

The Dairy.

FOR A NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Effort Being Made to Hold a National Convention of Dairy and Food Commissioners Next Year.

By the following correspondence it will be seen that a movement has been inaugurated to get all dairy and food commissioners together next year to discuss plans and exchange views in regard to the betterment and protection of the producers' interests:

Office of Ohio State Dairy Commission,)
COLUMBUS, O., May 7, 1897. }

"HON. E. A. McDONALD,
Tacoma, Wash.

"Dear Sir: At a conference held in Toledo last Monday between Hon. Elliott O. Grosvenor and myself, correspondence pertaining to a meeting of all the dairy and food commissioners of the United States was turned over to me to arrange, if possible, a time and place for said meeting.

"The points canvassed were Columbus, Chicago, Detroit, and Nashville during the exposition. I have taken up the matter with parties in each of these cities, and desire to know your preference, as well as the date that would suit you best. By the time answers are all in I hope to have sufficient data on which to base a definite announcement.

"The questions to come before this meeting are, in my opinion, of great importance, and we thought to consider:

"First—As far as possible to recommend uniform legislation to the various assemblies.

"Second—To consult and arrange to secure, as far as circumstances will allow, uniform rulings by the different departments on all questions pertaining to construction of law in mercantile interests.

"Third—To arrange as many standing committees as may be necessary to facilitate the consideration and determination of these questions.

"Fourth—To compare interests, experiences and office practices in the collection of evidence, the bringing of prosecutions and securing of convictions under the pure food laws.

"Fifth—To prevent goods that have been declared unwholesome or illegal to be sold in other states having pure food laws, and to consider and discuss any other questions of interest, officially or

personally, to the commissioners.

"Trusting you will promptly and heartily co-operate in these matters, and lend us the benefit of your experience, I am sincerely yours, J. E. BLACKBURN."

Office Wash. State Dairy Commission,)
TACOMA, Wash., May 22, 1897. }

"HON. JOSEPH E. BLACKBURN,
Columbus, Ohio.

"Dear Sir: I approve of your action and believe that a convention of the dairy and food commissioners would be instructive and productive of good results. It would put us in touch with each other and be instrumental in devising ways and means to checkmate the adulteration of food products which is carried on to such an alarming extent and injuring the health and prospects of our people. It would have the effect of causing the dairymen of the different states to work harmoniously in the legislatures for similar laws, and would so unite the farmers of the nation that their demands would be enacted, which would protect them against unscrupulous schemers who have to such a large extent demoralized our foreign trade in butter and cheese by the sale of oleomargarine as butter and filled cheese as full cream.

"The appropriation for the Washington Dairy Commission was cut down on the grounds of economy, so that every dollar must be carefully utilized in order to do justice to our dairy interests. For this reason I would not be justified in using the funds for the cause you so worthily advocate. I would most cheerfully co-operate with you if the appropriation was larger.

"I would favor Nashville, on account of the exposition, as the best point for the conference.

"Trusting that you will receive sufficient encouragement from the dairy states to justify you in calling a convention, I am respectfully,

"E. A. McDONALD."

CREAMERY NOTES.

BY FRED REDIG.

The new Whatcom creamery is handling 3,000 pounds of milk per day. The average test of milk is 4 per cent. The institution is controlled by a stock company capitalized at \$4,000, with 2.0 shareholders. The agreed price for manufac-

turing butter is 5c per pound. The machinery is operated by a 20 horse power boiler and engine. This creamery is a successful instance of the co-operative system, having been built by the farmers and business men of New Whatcom. Nearly all the grocery men are interested in it, and it is natural, therefore, that they handle the home product. The patrons allow the creamery to market the butter, and the grocers do not bid it in for trade. The groceries can handle the cash better than the butter. The farmer gets more out of milk by sending to the creamery than by making butter at home, for all farmers have not the facilities nor experience required to make good butter, and do not always find a market for it.

DAIRY DOTS.

William Verges, vice president of the Puget Sound Brewing Company, of Tacoma, informs us that his company no longer furnishes wet brewers' grains to dairymen for feed for their milch cows because the price has dropped gradually from \$10 to \$3 per ton. However, shortly

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