

MINIMUM ON LETTUCE.

Florida Dealer Thinks It Should Be Lower—Also on Celery.

Freight rates and the minimum and maximum on shipments are a matter of a great deal of importance to growers and dealers in Florida. The minimum on celery and lettuce is causing much feeling and the following letter, bearing on the subject which has been received from a Florida dealer is interesting:

"We have one matter in mind now, and that is a lower minimum on shipments of Florida lettuce and celery to many markets north of the Ohio river and west of the Mississippi river. These roads fix an arbitrary of 24,000 pounds, which is about 6,000 pounds in excess of the Armour maximum. If the shipper endeavors to comply with the railroad minimums on lettuce or celery moving under refrigeration it would constitute an overload according to the Armour maximums and the car line people compel shippers to release the Armour people from any liability in event contents arrive at destination in bad condition. If the shipper complies with the Armour conditions he is compelled to pay freight on the difference between the Armour maximum and the railroad's minimum, often amounting to 4,000 or 6,000 pounds per car. We can only say the Armour maximum is correct and should be adopted by the railroad people if they had any regard for the Florida growers and shippers of celery and lettuce.

"We have no complaint to make on the minimum weights into all the large eastern markets, which are practically the same as the Armour maximums. We have been working on the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line to induce these roads to secure a change in the minimum that would not work a hardship on the growers and shippers. So far, we have failed, although we find the lines north of the Ohio river, and west of the Mississippi are willing to favorably entertain any proposition if it originates either with the traffic department of the Atlantic Coast Line or the Seaboard Air Line. We regret to state that there is a lack of interest in the traffic departments of these roads in this matter. Will you, try what effect you can to have them bring about the desired results?"—New York Produce News.

Pure Food Congressional Conclusion. Our Special Washington correspondent says:

Prof. Wiley feels very sad these days. His little bluff has been called, and now his occupation is losing those features which made it attractive to him. No more can he scare the public to death by his howls about "those poisonous preservatives" that are used in food! The hearing of the House Committee on the pure food bills has settled that. The public have listened to Wiley's fearsome yelps about preservatives being poisonous until they thought a "preservative" was a cross between a Kansas cyclone and a Yaqui Indian with a free pass to Heaven thrown in. As a matter of fact, the testimony of the most eminent chemists and physicians given before the Committee shows that what are known as preservatives are nothing but various salts, and no more harmful in proper doses than table salt which is just as much a chemical as any of these preservatives, and is just as poisonous when taken in large doses. These same preservatives which Wiley is kicking about are to be found in nearly all fruits, placed there by nature, and in larger quantities than they are used today by the food men. It's high time we had some sensible legislation on this important subject, and choked off this sensational "yellow" chemist Wiley.

Invaluable for Rheumatism. I have been suffering for the past few years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liniment was the only thing that gave satisfaction and it tended to alleviate my pains. March 24, '02. Wm. C. Denman, Kingman, Ill. 25c, 50c. and \$1.00. All druggists.

Kentucky evidently wants the return of the "good old circus" with the daring horse back riders and the thrilling chariot races. Her legislature has imposed the following tax: Circuses, menageries, etc., \$1 for each 100 voters, and same for each separate exhibition.

The Best Cough Syrup. S. L. Appex, ex Probate Judge, Ottawa county, Kan., writes: "This is to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and that I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c, 50c. and \$1.00. All druggists.

The preachers have given up J. G. Rawlins, who is condemned to be hanged at Valdosta, as a hardened sinner, who cannot be reached by the gospel. One preacher exclaims that nothing but hell and a heap of it will satisfy him.

The edict that has gone forth that the guests of the Worldorf-Astoria must wear full dress suits at dinner is a bar against Florida editors stopping at this popular resort.

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