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The election of Frank R. Peterson, of Portland, Ore., to the presidency of the National Association of Retail Druggists, has gained for him a high honor and has acted as a stimulus to the profession of pharmacy west of the Rocky Mountains in national pharmaceutical organizations. He has always been interested in civic affairs but more especially in national, state and local pharmaceutical organizations. Because of his dependableness and interest in the affairs of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association he has held many important offices in the association. It was primarily through his efforts that the Oregon state association decided to employ a paid secretary. He has been president of the Portland Retail Druggists' Association and during his term of office he created a spirit of coöperation among Portland druggists, and assisted in defeating many bills adverse to the drug business in the state legislature. His efforts contributed largely to the establishment of a price book, that has done much to stabilize the prices of drug commodities in Oregon.

Mr. Peterson has for many years attended the annual conventions of the National Association of Retail Druggists. Because of his familiarity with matters relating to legislation and the soundness of his judgment he was appointed to many important committees of the association. In 1923 he was elected first vice-president and in 1924 to the important position of president. His preparation for the high office he now holds has been adequate and ideal.

In appreciation of the honor that Mr. Peterson brought to the profession of pharmacy in Oregon, prominent druggists and professional men tendered him an elaborate banquet upon his return from Washington, D. C., one of the most important pharmaceutical functions in the history of pharmacy in Oregon; there was a record attendance of druggists from all parts of the state and representatives were present from all professional state associations. The principal speaker of the evening was Mayor Baker of Portland, who being familiar with the drug business showed the significance of Mr. Peterson's election, as president of the N. A. R. D., to Portland and to the state of Oregon. Other banquets in honor of Mr. Peterson have been arranged for in other cities on the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Peterson was born at Owatonna, Minn., in 1869. He received his preliminary pharmaceutical training in drug stores of Minneapolis and nearby cities. Because of his health he was obliged to leave Minnesota and, in 1901, took up his residence for a few years in the Black Hill country of South Dakota. In 1909 he started the Lents Pharmacy, in Portland, and this business has expanded so that it is now one of the largest and most successful retail establishments on the Pacific Coast. He has grown into the social, business and professional life of Portland, and is one of its highly esteemed citizens.

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