

THE death is announced of Dr. Moritz Seidell, honorary professor of pharmacology at Jena.

M. FLORIO OSMOND, eminent for his contributions to the metallurgy of steel, has died at the age of sixty-three years.

THE U. S. Civil Service Commission announces examinations to fill a vacancy in the position of plant pathologist, \$2,750 per annum, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture; of entomological assistant (male), at salaries ranging from \$1,400 to \$1,800 per annum, in the Bureau of Entomology, and of assistant in agricultural technology for work in cotton grading, Bureau of Plant Industry, at salaries ranging from \$1,200 to \$2,250.

SINCE the summer of 1909 the joint commission appointed by the United States and Canadian governments to locate and mark the boundary line separating British territory from Alaska has been actively engaged in this work, pushing the line northward from the Yukon to Porcupine River by the end of the 1910 season. Last summer the field operations were advanced farther along that part of the one hundred and forty-first meridian which extends from Porcupine River to the Arctic Ocean, and it is believed that the present year will witness the completion of this part of the survey. Realizing that its well-equipped field organization afforded unusual facilities in this remote and rather inaccessible region for gathering much information not directly connected with the particular work of locating and marking the boundary line, the joint commission extended an invitation, which was readily accepted, to the Geological Survey of Canada and the United States Geological Survey to send geologists to accompany the field parties during 1911 and 1912, and to examine the geology along the boundary from the Yukon to the Arctic. The most satisfactory arrangement for making such a geologic examination in the two summers appeared to be to assign one of the two sections of the line to each government, as otherwise there would have been much duplication of work and the

observers would be required to traverse the whole length of both sections. Under the arrangement adopted the Canadian geologists undertook to examine the southern or Yukon-Porcupine section and the United States geologists the northern or Porcupine-Arctic section. The United States geologists last year commenced field examinations in June and carried their work northward approximately 100 miles, to the headwaters of Firth River, which flows into the Arctic Ocean. A preliminary outline of the geologic results obtained by this party has been published by the United States Geological Survey as Bulletin 520-K, by A. G. Maddren.

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AN anonymous donor has given 10,000 guineas for the erection of a physiological laboratory for the medical faculty of University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

A MOTION has been placed on the records of the Supreme Court of the state of New York changing the official name of "The Trustees of Columbia College of the City of New York" to "The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York."

AT the summer session of Columbia University there are registered 3,615 students; at the University of Chicago the registration is 3,053.

DR. EDWARD DAVIDSON CONGDON, A.B., A.M. (Syracuse), Ph.D. (Harvard), instructor in anatomy at the Cornell Medical School, has been appointed instructor in anatomy at Stanford University and not at Pittsburgh as has been announced.

PROFESSOR THOMAS L. PATTERSON, head of the department of biology in the Highland Park College, has accepted an appointment as associate professor of biology and physiology in the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore.

DR. ERNST GAUPP, of Freiburg, has been appointed professor of anatomy at Königsberg.