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Construction Begins in Texas Within 60 Days-Will Be Completed in Five Years-Duluth to Galveston.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Houston, Tex., says:

Edward Steger, president of the Denison, Bonham and New Orleans railroad, has just returned from France, where he has been for several months arranging with one of the largest banking institutions of the continent for the financing of what will be the first through railway north and south in America. It is to run from Duluth, Minn., via Kansas City to Galveston, Tex., with subordinate lines. The construction will amount to three thousand miles. The road is to be completed in five years. The contract with the French syndicate is for an investment of \$78,000,000. Construction will begin in Texas within 60 days, according to Mr. Steger.

CONSIDER PERMANENT MUSEUM.

Field Museum Wants Choice Exhibits For Chicago.

St. Louis, Oct. 26.—The board of directors of the world's fair has authorized President Francis to appoint a special committee of five to consider the possible establishment of a permanent museum and especially to take up the matter of the reception of exhibits for such purposes.

In connection with the project of establishing a permanent museum, Director of Exhibits Skiff appeared before the board of directors and made the following statement:

"The field museum, of which I am the director, has through its curators, made a careful canvass of the exhibits and exhibit material on the exposition grounds, which the museum would be glad to acquire under its

plan and scope. But I desire to state that this work was undertaken by the museum with special instructions from the board of trustees that, in the event of a serious undertaking on the part of St. Louis to establish a natural history or orthopedic museum or any similar institution to which any part of the material secured by the field museum would be of value, it was to be entirely at the service of the St. Louis organization."

FAREWELL TO COMMANDER.

Booth-Tucker Of Salvation Army To Leave America.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Thirty five hundred persons have attended the farewell lecture of Commander Booth Tucker of the Salvation army at the auditorium. As his talk was brought to a close, Luther Luffin Mills offered and the audience adopted resolutions expressing regret at the probable transfer of the commander to other fields.

Commander Booth-Tucker announced that Colonel Sowton, who has been in charge of the Chicago brigade of the army for four years, will soon leave to take up his work in Denmark.

SHORTAGE OF MEN STUDENTS.

Women in College Making A Rapid Increase.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Dr. Edmund J. James, in his last report as president, to the trustees of Northwestern university, says the disappearance of men students from the coeducation institutions in the Mississippi valley may be only a matter of time.

Dr. James quotes figures on the attendance in the college of liberal arts of northwestern to prove his theory. These show that in the last four years the percentage of women students has increased from 46.1 to 56.6.

Waiter Charged With Theft.

Walla, Walla, Oct. 26.—S. G. McCay and Mary McCay, his wife, were arrested, charged with wholesale stealing of silverware and table linen from hotels and restaurants. McCay is a waiter, and during the past six months has been employed in various hotels and restaurants here. When the trunks of the pair were searched over \$100 worth of goods were found. McCay about one month ago attempted suicide by taking laudanum, after having lost considerable money gambling.

FORTUNE INSTEAD OF DUNGEON.

New Jersey Prison Keeper Will Abolish the Dark Cell.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 26.—As a result of ideas gained at the recent congress held in Quincy, Ill. George O. Osborne, head keeper of the New Jersey state prison in this city, has announced his determination to inaugurate radical reform.

One of the changes to be made is the abolishment of the dungeon as a punishment for infraction of prison rules and the substitution of a well lighted and well ventilated cell for such offenders.

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