

scription of a physician. It excepts preparations recommended in good faith for cholera, etc., sales at wholesale to retail druggists, and to manufacturers or regular practitioners of medicine. It is held that an indictment for unlawfully selling, furnishing, and giving cocaine and morphine to one not having a written prescription of a physician was sufficient, without negating the exceptions as to sales in good faith for cholera, etc.

Brown v. State, Texas Criminal Appeals,
168 S. W. 861.

Of General Interest

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN DRUGGISTS' FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The Executive Board of the American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company met in Cincinnati, on August 7-8, all of the members of the Board being in attendance.

The business of the Company was found to be growing splendidly. During the first 6 months of the year, it wrote insurance amounting to \$7,685,869.70, at a premium of \$78,925.95, which is an increase over the corresponding period of the preceding year amounting to \$1,191,254.37, at a premium increase of \$12,305.07. On July 1st, the Company had in force business amounting to \$13,581,653.70, at a premium of \$139,778.07. During the first half of the year it had fire losses amounting to \$26,914.27. The expense of conducting business for the first half of the year amounted to \$23,033.44. It re-insured business at a premium of \$10,762.82. Its Re-Insurance Reserve was increased to \$61,976.47. Its total assets on July 1st, were \$359,018.78, and its total liabilities not including the Reserve for Re-Insurance were \$7,946.24. During the first half of the year the Company saved its policyholders in their premium cost the substantial sum of \$26,308.65, said savings being retained by the policyholders.



SUBSTITUTE FOR ICHTHYOL.

The American importation of ichthyol, a peculiar asphaltic material found in Austria, which finds application after appropriate chemical treatment as a very important

medicament, has been, along with many other products, cut off by the war. The raw material (44,347 pounds, valued at \$61,796 in 1913) comes from a fossiliferous deposit near Seefeld, in the Austrian Tyrol. It is carefully selected and subjected to dry distillation. The distillate thus obtained is then sulphonated and subsequently neutralized with ammonia. The use of this material has greatly increased in the last few years, and it has proved very beneficial. Almost immediately following the beginning of the war its price doubled, going to over 60 cents an ounce. Already, however, a firm in St. Louis has a material on the market that has been favorably recommended as an efficient substitute, closely resembling ichthyol itself, says Bulletin 599, United States Geological Survey.



SAN FRANCISCO EXPOSITION NOTES

Work has been started by the \$1,500,000 company on The Inside Inn, to be built just inside the horticultural boundary wall of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

France continues to give assurance of unimpaired participation at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Following the first cable after the outbreak of the present war came notification, on August 18, that France will send its team of athletes to have a part in the 1915 games.

A special committee of United States customs experts has been appointed to prepare for handling the great volume of business that will be created by the arrival of exhibits at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and announces that a force of 200 inspectors will be needed at the Exposition freight slips.

Argentina has raised its appropriation for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition from \$1,300,000 to \$1,700,000. Commissioner General Horacio Vincenti has arrived in San Francisco, and work was begun on the Argentine pavilion on August 1. The pavilion with fittings and garden will cost \$300,000.

Two more nations are to participate in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Monaco and Roumania have cabled their acceptance. Monaco has requested 3,000 square feet of land for its pavilion—a reproduction of a hunting lodge of Albert I, Prince of Monaco. Roumania has requested 20,000 square feet for its pavilion.

A strip of ribbon two inches wide and

three miles in length will be used by the department of live stock of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in badges for winners in the various classes. These are in addition to \$450,000 already set aside for live-stock prizes, and not including \$227,000 in purses for the two racing meets for harness horses.

Japan has asked for increased exhibit space at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco. The communication was from Acting Consul General Y. Numano, who had authority from the Government and Commissioner General Yamawaki. Application was made for 10,700 square feet additional in the Palace of Manufactures, which has been granted, and 1,700 square feet additional in the Palace of Food Products.

J. Heyerdahl, Commissioner to Norway representing the Norwegian-American organization of the United States, has returned from Scandinavia and announces that Norway's plans for participation in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco are well advanced. Norway has appropriated \$26,800 for a pavilion and \$13,400 for a battleship to join the international fleet to pass through the Panama Canal to the exposition grounds. In addition, \$30,000 has been raised by Norwegian-American societies.

More than \$20,000 worth of ostriches have arrived for exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The first shipment was 100 birds.

Haiti and Santo Domingo will rush their pavilions at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The superintendent of the two pavilions arrived in San Francisco on September 25 to begin work.



UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

List of Changes of Duties and Stations of Commissioned and Other Officers of the United States Public Health Service.

Board of medical officers convened to meet at Cincinnati, Ohio, at the call of the chairman for the examination of Pharmacist C. G. Carlton to determine his fitness for promotion to the grade of Pharmacist of the first class.

Detail for the board:

Passed Assistant Surgeon W. H. Frost, chairman;

Assistant Surgeon M. H. Neill, recorder.

Board of medical officers convened to meet at the Marine Hospital, Savannah, Ga., at

the call of the chairman, to make a physical examination of Pharmacist R. E. Knouse, and to present questions for the mental examination, to determine his fitness for promotion to the grade of Pharmacist of the second class.

Detail of the board:

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. R. Ridlon, chairman;

Acting Assistant Surgeon A. B. Cleborne, recorder.

Pharmacist C. G. Carlton. Directed to proceed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and report to Passed Assistant Surgeon W. H. Frost for examination to determine his fitness for promotion to Pharmacist of the first class.

Pharmacist Ralph E. Knouse. Directed to proceed to the Marine Hospital, Savannah, Ga., and report to Passed Assistant Surgeon J. R. Ridlon for examination to determine his fitness for promotion to Pharmacist of the second class.

Technical Assistant D. G. Willetts. Directed to proceed to Atlanta, Ga., for the purpose of inquiring into the case of a former employee of the Georgia State Sanitarium, now suffering from pellagra, and thus secure epidemiologic data having a bearing on present studies of pellagra.

Professor E. B. Phelps. Directed at the request of the International Joint Commission, to attend the hearings to be held by the Commission at points on the Niagara and Detroit rivers Sept. 25-30, 1914, for the purpose of advising on questions affecting the pollution of international waters.

Detailed to visit the experimental works at Luray, Va., during the week of September 7th, to inspect the plant which is now completed and to outline the necessary analytical and experimental procedure.

Pharmacist F. L. Brown. Directed to proceed to Providence, R. I., and report to Passed Assistant Surgeon E. R. Marshall for the purpose of superintending the cleaning up and alterations upon the quarantine vessel "Newark".

Sanitary Engineer H. R. Crohurst. Directed to proceed to Noblesville, Ind., and take charge of the experimental plant being installed for the investigation of strawboard waste.

Sanitary Chemist H. B. Hommon. Directed to proceed to Farnham, N. Y., for the purpose of making preliminary studies of the wastes of the canning industry.

APPOINTMENT.

Raymond D. Kinsey appointed a Pharmacist of the third class in the United States Public Health Service.

BOARD CONVENED.

Board of commissioned medical officers convened to meet at the Bureau for the examination of Pharmacist C. C. Cannon to determine his fitness for promotion to the grade of Pharmacist of the second class.

Detail for the board:

Assistant Surgeon-General W. G. Stimpson, Chairman;

Surgeon C. C. Pierce, Recorder.

Granted 2 days' leave of absence enroute.

Pharmacist G. I. van Ness, Jr. Relieved from duty at the Marine Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., upon the arrival of Pharmacist C. H. Parker, and directed to proceed to Honolulu, Hawaii, and report to the Chief Quarantine Officer for duty and assignment to quarters.

Pharmacist C. H. Parker. Relieved from duty at the Marine Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., upon the arrival of Pharmacist F. A. Stump, and directed to proceed to St. Louis, Mo., and report to the medical officer in charge, for duty and assignment to quarters.

Biochemist Andrew Hunter. Granted 2 days' leave of absence from September 14, 1914.

Technical Assistant H. A. Taylor. Granted 5 days' leave of absence enroute to stations.



PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT MEASURE.

Ruling on Stocks of Patent Medicines.

The Secretary of the Interior has approved a ruling in the regulations governing the new patent medicine act providing that goods ordered from foreign countries from June 1, 1914, shall not be entitled to the exemption heretofore declared in favor of medicines now in stock or on board ships bound for Manila before July 1. This ruling is said to be to counteract the placing of large orders by certain local houses in order to have big stocks covered by the exemption. Exempted stocks must be disposed of by 1917.

Council Business

COUNCIL LETTER No. 1.

Philadelphia, September 10, 1914.

To the Members of the Council:—

At the meeting of the Council on Saturday, August 29, 1914, the Chairman and Secretary of Council were appointed as the Committee on Nominations of Council Committees for 1914--15, the nominations to be submitted to the Council.

The Committee on Nominations submit the following nominations:

Committee on Unofficial Standards.

(For terms expiring.)

George M. Beringer, Chairman, 501 Federal St., Camden, N. J. Term expires 1918.

H. H. Rusby, 776 DeGraw Ave., Newark, N. J. Term expires 1918.

F. R. Eldred, 3325 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Term expires 1918.

John M. Francis, 240 Sayburn Ave., Detroit, Mich. Term expires 1918.

Committee on Transportation.

Thos. F. Main, Chairman, New York, N. Y.

W. Bodemann, Chicago, Ill.

Lewis C. Hopp, Cleveland, Ohio.

H. M. Whelpley, St. Louis, Mo.

Chas. G. Merrell, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chas. Caspari, Jr., Baltimore, Md.

Fred I. Lackenbach, San Francisco, Cal.

E. Floyd Allen, Minneapolis, Minn.

F. C. Godbold, New Orleans, La.

W. S. Elkins, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.

C. Herbert Packard, East Boston, Mass.

F. W. Nitardy, Denver, Colo.

The General Secretary and Local Secretary, ex-officio.

Auditing Committee.

Otto F. Claus, Chairman, St. Louis, Mo.

F. W. Sultan, St. Louis, Mo.

F. O. Pauley, St. Louis, Mo.

Committee on Invested and Trust Funds.

Wm. B. Day, Chairman, Chicago, Ill.

E. G. Eberle, Dallas, Texas.

Charles Holzhauser, Newark, N. J.

H. M. Whelpley, ex-officio, St. Louis, Mo.

Committee on Finance.

J. A. Koch, Chairman, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Otto F. Claus, St. Louis, Mo.

E. H. LaPierre, Cambridge, Mass.

Centennial Fund.

John G. Godding, Chairman, Boston, Mass.

Wm. B. Day, Chicago, Ill.

J. A. Koch, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Committee on Publication.

J. W. England, Chairman, Philadelphia, Pa.

Geo. M. Beringer, Camden, N. J.

E. Fullerton Cook, Philadelphia, Pa.

E. G. Eberle, Dallas, Texas.

F. J. Wulling, Minneapolis, Minn.

Ex-officio Members: The Editor-in-chief of the Journal, General Secretary, Reporter on the Progress of Pharmacy, and Treasurer.

Do you approve of the nominations as made and vote affirmatively for the nominees? This will be known as *Motion No. 1 (Election of Council Committees for 1914-15.*

Motion No. 2 (Election of Members).

You are requested to vote on the following applications for membership:

No. 1. James Edward Brewer, 1705 Cherry