

THE RENO MEETING OF THE PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

THE preliminary announcement of the Reno meeting of the Pacific division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be held from June 22 to 24, at the University of Nevada, has been issued to the membership. It is an attractive illustrated folder of sixteen pages issued by the executive committee of the Pacific division and containing a warm welcome from the University of Nevada to the visiting scientists.

Many distinguished men will be in attendance and the meeting promises to be a great success. President Arthur A. Noyes will preside and deliver an address on "Periodic Relations of the Elements." Professor Henry H. Dixon, of the University of Dublin, will speak on the "Nerves of Plants."

A symposium on "The Scientific Problems of an Arid Region" will be an outstanding feature with Professor Gilbert Smith, of Stanford University, presenting the subject of botany; Professor Tracy I. Storer, of the University of California, zoology, and Professor J. Claude Jones, of the University of Nevada, geology.

At a general session to be held on Thursday, June 23, reports on recent achievements in research in Pacific Coast laboratories will be given as follows:

Astronomy—Walter S. Adams, director, Mount Wilson Observatory.

Physics—Leonard B. Loeb, professor of physics, University of California.

Chemistry—E. C. Franklin, professor of organic chemistry and dean of graduate study, Stanford University.

Botany—Charles B. Lipman, professor of plant nutrition and dean of the graduate division, University of California.

Zoology—C. V. Taylor, professor of biology, Stanford University.

Medicine—P. J. Hanzlik, professor of pharmacology, Stanford University.

President Walter E. Clark, of the University of Nevada, will welcome the delegates. Ample accommodations will be provided for the various sessions on the campus of the university.

Among several interesting excursions offered for the entertainment of visitors will be an all day automobile trip to Pyramid Lake, the "Lake of the Desert," and one to Virginia City and Carson City where the famous prehistoric foot prints will be viewed.

Thirteen affiliated scientific societies are planning to hold meetings under the auspices of the Pacific Division as follows:

American Association of Economic Entomologists
Pacific Slope Branch

American Chemical Society
California Section
Puget Sound Section
Southern California Section

American Physical Society
American Phytopathological Society
Pacific Division

Astronomical Society of the Pacific
Botanical Society of America
Physiological Section

The Ecological Society of America
Pacific Coast Entomological Society

Paleontological Society
Pacific Coast Branch

San Francisco Aquarium Society
Western Agricultural Economists
Western Plant Quarantine Board
Western Society of Naturalists

Although Reno is somewhat remote from the centers where the majority of the members reside there is wide interest in this meeting and many are planning to make the trip through the Sierras over the new highway. A large attendance seems assured.

W. W. SARGEANT,
Secretary

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. WILLIAM H. WELCH, professor of the history of medicine at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, has been awarded the 1927 medal for scientific research in medicine by the Association of American Physicians.

DR. LUDVIG HEKTOEN, professor of pathology at the University of Chicago and director of the McCormick Institute for Infectious Diseases, has been elected a member of the Norwegian Pathological Society in Oslo.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM M. WHEELER, dean of the Bussey Institution of Harvard University, has been awarded the Dollfus prize of the French Entomological Society.

THE medal awarded annually by the American Institute of Chemists to the chemist whose work has been of outstanding value to science was presented to Professor Lafayette Benedict Mendel, of Yale University, on May 11 at the Chemists' Club in New York City. Dr. Graham Lusk, of Cornell University, presented Professor Mendel's credentials for the medal, while Dr. Treat B. Johnson, of Yale University, president of the institute, made the formal presentation. In