

Personal Comment

Items of Interest from the Oil Chemists' Convention

C. H. COX, always active, was just as busy with entertaining and arranging at the Memphis convention, as he usually is with analyzing.

The many friends of D. C. Picard of Birmingham, Alabama, were glad to see him at the Memphis Convention after an absence of several years. He was formerly a most regular attendant.

The Society's new First Vice-President is A. W. Putland, Chief Chemist of Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Corporation of Virginia. Congratulations.

President Trevithick has the happy faculty of getting about quickly from place to place with little effort. He needed this ability at Memphis because of the division of activities between Hotels Chisca and Peabody.

Dr. Felix Paquin, with his charming Southern manner, his summery attire and his quiet helpfulness, was on hand as usual.

What convention could be held by Oil Chemists without the Buckeye Boys, Morrison and Campbell. They are always present and ready to help in every way.

Seems like old times, getting into friendly arguments on the merits of methods with Schwartz, even if instead of David of New Orleans it is Andy of Houston, who is his father's worthy successor.

Jamieson and Baughman, the Oil and Fat Laboratory authorities of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture at Washington, were welcomed at the Convention, as always.

A. A. Jackson, the genial bleaching specialist, had many good sto-

ries to relate, particularly about the "Dark O"—the Moon.

R. M. Miller, Sales Manager of Arthur H. Thomas and Company, Laboratory Apparatus and Chemicals, Philadelphia, was an interested attendant at the meetings of the Society. Mr. Miller and his company are zealous in supporting all the activities of Chemists.

Dr. H. B. Battle of Montgomery, Alabama, continues his generous support of the Society, with the donation of the Cup for best ammonia average in co-operative analytical work and the loan of the famous "Battle-Ax" for the President's Gavel.

Dr. Francis M. Turner of New York, had much news of interest to impart, chiefly regarding winterizing and extraction methods.

Everybody regretted that Tom Law had so much work in so many places that he could be with us for only part of the time. Better luck, next year, we hope.

Dr. Irwin G. Priest, of the Bureau of Standards, presented the Society with some of the most important facts developed to date in the Science of Colorimetry. The most interesting feature of Dr. Priest's work was a series of tests for accuracy of color-vision. Many members availed themselves of the opportunity to determine whether they really could tell "prime" from "off" by the eye alone.

C. B. Cluff shows the proper spirit of loyalty to the Society. Having been in California on busi-

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