

or veterinarian, except on the written order of a physician.

In all cases of apparent conflict with the Harrison law, the Federal law takes precedence.

The commission also has summarized the law for the benefit of physicians and will send copies to every doctor in New York.

#### COMMITTEE NAMED TO PLAN DRUG RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

Dr. William H. Nichols, president of the American Chemical Society, has announced the appointment of a committee on an estimate of cost and an outline of policies for the proposed National Institute of Drug Research. The committee consists of prominent chemists, biologists and pharmacologists and also representatives of the large interest, in manufacturing pharmacy, and includes specialists who are peculiarly fitted to cope with present-day problems relating to intoxicants and the dangers of drug addiction. Its personnel is as follows:

Dr. John J. Abel, pharmacologist, former president of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, professor of pharmacology at Johns Hopkins Medical School, discoverer of the substance now known as adrenalin and an investigator of the action of alcohol on the body, Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Raymond F. Bacon, director of the Mellon Institute for Industrial Research, University of Pittsburgh, in charge of important researches on bread, fruit juices, coffee, and many lines of industrial chemistry, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. Frank R. Eldred, chief of the scientific department of a prominent firm of manufacturing pharmacists and formerly chairman of the pharmaceutical division of the American Chemical Society, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Charles H. Herty, chairman; editor of the *Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, and former president of the American Chemical Society, New York City.

Dr. Reid Hunt, pharmacologist, president of the American Society for Pharmacology and

Experimental Therapeutics, professor of pharmacology in the medical department of Harvard University, a noted authority on the effects of poisons and alcohol upon the human body, Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Treat B. Johnson, professor of organic chemistry, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, and specialist on compounds occurring in the human body, for which work he was awarded last year the Nichols medal for preëminence in research, New Haven, Conn.

Dr. P. A. Levene, chief of the department of biological chemistry, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and an expert on proteins and enzymes and the chemistry of nutrition, New York City.

Mr. F. O. Taylor, chairman of the pharmaceutical division, American Chemical Society, specialist in the manufacture of drugs, Detroit, Mich.

Dr. Herty in a recent address before the New York Academy of Sciences outlined a tentative plan of the institute, the organization of which has been considered on a basis of \$10,000,000. The object of the institute will be to make a thorough study of the effect of various medicinal substances upon the human organism, to suggest greater means for curing the ills of mankind and to prevent the abuse of drugs through gaining a wider knowledge of their physiological effects.—*Paint, Oil and Drug Reporter*.

#### PROPOSED FLORA OF THE PHILIPPINES.

The Philippine Bureau of Science is planning to start the preparation of a new dictionary of plant names of the Philippine Islands and a critical enumeration of all known species in the islands, with an adjustment of the synonymy, in preparation for the final undertaking, a general flora of the Philippines. It may be possible to combine the Filipino names with the systematic enumeration, thus making a single publication that will include all the technical and local names credited to every plant in the Philippines.

#### OBITUARY

##### JAMES OSCAR BURGE.

J. O. Burge, honorary president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, 1916-1917, died at his home in Nashville, February 6, 1919. He joined the American Pharma-

ceutical Association in 1878 and during all these years was an untiring worker for its interests. The meeting of this organization convened in Nashville in 1913, and it was largely due to the efforts of Mr. Burge that

this city was selected. He served as local secretary, and how well he performed the duties is still remembered by the greater number of those in attendance. He was secretary of the Section on Commercial Interests from 1893-1895, at one time a member of the Council, and for years of important committees. His great interest was in the work of the Membership Committee and a large percentage of the A. Ph. A. members from the southwest were brought into the Association through his efforts.



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In Tennessee he contributed largely to the success of the State Association meetings; by this body he was honored with nearly every office and seldom, if ever, failed to attend the annual conventions. He ever exhibited an interest for pharmacy and was instrumental in the establishment of the Nashville Branch, A. Ph. A., of which he was for a number of years the presiding officer.

The following is reprinted from the Nashville *Banner* of February 7, 1919:

"The death of J. O. Burge, which occurred at his home, 1502 McGavock, February 6th, is a distinct loss to the business, social and religious life of Nashville. He was gentle,

kind and considerate in all his relations with his fellow-men. He was a good friend, a good neighbor, a good Christian, an ideal citizen and one who was strongly drawn by home ties. The latter exemplified one of the finest traits of his character.

"For many years he had been closely associated with the drug trade, and if any druggist in the state were asked who is the best known man in the pharmaceutical profession in the state the name that would at once suggest itself is that of J. O. Burge, of Nashville.

"James Oscar Burge was born near Bowling Green, Ky., March 27, 1848, and was in his 71st year at the time of his death. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1876 and received high commendation from the faculty. Prior to his graduation from the College of Pharmacy he had had ten years' practical experience in the business.

"For a number of years he was in the drug business at Franklin and Bowling Green, Ky., and in 1880 came to Nashville and organized the firm of Burge & Matthews. In 1882 he sold his interest to his partner, and returned to Bowling Green, where he still owned a store. In 1885 he returned to Nashville as the head of the firm of Burge & Rascoe, corner of Broad and Market Sts. After he had severed his connection with this firm he conducted drug stores at the corner of Fifth and Woodland Sts., Union and Cherry Sts. and various other locations in Nashville, and his name is more closely associated with the drug trade of Nashville than that of any other man. Until about a year ago he was acting as chemist for Berry, DeMotive & Co., wholesale druggists, but resigned this position to take an active part in the management of the Wharton Chemical Company and the Gattis Chemical Company, which he had organized in connection with his son, J. O. Burge, Jr.

"In 1877 he married Miss Nannie B. Hill, of Nashville, who survives him. Also surviving him are two sons, Edward E., of the claim department of the N. C. & St. L. railway, and J. C., Jr., of the Ford Tobacco Works, the Wharton Chemical Company and the Gattis Chemical Company. He was a member of the Edgefield Baptist Church.