

Under Senator Pepper's bill the arboretum would be developed along the Anacostia River north of Benning's Bridge. It would be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture separately from the agricultural, horticultural and forestry stations of the department, but co-related to those branches in such a way as to obtain the best results in research and discovery.

The bill authorizes the President to turn over to the Secretary of Agriculture for the arboretum any land already owned by the United States in the area designated and further authorizes an appropriation of \$300,000 to enable the Secretary, in his discretion, to acquire other land by purchase or condemnation.

The head of the Agriculture Department would be authorized to consult in conducting the arboretum with an advisory council to be made up of representatives of the following organizations: The National Academy of Sciences, the National Research Council, Smithsonian Institution, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Garden Club of America, Wild Flower Preservation Society, Botanical Society of America, American Society of Landscape Architects, American Association of Nurserymen, National Association of Audubon Societies, American Forestry Association, Society of American Foresters, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

**Dr. A. G. DuMez**—of the Hygienic Laboratory, Washington, D. C.—has been appointed dean of the School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland, succeeding **Dean E. F. Kelly**, who is now the full-time Secretary of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. As is well known by our members the new dean is Reporter on the Progress of Pharmacy and conducts the "Bibliography of Pharmaceutical Research" in the JOURNAL. Dean DuMez assumes the duties of office about February 1. Dr. DuMez organized and was head of the Department of the University of the Philippines for a number of years. For sketch see JOUR. A. PH. A., October 1922.

The American Society of Bacteriologists met in Madison, Wis., December 29-31. On this occasion former President of the University **E. A. Birge**, and **William Trelease**, formerly of the department of botany and for

many years at Shaw's Garden, St. Louis, were present; they spoke on "The Beginnings of Bacteriology in the Middle West." The first work in bacteriology carried on at the University of Wisconsin was done by Dr. Trelease about 43 years ago, and the first formal course in the science was begun three years later under Dr. Birge.

**John K. Caldwell**, assistant chief of the division of Far Eastern affairs, Department of State, has been appointed to represent that department on the Federal Narcotics Control Board's committee of experts. He succeeds **Mr. Norris** of the solicitor's office, Department of State, in that capacity. The latter has resigned from the service. Mr. Caldwell is an officer of the foreign service, class 3. He has served twenty years under the State Department, beginning his career as student interpreter at Tokyo, serving elsewhere in Japan, Siberia and the Orient, as well as here in the department.

**Dr. Albert Schneider** held forth in one of the Sunday editions of the press, in which he was accredited with the statement that the span of life should be about 500 years.

**Dr. and Mrs. José P. Alacan** have announced the marriage of their daughter **Sylvia** and **Dr. Francisco E. Borgas**, at Havana, Cuba, December 25. Mrs. Borgas is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, and is a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

**Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis Hilton**, of Chevy Chase, Md., announce the marriage on November 25, of their daughter **Virginia Claire Williams** to **William Henry O'Brien**. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien are at home in Lynbrook, N. Y.

The *Merrell Messenger* has a page of pharmaceutical teachers at Des Moines, in the October number.

**Miss Evana Hopp**, daughter of the late **Lewis C. Hopp**, is attending Columbia Extension School.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of **L. C. Andrews** as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in charge of prohibition enforcement.

Secretary **Charles L. Parsons**, of the American Chemical Society, has been created an officer of the Legion of Honor by the French Government. The presentation of the cross was made by the French ambassador at Washington recently.

Secretary **E. F. Kemp**, in discussing statistics relating to the manufacture of "patent" medicines, said that "on the basis of the most

recent figures, a total of 2,241 concerns engaged in the business. These figures also show that of the total given, 1,396 concerns, or about 62 per cent., do less than \$20,000 a year gross business. They further show that over 28 per cent. of the manufacturers engaging in the making of drug products fail to do an annual gross business of more than \$100,000.

"In a manufacturing sense a business which does only \$5,000 a year gross is a loss. A business doing \$20,000 a year cannot make a return on the invested capital—yet here is included 62 per cent of the concerns that make proprietary products."

#### NORTHWEST DRUG EXPOSITION.

The fourth annual Northwest Drug Exposition will be held in Des Moines, February 23-26. The manager is Denny Brann, who took an active part on the Local Committee of the A. Ph. A. convention in Des Moines. The annual meeting of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association will convene during the same week and the exposition is held under

the auspices of the Druggists' Association of Polk County and the Northwest Druggists Bureau composed of the pharmaceutical associations of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota.

The Iowa Pharmaceutical Association will hold its meetings in connection with this Exposition and its meetings are held in the mornings only. The Exposition is open to druggists in the afternoons, and in the evenings it is thrown open to the public. This follows the method of previous meetings. It gives the druggists an opportunity to attend all the meetings and suits the exhibitors.

#### PUBLIC LECTURES OF PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND SCIENCE.

The January lectures of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, at Young Men's Christian Association, are scheduled for the 7th and 21st. The first is by E. Fullerton Cook on "Delectable Confections" and the second on "Some Things Not Often Said about Milk," by David Wilbur Horn.

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### OBITUARY.

#### HARRY BANKS FRENCH.

Harry B. French, chairman of the board of directors of Smith, Kline & French Company, Philadelphia, died December 22, of pneumonia, aged sixty-eight years. He was for several years President of the Philadelphia Drug Exchange and a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1890.

Mr. French received his preliminary education at a military academy in New Haven and, later, he studied at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Harvard. Thereafter he became associated with French, Richards & Co., and when this firm was dissolved he was named Vice-President of the newly-organized firm of Smith, Kline & French Company. He became President of the Company after the demise of Mahlon N. Kline.

An editorial of a Philadelphia paper follows: "Harry Banks French was a type of the man of liberal education and large affairs who holds that he owes it to his community and to his fellow-citizens, as well as to his own self-respect, to continue against whatever odds the effort for the improvement of civic and political conditions. He gave lavishly of his means

and his personal effort, with no thought of reward in office or the praise of men, for



HARRY B. FRENCH.