

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1409.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

MISBRANDING OF ALFALFA MEAL.

On December 9, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, acting upon a report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against the Wash. Co. Alfalfa Mixed Feed & Milling Co., a corporation, alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about January 20, 1911, from the State of Nebraska into the State of Iowa of a quantity of alfalfa meal which was misbranded. The product was labeled: "100 lbs., Alfalfa (Wash Meal Co., Trade Mark), Analysis: Protein 13%, Fat 2%, Fibre 25%. The Wash. Co., Alfalfa M. F. & Mill'g Co., Fort Calhoun, Neb." (on tag) "Iowa Feeding Stuffs Law, 100 pounds, W. B. Barry, Commissioner, No. E. 333522."

Analysis of a sample of said product, made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture, showed the following results: Moisture, 6.67 per cent; ether extract, 1.61 per cent; protein, 15.44 per cent; crude fibre, 32.11 per cent. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the label bore statements regarding the ingredients and substances contained in the product which statements were false and misleading, in this, that the product did not contain 2 per cent fat, but contained 1.61 per cent fat, and did not contain 25 per cent fibre, but contained 32.11 per cent fibre.

On December 30, 1911, the defendant entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$15 and costs.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 13, 1912.*

