

National Convention of Steam Engineers and Superintendents of Companies Held in this City To-day.

The initial meeting of steam engineers and superintendents of steam heating companies will be held this afternoon at four o'clock, in Columbia Hall, to form a permanent national organization for the benefit of its members. This scheme has been talked of among a number of the gentlemen present to-day but it was owing to the personal efforts and management of Mr. EDWARD P. HOLLY, superintendent and engineer of the American District Steam Heating Company of this city, that this meeting was brought about. Mr. HOLLY sent circulars to the various engineers and superintendents calling them together on this occasion. Quite a number arrived this morning and have been doing the city. The names of those here and others expected are as follows:

James P. Wood, Philadelphia; H. Gallagher, Williamsport, Pa.; R. M. Foreman, Williamsport, Pa.; F. C. Forsman, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Wm. Ridley, Denver, Col.; Ira A. Holly, New Haven, Conn.; Geo. Chase, Belfonte, Pa.; Thos. Adams, Auburn; R. M. Merritt, Asst. Supt. and J. J. Hallett, Supt. of Springfield Steam Co.; B. C. Smith, Manager of Auburn Steam Co.; A. Z. Schock, Pres. of Bloomsburg Steam Co.; A. J. Schuyler, Lock Haven, Pa.; H. Sawyer, Lock Haven, Pa.; John H. Leech, Hornellsville; also delegates from Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mr. JAMES P. MURPHY of the Detroit Furnace Company, has been asked to join the Association.

Mr. FRANK DOUGLAS, formerly of this city, and now of New Haven, an expert electrician, has put up an exhibit of electrical appliances that come in combination with the system of steam heating employed by the various companies, and he has been also requested to join the Association.

The gentlemen present from this city embrace the officers and others in the American District Steam Heating company as follows: Messrs. W. D. HALL, I. H. BABCOCK, EDWARD P. HOLLY, B. D. HALL, together with Dr. R. S. BISHOP, of Medina. A preliminary meeting was held this morning, over which Mr. R. M. FORSMAN, of Williamsport, presided, and Mr. IRA A. HOLLY, of New Haven, Conn., acted as Secretary. A committee on by-laws and organization was appointed, consisting of Mr. ED. P. HOLLY, chairman, and Messrs. BABCOCK, CHASE, BISHOP, WOOD and RIDLEY. After canvassing the situation the meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the convention proper will meet and a permanent organization effected. It is expected by that time many more delegates will be here to swell the ranks.