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REPUBLICAN NEWS ITEM, Laporte Pa.,

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Philadelphia, April 17.—Governor Stone has been the recipient of many letters of commendation of the conduct of the office of dairy and food commissioner under his administration. These letters fiave come from farmers and others whose interests have been jeopardized by the attempts to impose upon the public in the sale of what is known as renovated butter. Other schemes in violation of the laws of this commonwealth passed to prevent the adulteration of food products and other impositions upon the reople have been unearthed and blocked by the officials attached to Governor Stone's administration, in accordance with his instructions to vigorously prosecute all violators of the law. Public attention has been attracted to this subject within the last few days by the numerous warrants sworn out as the result of investigations by state of ficials. No less than 18 warrants were issued upon affidavits of a representative of Food and Dairy Commissioner Levi Wells in one day last week in this city, in line with the determination to prosecute those against whom evidence of alleged violations of the laws shall be obtained.

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The department has a number of agents throughout the state and several in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia agents have collected in the past several months samples that have enabled the department to force manufacturers and grocers to take danger outs products of leomargaring range. racturers and grocers to take danger-ous products, oleomargarine, reno-vated butter, spices, vinegar, etc., en-tirely off the market. Some of the products, especially the admixtures of renovated butter and oleomargarine, require most careful analysis by the chemists in order to detect adultera-tion.

LAW TO BE ENFORCED.

The Philadelphia agents have collected and turned in to the chemist, Prof. F. A. Genth, Jr., in the last few months, over 150 samples of food products and prosecutions have been instituted in a large number of cases before several of the magistrates, and the cases now rest in the quarter sessions and common pleas courts for trial. The district attorney has promised his active support in prosecuting ised his active support in prosecuting the cases in his charge. The majority of the samples that have been collected are oleomargarine, sold in violation of the law.

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The act of assembly, passed at the last session, recognizes the right to sell oleomargarine and renovated butter, but requires those dealing in this product to mark it and sell it for what it is, without coloring marter to make it look like butter. A test case in the color clause was argued in No. 4 court and then in the superior court, and is now awaiting a decision upon appeal to the superior court. Should the higher courts of the state decide that the act touching the anti-color clause is constitutional, the law will be rigidly enforced throughout the state.

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Dealers in oleomargarine have the right to sell it under the act of assembly, providing they secure a license from the state, and providing they sell it for what it is, properly marked, in order that the public may not be deceived. The greater, amount of attention has been paid by the agents to the suppression of the sale of oleomargarine for butter, although the other food products that are frequently adulterated are not neglected, and many samples are turned in to the chemist for analysis, showing the grave necessity for the existence of this dairy and food department under the state government.

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The most beneficial result of the enforcement of the law is in the way of preventing adulteration. If it were not for the vigilance of the agents the whole tone of the trade would be de-moralized in a short while. The mar-ket would soon be flooded with adul-

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The work of the food and dairy commissioner of Governor Stone's administration had been so distinguished that Major Wells was elected president of the National Association of Food and Dairy Commissioners. This honor was given to him in recognition of the great progress made in Pennsylvania's system of laws and methods of administration. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the department has been the exposure of the terrible adulterations in the form of "renovated" butter and the passage of the law preventing fraudulent sales of pure butter. It is a far more injurious article than oleomargarine, accoring to all authorities and according to the common knowledge of the people. It formerly went for soap. The movement against this renovated butter has been followed by legislation in seven or eight states, copied after the statute drawn by Commissioner Wells and adopted in Pennsylvania. The movement has culminated in the agitation for national legislation on the subject. A bill is now pending in congress. This and the election of Commissioner Wells as the president of the National Association of Dairy and Food Commissioners shows how Pennsylvania has been recognized as leading the country in the pure food movement.

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Since the new and more stringent legislation was passed the sale has vastly decreased. He could only estimate how much it had fallen off, but agreed that the amount of renovated butter sold in this state is now many times the amount of oleomargarine. There are 460 dealers licensed to sell oleomargarine, and it is estimated that they sell on an average of 250 pounds a week, which would amount to 7,500 pounds a year. It is believed that there is 20 times as much renovated butter sold as there is oleomargarine. Probably 5 per cent of all the articles consumed for butter in the state is really colomargarine. The people of this state produce about 100,000,000 pounds of pure butter and consume about 220,000,000 of the yellow article, whether it be butter, oleo or what.

Commissioner Wells said that rancid butter is gathered up in great quantities in the west, shipped here and turned into the "renovated" article by boiling out the fat and putting it through milk. It is a far more injurious article than oleomargarine. Without the vigorous enforcement of the law the market would be flooded with this product displayed for creamery butter, and would do infinite injury to the farmers of this state.

"Our great aim has been the fair, thorough and general enforcement of the law," said Major Wells, "and after having pursued that purpose with all diligence with the six chemists and the 17 agents at our command we feel we have made a conscientious effort to perform our full duty and that our results speak for themselves."

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In a report to Governor Stone out-lining the work of this branch of the department of agriculture, since the passage of the "pure food bill." Secre-tary of Agriculture John Hamilton last week said: "That immediately upon the law go-ing into effect there were printed and

dispartment of agriculture, since the passage of the 'pure food bill.' Secretary of Agriculture John Hamilton last week said:

"That immediately upon the law going into effect there were printed and distributed to dealers throughout the state 10,000 copies of the removated butter law. Sultable record books were prepared and a form of license and placards were printed and agents were instructed to take samples of suspected good for analysis. The report of the commissioner shows that during the year 256 prosecutions for selling oleomargarine were found to be pure butter, 27 renovated butter and 300 were oleomargarine.

"During the year 256 prosecutions for selling oleomargarine were brought to a termination, either by magistrates or ignored by grand juries; 80 cases were pending Dec. 31, 1899, 402 suspected samples of loemargarine have been issued, and one license has been taken out for the manufacture of oleomargarine. The chemists reports are not all in, but the number of samples analyzed of oleomargarine reported as having been made since Jan. 1, 1900, 147 licenses to sell oleomargarine reported as having been made since Jan. 1, 1900, is 107. A number of samples analyzed of oleomargarine report that they have brought use in the city of Philadelphia.

"The department has been embarrassed in its dealing with the oleomargarine question, owing to a contest in the courts over the color clause of the late law. This provision has been on-tested both in Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and cases were brought in eacity to test its constitutionality. Decisions by the lower courts sustaining the law were rendered, in December, 1899, and in January, 1900, These cases were appealed to the superior court, and one Philadelphia case was argued in March, and a decision is expected in the courts, at the request of the summer of the law, and pending this decision the department is collecting evidence and is all recourts, at the request of the law, and pending this decision is handed down the way will then be clear for a more vigorous

gence.

"The oleomargarine cases, however, are only a portion of the large number that the pure food department is called upon to bring to trial. The total number of samples taken by the agents last year, including oleomargarine, was 1,169, and of these 1,026 were analyzed, and a large number of suits were brought, taxing both the time of our attorneys and that of the court."

Pennsylvania Republicans at their last state convention went on record in the most unqualified manner, under the leadership of Colonel Quay, Senator Penrose, Governor Stone, Attorney General Elkin, General Reeder and the other leaders of the stalwart element, in favor of the renomination of President McKinley in a sturdy endorsement of his administration. The Keystone commonwealth was one of the first in the Union to declare through the Republican organization for McKinley's renomination, and this sentiment will be reaffirmed here next week with emphasis.

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Coionel Quay may not be here to take part, although many of his friends are urging him to come, but he will be the recognized leader of the organization, and unless he positively declines the honor he will head the list of delegates-at-large to the national convention, which will virtually make him chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation.

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Senator Penrose will not be able to reach here before the mo ning on which the convention will be held. He proposes to remain in Washington until after the vote in the Quay case shall be taken. This is put down for 4 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, and while the announced purpose of the opponents of Colonel Quay is to do their utmost 10 defer final action

cision declaring the first oleomargarine law unconstitutional, about 11,000,000 pounds of the stuff was sold in Pennsylvania. There was little restraint Since the new and more stringent legislation was passed the sale has vastly

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