

CITY ATTORNEY ATTACKS SPUR TRACK PERMIT

Long Rules Against Action of
Public Works Board in
Track Concession

San Francisco's Bonded In-
debtors to June \$22,179,
300; Large Sum Redeemed

The Ocean Shore Railway company
has no right to maintain a spur track
in Twelfth street from its own tracks
to the property of the E. B. & A. L.
Stone company at Twelfth and Mission
streets, according to an opinion handed
down yesterday by City Attorney Long.

The opinion says permission to lay
the track was granted by the board of
public works in April, 1909, but that
this body had no right to grant such
permits which rested solely in
the board of supervisors.

A request for an opinion was made by
the committee on streets and sewers of
the board of supervisors, to whom com-
plaint had been made by residents of

A statement of the bonded indebted-
ness of the city and county of San
Francisco up to June 30, 1912, was
made by County Auditor Thomas
Moyle, showing the total amount of
bonds outstanding to be \$22,179,300. Of
these issues \$3,552,000 have been
redeemed.

These include the \$24 per cent bonds
of July 1, 1904, the \$24 per cent of July
1, 1905, miscellaneous 4½% and miscel-
laneous 5%.

In all \$37,394,000 was authorized,
\$30,000 has been canceled, \$5,552,300
and \$42,801,000 are uncollected.

HOSPITAL BIDS UP

Bids for the completion of the
interior of the new city and county
hospital will be sent to the board of
supervisors for advertisement. The
bids will be held for about the
first week. This will be let out in a single
contract, eliminating the previous com-
plaint that piecemeal contracts have
been the cause of much delay.

The work includes concrete and
cement work, marble, terrazzo tile, orna-
mental and miscellaneous iron work,
glazing, lathing and plastering, and
exterior and interior carpenter work.

The city will have the eight buildings
completed for the completion of the
power house and a laundry building.

Bids for the completion of the elec-
trical work for the laundry will be sent
out in about three weeks.

The building contract has already been let.

Major Ralph, recommended to the
board of supervisors that an expert be
appointed in the office of the county au-
thority to take charge of the "mines"
fund from "state" an appropriation
furnished each county by the state
government for the care of children
orphaned and dependents. An applica-
tion was made to the auditor for authority
to provide additional assistance
to take care of the administration of
this fund, which the mayor states he
has found to be necessary.

GEARY ROAD PROGRESS

The normal rate of progress sched-
uled in the plans for the building of
the new Geary road has been
reached by the contractors, Mahoney
Brothers, and the present direction of
the work for the department.

The examinations compiled by the
civil service commission for inspectors
of streets and sewers were taken by
120 candidates. Next Monday and
Tuesday the remaining candidates
will be conducted, and on August
5, 6 and 7 examinations for assistant
civil engineers will take place.

The Geary Street and Point Lobos
Av. grade improvement club has per-
mitted the supervisors to set street signs
in Geary street from Presidio avenue
westward to its terminus, suggesting
that the signs also give the block num-
bers. The club's grade improvement club
has petitioned for the proclamation and
improvement of two public squares, one
in Taraval street between Twenty-sec-
ond and Twenty-fourth avenues, and
the other in Vincent street between
Twenty-sixth and Twenty-eighth ave-
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**NATIVE SONS TO HAVE
VERY EXCLUSIVE CLUB**

Rooms in Society's New Build-
ing Will Be Sumptuous

Native Sons, members of local par-
tiers, with Henry G. W. Dinkins, Henry
E. B. Spiegel, Louis H. Mooser
and Philip C. Clegg, on the executive
committee, are organizing a Native
Son's club, which will have rooms of the top
floor of the society's new home in
Market street, between Geary and Post.
The club is to be completed in a few
months. It is proposed to establish
this club to be composed exclusively
of members of the order, along first
class lines, and to fit up the rooms
according to the latest plan in the city.
More than 200 have already agreed to
join and the committee is making an
effort to secure 1,000 names by the time
the building is finished.

**YOUNG TERROR ADMITS
COMMITTING ROBBERIES**

Harold F. Ingersoll, the youth who
is accused of committing a series of terror
in South San Francisco, June 24, 1912, a man
held up a streetcar, robbed three passengers and then looted rooms
in a nearby hotel, was brought to this
city yesterday from Redwood City. He
was arrested June 25 in Redwood City for
burglary. Ingersoll has confessed to
three burglaries which he committed in
San Francisco. He has been positively identified by the car crew
as the holdup man.

**JUDGE COMPELS CONVICT
TO EARN \$135 FOR FAMILY**

He, a stevedore who recently was convicted of having failed
to provide for his minor children and
placed on probation, following his
statement that he would support them,
was sent to the county jail to serve a sentence
of 90 days. He failed to keep word with the court. He will earn \$1.50 a
day doing road work, which will be
turned over to his wife for the support
of any one she suspects.

**PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION
OF SUGAR COMPANY FILED**

Petition for dissolution of the Cali-
fornia Sugar refinery filed yesterday
in the court of Marion, Duane
Brobeck. The concern was incorporated
April 2, 1887, with \$300,000
capitalization. The officers are Joe
D. Sprakler, president; A. R. Sprakler,
vice president and secretary, and
George A. Tisdale, chairman of the
board of directors.

Mother of Twelve Bouncing Boys

How would you like to clothe all
these boys? She does not worry; it's
all taken care of. The boys are
well fed, well clothed, well educated,
and well provided for. The credit
plan is stockholders' plan.

CUPID JOINS NAMESAKES ON EUROPEAN SOJOURN



Miss Dora Heskins
To Marry
Maurice Heskins

Mr. and Mrs. R. Heskins announce
the engagement of their daughter, Miss
Dora Heskins, and Maurice J. Heskins,
a young business man of San Francisco.
The bride-elect returned recently
from a successful European tour,
whither she went with her mother
more than a year ago. While traveling
on the continent she met and
dighted her troth to young Heskins.
She is a musician of note, the piano
being her favorite medium of expres-
sion.

The Heskins home is at 1616 Broderick
street, where the marriage will be
celebrated in the early fall.

**ALLEGED DRUG VIOLATOR
IS HELD BY UNCLE SAM**

Percy Henderson was arrested yester-
day for manufacturing morphine by
United States Marshal C. T. Elliott. He
was taken to the Alameda county jail,
awaiting his preliminary hearing.

**REHEARING ASKED
IN LICENSE SUIT**

Attorney General Webb Asks
Further Proceedings to De-
cide Tax Issue

Petition for a rehearing of the man-
damus suit brought by the H. K. Mul-
ford company of Pennsylvania against
the state for the recovery of a portion
of state, in decision of which the supreme
court of California decided the cor-
poration license tax law and free bill
to be unconstitutional as applied to
foreign or domestic corporations doing
an intent to harm business was filed by
Attorney General U. S. Webb.

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mour, Melvin La Selva, proprietor of
the Bancroft bar in Townsend street,
who had slashed her about the limbs
with a pocket knife, Grace Shields, a
negress, plunged the knife into his
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