

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2454.

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

U. S. v. 390 Boxes of Oranges. Decree of condemnation by consent. Goods destroyed.

ADULTERATION OF ORANGES.

On January 30, 1913, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 390 boxes of oranges, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages and in the possession of the Wabash Railroad upon its tracks in St. Louis, Mo., in a car marked and designated "S F R D 8498", alleging that the product had been shipped on or about January 25, 1913, from the State of California into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. Three hundred and ten boxes of the product were labeled: "California Fruit Growers Exchange. Crafton Brand Washington Navels, Packed by Crafton Orange Growers Assn., Redlands, Calif." Eighty boxes were labeled: "California Fruit Growers Exchange (design, picture of two ripe oranges, one green orange, orange blossoms, and a lake)." Each of the oranges bore a wrapper with the following label: "California Oranges and Lemons."

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that the oranges had been frozen and their tissues showed disintegration and said oranges had been made bitter by freezing, and had commenced to rot and decay as a result of such freezing, and were

light in weight and contained little juice, and the tissues showed discoloration by reason of said freezing, and the oranges were wholly unfit for food.

On February 3, 1912, the California Fruit Growers Exchange, at St. Louis, Mo., claimant, having entered its appearance, admitted the allegations in the libel, and consented to a decree and the court having found that the product had been shipped in interstate commerce, by the Crafton Orange Growers Association, Mentone, Cal., judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered. It was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

B. T. GALLOWAY,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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