

A Pan-Pacific Conference of pharmacists is planned and it was voted to establish an honorary group to be known as the American College of Apothecaries.

#### NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

In a special bulletin designated as the "Hoosier Listening Post," Carl F. G. Meyer, president of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, presents a message to the membership urging all to make every endeavor to attend the Association's annual convention which will be held at French Lick Springs, Ind., October 1 to 5, inclusive. President Meyer pointed out that there will be many subjects vital to the drug industry discussed at the meeting.

#### FEDERAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

Containing a large number of special papers by individuals and reports from committees on a wide variety of subjects of importance to the Association in particular and to the drug trade generally, the program for the eighteenth annual convention of the Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association has been completed and made public by Secretary R. E. L. Williamson, of Baltimore. The meeting, which will be held September 25th, 26th and 27th at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, will have morning and afternoon business sessions on Monday and Tuesday, with the annual banquet on Tuesday.

#### BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

*Urine and Urinalysis.* By LOUIS GERSHENFELD, Ph.M., B.Sc., P.D., Professor of Bacteriology and Hygiene and Director of the Bacteriological and Clinical Chemistry Laboratories at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Fabrikoid. Price \$2.75. Pages 272, with 36 illustrations. Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger, 1933.

The author states in the preface that the book is intended for those who do not wish to invest in more elaborate and expensive texts in physiological chemistry. Although it is true that most of the material found in this text can be obtained in the more comprehensive texts, the present work offers some advantages. The treatment of each laboratory test indicates that the author has had considerable personal experience with the material under consideration.

The section concerned with the qualitative tests is especially good. The usual as well as the unusual urinary constituents are carefully considered.

The sections devoted to the microscopic examination of urinary sediments contain practically the same material that is to be found in the standard texts of clinical laboratory methods. The standard procedures for the study of kidney function are well described.

On the whole, much valuable information on urine is brought together in this one small volume.—A. A. CHRISTMAN.

*Recent Developments in the Preparation and Use of Thallium* is the subject of an exceptionally informative and important contribution on this relatively little known and rather scarce mineral, which paper appears in the June issue of "Foote-Prints," the house magazine of the Foote Mineral Company, Philadelphia. The article is by Dr. James C. Munch, an authority on thallium, and one of the first to introduce thallium compounds into rodenticidal use. Numerous photographs illustrate the article, which contains a wealth of data as to the history of thallium, together with discussions of its technical, natural and its scientific uses. Copies of the issue containing the article may be had by addressing the Foote Mineral Company, Sixteenth and Summer Streets, Philadelphia.

#### CODE PRICE CONTROL PROVISIONS.

Deputy Administrator Whiteside, on September 20th, presented the Retail Code to General Johnson for his consideration and it has been given to the Press. The drug code would be handled by a Retail Drug Trade authority, to be provided, in which the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and the National Association of Retail Druggists are represented and other associations to be designated by the NRA.

In addition to the trade practices set forth in Article IX, all drug retailers shall comply with the following:

(a) No drug retailer shall substitute another article or any part thereof for the kind ordered, without due notice to and consent of the customer.

(b) No drug retailer shall advertise to fill prescriptions at a uniform price irrespective of cost of ingredients or quantity prescribed.

(c) No drug retailer shall permit any demonstrator or sales employee, whose salary is wholly or partially paid by a manufacturer or distributor, to work in his establishment unless such demonstrator or sales employee is clearly and openly identified as the agent of such manufacturer or distributor.