

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

THE twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Society for Municipal Improvements will be held November 11th to 14th, inclusive, at Hotel Grunewald, New Orleans, La. Among the papers and committee reports on the program are the following:—

Tuesday Afternoon, November 11th

"The Port of New Orleans," by J. Devereaux O'Reilly, chief engineer, Board of Port Commissioners, New Orleans.
Report of committee on Fire Prevention, Alcide Chausse, chairman, Montreal, Que.

Wednesday Morning, November 12th

Report of committee on Water Works and Water Supply, George G. Earl, chairman, New Orleans.

"The Sewerage, Water and Drainage Systems of New Orleans," by George G. Earl, general superintendent, sewerage and water board, New Orleans.

Report of committee on Sewerage and Sanitation, Frederick A. Dallyn, chairman, Toronto, Ont.

"Economic Values in Sewage and Sewage Sludge," by Raymond Wells, consulting chemist, Homer, N.Y.

"The Modern Grit Chamber," by George B. Gascoigne, sanitary engineer, sub-division of Sewage Disposal, Cleveland, O.

"Brooklyn, N.Y., Sewage Treatment Station: A Brief Review of Five Years' Work," by George T. Hammon, surgeon (Reserve) U.S. Public Health Service, Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Garbage Disposal and Economic Recovery of Valuable Constituents of Municipal Waste," by Samuel A. Greeley, Pearce & Greeley, consulting engineers, Chicago, Ill.

Report of committee on Street Cleaning, Refuse Disposal and Snow Removal, George H. Norton, chairman, Buffalo, N.Y.

Wednesday Evening, November 12th

"Methods of Sewage Disposal Used by the Emergency Fleet Corporation," by Clark P. Collins, senior assistant engineer, Engineering Branch of Housing Department, U.S. Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Water Supply and Sanitation of Base Section No. 1 (St. Nazaire, France)," by John B. Hawley, consulting engineer, Fort Worth, Tex.

"Army Camp Utilities," by W. L. Benham, Johnson & Benham, consulting engineers, Kansas City, Mo.

"Water Supply and Sewerage Systems of Camps Meade and McClellan," by Morris Knowles and John M. Rice, chief engineer and division engineer, Morris Knowles, Inc., consulting engineers, Pittsburg, Pa.

"The Acid Process of Sewage Treatment," by Edgar S. Dorr, engineer, Sewer Service Boston, Mass.

"The Psychological Influences of Public Improvements on the Minds of the People," by P. A. McCarthy, Lufkin, Tex.

"The Proposed National Department of Public Works," by W. B. Gregory, consulting engineer, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

"Fairness in Specifications," by Alexander Potter, consulting engineer, New York.

Thursday Morning, November 13th

Report of committee on Street Paving, Sidewalks and Street Design, W. A. Howell, chairman, Newark, N.J.

"Proper Sands and Aggregates for Cement Concrete Roads," by Duff A. Abrams, professor-in-charge of Structural Materials Research Laboratory, Lewis Institute, Chicago, Ill.

"Recent Developments in Concrete Highway Construction," by A. N. Johnson, consulting highway engineer, Portland Cement Association, Chicago, Ill.

"Mineral Aggregates for Bituminous Pavements," by Wallace L. Caldwell, director of Department of Roads and Pavements, Pittsburg Testing Laboratory, Birmingham, Ala.

"Some New Discoveries in Bituminous Pavement Construction," by A. E. Schutte, consulting chemist, Warren Bros. Co., Boston, Mass.

"Roads in France and America," by Edgar A. Kingsley, consulting engineer, San Antonio, Tex.

Report of Committee on Standard Tests for Bituminous Materials, A. H. Blanchard, chairman, Ann Arbor, Mich.

"The Economy of Brick Street and Road Construction," by Will P. Blair, vice-president, National Paving Brick Manufacturers' Association, Cleveland, O.

"Vertical Fibre Brick Pavements," by Clark R. Mandigo, consulting engineer, Western Paving Brick Manufacturers' Association, Kansas City, Mo.

"Brick vs. Block for Permanent Street Paving," by S. Cameron Corson, engineer, Norristown, Pa.

Thursday Evening, November 13th

Report of committee on Street Lighting, C. W. Koiner, chairman, Pasadena, Cal.

"Illuminations, Ancient and Modern, with Special Reference to Decorative Street Lighting," by W. D'A. Ryan, director of General Electric Illuminating Engineering Laboratory, Schenectady, N.Y.

"Public Ownership of Utilities in Springfield," by Willis J. Spaulding, commissioner of Public Property, Springfield, Ill.

Reports of committees on Standard Specifications: Sheet Asphalt Pavement, Francis P. Smith, chairman, New York; Bituminous Macadam, Bituminous Concrete and Asphalt Black Pavements, Morris R. Sherrerd, chairman, Newark, N.J.; Broken Stone and Gravel Roads, With or Without Bituminous Surface Treatment, Arthur H. Blanchard, chairman, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Brick Pavements, E. H. Christ, chairman, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Cement Concrete Pavements, William A. Hansell, Jr., chairman, Atlanta, Ga.; Stone Block Pavements, H. H. Smith, chairman, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Wood Block Pavements, E. R. Dutton, chairman, Minneapolis, Minn.; Sidewalks and Curbs, Sylvester Sammelman, chairman, St. Louis, Mo.; Sewers, Alexander Potter, chairman, New York City; Foundations for Pavements, special committee, F. P. Smith, acting chairman.

Friday Morning, November 14th

Report of committee on Traffic and Transportation, on Uniform Traffic Laws and Classification of Highways, R. Keith Compton, chairman, Baltimore, Md.

"A National Highway System and Its Relation to Traffic and Transportation," by S. M. Williams, chairman, Highways Industries Association, and Federal Highway Council, Washington, D.C.

"Highway Traffic," by Frederic A. Reimer, county engineer, Newark, N.J.

Report of committee on City Planning, Nelson P. Lewis, chairman, New York.

Regional and Civic Planning as the Basis for Municipal Improvements," by Thomas Adams, housing and town planning adviser, Commission of Conservation, Ottawa, Ont.

"Lowland Farms Development, Youngstown, O.," by Morris Knowles, John M. Rice and E. O. Rose, Pittsburg, Pa.

"Architectural Design and Construction in St. Louis Parks," by Nelson Cunliff, commissioner of Parks and Recreation, St. Louis, Mo.

"The phenomenal development of highway transportation in the United States has created a demand for men having knowledge of and trained in a new technical field, which may be designated Highway Transport Engineering. Fundamentally, this branch of engineering deals with the science, art, economics and business of highway transportation of passengers and commodities. During the past decade, the United States has witnessed a rapid growth in the utilization of the motor vehicle as indicated by a registration of 125,000 motor vehicles in 1908 and 6,146,617 in 1918. While in 1908, a motor truck was rarely seen on American highways, in 1918 not less than 600,000 were in use in the United States, motor trucks constituting from ten to twenty per cent. of the registered motor vehicles in the several states."—A. H. Blanchard, Professor of Highway Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.