

speakers of the evening was President Leo H. Backeland, of the American Chemical Society.

The Boston Medical History Club held its annual meeting April 21 at which time Sir D'Arcy Power of London was one of the principal speakers. Dr. John Donley read a paper on Experimental Neurology of Galen, and Dr. Henry Viets had as his subject Fifteenth Century Medical Libraries.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

The British Empire Exhibition will be open until the close of October 1924. During that period there will be other industrial events of interest to visitors. The British Industries Fair will close May 23rd. On the 23rd of June the Chemists' Exhibition will be opened in the Central Hall, Westminster, London. The exhibition will consist of a comprehensive display of drugs, medicinal preparations and sundries of various kinds manufactured in Great Britain.

ZINC STEARATE DUSTING POWDER.

The American Medical Association at its meeting in San Francisco passed resolutions calling attention to the fact that there is a hazard to infant and child life from the accidental aspiration of zinc stearate and urges that manufacturers shall place a cautionary label on the package.

OLD STANDARD MEASURES STILL IN USE.

A brass yardstick and a pint cup sent by King George II of Great Britain to the Colony of Virginia in 1744 are still in use. They were recently tested by federal and city authorities and found to be correct.

BE AN AIDE IN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Pharmacists should encourage their patrons to get rid of the mosquitos before they become disseminators of disease. Their larvae are now showing life in pools of stagnant water and a film of oil will cause their destruction. Shady and dark places protect the mosquito.

IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR E. L. PATCH.

The March number of *Patchwork* is given over entirely to events in the life of the late Prof. E. L. Patch. The biographical sketch is quite complete and a number of illustrations are included which indicate the beautiful home life of the deceased. Several pages are given over to brief tributes by some of the friends of the deceased, resolutions of various organizations, and several poems written by him at different periods of his life.

Mrs. Clair A. Dye, wife of our fellow member, Dean of the University of Ohio School of Pharmacy, died April 21. Mrs. Dye was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sinclair of Woodfield, Ohio, and was married to Professor Dye June 30, 1903. The deceased attended quite a number of the annual meetings of the Association and was for a number of years a member of the Executive Committee of the Women's Section, A. Ph. A. She was a member of the University Women's Club, the Women's Pharmacy Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution, having served as librarian of the latter. The sympathy of the Association is expressed.

Frank W. Ekstrand of Salina, Kansas, a past president of the Kansas Pharmaceutical Association, died April 3, after a brief illness. By his death the Kansas Association has lost one of its most earnest and conscientious workers. At the time of his death he was a member of the Executive Committee of the State Association and had been engaged in the drug business in Salina for about thirty years.

Dr. E. F. Nichols of the Nela Research Laboratory died suddenly April 29 while reading a paper to the American Academy of Sciences on the occasion of the inauguration of its new building in Cleveland. The deceased was widely known because of his researches on "Light Pressures." He was formerly president of Dartmouth College and also for a time head of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the war he served as research expert in the Navy Department. He was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1869.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

BUFFALO MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The outstanding feature of the Buffalo Meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Associa-

tion will be the report of the Headquarters Building and Campaign Committees, announcing the success of the undertaking to raise the required funds—it is a question of amount—success is assured.

However great the joy will be, there is work to do and the time is fast approaching when the officers of the sections will have to prepare their programs. For a list of officers see page X; address the chairman or secretary and send in the title of your paper; let it follow at a later day, if necessary.

The tentative program of the meeting will be found in this number of the JOURNAL under "Association Business." Study it carefully and make your plans for attendance; remember—at Buffalo during the week of August 25th.

HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARDS OF PHARMACY.

BY H. C. CHRISTENSEN, SECRETARY.

The campaign to raise funds for a Headquarters Building for all branches of American Pharmacy has reached a point where every branch of the great drug industry is seriously interested and giving loyal support. It is now well understood that the proposed AMERICAN PHARMACY BUILDING is to be a national building to serve all of the various drug and pharmaceutical organizations of the country.

The erection of a great building for pharmacy is a most laudable undertaking, but of far greater importance and benefit to pharmacy is the fact that the campaign is gradually but surely bringing about an affiliation or federation of all drug interests. Our present national associations are all necessary and essential. All are doing splendid work, and will further develop. The events of the last few months have clearly demonstrated that all branches of pharmacy fully realize the necessity, and are now willing and ready to join hands in work which will benefit all.

The more support we give to the Headquarters Campaign at this time, the closer we come to a real federation of American Pharmacy, to an effective consolidation of the drug interests in America. In order to affiliate, we must have something to affiliate around. This something is the Headquarters Building which we all want. With these thoughts in mind, the Executive Committee of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, at its recent meeting, voted unanimously to approve the Headquarters Campaign, and subscribed the sum of \$1000.00.

At this time, we urge you if you have not already done so, to send in your subscription at once. This is a great opportunity for the combined power and influence of American Phar-

macy to make itself felt for the benefit of all. Send your pledge card to your state chairman, or direct to this office. Over 1000 retail druggists have already subscribed from \$100.00 to \$1000.00 each. In Maryland, Minnesota, and Kansas each, retail druggists alone have raised \$10,000. All subscriptions are payable in ten equal installments, over a term of five years. Do your part and we will put this over.

NOTICE TO PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH WORKERS.

The annual meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will be held at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo during the week of August 25, 1924.

The officers of the Association are planning for the biggest and best convention we have ever had.

Buffalo is so readily accessible to such a large majority of our members that a record attendance is assured.

Likewise, your officers of the Scientific Section are laying plans for bigger, better, more instructive and more interesting sessions than we have ever had before.

In order to do this, however, it is necessary that we have your cooperation and assistance. We are *depending upon you* for at least one paper upon any subject coming within the scope of our section.

To be assured a prominent place on the program send the secretary the title of your paper as soon as possible.

There is no limit as to the length of papers presented, but in order that all may have an *equal opportunity* to read their papers, your attention is called to the following abstract from the "By-Laws."

SECTION IX.

Article III. Fifteen minutes shall be allowed for the reading of a paper. If the paper is too lengthy to be read in detail within this space of time, it shall be presented in abstract.

Article IV. The maximum time for the presentation of papers may be reduced at any session by a majority vote of the members present.

Article V. Each speaker in the discussion of a paper shall be allowed five minutes, but the total time permitted for the discussion of any one paper shall not exceed ten minutes.

Article VI. The maximum time for the discussion of papers may be reduced at any

session by a majority vote of the members present.

Article VII. The time allowed for presenting a paper or discussion may be extended by unanimous consent of those present.

Article VIII. All papers and reports presented to the Section become the property of the Association and shall be forwarded to the Editor of the JOURNAL immediately following the annual meeting, by the secretary of the Section.

The above rules will be strictly adhered to, therefore if your paper is too lengthy to be read in the time allotted, kindly be prepared to present it in abstract.

Owing to the large number of papers to be presented within a limited time, it will be impossible to include illustrated talks in the program of the Scientific Section.

Our Section will therefore no doubt introduce a new feature in the form of a "Special Evening of Illustrated Lectures," to which the general public will be invited. This arrangement will probably be more satisfactory to all parties concerned.

This ruling, however, does not preclude the use of lantern slides to illustrate a scientific paper so long as the paper can be presented within the allotted time.

We realize the fact that it is hard to "get busy" and write your paper before the "last horn blows" but note that THIS YEAR THE HORN IS GOING TO BLOW ON JULY 15TH.

In other words, all titles of papers, and an abstract (not over 250 words) of the same must be in the hands of the secretary by this date.

Papers received after July 15th cannot be assured of a place on the program and presentation can only be permitted as time may allow.

The program must be completed by this date in order to have it included in the JOURNAL the month before the meeting.

The value of our meetings depends as much, and sometimes more, upon the character of the discussions, as upon the papers themselves.

We are therefore asking each author this year to help us enhance the value of the discussion by

First, Suggesting someone to lead the discussion of his paper and furnishing this person with a copy of the paper sometime before the meeting.

Second, Furnish the secretary, before July 15th, with an abstract of 250 words or less, of each paper. The secretary will mimeograph

these abstracts and forward them to several hundred of our "old standbys" in order that they can come to the meeting prepared to intelligently discuss the papers.

NOW "DO YOUR BIT."

1. Select your *Title*.
2. Write your *Paper*.
3. Make a short *Abstract*.
4. Select a *Discussion Leader*.
5. Send Title and Abstract to the secretary before July 15th.

After attending to the above you can come to Buffalo with "that Grand and Glorious Feeling" that you have done your share towards making the *Scientific Sessions* a big success and with the assurance that the officers will express to you their heartfelt appreciation of your valuable assistance.

P. S. PITTEGER, *Secretary*,
J. P. SNYDER, *Chairman*.

SECTION ON PRACTICAL PHARMACY AND DISPENSING, A. PH. A.

Chairman Robert J. Ruth of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing has sent out a letter soliciting additional papers for the Section and states that already a number of unusual papers and demonstrations have been received. The communication refers in brief to the Headquarters Building fund which the chairman feels will be over-subscribed.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

The attendance at the Convention of the American Chemical Society in Washington during the week of April 21 exceeded expectations by far.

The program not only included addresses, lectures and papers of foremost men in science, but also an address by President Coolidge in which he expressed his estimate of the American chemist in these words—

"The American chemist has proved himself second to none in scientific knowledge under practical application. The World War brought vividly to our attention that our industrial chemistry had lagged behind that of Europe, but we are pleased to believe that this is no longer true. There are those who believe that Americans have not the patience to undertake the research work essential to develop new ideas in the chemical world, but the results emanating from American laboratories disprove this."

Professor R. A. Millikan, recently awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics, explained "The

Atom as Seen by the Physicist," and Professor Gilbert N. Lewis, this year's Willard Gibbs medalist, spoke on "The Atom as Seen by the Chemist."

The Division of Chemistry of Medicinal Products included among its contributors to the program—John J. Abel on "The Present State of Our Knowledge in Regard to the Chemistry and Function of the Pituitary Gland;" G. H. A. Clowes on "The Production and Use of Insulin," an illustrated lecture; E. C. White on "Organic Mercurials and Some Therapeutic Applications;" Atherton Seidell read a paper on "The Chemistry of the Vitamins."

The Society vigorously opposed the Cramton bill and approved the report of the committee on industrial alcohol as presented by Chairman Martin H. Ittner.

The fall meeting of the Society will be held at Cornell University, September 8-13.

AMERICAN ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY.

The American Electrochemical Society met in Philadelphia during the week of April 28. The nomenclature of the American Chemical Society was adopted. The subjects of greatest importance on the program related to dyes—the manufacture of intermediates, etc.

AMERICAN DRUG MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

The American Drug Manufacturers' Association convened in New York City April 7-10 at the Hotel Biltmore. The address of the president, Alfred S. Burdick, was comprehensive and dealt with every phase of activity that concerns the members of the Association. He reviewed the work of the committees and officers, commending the secretary and stressing the growing importance of the office and the wisdom of the location of the headquarters in Washington. He discussed with great detail the work of the sections.

Dr. H. A. B. Dunning presided over the Scientific Section. Among the subjects presented were the following: "The Solubilities of Synthetic Chemicals" by Jules Bebie, "Diluents and Excipients" by R. W. Proctor, "Drug Extracts" by J. P. Snyder, "Alkaloid and Drug Standards" by A. R. L. Dohme, "Digestive Ferments" by Frederick Fenger, and "Poison Labels" by Mortimer Bye.

The Crude Drug Section was presided over by Herbert R. McIlvaine and the Pharmaceutical Section by A. R. L. Dohme.

Interesting reports were made on price list simplification and bottle standardization. It was decided to discontinue all tablets in bottles of 500 and liquid products now sold in pounds are to be changed to pints. A Code of Ethics was adopted which proscribes the production of an imitation of a specialty offered by a competitor; to pass off the products of one manufacturer for those of another; to manufacture a private formula for a customer as an imitation of a specialty. Among the resolutions adopted the promotion of the American Pharmaceutical Association of a home for pharmacy was approved.

All the officers were reelected. They are as follows: President, Dr. Alfred S. Burdick; Vice-Presidents, S. B. Penick, Willard Ohliger and Ralph R. Patch. Carson P. Frailey was reappointed secretary and Horace W. Bigelow, general counsel.

UNITED MEDICINE MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA.

The annual convention of the United Medicine Manufacturers of America was held in Washington April 8-11. E. A. Wilson of Boston was reelected president and James F. Pickett of Washington, secretary. It was unanimously decided to move the headquarters of the organization from Chicago to Washington.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS OF TOILET ARTICLES.

The annual convention of the American Manufacturers of Toilet Articles was held in New York City, April 22-24. The convention approved of the resolution instructing its executive committee to invite committees from the N. A. R. D. and the National Retail Dry Goods Association to a conference for the formulation of a Code of Business Ethics and to carefully consider the demonstrator problem to the mutual advantage of the three associations.

Resolutions were adopted opposing the Cramton Bill, endorsing the Mellon Tax Reduction Bill with its original provisions restored, and also the Design Registration Bill and the price protective bills now pending in Congress. All the officers of the Association were reelected; they are: President, Gilbert Colgate; Vice-Presidents, Northam Warren and Edwin Sefton; Secretary-Treasurer, C. N. Baker. The following were elected to the Board of Directors: G. A. Pfeiffer, E. B. Hurlburt, J. A. Handy and William A. Bardley.

WINDOW DISPLAY ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION.

The Window Display Advertising Association composed of national advertisers, manufacturers of advertising displays, retailers and trade papers was formed at Cleveland, March 17 and 18. The aim of the association is to promote the use of window and counter displays as a recognized advertising medium. It is stated that the association will make application to become a departmental part of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. Dr. Frank H. Peck of the Promotion and Publicity Department of E. R. Squibb and Sons was elected the first president of the association.

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

The American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association will hold their annual meeting at French Lick, Springs, June 2-7. The officers of the association are: President, R. M. Cain, Indianapolis; Vice-Presidents, William H. Rorer, Philadelphia, and Don C. Westerfield of Dayton, Ohio; Secretary-Treasurer, Ralph R. Patch, Boston.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS.

At the recent meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors at Atlantic City, "teeth" were put into the Code of Ethics of this society. This action may well be followed by other organizations. The society referred to was awake to the discredit brought upon certain members of their profession by the revelations in the course of the Teapot Dome investigation. A committee was appointed to examine the evidence adduced or obtainable as to journalistic participation in these scandalous actions and the directors of the society were instructed to apply disciplinary measures, even to the point of expulsion of any member found guilty. It would seem that this action of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the very apparent sentiment in support of a higher standard of news selection would justify the conclusion that neither editorial venality nor ultra-sensationalism can longer find defenders among the leaders of that profession.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Retail Druggists' Association of the District of Columbia met April 7 in the Hearst

Building, home of the *Washington Times* and the *Washington Herald*. The entertainment of the evening was furnished by the Circulation Department of these papers. Paul Pearson was elected president, W. P. Herbst vice-president, W. H. Bradbury treasurer, and Norman D. Parker secretary.

LOUISVILLE RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

Louisville Retail Druggists' Association went on record as favoring the plan of the American Pharmaceutical Association to raise a fund for a Headquarters Building. It was voted to support the Simon N. Jones Scholarship, and to use every effort possible in securing the passage of a drug store ownership law in Kentucky. George Boeckman was elected president; the other officers are: Vice-President, Clarence Davis; Treasurer, Julius J. Ruhl; and Secretary, Robert J. Frick.

OFFICERS BALTIMORE RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by the Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association April 14: President, R. E. Lee Williamson; Vice-Presidents, Charles Morgan, Charles Knight and J. A. Gerlach; Secretary, Melville Strasburger; Treasurer, P. J. Boenning.

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY.

The recently appointed Mississippi Board of Pharmacy was organized by electing Thomas E. Goodman of New Albany president, Charles E. Wilson of Corinth vice-president, and Miss Lela M. Burnett of Jackson secretary-treasurer. The other members of the Board are F. W. Duckworth, Boonville, and Jeff Harpole, Philadelphia. A new departure at the meeting was the creation of Director of Publicity; Charles E. Wilson was elected. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland.

The School of Pharmacy, University of Mississippi, has now extended its course to three and four years. The schedule of hours for the subjects taught in these courses has been arranged.

TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Bulletin No. 4, of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association, of which Walter D. Adams is the Secretary-Editor, is largely devoted to the next annual meeting of the Association to be held at the State Capitol. A feature of the

convention will be the Drug Show. Announcement is made in the Bulletin of the campaign for funds for the American Pharmaceutical Association Headquarters Building. The *Southern Pharmaceutical Journal* comments editorially on a proposed pharmacy building for the Texas State University as a tribute to Dr. R. R. D. Cline who has been dean of the pharmacy department for many years.

KANSAS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Kansas Pharmaceutical Association has just completed its annual convention at Topeka. A feature of the convention was the Drug Show held in the Capitol Building where the more important sessions of the association were also held. The *Sun Flower Druggist* heartily endorses the Headquarters Building Campaign.

LOUISIANA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Louisiana Pharmaceutical Association which will convene at Shreveport next week has provided an interesting program. Among the legislative matters that will be discussed are the consideration of drug store ownership, and graduation prerequisite as a requirement for Board of Pharmacy examinations.

ARIZONA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

President A. G. Crouch and Secretary Arthur G. Hulett have issued a communication to the members of the Arizona Association and also druggists who are not members advising them of the mission of the Association, and also calling attention to important matters which concern their business affairs. The movement to establish a Pharmacy Headquarters Building by the American Pharmaceutical Association is endorsed.

BRONX COUNTY PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Bronx County Pharmaceutical Association has just issued its official Year Book of 64 pages which contains a number of most interesting articles dealing with live questions of the day. The articles are well selected and relate to various subjects; among these, the Headquarters Building campaign now being carried on by the American Pharmaceutical Association is highly endorsed. The book reflects credit on the editors and publishers. The interests of the New York Academy of Pharmacy are being promoted by the association.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG CLERKS.

The National Association of Drug Clerks will meet in annual session at Palmyra, Wisconsin, June 17-19. The Druggists' National Home which this organization is endowing is located here on Spring Lake and offers accommodations for many who will attend the convention. The fund for the building and its endowment is growing.

VIRGINIA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION LEGISLATION.

The pharmacists of Virginia were successful in strengthening their pharmacy law. An amendment prevents the display of such words as pharmacy, drug store, etc., if the store is not under the personal supervision of a registered pharmacist. The terms "pharmacy," "original package," "patent and proprietary medicines" are defined and the pharmacy prerequisite law of 1918 is reenacted.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY, OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The students and faculty of the School of Pharmacy, O. A. C., recently put on a drug show in connection with a College Educational Exposition. The purpose of the drug show was to educate the public and give the students a training in acquainting the public with their professional work and in selling merchandise by thorough acquaintance with it. So well did the plan impress the public that this will be made an annual event.

The students in charge were trained at the school in the methods to be pursued in giving information to the public. For experimental purposes the show was arranged into two departments—of "live exhibits" and "still exhibits." The former explained Soxhlet extraction, distillation, manufacture of pills, tablets, etc.; the latter comprised merchandise ready for display and sale. Dean Zieffe reports—if the evidence of interest of the public was greater for one than the other it was in the "live exhibit." The pharmaceuticals, sundries, etc., supplied by wholesalers and manufacturers were displayed and explained with a purpose to acquaint the public with the need of them, the care, value, etc. Thirty or more exhibits formed part of the show and most of them included a number of items.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Plans for the immediate erection of the first unit of the science project of the University

of Southern California have been completed and the importance of pharmacy is recognized by the inclusion of the pharmacy building in this first unit.

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND SCIENCE.

The incoming class of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science will be the last class to be enrolled for a 2-year course in pharmacy.

The P. C. P. Track Team won second place in the Intercity Collegiate track meet and the team is now getting ready for the great event of the Spring Field Sports at the Franklin Field.

We are indebted to Dr. Arno Viehoever for an autographed copy of "Oh, Alma Mater," written by Dean J. W. Sturmer and set to music by the former.

PITTSBURGH COLLEGE OF PHARMACY CONTRIBUTES TO A. PH. A. HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.

The faculty and student-body of Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy have subscribed \$3750 to the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building fund.

MANILA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ANNUAL.

The "Manila College of Pharmacy Annual," a book of more than 150 pages, is dedicated to the Faculty by the Class of 1923. Photographs of Dean Alfredo Guerrero and Prof. Filemon Tanchoco introduce the faculty of twelve members, of whom excellent halftones are shown and also of Dr. Alejandro Albert, under-secretary of Public Instruction, founder of the Manila College of Pharmacy. Pictures of the students, singly and in groups, and also of the various departments of this institution, illustrate the interesting volume. The reading pages give an historical account and cur-

rent events of the college, curriculum, etc.; the editors and artists have exhibited their fitness for the work assigned them, and it is pleasing to note the humor of the cartoonist, who thereby confirms American relationship.

MORTAR AND PESTLE SOCIETY, FLORIDA SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

Subjects for the program of April 11 of the Mortar and Pestle Society of Florida School of Pharmacy included the following: "Decolorized Tincture of Iodine" by R. A. Jones; "Waterglass" by S. N. Work; "Chemistry of Digitalis" by J. A. Gardner.

Quite a sum of money was subscribed by the Society for the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Fund.

NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY HAS TRADE BULLETINS.

The college of business administration of the University of Nebraska is now giving direct service to the business interests of the state; eight bulletins have been issued recently giving a survey of different lines in display, showing average turnover, average profits, average capital invested per unit of gross sales, and cost of marketing.

Four members of faculty are devoting their time to supplying business information to the commercial interests.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SCHOOL COURSES OF CHEMISTRY.

Prof. Neil E. Gordon of the University of Maryland presented a report before the American Chemical Society on the high school courses as far as they relate to chemistry. A new outline of high school chemistry is being brought to the attention of the teachers and a proposed uniform college course and plans for a national organization to deal with chemical education are being worked out.

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

ANOTHER PRICE MAINTENANCE MEASURE.

The Williams Bill provides for price maintenance and is entitled *A BILL*: To protect the public against the use of deceptive and injurious practices in the marketing of articles of standard quality under a distinguishing trade mark, name or brand.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of Amer-

ica in Congress assembled, That in a contract for the sale of an article of merchandise of standard quality, under a distinguishing trade mark, name or brand, to a dealer, wholesale or retail, hereinafter referred to as the "vendee," by a manufacturer or other owner thereof, hereinafter referred to as the "vendor," it shall be lawful for such vendor, if the contract constitute a transaction in interstate commerce or in any district or territory subject to the