

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 10986

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[Despatch Abstract.]

System of manufacturing tents at the Yellow Central
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