Only Few Contracts Have Been Made, but Old Construction Plans Are Being Pushed in All Directions.

John Twohy, head of the Twohy Brothers Company, railroad contracreturned yesterday from San Francisco prepared for a new season of construction activity in various parts of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and British Co-

Montana, Wyoming and British Co-lumbia, which will give employment to an army of laborers and open up new territory for commercial invasion. The principal contract upon which Twohy Brothers are now engaged is the construction of the new Canadian Northern line, through Kamloops Pass. This, perhaps, is the most difficult piece of railroad building attempted in the Northwest for several years. Much of of railroad building attempted in the Northwest for several years. Much of the material is being transported by water, a vessel of special design having been constructed for this purpose. Activity on this line has been prosecuted nearly all Winter, A force of 1500 men is now employed.

As many more men will be put to work before the end of the present month. Most of these men are recruited in the immediate vicinity of

cruited in the immediate vicinity the work, although many are taken from Portland. As the Canadian North-ern is not yet an operating road, it is not able to furnish transportation, so these laborers are required to pay their

own fares.

A large force of men is employed by Twohy Erothers on the Coyote cut-off, which the O.-W. R. & N. Company is building in Umatilla County. Construction camps are maintained at either end of this line and the work will be rushed to completion.

An 80-mile contract is being completed for the St. Paul road across Montana. Twohy Bros. did considerable construction work for the St. Paul in Montana last year also.

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Another important piece of work this ear will be the completion of the Bur-ngton cut-off, between Thermopolis and Powder River, Wyoming. This work has been under way for more than a year, but activity was practically suspended through the Winter Mr. Twohy declares that activity will be resumed there and the job completed

This piece of work has peculiar sig-nificance. With its completion the Hill lines will have a new direct line be-tween the North Pacific Coast and the tween the North Pacific Coast and the Guif of Mexico, or from Portland to Galvoston. This new route is formed by a combination of Hill lines, including the North Bank, the Great Northern, the Burlington and the Colorado & Southern. It is claimed that by using this route the Hill roads will be able to handle traffic between Portland and the Atlantic seaboard in profitable competition with the Panama Canal. A water line would be necessary between Galveston and the Atlantic Coast points to make this service complete.

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Twoby Bros. have just completed work on the first 23 miles of the new Southern Pacific line now being built from Eugene to Coos Bay and have driven a tunnel nearly a mile in length through the Coast range at Noti.

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They also are building the O.-W. R. & N. Company's new terminals at Spokane and are making a ne wrecord for speed on this job. This terminal will be used jointly by the O.-W. R. & N. a d the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul roads. Construction work has been continued on this particular project through most of the Winter.

While not a great deal of new rall-road construction is in sight for the immediate future, the resumption of activity on these incompleted projects will provide employment for many hundred men this Summer. The Twony Brothers Company maintains its offices and material yards in Portland, does most of its outfitting here and secures many men here.

FATHER WINS HIS CHILDREN

Charles J. Maher Appointed Guardian After Courtroom Struggle.

After a long legal contest between Charles J. Maher and his sister-in-law, Miss Margaret White, for the custody of two minor children, Richard B. Maher, aged 9, and Bibiana M. Maher, aged 5, Circuit Judge Cleeton yesterday appointed the father as guardian. The children's mother died March 1 last.

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Miss White filled a petition for her appointment as guardian, charging that their father was not financially or morally fit to care for them. Miss White, a sister of Mrs. Mahet, is secretary for City Commissioner Brewster.

In her petition for appointment as guardian, Miss White charged that her brother-in-law had taught the children to play cards, had given wine to the boy and encouraged him to disrespect lifs mother. The boy, on the witness stand, testified that his mother had taught him to play cards and denied that his father had offered him liquor.

J. D. LEWIS IS INDIGNANT

In the revision of the course of the study for the public schools of Porting Principals and teachers will be reprised by Superintendent Alderman into advisory committees. The meeting for this purpose will be held at Lincoln High School this morning at 10:36. Teachers will meet by classes and will elect their representatives to be serve on the various committees.

At 11:15 representatives of the grade on reading, arithmetic, language, and that his father had offered him liquor.

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Colored Clothing Salesman Has Misunderstanding With Police.

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"Statements regarding the troubles at the Baker High School were erroneous. There was no mutiny at any time at the Baker High School, nor even the slightest insubordination on the part of the students. The charge made that tale-bearing was encouraged by Principal Elton is untrue. As a matter of fact the information regarding the plan of the students to play hookey of April Pool's day was given to the principal by a member of the School Board. The escapade was abandoned by the students without protest at the mere request of the principal. The subsequent defacing of the statues belonging to the school was not a measure of protest by the students, but was the act of a few irresponsibles. The student body, on their own initiative, appointed a committee to repair the damage, and adopted resolutions strongly condemning the act of van-

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR HAS LIVED HERE 13 YEARS.



Ernest A. Middlebrooks. Ernest A. Middlebrooks is a andidate for the Republican nomination for County Surveyor, not for the Legislature, as erroneously reported. He is a civil engineer who has made Portland his residence for the past 13 years, Mr. Middlebrooks has had experience in road and mu-nicipal engineering, and for three years was in the Government service. He was stationed at nicipal engineering, and for three years was in the Government service. He was stationed at Fort Stevens and later at Cellio. He favors economical construction of permanent roads to facilitate transportation of farm products. "Give the people what they pay for," is his slogan.

****************** dalism. Resolutions were also drawn up to be presented to the local press indorsing the actions of the principal and deploring the publication of the false statements."

FIGHT CENTERS ON GIRL

FATHER PROTESTS MARRIAGE OF 15-YEAR-OLD TO BETRAYER.

Wronged Child, Holding Ceremony Would Be Better.

OROVILLE, Cal., April 3.—(Special.)

A—A light for the guardianship of Ansel'a Ambrose, a 15-year-old Portugese siri of Nord, that has been taken up by women's clubs and many other organizations in Butte County and which it threatens to be carried to the Governor and Attorney-General before it is settled, was precipitated today when J-dge Albery, of Colusa County, appointed Probation Officer Cline as the siri's guardian.

When 13 years old the girl was the victim of her father's partner in business, Joseph Fretas, and the wrongs, according to his own confession, continued over a period of two years. When the girl became a mother her father took up the case and had Fretas areasted.

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father took up the case and had Fretas arrested.

The srand jury, although the evidence against the man was complete, refused to indict him, holding that it would be better to arrange for a marriage. The father refused to give his consent.

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Then in order that she might be allowed to marry her betrayer, she had a hearing in the Juvenile Court and was declared a delinquent. Her guardian just appointed may legally give his consent to the marriage, notwithstanding the fact that her parents oppose it.

Closing Things.

The father declares he will carry the fight to the Governor and Attorney-General in an effort to compel the officials of Butte County to prosecute his daughter's offender.

RABID DOG BITES TWO MEN

J. D. Lewis, a colored clothing sales man, living with his family at \$558 Williams avenue, is indignant at a few members of the police force because, he says, they threatened to arrest him in connection with a contract to furnish 13 officers' uniforms at half price. He says he has worked for five years for Wanabaker & Brown, a Philadelphia house that makes uniforms.

Lewis says, "I was competing for an order for 1200 suits for the Portland limiway, Light & Power Company. The regular price for the policemen's uniforms is \$22.50. I thought that if I obtained the order for the conductors and motormen I could afford to furnish the police uniforms at \$16.50. Then I had some trouble with the house and cancelled the order."

PRINCIPAL MANCE DEMICAL

MOTIVE ALLEGED

Mrs. Frank Poss, of New York and Detroit, Denies Husband's Charges.

\$12,000 ALIMONY IS ASKED

Wife of Baseball Magnate Avers Mate's Allegations "Absurd and Outrageous," and Says She Was Not "Indiscreet."

NEW YORK, March 30 .- Declaring that her husband brought his actio for divorce solely to "get even" with her for filing a separation action against him. Mrs. Lillian K. Poss, wife of Frank R. Poss, president of the Poss Motor Company, of New York and Detroit, filed recently an answer to her husband's charges. Mr. Poss had accused her of misconduct with Percival M. Thorn, president of the Manufacturers' Coal & Utility Company, of this city.

"Indiscreet" Charges Denied.

found Mrs. Poss and Mr. Thorn there.

"Indiscreet" Charges Denied.

In her answer Mrs. Poss brands as "absurd and outrageous" her husband's charges that she had been indiscreet. With the filling of her answer Mrs. Poss obtained an order directing her husband to appear in Supreme Court and show cause why he should not be compelled to pay her alimony at the rate of \$1000 a month and counsel fee of \$1000 pending trial of the divorce proceedings.

In support of her contention that Mr. Poss was able to pay her \$12,000 a year alimony, Mrs. Poss asserts that her husband had an income of \$75,000 a year and gave details to show how they lived. She stated her husband paid a yearly rental of from \$2000 to \$2500; that he owned two automobiles and this his monthly personal expenses were from \$2500 to \$2000.

A few details of what it coet Mr. Poss to provide his wife with what she had been accustomed are included in Mrs. Poss answer. After reciting that she had an allowance of \$450 a month for own use; that her husband paid from \$125 to \$200 for her gowns and from \$200 fo

Mrs. Poss related that her husband always owned two seats at the Metro-politan Opera-House, and that he enter-tained at dinner parties and after thea-

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reachers in Public Schools.

The revision of the course of study for the public schools of the porganized by Superintendent Alderman for sund principals and teachers will be organized by Superintendent Alderman fields in the St. Louis and Julia streets, Rev. Mr. Stelzle sheld various offices in the Presbyterian Church, relating particularly to questions of labor and immigration. From this work he saw the need of the calling of "consulting sociologist." His offices in the Fifth avenue building. New York, are the only ones of the kind in the world.

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Rev. Mr. Steinle recently has completed a \$3000 commission from the Chicago, swallowed poison after writing a note to his wife, Mrs. Mabel Long Crawford, declaring his love for her.

Mrs. Crawford declaring his love for her.

Mrs. Crawford was notified of her husband's act, and she hurried to the city of industrial life, housing conditions, the tendency of imigrant population, recreation life, including motion pictures, dance halls saloons and many other points of civic interest. At Wilkesbarre, Pa., he carled on a mimilar investigation.

At Green Bay, Wis., he has just completed a week of meetings in which so cial service was combined with evangelism, and at the conclusion of which he had 500 persons pledged to take some part in doing social service, either with money or with their own labor.

"The loca of the 'consulting sociolosist.'" said Mr. Stelzle, "is to make recommendations as to what ought to be done constructively. The preachers want to shut up things—the saloon, the dance hall and the improper pictures. I say it is about time they open up something constructive to meet the needs of young people who are simply responding to a perfectly natural desire to have a good time."

Mr. Stelzle will conduct several oneday conferences in various Texas towns, and is to have a week's meetings in El Paso.

Divorce O. K. IN 2 STATES to Decree and Alimony.

scenes in which he is called upon to interfere, and showing how he ought to act, such as mere disputes, blocking the payement, dangerous quarrels, assistance to the wounded, help for old men, women and children, etc. There will be lessons in all the tricks of the apaches and their forbidden games of chance, with specimens of their common disguises, how they carry and use arms, and who deal in them.

It is thus hoped within a few months to instill knowledge which might otherwise take years of actual duty to learn. For inspectors and judiciary police the course will follow criminal investigations from the beginning to the end, how to take first observations, gather clews and follow them up, all taken from actual cases or specially combined. Attendance will be computsory, and M. Hension himself will frequently be present.

The system is intended to teach "how every member of the force in his own

every member of the force in his own degree should be an educator and trainer of men, and how they cannot attain this result without themselves being examples of discipline and enwithout ceasing to be ever fust

WURTEMBERG" AND "LORD STAN-TON HOPE" INVADE SOCIETY.

who succeeded in hoaxing Claude Gra-The action begun by Mr. Poss fol- ham White and a number of prominent The action begun by Mr. Poss followed two actions begun by Mr. Thorn's wife. In one Mrs. Thorn asks \$100,000 damages from Mrs. Poss, alleging the latter had alienated the affections of Mr. Thorn. In another she sought a separation from Mr. Thorn. Previous to the circumstance on which the divorce action was based there was a call made at Mrs. Poss' apartment, No. 137 Riverside Drive, by Mr. Poss and detectives, who alleged that they found Mrs. Poss and Mr. Thorn there.

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election of April 7.

The party came back to town in the evening and held a meeting, to which everybody was invited. Miss Alvina McDonald, of the Cook County W. C. T. U., started to make a speech at the West Hammond Woman's Civic League headquarters.

She was hooted and hissed and told she was "no lady." One woman Advised her to "talk about us and cut the statistics." Another should that the aploons paid \$18,000 to West Hammondhalf the annual revenue—and that if half the annual revenue—and that if the "drys" won, this money would go to Hammond, Ind., just across the line. Half the audience left the hall. The other half threw spitballs at each other, laughed, talked and sang. Miss Mc-Donald's voice could not be heard, and the meeting was declared adjourned. the meeting was declared adjourned.

MAN, SPURNED, WOULD DIE Chicago Man, Near Death, Finds Wife Wants to Return.

CINCINNATI, O., March \$1 .- Because his wife had refused to live with him. Walter Crawford, who came here from Chicago, swallowed poison after writ-ing a note to his wife, Mrs. Mabel Long Crawford, declaring his love for her. Mrs. Crawford was notified of her

DIVORCE O. K. IN 2 STATES LATE TOM JOHNSON'S INVENTION

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Sweet By-and-By

(Found on page 485, "Heart Songs")

away all your childish cares and What words, we say, can describe these tender memories that come floating to you on the wings of melody. Yet, what would you not give to be able to summon at will these dearest of life's re-

collections!

What word-magic can

paint your feelings, when, as the years go by, some far-off tune is whistled in

the street, that your

mother used to sing

to you; or some handorgan ditty, softened by distance, floats in-

to your window with a strain that you often heard on her

lips; or some piano

in the neighborhood

accompanies a sweet

voice with the music

that once charmed

"Heart Songs" -- a piano or an organ -- a woman's voice -- be it that of wife or daughter-or sister-will give you, once again, all your mother's favorites. Every evening, after your day's work, you may soothe your wearied senses with the old songs she used to sing to you. Your children will be the better for singing them and you the better for hearing them. Try it! This paper puts it into your power, almost as a gift.

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the former Mayor's estate.

The model that Mr. Johnson had in his home was a car without wheels, suspended by hooklike evtensions from tracks beneath an elevated railroad.

The car was operated entirely by magnetism. When first set in operation the hooks by which it was suspended lifted until one-quarter of an inch clear of the tracks, so that the car hung in the air, in contact with nothing. Another set of magnets propiled it forward or backward.

"I rode in it. It was entirely practical," A. B. DuPont, close friend of Mr. Johnson, said.

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CUDAHY PREDICTS DROP Packer Declares More Animals Be-

ton was granted in the name of Mrs. in 12 months food prices will drop," Margaret J. Johnson, administratrix of said Patrick Cudahy, multi-millionaire

CUDAHY PREDICTS DROP

Packer Declares More Animals Being Raised Than Formerly.

MILWAUKEE, March 31.—"I expect

has been a slight decline, though the average is well above that of a year ago, the Government report says.

"Prices were high in November compared with what they were six years ago when they were low," said Mr. Cudaly, "but they were not high when compared with prices of two or three years ago. I do not see, however, that there has been much decline since November."