

by the St. Louis College of Pharmacy on January 16, by Ellis Fischel, M.D., visiting surgeon of Barnard Skin and Cancer Hospital, who spoke on "The Early Recognition and Prevention of Cancer." Other lectures scheduled are: February 20—Warren R. Rainey, M.D., lecturer on accidents and emergencies, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, "What to Do until the Doctor Arrives;" March 19—Augustus G. Pohlman, M.D., professor of anatomy, St. Louis University, "Deafness—a Problem in Prevention Rather than in Cure." The lectures are held in the college building.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The members of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association in Greater New York, at a meeting at the Drug and Chemical Club on January 17th, elected Harry J. Schell, general manager of the *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*, chairman of the committee on arrangements and entertainment for the Golden Jubilee meeting of the association to be held in Atlantic City during the latter part of September or early in October 1924. Vice-chairmen were selected representing Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newark, as follows: Philadelphia, Walter V. Smith; Baltimore, H. H. Robinson; and Newark, W. C. Kuebler. The selection of

hotel and fixing of dates will be made in the near future by the chairman and vice-chairmen together with C. H. Waterbury, secretary of the association.

HUMANNESS IN BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH EMPLOYEES.

Frank B. Copley writes interestingly in the *American Magazine* for February, of William T. Grant, who has not passed the half-century period and has achieved a success in less than twenty years that has placed him among leaders in chain store systems. Mr. Grant says "this is an age of coöperation, of working together, and an executive cannot demand the coöperation of the people under him. He must win it. He must make them want to work with and for him. And he can do this only as he humanizes himself.

"To humanize yourself you must keep in mind always that other people have feelings, hopes, desires, rights, and aspirations similar to your own. In this way you will become loyal to other people as a matter of instinct. Some executives make the mistake of thinking that loyalty works only one way—from the bottom up. Either it works both ways or not at all. And it must begin at the top. The best executive, in fact, is not one who toadies to the people over him, but one who caters to the people under him."

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

TRADE ORGANIZATION MAY COLLECT BUT NOT DISTRIBUTE GENERAL DATA ON OUTPUT, SALES AND PRICES.

Pursuant to an inquiry propounded early in December by Secretary Hoover, of the Department of Commerce, Attorney-General Daugherty has made public a statement of his official attitude toward the collection, distribution and use of statistical data by trade associations.

The Attorney-General admits the importance to the members of an industry of information respecting its rate of production, volume of sales, prevailing prices, and so on. He believes that the trade association may function legally, as it can economically, to collect such data. He opines, however, that any distribution or interchange of data as to individual producers or sellers should be prohibited, and that no distribution should be left to the trade association.

JURY HOLDS WILLIAM H. ANDERSON GUILTY OF FORGERY AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was found guilty by a jury, January 29th, on both counts of the indictment charging him with third degree forgery and misappropriation of funds of the League.

DRUGGISTS' TAX ILLEGAL.

The statute requiring a license fee of druggists for selling spirituous and vinous liquors has been definitely repealed by the prohibition acts of 1920 and 1922, the court of appeals held, in denying the appeal of John J. Craig, State auditor of public accounts, Kentucky, who sought a reversal of the judgment of the Franklin circuit court in favor of J. W. Renaker, druggist.

WOULD DECIMALIZE WEIGHTS SYSTEM.

Senator King, of Utah, on January 17, offered in the Senate a bill to rectify, coordinate and decimalize the weights and measures of the United States.

The bill provides that the foot shall be the linear base for weights and measures. The ounce is defined as the weight of a cube of the tenth of a foot of water at the maximum density, and the fluidounce as the volume of the cube of the tenth of the foot, thus producing 1000 ounces to the cubic foot. The pint is defined as the volume of the pound weight of water which makes the pint the precise tenth of the British Imperial gallon.

\$150,000 MORPHINE SEIZED.

Morphine valued at \$150,000 was found concealed in the panelled walls of the chief electrician's room aboard the Italian steamship Colombo from Naples, by customs agents January 24. Salvatore Scodalro, chief electrician, was arrested.

ALCOHOL TAX CUT IS VOTED AGAINST.

The House Committee on Ways and Means, January 25, voted decisively against the proposed reduction or repeal of the tax on alcohol used for manufacturing purposes. This action was, however, only tentative.

The Ways and Means Committee has been receiving letters and telegrams, petitions and protests relating to the alcohol tax at the estimated rate of 50 a day. There are many communications on both sides of the question, but examination of the files of the committee indicates that communications supporting reduction of the alcohol tax or its repeal outnumber the protests against such action at the rate of more than two to one.

A majority of State pharmaceutical associations have wired or written to their representatives or members of the Ways and Means Committee urging repeal or reduction of the tax. Those opposing the reduction of the tax on alcohol contend that the saving to the patient would be small; the loss to the manufacturers on stock on hand would be large.

An anomalous condition obtains relative to alcohol taxation—a preparation for *external application* may be made with denatured alcohol costing less than a dollar per gallon; the same preparation for *internal use* would have to be made with tax-paid alcohol, costing

about \$5 per gallon. A related condition obtains in perfume manufacturing.

PRICE MAINTENANCE HEARINGS ARE BEING DELAYED.

There are many important matters in Congress which are delaying the hearings on price maintenance measures and, also, the chain and department stores are opposing the measures. It will be necessary to stimulate the interest in the measures if they are to be passed. Delay of hearings may again result in failure to standardize prices. Members of the House Committee on Foreign and Interstate Commerce should be communicated with promptly, even though it may be a follow-up communication. There are 21 members on this committee; all of them can be addressed care of the House Office Building. The names of the members and States represented follow: Samuel E. Winslow, chairman, Massachusetts; James S. Parker, New York; John G. Cooper, Ohio; Edward E. Denison, Illinois; Everett Sanders, Indiana; Schuyler Merritt, Connecticut; Carl E. Mapes, Michigan; William J. Graham, Illinois; Walter H. Newton, Minnesota; Homer Hoch, Kansas; Adam M. Wyant, Pennsylvania; Olger B. Burtness, North Dakota; Alben W. Barkely, Kentucky; Sam Rayburn, Texas; George Huddleston, Alabama; Clarence F. Lea, California; Harry B. Hawes, Missouri; Tillman B. Parks, Arkansas; Robert Crosser, Ohio; Ashton C. Shallenberger, Nebraska; Parker Corning, New York.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE IS CONSIDERING AMENDMENTS TO VIRGINIA LAW.

Senate bill No. 96 in Virginia Legislature seeks to amend and reenact legislation pertaining to pharmacy. The bill defines the word "drug," term "pharmacy," "patent and proprietary medicines," etc. Pharmacies and pharmacists are to be registered; provision is made for revoking licenses, for sale of domestic remedies in stores other than pharmacies; only pharmacies can use the sign or designation, "pharmacy" "drug store," "prescriptions compounded," etc. A pharmacist to be registered must be a graduate of a school of pharmacy, approved by the State Board of Pharmacy.

Miss Cornelia Cunningham, of Atlanta, has received a civil service appointment as pharmacist with the U. S. Veterans Bureau at Knoxville, Tenn. She formerly was pharmacist at the Davis-Fischer Sanatorium, of Atlanta.