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## NORTHWEST FIELD

With the Topographic Engineers, They Will Begin Work

By W. W. Jermane.

Washington, May 26.-Numerous field parties of topographic engineers and geologists are now fitting out in Washington, preparing to resume their work in the various states between June 1 and 15. The hydrographic engineers of the geological survey, under whose of the geological survey, under whose jurisdiction the other two branches of field work are done, are already in the field, measuring streams. Their work begins with the passing of the ice, and is not concluded until the ice comes again in the late fall.

Probably the most important work to be done in Minnesota during the coming season is the topographic survey of the remainder of Hermepin county, which will cover the territory immediately west of the city of Minneapolis.

which will cover the territory immediately west of the city of Minneapolis. Arrangements for this survey were made by former Representative Lind, before he left Washington in March. This party will also assist in charting Lake Minnetonka, for which provision was made in the last river and harbor bill. This work will be in charge of Robert Muldrow.

Work in Other States.

Topographic work in North Dakota will be in charge of Basil Duke, and will cover an area of 225 miles around Bismarck, the results of while will be published as the "Bismarck sheet."
In Wisconsin the "Mazomanie sheet," in Iowa and Dane counties, and the "Sparta sheet," in Monroe county, will be surveyed.

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In South Dakota, Chester Irvine will have charge of a party which will make a topographic survey of the area about Belle Fourche, adjoining the regular "Black Hills sheet." The latter sheet, which was begun last season, will be completed this summer.

An area of about 900 square miles, including the Cable and Philipsburg mining districts, adjoining Anaconda on the west, will be surveyed and mapped in Montana, and preliminary work on the Moceasin mountain mining district in the vicinity of Lewiston, will be done by a party in charge of H. L.

Geological Branch.

In the geological branch of the survey's work, nothing original will be done in Minnesota this year. Professor Van Hyse, of the University of Wisconsin, will prepare his final report on the geology of the Iron Range, bringing the work up to date and summarizing the results of his investigation. In Wisconsin the investigation of the lead and zinc deposits in the southwestern part of the state will be continued, under H. F. Bain. The region to be cov-ered is in the vicinity of Lancaster west of Mineral Point, where the work was carried on last season. Some work will also be done in the glaciated re-gion near Milwaukee and Janesville.

Lignite in North Dakota. Probably the most important investigation the geologistss will make in the northwest this summer, will be the exnorthwest this summer, will be the ex-ploration of the lignite deposits in North Dakota. The tests made at St. Louis last year demonstrated that this coal produced a richer quality of pro-

ducer gas than any other coal discov-ered in this country, which makes it especially valuable for running gas en-The development of the lignite deposits will have an important bearing on the extension of irrigation work in North Dakota, as the production of cheap gas will lessen the cost of operating the number of the irrigations of the irrigation. tion works, and thus make the projects feasible. Mr. Campbell of the geological survey, and Professor Leonard of the state university will have charge of this work. Professor Dartom, whose report on the underground waters of the great plains region has just been pub-lished, will extend his investigations

Fargo and Casselton. Oil in the Black Hills.

into North Dakota, in the vicinity of

In South Dakota the geological investigations will be in the vicinity of the Black Hills, with a view to the discovery of oil, which has appeared in everal localities in small quantities. Director Wolcott of the survey will nimself do a month's field work in western Montana, with a view to the development of the gold, silver and lead deposits. The work in that state is in general charge of Professor Calkins.

The hydrographic investigations of the survey are not confined to localities, as are the other branches, but extend as are the other branches, but extend over several states in some instances. For instance, the hydographic work in Minnesota and Wisconsin is in general charge of F. W. Hanna, who is in personal charge of the work in Wisconsin, while Professor E. F. Chandler of the North Dakota university is in charge in Minnesota and North Dakota. In South Dakota H. D. Comstock and R. F. Walter, district engineer of the re-F. Walter, district engineer of the re-clamation service, are making the in-vestigation, and in Montana L. R. Stock-

nan has charge of the work. Waterflow Measurements.

The purpose of the hydrographic work in the state east of the Missouri river is to ascertain the waterpower possibilities, and stations are established on all the streams to measure the flow of he water at all seasons.

All the stations in operation last year in Minnesota will be maintained this year. The reports of these measurements, while almost entirely technical. are eagerly sought by capitalists and others desiring to establish power plants for the development of electricity. The hydrographic bureau also maintains a laboratory for the analysis of the waters of the various streams, and these analyses are furnished to cities seek-

ing a pure water supply.

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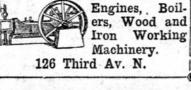
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