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PERSONAL.

Mr. A. J. McPherson has resigned his position as Town Engineer and Water-Works Superintendent of Galt, Ont.

Messrs. Riggs & Sherman, civil engineers, of Toledo, O., have been appointed Consulting Engineers for Lorain, O.

Mr. E. H. Harriman, of New York city, has been elected President of the Chicago & Alton R. R. under its new ownership.

Mr. G. H. Swan has been appointed Superintendent of the Municipal Water-Works of Niagara Falls, N. Y., to succeed Mr. Henry Keller.

Mr. H. C. Robinson, Chief Engineer of the Washington County R. R., has resigned on account of ill health, and will return to his former home in Portland, Me.

Mr. E. K. Blanchard, of St. Louis, Mo., Assistant Engineer, Illinois Central R. R., has been appointed Division Engineer of the Fort Dodge & Omaha extension of that road.

Col. James D. Bell has been appointed a Bridge Commissioner on the new East River Bridge Commission, by Mayor Van Wyck, of New York city, to succeed the late Mr. Thos. S. Moore.

Mr. John B. Newton has been appointed Chief Engineer of the Atlanta, Knoxville & Northern Ry. in charge of maintenance of way, structures and all betterments, with headquarters at Marietta, Ga.

Mr. Trevor McClurg Leutzé, M. Am. Soc. C. E., First Assistant Engineer of the New York State Canals, has been appointed Division Engineer of the Eastern Division, to succeed Mr. D. C. Smith, resigned.

Col. Adelbert R. Buffington, U. S. A., has been appointed to be Brigadier-General and Chief of the Army Bureau of Ordnance, to succeed the late Brig.-Gen. Daniel W. Flagler, whose death was noted in our last issue.

Messrs. T. N. Jacob, of Washington, D. C.; J. E. Hildt, of Columbus, O.; H. C. Allen, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Geo. E. Boyd, of Chicago, have been appointed resident engineers on the Fort Dodge & Omaha extension of the Illinois Central R. R.

Mr. Jerris T. Richards, Jr., M. Am. Soc. C. E., has resigned his position as Superintendent of Construction of the Pardee Iron Works, of New York, to accept the position as General Manager of the Mackolite Fireproofing Co., with headquarters at 1301 Schiller Bldg., Chicago.

Mr. Charles Evan Fowler, M. Am. Soc. C. E., formerly Chief Engineer of the Youngstown Bridge Co., has opened an office for private practice at 1404 Bowling Green Building, New York city. He will also represent the Osborn Co., Inspectors of Iron and Steel Structures, of Cleveland, O.

Mr. C. H. Ackert has been appointed President of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Ry., to succeed Mr. Samuel Spencer, and also President of the Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern Ry., in place of Mr. W. G. Brinson. These changes practically bring under one management the railway lines controlled by the Federal Steel Co.

Mr. John F. Stevens has been appointed Chief Engineer of the Great Northern Railway Line, vice Mr. N. D. Miller, resigned. He will have charge of the location and construction of all lines, and will direct the location of and provide plans for all bridges, buildings, tracks and structures on the company's property, and the method of maintaining the same.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Guy Cugin, a builder and ex-President of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, died in New York city, on April 5, aged 60 years.

Mr. L. V. Bockius, Vice-President of the Diebold Safe & Lock Co., and a director of the Cleveland Terminal & Valley R. R. Co., died at Canton, O., on April 9, aged 73 years.

Mr. Henry Augustus Taylor died at his home at Milford, Conn., on April 8, aged 60 years. In 1878 he built the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R. R. into Rochester, N. Y., and also constructed a part of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. He was also interested in many other railways, and was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry. Co. and the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Ry. Co.

Mr. Felix Brown, of the firm of A. & F. Brown, owners of the Progress Iron Works, died at his home at Elizabeth, N. J., on April 6, aged 70 years. Mr. Brown was the inventor of the foghorn now in use in the United States lighthouses.

Capt. Jas. J. Power, civil engineer, died at Perry, Okla., on April 9, aged 67. He was a son of the late Gen. Thos. J. Power, civil engineer, of Rochester, Pa.; and was engaged in engineering work in various parts of the country during a period of 46 years.

Mr. Wallace C. Andrews was burned to death in a fire at his home in New York city, on April 7. He was President of the Hudson River Stone Service Supply Co., the New York Ice Co., the New York Steam Co., and the United States Mineral Wool Co., and Director of the New York Launch & Engine Co., the Safety Car Heating & Lighting Co., and the Standard Coupler Co. Mr. Andrews was born of New England parentage, at Vienna, O., in 1833.

Mr. Menard K. Bowen, President of the Chicago City Ry. Co., died in Chicago, on April 9, after an operation for appendicitis. He was born at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in 1856, and was the son of Gen. John S. Bowen. He studied engineering at the St. Louis University and afterward at the Washington University at St. Louis. When 19 years old he entered the government service as an assistant engineer on a triangulation survey of the Mississippi River, and later was made assistant engineer on the jetty work below New Orleans. In 1880 he took charge of the survey work from Fort Smith, Ark., to California for the St. Louis & San Francisco Ry. After several years of railway work he entered the street railway business, his first work in this field being in Kansas City, where he was chief engineer and superintendent of construction, and afterwards superintendent of the completed system. The Short Electric Ry. Co. of Cleveland, O., next engaged him, and he went to New York as its commercial representative. Mr. Bowen went to Chicago as assistant to Mr. Holmes in the extensions of the South Side cable and electric system, and in the reorganization of the work was made superintendent, which position he held until the office of general manager was created for him in 1897. On Jan. 15, 1898, upon the retirement of Mr. Wheeler, he was elected President of the company, and continued in that office until his death.

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES.

COMING TECHNICAL MEETINGS.

BROOKLYN ENGINEERS' CLUB.
April 13. Secy., A. J. Provost, Jr., 191 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

ST. LOUIS RAILWAY CLUB.
April 14. Secy., H. H. Roberts, 511 Commercial Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

WISCONSIN STATE CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION.
April 14. Secy., I. Ladoff, 154 Knapp St., Milwaukee, Wis.

THE ENGINEERS' CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA.
April 15. "Costal Topography," Prof. Oscar C. S. Carter, Secy., L. P. Rondinella, 1122 Girard St., Philadelphia, Pa.

ENGINEERS' CLUB OF COLUMBUS.
April 15. Secy., H. M. Gates, 12½ North High St., Columbus, O.

ENGINEERS' CLUB OF ST. LOUIS.
April 17. Secy., E. R. Fish, 2401 N. Spring Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

TECHNICAL CLUB OF OMAHA.
April 17. Secy., J. Harry Lawrie, Omaha, Neb.

ENGINEERS' CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS.
April 17. Secy., H. E. Smith, 1620 S. E. 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

ENGINEERS' AND ARCHITECTS' CLUB OF LOUISVILLE.
April 17. Secy., Marshall Morris, 16 Norton Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

WESTERN RAILWAY CLUB.
April 18. Secy., F. M. Whyte, 225 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

ENGINEERS' SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.
April 18. Secy., R. A. Fessenden, 410 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.
April 19. Secy., S. E. Tinkham, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.
April 19. Secy., C. W. Hunt, 220 W 57th St., New York City.

WESTERN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS.
April 19. Secy., N. L. Litten, Monadnock Block, Chicago, Ill.

WESTERN FOUNDRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.
April 19. Secy., B. M. Gardner, 1522 Monadnock Block, Chicago, Ill.

ENGINEERS' CLUB OF CINCINNATI.
April 20. Secy., J. F. Wilson, P. O. Box 333, Cincinnati, O.

SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY CLUB.
April 20. Secy., F. A. Charlot, P. O. Box 13, Savannah, Ga.

NEW YORK RAILROAD CLUB.
April 20. Secy., W. W. Wheatley, 168 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

CHICAGO ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION.
April 21. Secy., J. R. Cravath, 825 Monadnock Block, Chicago, Ill.

ROCHESTER ENGINEERING SOCIETY.
April 21. Secy., John F. Skinner, Reynolds Library Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.

THE DETROIT ENGINEERING SOCIETY.
April 21. Secy., Henry Goldmark, Wayne Co. Savings Bank Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE.
April 25. "Electro-Magnetic Mechanism, Design of, with Reference to High Frequency Telegraphic Receivers," Prof. R. A. Fessenden, Secy., Wm. H. Wahl, 15 South 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

CIVIL ENGINEERS' CLUB OF CLEVELAND.
April 25. Secy., Wm. H. Searles, Case Library Bldg., Cleveland.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.
April 26. Secy., Ralph W. Pope, 26 Cortlandt St., New York city.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.
April 27. Secy., H. C. McLeod, 112 Mansfield St., Montreal, Que.

CIVIL ENGINEERS' SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL.
May 1. Secy., C. L. Annan, City Engineer's Office, St. Paul, Minn.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF WESTERN NEW YORK.
May 1. Secy., H. J. March, Library Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

FOUNDRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION (Philadelphia).
May 3. Secy., Howard Evans, Pier 45, N. Delaware Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

TECHNICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC COAST.
May 5. Secy., O. Von Geldern, 819 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.
May 5. Secy., Henry I. Weed, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ENGINEERS' CLUB OF KANSAS CITY.
May 8. Secy., F. W. Tuttle, Baird Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

THE LOUISIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY.
May 8. Secy., J. F. Coleman, 712 Union St., New Orleans, La.

NEW ENGLAND RAILWAY CLUB.
May 9. Secy., Edw. L. James, P. O. Box 1158, Boston, Mass.

NORTHWEST RAILWAY CLUB.
May 9. Secy., T. A. Foque, Soo Line, Minneapolis, Minn.

DENVER SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.
May 9. Secy., W. B. Lawson, 36 Jacobson Bldg., Denver, Colo.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.
May 9-12. Spring meeting, Washington, D. C. Secy., F. R. Hutton, 12 W. 31st St., New York city.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (New York Chapter).
May 10. Secy., Chas. I. Berg, 10 West 23d St., New York city.

ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTH.
May 11. Secy., H. M. Jones, 1000 Broad St., Nashville, Tenn.

RAILWAY SIGNALING CLUB.
May 11. Acting Secy., C. O. Tilton, C. M. & St. P. Ry., West Milwaukee, Wis.

CENTRAL RAILWAY CLUB.
May 12. Secy., H. D. Vought, 114 Fifth Ave., New York city.

MONTANA SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS.
May 13. Secy., A. S. Hovey, National Bank Bldg., Helena, Mont.

NATIONAL ELECTRIC LIGHT ASSOCIATION.
May 23-25. Annual meeting, New York. Secy., Geo. F. Porter, 136 Liberty St., New York city.

THE DETROIT ENGINEERING SOCIETY.—A special meeting of this society was held on April 7. The proceedings of the evening took the form of a discussion on "Locks and Lock Gates for Ship Canals."

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—A regular meeting of this society was held March 30. A paper was read by W. T. Ashbridge, entitled "The Construction of the Main Intercepting Sewers of the City of London, Ont."

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—A regular meeting of this society was held at the Society House in New York city on April 5. The paper of the evening, by L. M. Hoskins, was entitled "General Criterion for Position of Loads Causing Maximum Stress in Any Member of a Bridge Truss."

THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—This society has purchased a lot on West 81st St., New York city, near Central Park, and will, it is understood, immediately erect a society house. The lot is 50 x 100 ft., and it is the intention to make the new building a very complete and comfortable headquarters.

RAILWAY SIGNALING CLUB.—The regular meeting will be held in Chicago, at the Great Northern Hotel, at 2:30 p. m., April 25. Two papers will be presented: "Main Air Pipe and Connections for Electro-Pneumatic Signals and Switches," by A. M. Keppel, Jr.; "Inspection of Interlocking Plants," by W. H. Elliott. The club has been invited to visit Pacific Junction, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., to inspect the new 108-lever interlocking machine, and the outdoor work, which is designed with a view to permanence of construction.
C. O. Tilton, Secy.

ENGINEERS' SOCIETY OF WESTERN NEW YORK.—A meeting of this society was held at Buffalo, N. Y., on April 3, to consider a preliminary report of the Pan-American Exposition. The report referred principally to the selection of a site, of which about 20 had been offered. The committee's work so far has consisted in making maps showing the locations of the sites, wooded lands, the nature of the earth, the drainage conditions, and accessibility, so far as water and railways are concerned. There was considerable discussion as to the engineering features of the Exposition, and the sites suggested were considered from this standpoint.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.—This is the name of a new society organized in New York city on April 6. The object of the society is to promote good-fellowship among its members and to increase the efficiency of the profession by establishing some standard by which landscape architects may be chosen for special work, just as has been done by the Architectural League. The officers of the association are: Pres., J. C. Olmstead, of Olmstead Bros., Boston; Vice-Pres., Samuel Parsons, Jr., of Parsons & Pentecost, St. James Bldg., New York; Secy., Daniel W. Langton, of New York, and Treas., C. W. Laurie, of New York. The next meeting of the society will be held at Boston.

THE ENGINEERS' CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA.—A meeting of this club was held on April 1, with 60 members and visitors present, and after some routine business was dispatched Mr. Richard L. Humphrey presented some notes on "The Testing Laboratory of the City of

Philadelphia." This was an illustrated description of some of the improvements which have been made in the equipment and operation of the municipal laboratory of Philadelphia during the past three years. Mr. Carl Hering followed, presenting some notes on "Recent Development in Electrical Engineering," in which attention was called to electrolysis of gas and water mains, improvements in electric traction and power transmission, schemes for the generation of electricity near coal mines, etc.; also a description of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.—The list of candidates to be voted for at the spring meeting of the society, to be held at Washington, D. C., May 9-12, has been sent to members. The list is unusually large, and may be taken as an indication of the revival of industrial activity and the growing importance of the society. It includes the names of 39 candidates for full membership; 5 to be voted for as associates; 6 for promotion to full membership; 1 for promotion to associate membership, and 34 junior applicants. This makes a total of 84 new and transferred members, against 22 who were admitted and transferred at the winter meeting, held in New York in November, 1898. If these are all admitted the total membership of the society will be 1,665, of which number 15 will be honorary members, 1,426 will be full members, 123 associates and 381 juniors.

LITERARY MAGAZINES.—The April "Cosmopolitan" contains a new story of the Keely Motor, by Julius Moritzen; an article on a kindred subject, "Some Tricks of Ancient Temples," by Henry R. Evans, and a description of a rattlesnake's den that will match any snake story which any of our readers could tell who have made surveys in those parts of the Southwest where rattlers abound.

In the "Century," Prof. W. C. Peckham writes on Liquid Air, giving the best popular account of recent scientific progress in the liquefaction of gases that we have anywhere seen. We looked with interest to see whether he too had swallowed Mr. Tripler's remarkable story of liquid air as a means of multiplying power, with which a writer in "McClure's" astonished the reading public last month. Prof. Peckham has evidently heard Tripler's claim, but he contents himself with the following guarded statement:

Eager minds are striving to invent grander uses for the greater forces which the recent results place at our disposal, and some think they can foresee the day when the power stored in these abysses of cold will enable man to do that which is now looked upon as impossible, or at least chimerical.

In the April "Atlantic" Mr. T. J. J. See writes on "The Solar System in the Light of Recent Discoveries," and explains a new law of temperature which he believes regulates the temperature of every gaseous star in the universe. According to this discovery, the original nebula out of which the bodies of our solar system are supposed to have been developed may have been cold instead of hot. The heat of the sun and other bodies has been developed by their gradual condensation and contraction. The law above referred to is that the increase in the total amount of heat generated in a gaseous mass in condensing from infinite expansion varies as the square of the radius. In the same magazine Mr. Chas. M. Rohlfson reviews the improvement in the condition of city life which has been effected during the past 20 years.

In the "Popular Science Monthly" Mr. Edward Atkinson presents his views on the wheat production controversy, which has already been noticed in these columns. Life on a South Sea whaling ship in the days when New Bedford's great industry was at its height is described by F. T. Bullen. The "North American Review" opens with a paper by Congressman John Hull on the Army reorganization. He places the responsibility for the makeshift bill passed by the last Congress where it rightly belongs. "The Future of Cuba" is the subject of a paper by Robert P. Porter, who shows very plainly that the material interests of Cuba will be best served by close identity with the United States. He points out the kind of labor needed and the fields for profitable enterprise in Cuba, and this portion of his article should have much practical usefulness. Another paper in the same magazine on the Mexican Hacienda system is of considerable interest at this time when the new problem of controlling the labor of tropical countries is before us.

In the April "Forum" Rev. Gilbert Reid discusses American opportunities in China, and urges that America should unite with England to secure the maintenance of the "open door" in China. It is to be feared, however, that the opportunity to effectively do this has already passed. "The Industrial Development of Russia," by Prof. Ivan Oseroff, of Moscow University, is a most interesting account of the growths of manufacturing, mining and other industries in Russia. It is of interest to note that Russia has a sugar trust, which was organized at the suggestion and with the co-operation of the government.

The trial trip of the "Oregon" is described by Rear-Admiral Beardslee in the April "Harper," and is one of the best accounts of the contract trial of a battleship that we have seen printed anywhere. In the same magazine Mr. Russell Sturgis continues his papers on city house architecture, discussing closets, plumbing, heating and house equipment generally.

In the April "Scribner's" we find an interesting account of a journey to the Klondike in winter, by Frederick Palmer. "The Review of Reviews" for April has a couple of papers on our Pacific problems, "American and Malay in Hawaii," by Winthrop L. Marvin, and "Material Problems in the Philippines," by Samuel W. Belford. Mr. W. H. Tolman also writes on landscape gardening for factory homes, and tells of the wonderful results which have been accomplished by an enterprising and liberal-minded manufacturer at Dayton, O. "The Fortnightly Review" for March contains a better account of General Wood's work at Santiago than we have seen in any American periodical.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION FOR 1896-7.—Vol. 2. Cloth; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 1,137-2,390. Washington: Government Printing Office.

This report contains a vast amount of matter relating to all grades and classes of education, including a directory and statistics of technical schools.

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS.—Proceeding for 1898-9. Geo. K. Cranford, Secretary, New London, Conn. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 83; illustrated. Price, 50 cts.

Most of the matter in this report relates to the recent winter meeting of the society, an account of which was given in our issue of Jan. 11, 1899.

THE HORSELESS AGE. E. P. Ingersoll, Editor and Proprietor, New York City. 9 1/2 x 12 ins.; pp. 25. Illustrated.

This is number 1, volume 4, of a technical journal published in the interest of the motor vehicle industry. With the present issue it changes from a monthly to a weekly publication, and will henceforth be issued on Wednesday of each week.

THE CIVIL ENGINEER AS A GUARDIAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH.—By J. B. Johnson, Member of the Engineers' Club of St. Louis. Reprinted from the Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, vol. xxi., No. 6 (Dec., 1898). Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 11.

In this paper the author reviewed rapidly some of the ways in which the public health, especially of our cities, is conserved by the work of engineers.

DRINKING WATER; CITY, TOWN AND RURAL SUPPLIES.—By A. W. Blair, State Chemist of North Carolina. Bulletin No. 161. The North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 207-23. Raleigh, N. C.: Address the Director.

This is a somewhat popular review of the subject indicated in the title, with directions for taking and sending samples and the results of a number of analyses.

PASSAIC RIVER POLLUTION.—Report of Commission Appointed to Consider the Pollution of the Rivers and Streams of New Jersey. Jas. A. Exton, Secretary, Arlington, N. J. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 54.

The main part of this report was abstracted at length in our issue of March 9. In addition to the ideas on the solution of the Passaic pollution problem, advanced by the Commission, there was a number of reports from committees appointed by the several committees affected and a minority report by Mr. Jno. Hinchliffe, Mayor of Paterson.

AN IMPROVED FILTER FOR MICROSCOPICAL WATER ANALYSIS.—By Daniel D. Jackson, S. B., Chemist, Department of Water Supply, Brooklyn, N. Y. Reprinted from the "Technology Quarterly," December, 1898. Paper; 7 x 10 ins.; pp. 5; one illustration.

This pamphlet describes an improvement of the Sedgewick-Rafter method, designed to secure more accuracy in determining delicate organisms, like protozoa. It consists of an attachment to the ordinary filter funnel, by means of which samples may be collected with less danger of destruction than ordinarily.

LEGISLATION BY STATES IN 1898.—State Library Bulletin No. 10. Albany: University of the State of New York. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 742-809. Price, 25 cts.; or \$1 each for Vols. 1 or 2, covering years 1890-4 and 1895-9, respectively.

This is a most admirable and useful piece of work. The most important legislation of the year is reviewed and correlated with previous legislation. Then follows a well classified summary of all except purely local legislation. Where the statutes summarized have been declared unconstitutional between the date of passage and the close of 1898, the fact is noted.

STATE ENGINEER OF WYOMING.—Report for the years 1897 and 1898. Elwood Mead, Engineer, Cheyenne, Wyo. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 304; illustrated.

This report contains a large amount of matter relating to irrigation and kindred subjects in Wyoming, including some handsome views of natural scenery. In our issue of Dec. 29, 1898, we published a long extract from advance pages of the report, under the title, "Stream Gaggings and Other Studies Relating to Irrigation in Wyoming."

STATE ENGINEER OF UTAH.—Report for the Years 1897 and 1898. R. C. Gemmill, State Engineer, Salt Lake City. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; illustrations and tables.

Appended to Mr. Gemmill's review of the work of his office are "Special Instructions to Watermasters as to Measurements of Water so as to Secure a Just Distribution of the Same." Besides illustrated descriptions of various measuring devices some useful tables are given. Special computations were made for the table giving the discharges over rectangular weirs, with two complete contractions, so that the quantities could be read direct, without subsequent computations; the heads are also given in inches, approximately, as well as in decimal parts of a foot. All this trouble was taken to aid the watermasters, few of whom are engineers. The tables may prove of value to others than those for whom they were primarily intended.

THE PROBLEM OF WATER PURIFICATION FOR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.—By P. J. A. Malmgren. Reprinted from Proceedings of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, vol. xvi., No. 2 (March, 1896). Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 25.

This paper describes a patented system of filtration which the author is promoting in this country. It appears from the paper that for the water supply of Philadelphia double filtration is suggested, with a primary filter composed partly of charcoal, operating at 120,000-200,000 gallons an acre, and a secondary filter of sand covered with asbestos, working at 12,000,000 gallons an acre.

ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH RAINFALL.—By J. I. Haycroft, M. Inst. C. E. I., Assoc. M. Am. C. E., Woolahra, N. S. W., Australia. Reprinted from the Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Society of New South Wales, Vol. xxiii. Paper; 5 x 7 ins.; pp. XXX-LXIII.

The subject named is discussed chiefly from the standpoint of the relation between rainfall or stream flow and railway design and construction. Some consideration is also given to municipal engineering problems. A number of formulas are presented and discussed, and several authorities, mostly American, are cited, by quoting from their published works and personal correspondence with the author.

AZIMUTHS OF THE NORTH POLE STAR FOR 1899 AND 1900. Lat. 48° N. to Lat. 54° N. By S. A. Roberts, Dominion and Provincial Land Surveyor, Victoria, B. C. Paper, 9 x 6 ins. pp. 5. \$1.00.

This useful set of tables is accompanied by a full explanation of their use and the rule for finding the azimuth. With them and a reliable watch, Mr. Roberts claims that a true meridian, or any other line, can be determined, whenever the North Star is visible, without the ordinary tedious method of waiting for the elongation. The azimuths are given to the nearest tenth of a minute for the latitude used.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE, PARIS, 1900.—General information for citizens of the United States of America who desire to become exhibitors. Regulations, classifications. Compiled under the direction of the Commissioner-General for the United States. Chicago, Ill. January, 1899. Paper; 9 x 6 ins.; pp. 110.

This compilation includes the law of the U. S. establishing the commission; the various decrees of the French Republic relating to the exposition; the general staff of the exposition in Paris; a description of the grounds and buildings; the general classification of exhibits under 18 heads; railway agreements; freight rates to Paris, and general information for exhibitors. Among the decrees will be found the awards to exhibitors and diplomas, and the duties of the International jury and the method of organization. The Chicago office of the American commission is in the Auditorium Building; the New York office in the Equitable Building, and the Paris office is at No. 20 Avenue Rapp.

IRON MAKING IN ALABAMA.—By Wm. Battle Phillips, Ph. D., Alabama Geological Survey. Second edition. Montgomery, Ala., 1898. Paper; 9 x 6 ins.; pp. 380.

The first edition of this report was published in 1896, and the present edition recasts the entire chapter on fuels and adds a new chapter on pig-iron. The writer has been the consulting chemist for the Birmingham Rolling Mill and Steel Works since the building of their first basic furnace, and he treats of the ores found—especially hematite ores, the fluxes, fuel, furnaces, pig-iron and cost of production in Alabama. Other chapters relate to coal, concentration of low grade ores, basic steel and iron, and the coke furnaces. In 1889-90 the average cost of making pig-iron in Alabama was about \$9.50 per ton; in 1890-97 the lowest cost was \$5.75; this question of cost is treated in minute detail. The general average price of Alabama coal, f. o. b. at mines, was \$0.88 per ton in 1897, with a total production of 5,893,770 tons for that year. The average cost of hard, soft and brown ore, in 1896, was \$0.672, \$0.572 and \$1.07 per ton respectively; the limestone cost \$0.647 and the coke \$1.727 in the same year. In making the iron, in 1896, the materials cost 70.9%; labor 15%; supplies and current repairs 4.8 and 3.2%, and the remainder was represented by general expenses, relining, taxes and bad debts.

WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION PAPERS OF THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—No. 19, Irrigation near Merced, Cal., by Carl Ewald Grunsky; pp. 58. No. 20, Experiments with Windmills, by Thos. O. Perry; pp. 96. Washington, D. C. Paper; 9 x 6 ins.

The first of these papers describes the hydrography of the San Joaquin, Merced and other rivers, and illustrates and describes the canals, dams and appurtenances employed in the development of the irrigating system on these rivers. In an introduction to the second paper, Mr. F. H. Newell, Chief Hydrographer, points out the value of the windmill throughout the sections of arid and semi-arid country where underground water is to be found. In these sections the wind is almost constantly blowing, and Mr. Newell briefly outlines the best practice in raising the water by windmills, storing and distributing it to the crops. The experiments upon windmills here set forth were commenced in 1882 and ended in 1883; and the only well defined previous records date back about 125 years, as made by John Smeaton, and reported to the Royal Society in 1759. Mr. Perry describes and illustrates the apparatus employed by him, and then in a series of tables gives the results of his experiments with various types of wheels. As the result of these experiments he discloses the best angle of weather, the automatic brake-adjuster, the theory of the action of wind on sails, barometric and thermometric influences, axle friction, the construction of sails, etc.

Under the head of power windmills he deduces that in a 5-mile wind a 12-ft. windmill develops a power about equal to 1-40 of a horse-power. Computing the power of other wind velocities, according to the law of cubes, he finds as follows for a 12-ft. wheel: 5-mile wind, 0.025 HP.; 10-mile wind, 0.2 HP.; 15-mile wind, 0.675 HP.; 20-mile wind, 1.6 HP.; 25-mile wind, 3.125 HP.; 30-mile wind, 5.4 HP.; 35-mile wind, 8.575 HP., and in a 40-mile wind, 12.8 HP. Most of the 12-ft. wheels are now made strong enough to stand the strain of furnishing 13 HP., or to work in a 40-mile wind.

TRADE PUBLICATIONS.

(The standard sizes for pamphlets and trade catalogues recommended by all the principal engineering societies of the United States are: 8 1/2 x 6 ins. and 9 x 12 ins.)

PORTABLE FORGES.—The Crumlish Forge Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Circular.

This is a four-page circular giving a few testimonials of the value of the Crumlish portable forges.

PUMPS, AIR COMPRESSORS AND LIFTS.—The American Well Works, Aurora, Ill. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 133-227. Illustrated.

This catalogue shows a large variety of pumping engines, air apparatus and other water-works supplies.

BUILDING CEMENT.—Oklahoma Cement & Plaster Co., Hickox Building, Cleveland, O. Paper; 3 x 6 ins.; pp. 32.

This pamphlet relates to a cement for hard finish and various building purposes.

THE OHIO GAS AND GASOLINE ENGINE.—The Frey-Sheckler Co., Bucyrus, O. Pamphlet; 8 x 11 ins.; pp. 22. Illustrated.

This pamphlet, as implied by the title, discusses the engine made by this concern.

PUMPING MACHINERY.—Dean Bros., Indianapolis, Ind. Paper; 3 x 6 ins.; pp. 16. Illustrated.

This little pamphlet describes a selected few of the pumps made by Dean Bros., including hydraulic, boiler feed, tank or light service and geared power pumps.

THE IRON AGE INDEX SUPPLEMENT.—David Williams Co., New York City. Pamphlet; 8 1/4 x 12 1/2 ins.; pp. 81.

This is the annual trade index issued by the "Iron Age." It also contains an index to the reading matter of Volume LXII.

WATER, GAS AND PLUMBING GOODS.—H. Mueller Mfg. Co., Decatur, Ill. Cloth; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 207. Illustrated.

This is a detailed, fully illustrated price-list and catalogue of a wide range of supplies of the class indicated in the title.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY SUPPLIES.—The Ohio Brass Co., Mansfield, O. Pamphlet; 6 x 9 1/4 ins.; pp. 140. Illustrated.

This is a fairly complete catalogue of electric railway supplies, including construction material, line devices, car appliances, switches, instruments, etc.

VALVES AND FIRE HYDRANTS.—John McLean, 208 Monroe St., New York City. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 23. Illustrated.

This catalogue describes the Ayres and McLean hydrants, cast-iron pipe and specials, valves, lead furnaces and general gas and water-works supplies.

GAS AND GASOLINE ENGINES.—Newell Bros., Cleveland, O. Pamphlet; 7 1/4 x 5 1/2 ins.; pp. 12. Illustrated.

This small pamphlet calls attention to the advantages of gas engines in general, but more particularly to the advantages of the double cylinder iron type manufactured by this company. A number of testimonials are also given.

IRON FENCES.—The Crawford Fence & Iron Co., Sandusky, O. Paper; 10 1/2 x 6 1/2 ins.; pp. 24. Illustrated.

This catalogue illustrates and describes, with dimensions, a variety of types of wrought iron fences, gates, balconies, wire desk railing, fire escapes and smaller articles.

CLAY WORKING MACHINERY AND SPECIALTIES.—Simpson Machinery Co., Chicago, Ill. Pamphlet; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 48. Illustrated.

This pamphlet illustrates the line of clay working machinery and specialties manufactured by this firm. Forms of clay grinders, conveyors and presses are shown and described.

THE NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.—The National Municipal League, Clinton R. Woodruff, Secy. Pamphlet; 3 x 4 1/2 ins.; pp. 20.

This is No. 2 of the series of leaflets published by the League. This one tells "What it is Doing and What Others Have to Say About It," by means of quotations from the daily press.

WELLS.—T. P. Miller & Co., contractors for wells, water supply and water-works, 45 Michigan St., Chicago, Ill. Paper; 3 1/2 x 5 1/2 ins.; pp. 16.

This pamphlet gives some particulars of the company's work, with a list of about 350 wells for water, oil, salt, etc. The depths of these wells are given, the deepest being 3,069 ft., at Galveston, Tex.

VALVE RESEATING MACHINES.—The Leavitt Machine Co., Orange, Mass. Pamphlet; 6 1/4 x 4 ins.; pp. 42. Illustrated.

This little pamphlet illustrates and briefly describes the Morse & Dexter valve reseating machines of different sizes. Illustrations of United States battleships and cruisers using this valve reseater are also given.

NASH GAS AND GASOLINE ENGINES.—The National Meter Co., New York City. Pamphlet; 9 x 6 ins.; pp. 32. Illustrated.

This pamphlet is intended to give a clear description of the Nash engines for both gas and gasoline, and at the same time afford an idea of some of its applications. To

accomplish this, views of the different sizes of engine are given, with a suitable accompanying description. There are also illustrations and brief explanations of pumping outfits, deep well pumps, etc.

WROUGHT STEEL COOKING UTENSILS.—The Avery Stamping Co., Cleveland, O. Pamphlet; 6 1/4 x 3 1/4 ins.; pp. 52. Illustrated.

This little pamphlet illustrates a variety of stamped steel cooking utensils, and also forms of steel fence posts for wire fences, elevator buckets, etc. Pressed steel seats for agricultural implements and specimens of heavy intricate hydraulic forgings are also shown.

RUBBER MATS AND MATTING.—New Jersey Car Spring and Rubber Co., Jersey City, N. J. Paper; 6 3/4 x 4 1/4 ins.; pp. 48. Illustrated.

This catalogue illustrates, describes and gives the prices of a great variety of perforated, corrugated and special forms of rubber mats, both in given dimensions and in rolls. Small mats for household, hotel and trade use are also included.

BOLTS AND NUTS.—The Lamson & Sessions Co., Cleveland, O. Cloth; 6 1/4 x 4 1/2 ins.; pp. 47. Illustrated.

This is practically a collection of tables giving the length, diameter, weight and price of many varieties of bolts and nuts; each type separately illustrated and described. Included in the lists are wrenches for a number of uses, with dimensions and prices.

PUMPS.—The Barnes Mfg. Co., Mansfield, O. Pamphlet; 6 1/2 x 9 1/4 ins.; pp. 141. Illustrated.

This catalogue gives information about the large variety of pumps manufactured by this concern. These range from the familiar pithead spout hand pump to an improved deep well steam pump, and include centrifugal and triple power pumps. A number of pump and well fittings are also shown, and the pamphlet concludes with an illustrated list of valves and cocks.

AUTOMATIC MECHANICAL STOKERS.—The Wilkinson Mfg. Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Pamphlet; 9 1/4 x 6 1/4 ins. Illustrated.

This pamphlet is a series of illustrations of some of the boiler plants using the Wilkinson stoker. Letters are given in each case to show the length of time the stoker has been in use and the character of work done. Other illustrations are given to show the methods of installing the stoker on different types of boilers.

CLAY WORKING MACHINERY.—The American Clay Working Machinery Co., Bucyrus, O. Pamphlet; 7 x 10 1/4 ins.; pp. 201. Illustrated.

This pamphlet illustrates and describes in some detail several forms of pressed brick machines, tile presses, auger machines, cutting tables for hollow ware, steam presses for the manufacture of sewer pipes and in fact a full line of clay working machinery. A few of the last pages illustrate forms of brick and hollow tiles for building purposes.

LEAD-LINED IRON PIPE.—The Sanitary Lead Lining & Pipe Bending Co., Cremorne Wharf, Lots' Road, London, S. W., England. Paper; 9 x 13 ins.; pp. 7. Illustrated.

These circulars describe a complete assortment of lead-lined cast-iron pipe, bends, branches, junctions and other specials, designed for domestic drainage. The pipe is made in lengths of 12 to 72 ins., and in diameters from 2 to 6 ins., varying by half-inches, except that there is no 5 1/2-in. size.

EXHAUST AND VENTILATING FANS.—The Specialty Mfg. Co., Indianapolis, Ind. Pamphlet; 3 1/2 x 6 ins.; pp. 14. Illustrated.

This pamphlet presents the forms of ventilating fans operated by water motors which are manufactured by this concern. These are made as small as 13 ins. fan diameter, with a direct connected water motor. Counter fans, floor fans and large exhaust fans are listed, together with water motors for operating them, and a variety of fan parts.

ENGINES AND PUMPING PLANTS.—Byron Jackson Machine Works, 625 Sixth St., San Francisco, Cal. Paper; 9 1/2 x 6 1/2 ins.; pp. 100. Illustrated.

The specialties of this firm include horizontal and vertical single-valve, cross-compound engines, with automatic cut-off, and various forms of pumps for deep-wells, irrigation plants, dredging, water supply, etc. The pumps are mainly of the centrifugal type, and in some cases are placed in a deep shaft and driven by rope transmission from the engine on the surface.

THE TURNER WATER TUBE SAFETY BOILERS.—The Turner Engineering Co., Marion, O. Pamphlet; 7 1/2 x 7 ins.; pp. 32. Illustrated.

As is stated in its introduction, this pamphlet is published to give a concise description of a form of safety water tube boiler claimed by the maker to be the equal of any on the market in all the essential features of a modern water tube boiler. These points are set forth in some detail. The accompanying illustrations afford a clear idea of the construction.

HOUSE PAINTS.—New Jersey Zinc Co., 52 Wall St., New York. Paper; 7 x 4 1/4 ins.; pp. 16. Illustrated.

Under the title of "Paints and Architecture," Mr. Stanton Dudley has here given a concise and practical treatise on the characteristics and properties of pigments and paints for the especial benefit of architects. Starting with the proposition that the object of painting is "to protect and beautify," Mr. Dudley deals with the pigments and vehicles by the use of which an architect can expect permanence and beauty in his "color scheme." He deals with the means of detecting the presence of aniline dyes, and adulterants for oil; and discusses at considerable length white lead and zinc. He shows by illustrations the

effect of weathering, sulphur fumes, etc., on these two pigments, and gives his reasons for preferring zinc white to the long used white lead in paints. He says good ready-made paints cannot be made without zinc white; but pure linseed oil is quite as essential for the vehicle, and cheap substitutes for this oil will largely counteract the best pigment.

DIRECT CONNECTED RAILWAY GENERATORS.—Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Pamphlet; 7 x 10 ins.; pp. 12. Illustrated.

This pamphlet describes the standard direct current engine generators built by the above-named company for street railway service. Such features as general design, field coils, armature core and winding, commutators, etc., are briefly enumerated. This information is supplemented by lettered outline drawings and accompanying tables of dimensions.

STATIONARY AND PORTABLE ENGINES.—The Mansfield Machine Works, Mansfield, O. Pamphlet; 9 1/4 x 6 ins.; pp. 40. Illustrated.

This pamphlet calls attention to the "Mansfield" engines of stationary and portable varieties. Some of the latter are mounted on wheels, and others intended for a more permanent class of work are semi-portable. A form of vertical boiler, portable equipment, is also shown. The concluding portion of the pamphlet considers head blocks, logging slides and circular saws.

ELECTRIC TRAVELING CRANES.—The Shaw Electric Crane Co., Muskegon, Mich. Pamphlet; 12 x 9 ins.; pp. 33. Illustrated.

This catalogue is made up of a few pages of introductory remarks and general descriptive matter, and a number of full-page illustrations of the various types of electric cranes manufactured by this concern. Other illustrations representing machines in actual operation are also given.

THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AND GARBAGE.—W. F. Morse, 287 Fourth Ave., New York City. Paper; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 22. Illustrated.

This pamphlet describes the Morse-Boutger garbage and refuse destructors, hospital destructors and steam sterilizing apparatus. There is included an illustrated description of the new refuse sorting and disposal plant recently installed to dispose of the paper, rags and refuse other than garbage and ashes of the city of Boston.

MOTOR CARRIAGES.—The Winton Carriage Co., Cleveland, O. Pamphlet; 7 x 5 ins.; pp. 12. Illustrated.

This pamphlet describes in a necessarily abbreviated manner the good points of a type of motor vehicle which employs a gasoline motor, claimed by the makers to be all that could be desired. The accompanying illustrations show a simple and compact carriage and delivery wagon, and the testimonials seem to bear out the builders' claims.

THE AJAX BLUE BOOK.—The Ajax Manufacturing Co., Cleveland, O. Pamphlet; 7 1/2 x 4 1/4 ins.; pp. 115. Illustrated.

This pamphlet presents a series of illustrations of heading, forging and upsetting machines, with descriptions which are scarcely more than general dimensions. Bending, bulldozing and hot pressed nut machines are treated in the same way. A number of dimensioned drawings of specimens produced by the various machines are given, and the pamphlet concludes with tables showing the amount of material required to make hot heads, number of rivets per 100 lbs., etc.

AIR COMPRESSORS AND ROCK-DRILLS.—The Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill Co., New York. Paper; 5 1/4 x 3 1/4 ins.; pp. 24. Illustrated.

This little work contains an engraving of each of the various types of air compressors made by this company, with remarks as to their particular merits and appropriate use. An interesting table at the end gives in alphabetical order a list of about 170 processes and devices using compressed air. A similar little book of 20 pages illustrates and describes the several types of rock-drills and stone-channeling machines made by the Ingersoll-Sergeant Co.

STEEL DOOR HANGERS AND RAILS, AND CHAIN HOISTS.—The Clibshelm & Moore Mfg. Co., Cleveland, O. Pamphlet; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 24. Illustrated.

This pamphlet describes the line of door hangers and rails manufactured by this concern for elevators, baggage cars, warehouses, etc. Several forms of door catch and fence pickets are shown, while a portion of the pamphlet is devoted to illustrations of electric and compressed air hoists and cranes. The supplementary pamphlet illustrates and describes in some detail the differential pulley blocks, electric and compressed air hoists and traveling cranes made by this concern.

SARATOGA THE BEAUTIFUL.—New York Central & Hudson River R. R. Co., General Passenger Department, Geo. H. Daniels, Agent, Grand Central Station, New York City. Pamphlet; 4 x 9 ins.; pp. 56. Illustrated.

This is a very attractive booklet published by the passenger department of the New York Central Railway to call attention to Saratoga, N. Y., as a watering place. The prominent hotels and points of interest of this well-known resort are illustrated and briefly described. A portion of the pamphlet shows some of the scenery along the Hudson River, as it appears from the "Saratoga Limited," and several interior views of this speedy and comfortable train are given.

WATCHMAN'S TIME DETECTOR.—The Cleveland Electrical Manufacturing Co., Arthur B. Foster, General Manager. Paper; 9 x 6 ins.; pp. 32. Illustrated.

This catalogue is devoted to illustrating and describing the American Watchman's Time Detector, approved by all the mutual and standard insurance companies. Any one instrument may be connected with any number of sta-

tions at any distance; and the one dial keeps a full separate record for each watchman. And the record can only be made by operating the separate stations, so that no one watchman can make a record for others without being detected.

PELTON WATER WHEELS.—Pelton Water Wheel Co., 121-123 Main St., San Francisco, Cal. Catalogue in Spanish. Paper; 10 1/4 x 6 1/2 ins.; pp. 80. Illustrated.

This company is fully awake to the trade possibilities of our "new possessions," and this catalogue is not only issued in Spanish and fully describes and illustrates the machines manufactured, but it also gives all instructions and tables in metrical measurements. Its general appearance is a telling argument in favor of the policy of pushing American manufactures among foreign nations by addressing them in their own language and speaking in dimensions with which they are familiar.

HOISTING ENGINES, PILE-DRIVERS, ETC.—Excelsior Iron Works Co., Cleveland, O. Paper; 12 x 9 3/4 ins.; pp. 47. Illustrated.

The catalogue of this company covers a long list of machinery, tools and appliances used by contractors, quarrymen, miners, railways, steamship companies, etc. Among those illustrated and described we note the following: The Long car-dumping machine; the Long coal and ore car unloading machine; revolving steam traveling derricks; bottom-dump coal buckets; steel clam-shell buckets; hand traveling cranes; wrecking cars; derricks and quarry machinery; steam engines and boilers; frogs, switches and stands.

STREET SWEEPING AND PICKING-UP MACHINE.—Improved Street Sweeper Co., 601 German National Bank Building, Pittsburg, Pa. Paper; 7 x 4 1/2 ins.; pp. 12. Illustrated.

The Monarch Pick-up Street Sweeping Machine is described as a "huge carpet sweeper" adapted to the cleaning of streets. The revolving broom is made of steel wires, which pick up and deposit in a cylindrical continuous casing all manner of refuse; the casing encloses the vital parts of the machine and a chain conveyor carries the sweepings into a tank on top of the machine. This tank holds one cubic yard and can be turned upside down and made to deposit the dirt in piles for removal in wagons. Letters are shown attesting to its satisfactory use in Pittsburg and Allegheny during last year.

MILL MACHINERY: THE "GRILL" PATENT DRYER.—C. O. Bartlett & Co., Cleveland, O. Pamphlets; 5 1/2 x 9 ins.; pp. 178; and 9 x 6 1/2 ins.; pp. 20. Both illustrated.

The first of these pamphlets is largely devoted to chain bucket conveyors, belt conveyors and other conveyors for such purposes as raising barrels. The remainder refers to engines, boilers, grinders and general milling machinery. The second pamphlet describes a form of revolving dryer which consists of a cylindrical case divided into four longitudinal compartments, to the inner faces of which are riveted small Z-bars. These form pockets from which the material spills, as the dryer revolves, and is thus continually exposed to the hot air which circulates through the cylinder. Other special drying apparatus is illustrated and described.

STEAM GAGES AND VALVES.—Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Co., Boston, Mass. Catalogue; 6 1/4 x 9 1/4 ins.; pp. 174. Illustrated.

This is a cloth-bound book, well illustrated and well printed, and of more than ordinary value owing to the explanations given of the principles and operation of the instruments illustrated. Various forms of steam, vacuum and pressure gages, revolution counters, gage tablets, test pumps and gage testers are shown. Considerable space is devoted to valves of different sorts. The Crosby steam engine indicator is described in detail, and a new form of electrical attachment for the simultaneous operation of several indicators is shown. Planimeters and their uses are described, and a table of circumferences and areas of circles concludes the catalogue.

STEAM ENGINES AND BOILERS; AUTOMATIC ENGINES AND DIRECT CONNECTED HIGH SPEED ENGINES.—Watertown Steam Engine Co., Watertown, N. Y. Three pamphlets; 6 x 9 ins.; pp. 31, 19 and 24, respectively. Illustrated.

The first of these pamphlets illustrates and describes the types of slow speed automatic engines manufactured by this concern for heavy duty and several forms of high-speed automatic engine and both stationary and portable return tube steam boilers. Tables giving general dimensions accompany the text. Portable engines and agricultural engines are also included. The second pamphlet briefly discusses the advantages of the Watertown automatic engine and reproduces a number of indicator diagrams taken from engines of this class which have been in operation for some time. The third pamphlet contains several excellent illustrations of high speed engines direct connected to electric generators, both engine and generator being on the same bed plate. The accompanying text notes briefly the good points of these engines.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS.

CONDENSED LIST OF CONTRACTS PENDING WITH DATE OF OPENING BIDS.

Table with 4 columns: Bids to be opened, Work, Place, See Eng. News. Includes entries for Steel highway bridge, Steam heating, Lock house, etc.

Main table of construction contracts with columns for project name, location, and date. Includes entries for Steam heating, Hydraulic canal, Water pipe, Sewers, Macadamizing, etc.

Continuation of the main table of construction contracts, including entries for Grading, Office building, Railway and highway bridges, etc.

RAILWAYS.

ALABAMA & TOMBIGBEE.—Reports state that seven miles of grading and six miles of track-laying have been completed on the extension of this line from Fulton to Lower Peach Tree, 14 miles. Work is being done by the day under the direction of the company. G. R. Hannon, Gen. Mgr.; G. S. Kellan, Ch. Engr., both of Fulton, Ala.

BALTIMORE & OHIO.—We are informed that the work of preparing the roadway for a second track from Bellaire to Spencers, O., a distance of 33 miles, is soon to begin; and that west of down during this season.
BANGOR & AROOSTOOK.—Preliminary surveys have begun for an extension of this line from Caribou to Van Buren, Me., 28 miles. It is also said that three steel viaducts are being built beyond Oldtown, and a steel viaduct several hundred feet long being built at Bunker Brook, near Greenville; besides this there will be a number of general improvements on the line when the weather permits. M. Burpee, Ch. Engr., Houlton, Me.
BIG ROCK.—This company was incorporated in Arkansas, April 5, with \$15,000 capital stock, to build a standard-gage line from the Junction of Newton Ave. and Hays St., Little Rock, Ark., to Fort Logan H. Roots. Arthur Neville and J. H. Hollis are incorporators.
CAROLINA & NORTHERN.—Contracts will soon be let, according to official reports, for grading this proposed line from Lumberton to Marion, S. C., 38 miles. Rails have been purchased. Joseph H. McRee, Wilmington, N. C.
CHINA.—Reports state that the American-China Development Co. has completed the surveys for its proposed railway from Hankow to Canton. Wm. Barclay Parsons, Ch. Engr., 22 William St., New York.

SENECA FALLS, N. Y.—The question of securing a better water supply is being considered.

TROY, N. Y.—Bids have been asked by the clerk of the Water Commissioners for furnishing about 6,200 ft. of 4 to 12-in. water pipe.

UTICA, N. Y.—The assembly has passed the bill authorizing this city to construct works.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—Supreme Court Justice Keogh has appointed Maurice Dillon, of Port Chester; Clarence S. McClellan, of Mount Vernon, and Joseph B. See, of North Castle, commissioners of appraisal in the matter of taking land in White Plains and North Castle for the purposes of enlarging the White Plains Water Works and building a storage reservoir.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—The Plainfield Water Supply Co. has decided to build a new stand pipe.

BRADDOCK, PA.—The Pennsylvania Water Co. has offered to furnish this city with a water supply from the Allegheny River. The city recently built a reservoir at a cost of \$80,000. William Howat, Supt. Pub. Wks.

COOPERSBURG, PA.—C. F. Newcomer, Burgess, writes us that the matter rests with council to call an election to vote on the question of building works at a cost of \$20,000.

ETHEL LANDING, PA.—The Crescent Water Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000 by E. Langhner, Charles E. Brunner, of Ethel Landing, and W. A. McConnell, Beaver, Pa.

GLEN CAMPBELL, PA.—It is stated that this place has refused to grant a franchise, but will build municipal works.

MUNCY, PA.—The contract for building a 2,000,000-gallon reservoir and intake on Glade Run and laying two miles of 8 and 10-in. pipe at Muncy was awarded on April 5 to Fred P. Spalding, Bethlehem, Pa. It is expected that the improvements will be completed by the middle of July.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Councilman Seeds has introduced a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$600,000 for a new pumping station and the removal of Lardner's Point station on the Delaware River. C. F. Warwick, mayor, has approved ordinances authorizing the laying of water mains in a large number of streets.

PHOENIXVILLE, PA.—Moritz G. Lippert, Pres. Bd. of Health, writes us as follows regarding the proposed improvements to the works: With the exception of the lowering of the intake pipe to the level of the river bed and the building of a flood wall around the river front and the two sides of the pumping station for protection against flooding from extreme high water, the proposed improvements relate only to water purification. Things have, however, not developed as yet to a final decision. There are two factions in town, one favoring the building of a 6,000,000-gallon sedimentation basin, to serve also the purpose of increased storage; the other favoring the construction of an additional reservoir of 2,250,000 gallons capacity (the same size as the present one), one of the two to be used as a subsiding reservoir, and the installation of a mechanical gravity filter plant of 2,000,000 gallons capacity per 24 hours, to be located between the two basins, the water to run from the subsiding reservoir by gravity to the filters, thence into a suction well, whence it will be lifted by a centrifugal low-lift pump operated by a gasoline engine, into the other or clear water basin, to pass thence into the distribution. The latter party has been making a vigorous fight lately, and the town council originally in favor of the former plan, has decided to bold an election and let the voters decide the question.

READING, PA.—The water board has decided to construct a sedimentation basin for the improvement to the Antietam Lake supply. E. L. Nuehling, Supt.

ROCHESTER, PA.—The Provident Water Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000, of which \$2,500 is paid in; incorporators, J. P. Leaf, Engr.; H. M. Camp, J. H. Meller.

LAUREL, DEL.—C. S. York, 1526 East Biddle St., Baltimore, Md., is reported as preparing plans for the works and a sewerage system; estimated cost of works, \$7,000. E. B. Riggan and C. G. Otwell are on the committee.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Bids are asked until April 19 for furnishing a pipe-tapping machine, tapping gates, fittings, etc. The machine must be suitable for makings of pipes while under pressure, from 24 to 48 ins. in size, inclusive, and be fitted with 24-in., 30-in. and 36-in. cutters and extension braces, and the fittings are to be adapted for use with mains from 3 to 48 in. in diameter, inclusive. Wm. L. Kenly, Ch. Engr. Water Bd., The Chesapeake Electric & Water Co., which furnishes water to Highlandtown and Canton, has purchased the Herring Run race track, comprising 75 acres, for the construction of a reservoir. The reservoir will be used to bold the company's water from Herring Run.

CENTREVILLE, MD.—The town commissioners have awarded to Thos. C. Baasbor & Co., Baltimore, the contract for erecting a Knowles pump and hoiler for use at the water-works at \$1,750. The pump will have a capacity of 450 gallons a minute, and the engine will be of 60 HP. The connection with the artesian well will be made about May 1.

FREDERICK, MD.—The aldermen have decided to start work immediately upon works for increasing the water supply from Fishing Creek, and have engaged John Pownale, 150 Nassau St., New York, to superintend the work. Jonathan Biser, Chn. Com., is prepared to receive bids for furnishing 30,000 lbs. of lead, etc. Bids for pipe will be asked in a few days. Estimated cost, \$35,000.

CLIFTON FORGE, VA.—The Clifton Forge, Light & Water Co. has been incorporated with a capital of \$100,000 by J. C. Carpenter, E. A. Stead, Clifton Forge; S. M. Hamill, Schenectady, N. Y., and Geo. H. Ingalls, Cincinnati, O. This is a reorganization of the Clifton Forge Water Co., which built works in 1889.

WHEELING, W. VA.—The question of putting in a water filter, it is stated, will soon be considered by the board. H. F. Jones, Pres.; C. M. Oliver, Supt.

ROXBORO, N. C.—This place is reported to have voted to issue bonds for works, electric plant, etc.

TARBORO, N. C.—J. A. Weddell, Cy. Ck., writes us that an election will be held April 17 to vote on the question of issuing \$40,000 in bonds for works and a sewerage system.

BAINBRIDGE, GA.—This place, it is stated, proposes to issue \$40,000 in bonds for works.

ROME, GA.—Press reports state that the committee investigating the question of purifying the water supply, composed of J. W. Rounsaville, B. T. Haynes, A. B. McArver, J. D. Moore, W. J. Griffin, I. F. Davis, D. B. Hamilton, E. L. Bosworth and W. M. Towers, has decided to construct a basin with sand bottom near the present basin, covering about one acre of ground. It is thought by this filtration the water can be made clear. It is estimated the cost will be \$25,000. The new basin will have a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons.

EVERGREEN, ALA.—C. S. Rabb, Mayor, writes us that this place has not yet decided to put in works.

COLLEGE HILL, O.—Bids are asked until May 1 for the purchase of \$100,000 of bonds authorized by the council March 11 for constructing the proposed works. Bids for building the works have also been asked. J. E. Bruce, Mayor.

GALLIPOLIS, O.—It is stated that the trustees of the Gallipolis Epileptic Hospital propose to build works for the buildings.

LEIPSI, O.—C. W. Franklin, Chn. Com., writes us that the town intends to build works to consist of a stand pipe about 15x120 ft.; six miles of 4 to 10-in. pipe; pump water from deep wells into a tank pump, about 50 hydrants, etc. The pumps will be operated from the boilers of the electric light plant. Nothing will be done until the new council meets about April 17. Estimated cost, \$24,000.

BROWNSTOWN, IND.—The Brownstown Water & Light Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$8,000 by Frank B. Sherman. The contract for building the works has been let to the Phoenix Construction Co., Chicago, as stated in our issue of March 30.

LA PORTE, IND.—The council has rejected the bids for furnishing and laying 27,000 ft. of 16, 18 and 20-in. steel riveted and cast-iron water pipe. New bids will be asked for the pipe and for constructing the pumping station, etc. Estimated cost, \$70,000. Further information may be found in our issues of March 9 and 16, and under Contract Prices in this issue. Chas. F. Leftman, Chn. Com.

PETERSBURG, IND.—The question of building works at a cost of \$6,000 is being considered.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—The water board has voted to purchase an 8,000,000-gallon pump from the Edward P. Allis Co., Milwaukee, for about \$35,000.

VALPARAISO, IND.—Press reports state that D. F. L. Skinner, of Valparaiso, has offered the city \$10,000 for a franchise to build and operate works.

DURAND, MICH.—This place will probably vote in June on the question of issuing \$3,000 in bonds for works. W. H. Putnam, Ck.

ISHPEMING, MICH.—Local papers are urging the council to take steps toward securing a better water supply at a cost of about \$40,000.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Bids are asked until April 19 for laying water supply pipes in a number of streets. L. E. McGann, Pres. Bd. Local Improvements.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL.—Edward Flad, 118 Laclede Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., is preparing plans for a new stand-pipe for the Murphysboro Water-Works, Electric & Gas Light Co. to take the place of the one destroyed Jan. 31. Chas. L. Ritter, Supt.

PEARL CITY, ILL.—J. J. Freas, Village Ck., writes us that the town is in the market for six water meters.

GALESVILLE, WIS.—Benj. W. Deems writes us that the city expects to let the contract for building the works, to cost about \$14,000. Geo. Hueston, Engr., Winona, Minn.

OCONOMOWOC, WIS.—F. W. Moldenhau, Pres., writes us that on April 4 this city elected aldermen who are in favor of building works. The ordinance authorizing the construction will have to be passed. Estimated cost, \$45,000.

PINE ISLAND, MINN.—This place, it is stated, will issue \$6,000 in bonds for works.

PIERSON, IA.—It is stated that this place will build works to cost \$3,000.

ROCKWELL, IA.—C. W. Harris, Mayor, writes us that the contract for building works will be let in from 30 to 60 days; estimated cost, \$6,000. The water supply will be secured from wells. Jackson & Moss, Engrs., Des Moines.

UTE, IA.—O. E. Lathrop, Ck., writes us that the town will issue bonds and let the contract 'tils summer for constructing works. The supply will be secured from wells. A tower and tank will be wanted. Population, 500.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINN.—H. O. Anderson, Recdr., writes us that the village voted April 4 to issue \$6,500 in bonds for works. The supply will be secured from wells. M. M. Guthrie, Pres. Bd.

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.—Press reports state as follows: In the action of Geo. W. Thayer against the city a continuance of the bearing to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed for the water works company at Little Falls has been filed with the clerk of the United States court, and the temporary restraining order that prevents the city from issuing \$60,000 of bonds for the proposed city works has been continued.

MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINN.—The new village board is taking steps towards buying works to cost \$4,000.

GOTHENBURG, NEB.—We are informed that this place has voted in favor of the proposition to levy a tax of 8 mills for building works. The new board will take immediate steps towards its construction. The direct pressure system and a gas engine are proposed. The Gothenburg Water Power & Irrigation Co. wants a franchise, but the city prefers to build its own works. Geo. F. Anderson, Gothenburg, is preparing plans.

PITTSBURG, TEX.—It is stated that parties have offered to build works. An artesian well 2,000 ft. deep has been sunk.

SEALY, TEX.—The Sealy Water Supply Co. has been organized to build works. A. G. Prehlsch, Pres.; A. Jordan, Secy.

CHINOOK, MONT.—Subscriptions are being secured for constructing works to cost \$6,000. W. C. Kester and A. S. Lobman may be addressed.

LEADVILLE, COLO.—It is stated that a special session of the council was held April 6 to canvass the vote on the purchase of the water-works by the city at a cost of \$200,000. The vote cast stood 236 for the purchase and 343 against it.

WENATCHEE, WASH.—The question of building works to cost about \$4,500 is being considered.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—Local papers state that the Los Angeles City Water Co. will build a cover to the reservoir, to cost about \$15,000. Receiver Gibson may be addressed.

ORANGE, CAL.—Bids are asked until May 8 for the purchase of a franchise for putting in works. The Santiago Land & Water Co. has applied for a franchise. H. Z. Adams, Cy. Ck.

REDWOOD CITY, CAL.—An election will be held May 20 to vote on the question of issuing \$8,000 in bonds for new mains.

CARSON CITY, NEV.—Bids are asked until April 15 for furnishing 2,000 ft. of 4-in. and 2,000 ft. of 3-in. water pipe. W. R. Davis, Ck.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—The Bear River Water Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$250,000 to furnish a water supply. David Evans, Pres.; Chas. L. Hoag, Secy.

STAYNER, ONT.—Bids are asked until May 1 for the purchase of \$24,000 of 4% 30-year bonds for use in building the proposed works, bids for which were opened March

1. John Gait, Engr., Canada Life Bldg., Toronto; A. M. McFaul, Mayor.

GRAVESEND, KENT, ENGLAND—Bids are asked until April 27 for manufacturing and furnishing the following for the extension to the works of the Gravesend & Milton Water Works Co.: One vertical triple-expansion, surface-condensing steam engine, having cylinders of 14, 20 and 32 ins. diameter, and a stroke of 3 ft.; two steel Lancashire steam boilers, 7 ft. diameter and 27 ft. long, fitted with Galloway cross tubes; one set of three throw deep well pumps, 13½ ins. diameter and 3 ft. stroke; surface condenser, air and circulating pumps, steam pipes and valves, and all other accessories; also a high service pump attached to main engine. Wm. H. Troughton, Secy.; Jas. Mansergh, Engr.; 5 Victoria St., Westminster, London.

IRRIGATION.

WESTLAKE, LA.—Reports state that Dr. A. J. Perkins will construct an irrigation canal on his rice farm, near Chloee.

SUTHERLAND, NEB.—The Birdwood Table & Irrigation District will vote April 15 on the question of issuing \$30,000 of bonds for the construction of a canal. Address A. L. McNeil, Sutherland.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—Permission has been granted the Crystal Lake Irrigation & Power Co. to use odd sections in San Gabriel timber land reserve for a right of way for its pipe lines, etc., from the north fork of San Gabriel River to the Cienega, about 10 miles from Crystal Lake. This includes the right to build reservoirs, etc. The Lytle Creek Light & Power Co. has also obtained right of way for similar purposes over lands in San Gabriel and San Bernardino forest reserves.

SAN DIEGO, CAL.—The San Diego Water Co. has filed notices of appropriation of 15,000 ins. of water at various points in the Mission Valley. Another filing has been made by the Consolidated Water Co. for an appropriation of 5,000 ins. in the San Diego River at El Cajon.

PORTERSVILLE, CAL.—A meeting will be held April 29 to consider the plans of the committee for the consolidation of all the ditches on Tule River. It has been recommended to organize a new corporation under the name of the Upper Tule Water Co., with a capital stock of \$4,000,000.

NEW COMPANIES.—Bear Canal Co., Evanston, Wyo.; \$2,500; to irrigate Hilliard's flats; John Titmus, George Cook, Wm. Barker, of Evanston.

Palouse Ditch Co., Tacoma, Wash.; \$20,000; general irrigation; Joshua Pierce, Robert P. Bradley, T. L. Stiles, of Tacoma.

Las Animas Ditch Co., Las Animas, Colo.; \$19,000. Florida B. Moore, H. L. Lubers.

West Riverside Three Hundred & Fifty Inch Water Co., Riverside, Cal.; \$35,000, with \$500 subscribed; S. C. Evans, Jr., B. R. Smith and G. M. Carrigan.

Bear River Water Co., Salt Lake City, Utah; \$25,000; to construct, improve and operate canals and water rights; David Evans, J. E. Dooly, Leah Evans, K. C. Belcher and Charles L. Hoag.

Stockton & Mokelumne Canal Co., Stockton, Cal.; \$200,000; water for irrigating, mining and navigation; E. E. Weiheit, Geo. E. Weiheit, E. L. Weiheit.

SEWERAGE.

BROCKTON, MASS.—The commissioners have asked for \$15,000 to extend the sewers.

CONCORD, MASS.—Saml. W. Frescoln, Reading, Pa., and M. Ruso & Co., Boston, submitted the lowest bids April 10 for completing the system.

HYDE PARK, MASS.—Bids are asked until April 15 for constructing about 1¼ miles of pipe sewers. F. A. Wyman, Chn. Com.

WEBSTER, MASS.—The town has voted to construct an outfall sewer.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—Bids are asked until May 5 for constructing brick sewers, as described in our advertising columns. Bernard Keating, Ck. Bd. Pub. Wks.; G. C. Scofield, Cy. Engr.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—The committee has recommended the construction of a sewage filtration plant to cost \$5,000.

ALBANY, N. Y.—It is proposed to construct a sewer in Washington Ave. from Park Place to Knox St. at a cost of \$14,000.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—John Harrer has submitted the lowest bid for building a sewer in Hopkins and Amber Sts. at \$25,000.

COHOES, N. Y.—Bids are asked until April 26 for constructing 8½ miles of sewers for section 3, etc., as stated in our advertising columns. Wm. J. Elliot, Cy. Ck.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.—Bids are asked until May 2 for constructing two receiving basins and connections. W. N. Hoyt, Cy. Ck.—The aldermen have sold \$30,000 of 3½% sewer bonds to Allen, Sands & Co.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.—Jno. E. Hodgman writes us that a bill is before the legislature appointing a commission of five and authorizing an issue of \$75,000 in bonds for a system. Filtration heds will be adopted and a new trunk sewer line will be built.

WATERTOWN, N. Y.—The council is agsin considering the question of building a link sewer.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Bids are asked until April 18 for constructing 490 ft. of 24-in. brick sewer, driving 5,810 ft. of piles, etc., for a sewer in Ash St. G. T. Bouton, Ck. Bd. Water Comrs.

HARRISBURG, PA.—Bids are asked by the city clerk until April 15 for constructing a 12-in. pipe sewer in 4th St.; bond, \$1,000.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—An ordinance has been passed authorizing the construction of sewers in a number of streets.

SEWICKLEY, PA.—Bids are asked until April 17 for constructing 2,250 ft. of 24 and 6-in. pipe sewers, 100 ft. of 24-in. cast-iron pipe sewers, manholes, inlets, etc., in Walnut St. H. F. Hirst, Borough Engr. and Supt. Highways.

TURTLE CREEK, PA.—The council has voted to issue \$45,000 in bonds for sewers and paving. Burgess Teams may be addressed.

LAUREL, DEL.—It is stated that C. S. York, 1526 East Biddle St., Baltimore, is preparing plans for a system and water-works.

BALTIMORE, MD.—It is proposed to build a 3-ft brick and 24-in. pipe sewer in Lee St. at a cost of \$10,000 and a sewer in Wayne St. at a cost of \$3,000.

WINCHESTER, VA.—The council is considering an ordinance appropriating \$15,000 for a system.

PLEASANT VALLEY, W. VA.—It is proposed to build a system to cost \$7,000 jointly with Echo Point and Edgington's Lane. Samuel Hazlett, Robt. Anderson and Jas. K. Hall are on the committee.

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