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Chapter 38.

An Act to regulate the sale of imitation Dairy Products.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 6, chapter 129, R. S., amended.

Section 1. Section six of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Imitations of butter or cheese not to be manufactured or sold.

‘Section 6. No person shall manufacture, sell, expose for sale or have in his possession with intent to sell, or take orders for the future delivery of any article, substance or compound made in imitation of yellow butter or cheese, and not made exclusively and wholly of cream or milk, or containing any fats, oil or grease not produced from milk or cream, whether said article, substance or compound be named oleo-margarine, butterine, or otherwise named.’

Oleo-margarine, furnishing of, regulated.

Section 2. No person shall furnish oleo-margarine in any hotel, restaurant or boarding house, or at any lunch counter, to a guest or patron thereof, instead of butter, without notifying said guest or patron that the substance so furnished is not butter.

Section 3. No person shall sell or offer for sale to any person who asks, sends or inquires for butter or cheese, any substance or compound made in imitation of butter or cheese.

Renovated butter shall be labeled as such.

Section 4. No person shall sell, offer or expose for sale any renovated butter, unless the words ‘renovated butter’ shall be conspicuously and plainly stamped, labeled or marked, so that said words cannot be easily defaced, upon the top and side of every tub, firkin, box or package containing said article or compound. The seller at retail of said article or compound, which is not in the original package, shall attach to each package so sold and deliver therewith to the purchaser a label or wrapper bearing in a conspicuous place upon the outside of the package the words ‘renovated butter.’

Penalty for violation of this act.

Section 5. Any person who violates any provision of the four preceding sections shall be punished for the first offense by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and for the second offense by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Section 8, chapter 129, R. S., amended.

Section 6. Section eight of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words “the two preceding sections” in the first line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words ‘this chapter,’ so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Butter and cheese defined.

‘Section 8. For the purposes of this chapter, the terms ‘butter’ and ‘cheese’ mean the products usually known by those

names, and which are manufactured exclusively from milk or cream, or both, with salt and rennet, and with or without coloring matter.'

Section 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 7, 1905.

Chapter 39.

An Act regulating the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture relating to the manufacture and sale of Dairy Products and their imitations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Section nine of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph of said section and inserting in the place thereof the following:

Section 9, chapter 60, R. S., amended.

'The commissioner of agriculture shall inquire into the methods of making butter and cheese in creameries or cheese factories, together with the methods of taking, preserving and testing samples of milk and cream in the same, investigate all dairy products and the production thereof, and shall disseminate such information as will tend to produce a better quality thereof. He shall act for the state in the enforcement of the laws relating to the production, sale or manufacture of milk, oleo-margarine or renovated butter;' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 9. The commissioner of agriculture shall inquire into the methods of making butter and cheese in creameries or cheese factories, together with the methods of taking, preserving and testing samples of milk and cream in the same, investigate all dairy products and the production thereof, and shall disseminate such information as will tend to produce a better quality thereof. He shall act for the state in the enforcement of the laws relating to the production, sale or manufacture of milk, oleo-margarine or renovated butter; and for the above purposes he may employ chemists, agents and counsel, as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of such laws; and for such expenses there shall be appropriated a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be allowed upon the approval of the governor and council upon the presentation of proper itemized vouchers.'

—commissioner of agriculture shall inquire into methods of making butter and cheese.

—shall act for state in enforcement of laws relating to sale of milk, oleo-margarine, etc.

Section 2. He and his agents and assistants shall have access to all places of business, factories, buildings, carriages and cars used in the manufacture, transportation or sale of dairy products

Shall have access to all factories.