

This commission is made up of representatives of packers subject to local and state inspection as well as packers subject to federal inspection. The Commission expects to draft a suggested uniform meat inspection law which would not only be in force as a federal law but would also be adopted by the states of the union. A great amount of work lies ahead of this Commission but it is confidently believed that the stated objectives will be gained.

Institute Laboratories

Some of the research activities of the Institute are carried on in the Research Laboratory of the Institute of American Meat Packers founded by Thomas E. Wilson at the University of Chicago. This laboratory is located in a building of the university connected with the medical group. The Director of the Department of Scientific Research is in charge and three qualified research men are devoting their full time to the work. In addition, by means of research grants or fellowships, other research activities are carried on at colleges and universities. Some of these studies include work on the cooking of pork cuts, lard and its use in the baking industry, swine-type study to develop the best type of swine from the viewpoint of both packer and producer, a study on the prevention of seedy cuts of bacon, and a study of the bacteriology of ham souring.

The Institute also operates a service laboratory to which member companies may send products which they wish to have analyzed for plant control and sales purposes. The Director of the Department of Scientific Research is in charge of this laboratory. Expert chemists perform the work at relatively low cost. Member companies may also take advantage of a consulting service which the Institute offers through this laboratory in consultation with the staff directors. In this way they may obtain specific directions for improving the product or removing any difficulties revealed by the analysis coupled with a description of present procedure.

CORRECTION

Dr. Ralph E. Oesper has kindly called our attention to a rather sad error which we cooperated in perpetrating on p. 1846 of the September, 1931, **JOURNAL**. The implied announcement of Dr. Ostwald's death is, happily, premature. Dr. Ostwald is still very much alive and quite actively engaged in his researches on colors.

Dr. Ostwald is a historical figure of such proportions that the author's error in conferring immortality upon him is understandable. We should have caught the mistake, however.