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EDITORIAL.

It is nothing but right that I, at this time, shall thank those who have helped to make this "Pharmacy Edition" such a large edition. Being our first attempt at editing a newspaper, it was probably not as good as was looked for; but we cannot blame this on the enthusiasm nor on the help of the students and teachers, for they were the great factors in making this issue. They responded royally with suggestions and subject matter and lessened the work to a very great extent. Such responsiveness is only indicative of good fellowship which is ever shown in this School of Pharmacy.

Another feature was the great help of our advertisers. Without them, we could probably not have mailed our issue to every registered pharmacist in the state, such as we have done.

The School of Pharmacy, through its teachers, students and advertisers, have mailed one of 2,000 copies of this large edition to every registered pharmacist in the state. This is the first time that the "Pharmacists" have had a "Pharmacy Week," and certainly went at it with the right spirit. This edition of the "Rag" is about 3,300 copies, and is probably the largest number printed in one day for a society or school.

ARIZONA CACTUSES
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These are invariably very prickly, but some of them bear fruits ("pears") which are less prickly and which are greedily eaten by the hungry animals. A landscape filled with these tree-like cactuses has a very curious appearance and one never to be forgotten.

On of the most interesting of all the cactuses of the southwest is the one which bears the local name of Bisnaga (Echinocactus). It is commonly a foot or two in diameter and one to two feet in height, although I have seen specimens that were double this in height and even sometimes six or eight feet, with a corresponding diameter. This is the only one of the cylindrical cactuses that contains a juice which can be used to slake thirst, and many a Mexican when very thirsty has relieved this thirst by cutting off the top of the plant, crushing the interior

into a pulp and then drinking the juice which he squeezed from the pulp. This is said to be a very common means for securing water for drinking.

The most striking of the cactuses of the southwest is the Sahuaro (Carnegiea). This grows up as a simple fluted cylinder from ten to twenty, thirty, forty or more feet in height. After attaining a considerable height it usually branches and these branches themselves again sometimes produce other branches. They grow on the hillsides and somewhat on the mesa and give a very peculiar appearance to the landscape. These plants, commonly known as the giant cactuses, are very slow growing in their earlier years. Specimens in their fourth year were found to be not more than one inch in height, but as they grow older they increase more rapidly in height. One great specimen about ten miles from the laboratory has been photographed annually for the past eleven years, and careful measurements of these photographs have enabled the botanists to make out that the growth per year when the plants are forty feet high or so is six inches, and sometimes even eight or nine inches. Under certain circumstances of course they grow more slowly than this, but by measuring the height and then estimating on the basis of six inches per year it is not difficult to make out about the age of the great plants.

The Sahuaros blossom in May, the blossoms being on stalks of from four to five inches in length and the spread of the blossoms is approximately three or four inches. They are whitish with a pearly pink color.

Before closing this extremely superficial sketch of the big cactuses of the southwest I may say that we have specimens growing in the University plant houses of all that I have mentioned above. We have had for some time certain spineless ones, and on my recent visit to Arizona I secured new specimens of the wild spineless forms. Of the Bisnagas we have had for some years a good specimen which is about fifteen or eighteen inches in height and nearly as much in diameter. Recently the Director of the Desert Laboratory at Tucson (Doctor MacDougal) sent us a portion of a stem of the Sahuaro. This is nearly three feet in length and nine or ten inches in diameter. It has already borne one flower and within a day or so I am looking for two or three more flowers to appear. This is without question the first time in the history of the world when Sahuaro plants produced blossoms in Nebraska.

The Commercial Club luncheon, to be given in honor of Dean Teeters, dean of the College of Pharmacy, University of Iowa, will be held in the east balcony of the Commercial Club Thursday, 12 o'clock, noon.

Although the time is limited to an hour, with our own prominent local druggist, N. P. Hansen, presiding and the following speakers on the program, we are sure that anyone who attends will be doubly rewarded for time and money spent. The speakers are: Dean Teeters, Chancellor Avery, Dean Bessey, J. E. Harper, C. R. Sherman, A. V. Pease and A. S. Raymond.

This luncheon should be of interest not only to pharmacy students, but to all people interested in pharmacy or the general welfare of the university. There is expected to be present a number of those taking the state board examination and the committee is making an effort to get as many local druggists and manufacturers to attend as possible.

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