

the proceedings of the second conference have been collected and published by the United States Geological Survey. They are now available as Water-Supply and Irrigation Paper No. 146, and may be obtained free of charge on application to the director of the Survey, Washington, D. C. Besides data concerning the organization of the hydrographic branch of the Geological Survey and the Reclamation Service, the paper contains the minutes of the conference at El Paso and the conference at Washington, the address of the chief engineer, the papers read at the conference, committee reports, circulars relating to a variety of subjects, and brief biographical sketches of all persons employed in the Reclamation Service.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

MR. JAMES MILLIKAN, who has given \$900,000 for the establishment of a university at Decatur, Ill., which shall bear his name, has offered to give a further million dollars to the institution.

MAJOR HENRY E. ALVORD, the late chief of the dairy division of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, divided his library between Norwich University, of Vermont, his alma mater, and the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst. To the latter institution he bequeathed also a fund of \$5,000 for an Alvord dairy scholarship. This, however, is subject to the life interest of his widow.

ACCORDING to the *New York Evening Post* Dr. Kisaburo Yamaguchi, an official in the Central Office of Mines, Tokio, has announced that Johns Hopkins will be made the recipient of an extensive collection of Japanese minerals.

DR. JOHN N. TILLMAN was inaugurated as president of the University of Arkansas, at the opening of that institution, on September 20.

DR. WILLIAM LOUIS POTEAT, for some years professor of biology in Wake Forest College, North Carolina, was recently elected president of the same institution. It is proposed to have the inaugural exercises in December.

At the University of Illinois James McLaren White, professor of architectural engineering, has been appointed acting dean of the College of Engineering; Edgar J. Townsend, associate professor of mathematics, acting dean of the College of Science, and Dr. Edwin G. Dexter, professor of education, director of the School of Education. Appointments have further been made as follows: Professor S. E. Slocum, assistant professor of mathematics; F. O. Dufour, of Lehigh University, assistant professor of civil engineering; C. H. Hurd, University of Chicago, assistant professor of applied mechanics; Edward O. Sisson, formerly director of Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, and Frank Hamsher, principal of academy, assistant professors of education; Dr. Edward Barto, associate professor of chemistry and director of water survey; W. J. Risley, University of Michigan, instructor in mathematics and astronomy; John Watrous Case, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, instructor in physics.

DR. LEO F. GUTTMAN, of London, for two years research assistant to Sir William Ramsay, has arrived from abroad to take up his duties as Carnegie research assistant to Professor Charles Baskerville, of the College of the City of New York, in his chemical investigations of the rarer earths.

DR. WILHELM F. KOELKER, who recently took his degree with Professor Emil Fischer at the University of Berlin, has been appointed instructor in organic chemistry at the University of Wisconsin.

MR. C. G. ELDREDGE, of Sabula, Iowa, has been appointed assistant in the chemical department of Cornell College.

DR. H. A. HIGBEE and Dr. Roger C. Wells have been appointed instructors in physics in the University of Pennsylvania.

PROVISION has been made for a professorship of botany at the University of Melbourne and for the erection of a botanical laboratory.

DR. KONRAD DIETRICH, of Hanover, has been called to the chair of physics at Rostock.

PROFESSOR O. PUMILIZ, of Czernowitz, has been called to the chair of mathematical physics at Innsbruck.