

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2656.

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

**U. S. v. 170 Barrels of Apple Cider. Decree of condemnation by default.
Product ordered sold.**

ADULTERATION OF APPLE CIDER.

On January 6, 1913, the United States Attorney for the District of Indiana, acting upon a report by the State Food and Drug Commissioner of Indiana, authorized 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 170 barrels of a product purporting to be apple cider remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages, 24 barrels of which were in the possession of Maas, Sanderson & Co., 17 barrels in the possession of John G. Neumann & Co., 6 barrels in the possession of Parsons & Scoville Co., 4 barrels in the possession of George W. Meitert, doing business under the name of Meitert Produce Co., 18 barrels in the possession of S. Kahn's Sons, 11 barrels in the possession of A. Broom & Co., and 21 barrels in the possession of Ragon Bros., all of Evansville, Ind., alleging that the product had been transported from the State of Michigan into the State of Indiana, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that it had mixed with it a certain substance, to wit, benzoic acid, so as to reduce and lower its quality and strength, and further for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, benzoic acid, had been substituted in part for apple cider.

On March 3, 1913, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court on April 8, 1913, that the product should be sold by the United States marshal at public sale to the highest bidder after having labeled said product "An imitation apple cider with which is mixed benzoic acid."

B. T. GALLOWAY,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 29, 1913.*

