

malaria in Northern Africa; trypanosomiasis in Algeria.

The Geographical Journal states that a railway is projected from Turin to Martigny. The line would have a total length of 157 kilometers (97½ English miles), with a maximum gradient of one in twenty, while the traction would be electric, power for this purpose being supplied by waterfalls. Breaking off from the line connecting Modane with Turin, the new line would cross the plains of the Canavese to Pont, entering the valley of the Orco, and passing by a tunnel under the *Paradis massif*; then, mounting halfway up the left flank of the Aosta valley, it would pass Morge and Courmayeur, whence, by tunnel under the Col de Ferret, it would run in Swiss territory along the Dranse to Martigny. The new line, it is pointed out, would have the advantage over the Mount Cenis, St. Gothard, and Simplon lines as the shortest route between northwestern Italy and the countries of central Europe.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., has 3,000 acres of brush land called Griffith Park, which it intends to convert into a commercial forest. This is said to be the first instance of a city in the United States creating a forest. The practice is common in Europe, where the forest-parks have not only contributed to the pleasure of the people, but have been more than self-supporting through their timber output. Under its cooperative offer the Bureau of Forestry had last summer at Los Angeles four of its experts, making a comprehensive planting plan for the forest. This plan was completed at the end of September. The idea is to convert a waste piece of land into a productive forest, which will not only pay for its creation and care through the sale of mature timber, but will be a place of recreation for the citizens of Los Angeles.

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It is said that the Sheffield Scientific School, of Yale University, will receive \$238,000 and land of unknown value under the will of the late Levi C. Viets.

MESSRS. PALMER and Hornbostel, of New York, have, as the result of a competition,

been appointed architects for the Carnegie Technical Schools at Pittsburg. It is said that \$5,000,000 will be spent on them.

GROUND has been broken for the new physics and biology building at Rochester University, which will cost \$150,000.

AT the twenty-first anniversary of University College, Cardiff, on October 14, it was stated that Lord Tredegar had promised £5,000 towards the cost of the new buildings shortly to be erected in Cathays Park; other sums were also promised amounting in all to £13,000. Between £70,000 and £80,000 are now available for the erection of the new buildings.

THE registration of Harvard University is as follows: College, 2,002; Lawrence Scientific School, 524; graduate school, 358; divinity school, 42; law school, 731; medical school, 298; dental school, 109; making in all, 4,064; not counting Radcliffe College and the summer school. These figures represent a loss of about 200 students as compared with last year.

REGISTRATION figures at Cornell University show a total of 2,857, against a total last year of 2,656, a gain of 201. The distribution among the various colleges is: Arts, 648; law, 213; civil engineering, 377; Sibley, 1,040; agriculture, 178; veterinary, 104; medicine, 82; architecture, 68; graduates, 147. The greatest increase is 90 in Sibley College. These figures do not include the medical school in New York City.

DR. F. S. LUTHER, since 1883 professor of mathematics at Trinity College, was installed as president of the institution on October 26. On the same day Dr. W. E. Huntington was installed as president of Boston University.

J. CULVER HARTZELL, Ph.D. (Munich), has been appointed professor of geology in the University of the Pacific.

FOSTER P. BOSWELL, Ph.D. (Harvard, 1904), has been appointed assistant in psychology; and Edwin Lee Norton, instructor in philosophy, in the University of Wisconsin.

MR. H. M. MACDONALD, F.R.S., has been appointed professor of mathematics in the University of Aberdeen.