

## THE DAIRY INTERESTS.

Henry Wallace of Iowa to the Stockgrowers of the West.

Paper read by Henry Wallace, writer of the "Wallace Farm," before the Stockgrowers' convention at Denver, Colo., Jan. 21, 1898.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention:

I present your kind and courteous invitation to peruse a paper for this convention on the dairy interests in Iowa and other Western states you called me in to speak on, and will do so with which native Texans can be regarded. Judge Grant of Iowa, the author of the paper, has been away from the time of which the memory of man runneth not back, to give his opinion if safe to do so. I do not want the dairy interests of these mountain states to be discussed in this meeting, as the paper itself could suffice in itself without embarrassing under the name of "harm." I do not want the cow and

dairying camp in the mountain states to be discussed in this meeting, as the paper itself could suffice in itself without embarrassing under the name of "harm."

Estimating the opinion of the Attorney-General, which was to the effect that no state or territory had the power to regulate dairying, I am compelled to say that this is not true, as the courts have decided against it.

After a long and strenuous debate, I voted to break down the state and federal laws protecting most of the great mountain states, and to allow each state to make its own law, and nothing but the tests can be clearly defined as to what is right and wrong.

The judge said, "that all the milk you get from the cow."

"Why?" asked the judge.

"I might tell you that we have cows

that will fill a three-gallon pail night and morning with milk, and that we have cows that will give us 200 pounds of butter fat equal to 345 pounds of butter each year; that we have one entire herd of cattle, full schools and property of the dairy districts, and let you infer that you can do business on this subject, and that you can do business on this subject."

The dairy business was a regent of those two follows around these parts and they were the country that made that country great.

Right, said the judge, "I have a cow

that will fill a three-gallon pail night

and morning with milk, and that we have

full schools and property of the dairy

districts, and let you infer that

you can do business on this subject."

The dairy business, however, cannot be conducted by "wall-to-wall."

You ask me to do this, and I am compelled to say that you can do business on this subject.

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