

Construction News

Construction News Notes are classified under each heading alphabetically by States. An asterisk (*) indicates a project not previously reported.

Track and Roadway

Connecticut Company, New Haven, Conn.—The engineering staff of the Connecticut Company is busily at work on plans for the extension of the company's tracks on Boston Avenue, Bridgeport, which will give a direct route from the North End and from Stratford to the plant of the Remington Arms Company.

Jacksonville (Fla.) Traction Company.—The Jacksonville Traction Company is extending its line from the borders of Camp Johnston into the reservation to a point still to be decided upon.

Gary (Ind.) Street Railway.—Work will soon be begun by the Gary Street Railway on the construction of its Buchanan Avenue extension.

Indianapolis Traction & Terminal Company, Indianapolis, Ind.—The Board of Public Works has decided to issue an order to the Indianapolis Traction & Terminal Company to lay a single-track extension on North Illinois Street between Thirty-ninth and Forty-sixth Streets and grant the company a year to build it if the company will fill and curb an excavation made for double tracks.

Louisville (Ky.) Railway.—T. J. Minary, president of the Louisville Railway and the Louisville & Interurban Railroad, in a recent statement said that military activities at West Point and Stithton, Ky., would probably occasion no extension of the lines of the companies from Orell, Ky., to Hardin County.

St. Louis, Mo.—Preparations are being made to operate trolley cars over the new Free Bridge. The Chamber of Commerce of East St. Louis is interested. The franchise has been offered to the East St. Louis Interurban Electric Railway by the Municipal Bridge Commission but has not been formally accepted by the company. Overhead wires are being installed. It is understood that the plan has been suggested of using two one-man cars to furnish service at first.

New Jersey & Pennsylvania Traction Company, Trenton, N. J.—The City Commission of Trenton, N. J., has granted permission to the New Jersey & Pennsylvania Traction Company to run a spur into the terminal yards at Warren and West Hanover Streets, Trenton, so as to keep the large Princeton cars off the streets in discharging and admitting passengers.

Under the present arrangement it is impossible to comply with the so-called four-minute law prohibiting the halting of trolley cars on public thoroughfares.

New York (N. Y.) Municipal Railway Corporation.—The Public Service Commission for the first district of New York, has received bids for the construction of station finish for two stations on the Broadway subway, Manhattan, at Forty-ninth and Fifty-seventh Streets and Seventh Avenue, and also for a supply of untreated ties and timber for use on the rapid transit railroads. The unofficial totals presented show that A. W. King, at \$153,262, was the low bidder on station finish work, while J. H. Burton & Company, New York, with a total of about \$236,000, were the only bidders on orders for untreated ties and timber.

Levis (Que.) County Railway.—The Levis County Railway has awarded a contract for rebuilding its electric railway system to C. H. Jackson & Company, Quebec, and the National Cartage & Supply Company, Limoilou.

Texas Electric Railway, Waco, Tex.—Announcement is made by the Texas Electric Railway, that extensions of the lines will be made in Waco immediately that will give a line to Camp McArthur, the army cantonment near that city. The first line to be built will enter the government property in that section of the camp known as the replacement camp. The initial improvement calls for the laying of 7000 ft. of track and will cost approximately \$25,000. Later other lines will be built inside the camp boundaries.

Municipal Railway, Tacoma, Wash.—The Council of Tacoma recently accepted a proposition by C. C. Miller, president of the Commercial Lumber Company, to complete the Lincoln Avenue extension of the municipal car line with \$500 to be advanced by the company. The \$500 will be credited on freight to be hauled by the city for the company. The line will be completed to extend to the new mill of the lumber company on the Commercial Waterway.

Shops and Buildings

Sheffield (Ala.) Company.—This company reports that an addition will be built to its workshop.

Sand Springs Railway, Tulsa, Okla.—A report from the Sand Springs Railway states that the company expects to place contracts within the next ten weeks for the construction of a new station at Tulsa.

Schuylkill Railway, Girardville, Pa.—A report from the Schuylkill Railway states that the company will construct an addition to its carhouse.

Texas Electric Railway, Dallas, Tex.—The Texas Electric Railway has completed a new passenger station at Waxahachie. The station is modernly equipped to care for passenger, express and baggage business.

Petersburg, Hopewell & City Point Railway, Petersburg, Va.—This company reports that a contract has been placed for the construction of an extension to its carhouse.

Power Houses and Substations

Sheffield (Ala.) Company.—This company reports that it expects to purchase a new ash-handling outfit. A new 500-kw. rotary and one 300-kw. motor-generator set have been purchased by the company.

Arkansas Valley Railway, Light & Power Company, Pueblo, Col.—A new transmission line will be built by the Arkansas Valley Railway, Light & Power Company to two new alfalfa mills being erected in the Arkansas Valley district, between Ordway and Crowley. Energy will also be supplied to several ranches on the line.

Dallas Power & Light Company, Dallas, Tex.—A new brick and concrete addition to its power house, to cost about \$15,000, will be built by the Dallas Power & Light Company, which supplies energy to the Dallas Railway.

Washington Water Power Company, Spokane, Wash.—That the Washington Water Power Company is to be called upon to expend \$750,000 on its Long Lake plant to meet the demands of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway for power was information given the State Public Service Commission recently at the valuation hearing. D. L. Huntington, the president, said: "Verbal notice has been given to the company that the International Power Company, which buys power for the Milwaukee electrification system, will exercise its option for an additional 5000 hp., making a total of 15,000 hp. in all. The power company will have to meet this demand when it is made formally, although the company, while paying for the first 5000-hp. power unit, is not using any now."

Charleston-Dunbar Traction Company, Charleston, W. Va.—Work is under way on the excavations for the foundations of the new power house of the Charleston-Dunbar Traction Company at Dunbar, to replace the one destroyed by fire last December. The new building will have a floor space of 50 ft. x 92 ft., being considerably larger than the former power house. The new power house will be located on the site of the old one, immediately adjoining the carhouse, from which it will be separated by a fire wall.