke of the upright life of deceased.

Mr. Flint died Monday of this week, following an operation for appendicitis. It was confidentialy believed that he would recover, but two days before the end came he told his wife that his time had come to go, and that the end would come on Monday. He was 48 years of age, and is survived by a wife and five children. Only a few days before his brother George was killed in a runaway accident at Parker, Idaho. The latter was 44 years old.

ARCHAELOGICAL SOCIETY.

Regular Meeting Saturday Will be Devoted to San Juan Expedition.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 14, the Utah Archaeological Society of Utah will hold its regular meeting in the library building at the University of Utah. Mrs. Byron Cummings will be the hostess of the evening. The following program will be rendered:

Music—University Glee club.

"Some Impressions of a Newspaperman on an Expedition to San Juan, 1907"—Burl Armstrong.

"San Juan Experience of an Artist who Became Cook"—Neil Judd.

"What San Juan Holds for Us"—Prof. Byron Cummings.

Election of officers.

Music—University Glee club.

MISS EVANS PERTURBED.

Thinks She Was Misused in McEnery Matter.

Miss Edith Evans, who has filed suit against Dr. William McEnery, is quoted this morning as follows:

"I am now firmly convinced that I was used simply for the purpose of forcing Dr. McEnery to relinquish the guardianship of Isabel McLaughlin, and now that they have obtained this result they are trying to discredit my story of wrongs I have suffered at the hands of Dr. McEnery and have ceased their fight with him." Miss Evans is evidently worrying considerably over the story printed some days ago under a San Francisco date line from which it appeared Prof. McLaughlin, co-administrator for Isabel McLaughlin, and Dr. McEnery, the other guardian, had made up after the former had compelled the physician to relinquish any claim upon Miss McLaughlin because of the statements made by Miss Evans.

BAD BOYS AND GIRLS.

Juvenile Court Report Shows Large Number of Delinquencies.

The report of the juvenile court for the Third judicial district was handed to Gov. Cutler yesterday. The report shows that during the year 771 boys and 102 girls have been haled before the bench for various delinquencies. From the record of the court, comparatively analysed, the girls are twice as bad as the boys, for 3.5 per cent of the boys before the court have been committed to the industrial school, while 7.8 per cent of the girls before the court have been committed. However, from the number of arrests, it would appear that there are about seven times as many bad boys in Salt Lake as there are bad girls.

Another showing against the girls is that while only 1.1 of the boys arrested used intoxicants to excess, 3 per cent of the girls were addicted to the same excess. The majority of cases against boys were for malicious mischief and stealing, while immoral conduct or incorrigibility were charged against the greater number of girls.

PEOA.

SERIOUS SAWMILL ACCIDENT.

Benjamin Miles the Victim—Epidemic of Measles.

Special Correspondence.

Peoa, Summit Co., Dec. 12.—Snow began to fall here on the evening of the 10th and continued until the evening of the 11th; there is now about five inches on the ground. The weather this fall has been ideal for teaming and farm work up to the 10th.

A large number of citzens from here have been out the past few days searching for Mrs. Simpson, the lady from Kamas, who wandered away from home a week ago today. No trace of her has been found so far.

SAWMILL ACCIDENT.

Benjamin Miles, son of B. F. Miles of Peoa, while working at a saw mill, fell and hurt himself severely about two weeks ago; the young man was brought home, blood poison had got in and Dr. Dannenberg of Kamas was called in. The patient was taken to Kamas for treatment and at last report was much better and in a fair way of recovery.

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES.

The district school was closed for two weeks in the latter part of November, owing to a majority of the pupils being taken with measles. The disease was in 30 families and up to date, there have been 87 cases.

George E. Wilkins has just returned from Vernal, where he has been to file on some land in Uintah county and where he will make his future home. Mr. Wilkins is one of the prominent young men of Summit county and will be appreciated in his new home, as he has been here, by all who know him.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE.

The famous Giant's causeway in the north of Ireland, familiar to every one who has studied geography, is about to be removed to the United States, according to a Belfast paper of a recent date. It is a formation of basaltic columns, and it is reported that these are to be packed in cases and shipped to Philadelphia.

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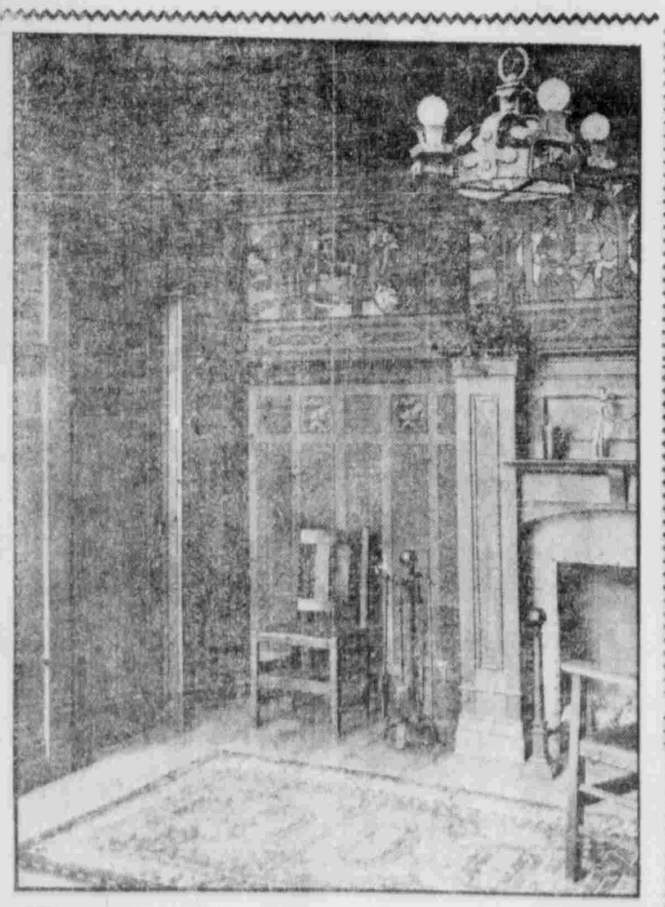

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