

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1938.

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

MISBRANDING OF RAISINS.

On April 4, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Phoenix Packing Co., a corporation, Fresno, Cal., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about November 16, 1910, from the State of California into the State of Arizona, of a quantity of raisins which were misbranded. The product was labeled: "Bleached Phoenix Brand Tompson's Seedless Raisins. Packed by Phoenix Packing Co., Fresno, Cal. Natural product of the vine cured in the sun without use of chemicals. Packed in accordance with the National Pure Food Laws. Serial No. 3306."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Total sulphurous acid, 41.7 mg per kilo. Misbranding was alleged in the information for the reason that the product was packed in package form, to wit, in cartons, which cartons were labeled as set forth above, which said labels would lead the purchaser to believe that the product was the natural product of the vine, cured in the sun, without the use of chemicals, whereas, in truth and in fact, the product was bleached with sulphur.

On May 6, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$1.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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

