

DISCUSSING FREIGHT RATES

Donah of Railroad Representatives with Commerce Commission.

MANY WESTERN LINES ARE REPRESENTED

Committee is Appointed to Confer Looking to Action for General Stability in Rates—Few Complaints Are Made.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The presidents, general managers and other representatives of the railroad companies, comprising almost the entire trunk service between Chicago and Lake Michigan and the Ohio and Mississippi river and beyond, were in executive conference throughout the day with the Interstate Commerce commission.

The result was a verbal assurance on the part of all the roads to maintain the tariff, and the appointment of a committee to confer with the commission tomorrow looking to more definite and specific action for securing general stability in freight rates.

Western Lines Represented.

Those from the west were: President Burr, Union Pacific; the general manager and traffic manager of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf; Mr. Storm of the Minneapolis, St. Louis & North Western; President Merrick of the Santa Fe; Traffic Manager Bird, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Vice President Youkin, St. Louis & San Francisco; Vice President Warner, Missouri Pacific; President Washburn, Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis; President Harbin, St. Louis Southwestern; President McCulloch, Chicago & North Western; President D. B. Robinson, St. Louis & San Francisco; General Manager McKnight, Wahash; Vice President Harris, Burlington; Receiver Whitcomb, Wisconsin Central; Receiver Samuel, Toledo, St. Paul & Northern Indiana; President W. G. Purdy, Rock Island; the traffic manager of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas; Receiver George T. Jarvis, Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis; General W. B. Robinson, St. Joseph & Grand Island and Kansas City and Omaha companies; President Ingham, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis; Vice President Chappell, Chicago & Alton; Traffic Manager Campbell, Chicago & Eastern Illinois.

All Honestly Maintain Rates.

Each reported absolute maintenance of published schedules and the reports summarized indicated the most thorough cooperation in the western territory. No road had any definite complaint of secret practices to report, and the general conference brought out that several reports of secret practices were found to be groundless when the suspected roads had been quietly investigated. It was recognized, however, in the discussion that mutual jealousy and distrust were somewhat prevalent and that a general confidence must be established. Fortunately in the instances cited it was reported that none of the other roads had retaliated, as usually happens, and that every road mentioned was found to be correct.

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END OF ASSEMBLY IN SIGHT

Advices from Cuba Indicate that the Body Will Dissolve Peacefully.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Advices from Cuba received by President McKinley, which regard the assembly as trustworthy, are to the effect that the Cuban assembly will dissolve before the present week ends, probably on Saturday.

MEMBERS OF STAFF MUSTERED OUT.

Four Principal Assistants on Miles' Staff and Quartermaster Are to Go.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—By a decision today of Acting Attorney General Richards the four principal assistants to the quartermaster general and the quartermaster on the staff of General Miles are mustered out of service by the legislation of March 18, 1898.

SAVE YOUR HAIR

How to Prevent Falling Hair, Scalp Humors and Dandruff.

Warm shampoo with CURTURA SOAP, followed by light dressings with CURTURA, the purest of emollient skin cures, will clear the scalp and hair of crusts, scales, and dandruff, soothe irritating itching surfaces, stimulate the hair follicles, supply the roots with energy and nourishment, and thus produce luxuriant hair, with clean, wholesome scalp.

NO NEWS OF BOUNDARY BATTLE

State Department and British Embassy Confer Regarding the Reported Conflict.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Both the State department and the British embassy, which have been giving the subject close attention, are so far unable to locate the scene of the reported collision between the American miners and the Canadian mounted police, which was the subject of a story brought by a miner returning from Alaska to Vancouver recently.

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PROGRESS OF TRUST FORMING

Western and Southern Rolling Mills to Combine Against the Eastern Concerns.

CLEVELAND, March 23.—The Iron Trade Review says: The movement to consolidate western and southern rolling mills has made headway in the last week and nearly all the necessary options have been secured. Less outside money will be invested, proportionately, than in other recent iron and steel combines.

INTEREST IN CITY ELECTION

Unprecedented Number of Voters Registered in Chicago in the Mayorality Contest.

CHICAGO, March 23.—The mayorality election will be held in this city early next month, and the official figures given out by the election commission on last Tuesday's registration show that 72,282 voters registered, breaking all previous records for municipal elections. The highest previous registration was 52,000, when Mayor Swift was elected.

LEPERS WILL OWN MOLOKAI

Island May Become National Asylum for That Afflicted Class.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Rep. William H. Tuttle will soon visit the leper settlement on the island of Molokai, as the agent of a local improvement club, and with the agreement of Senator Sawyer, the author of the concurrent resolution adopted by the recent legislature to convert Molokai into a national leper settlement. He will remain among the lepers for four months and will then confer with a committee to be appointed by President McKinley to investigate the matter.

CLERGYMAN WILL INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS

Committee is Also Authorized by McKinley to Look into the Situation in One of the Sandwich Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Attorney General Pyle today presented an opinion to the state auditor holding that the appropriation carried by the state for the Molokai leper settlement, as authorized by the legislature of 1898, and subsequent years and the fiscal year 1899 does not begin until July 1. Twenty-nine bounty certificates had already been received, as the bill, as an emergency measure, makes the state liable for bounty on widows killed when another bounty certificate is submitted to the attorney general for an opinion, which, when presented, will be in line with the opinion already rendered on request of the attorney general that the law is valid regardless of the constitutional amendment for a dispensary law.

Line from Madison to Stone Falls.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of the local Business Men's league Messrs. Sherman, Peck and Lien were appointed a committee to confer with committees already selected at Madison and Taopi with reference to the construction of a road from Madison to Taopi through Taopi to Madison. The proposed road has been already surveyed and there is a good prospect that with the united action of the three towns directly interested the road will be built.

News from Treasurer's Office.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—In round numbers, state taxes amounting to \$97,000 and school funds amounting to \$60,000. Lawrence remitted the largest amount of state taxes, with \$10,957. The largest payments of school funds were made by Turner, with \$14,000, and Minnehaha only a few dollars behind.

Choosing Normal School Site.

ABERDEEN, S. D., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A citizens' mass meeting was held Tuesday afternoon to consider a site for the new Normal school. As a result of the meeting a committee of twenty-five representative citizens was chosen to make a selection and submit its action to a future meeting for ratification. A number of choice locations are offered and the rivalry will be strong.

TO REDUCE YARDAGE CHARGES

Furious Time Had Over the Stock Bill Debate in the Missouri Legislature.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—A special to the Republic from Jefferson City, Mo., says: The bill to regulate stockyard charges caused furious excitement in the last session of the house. Charges of dishonesty were openly made and pandemonium reigned at times so furious that it seemed probable that the members would come to blows. The object of the bill is to reduce yardage and other charges from 50 to 25 per cent. It is said to be a duplicate of the Kansas law. The bill was placed on its passage during the early part of the session and defeated by a narrow margin.

Practically a Deadlock.

It is manifestly impossible for the United States to repudiate the Berlin treaty, the chief justice of the United States, in view of the weight of the testimony in his favor, so that a practical deadlock has been reached so far as this matter of changing the repudiation of the three powers at Apia is concerned. Our government knows nothing as yet of the reported combined protest of the German citizens of Samoa against Mr. Chambers.

STRIPE FOR STETSON'S MONEY

Two Factions of Claimants Quarrel Over the Disposition of Estate Worth Two Million Dollars.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 23.—Interest in the claim to the \$2,000,000 estate of the late John Stetson of Boston, which is soon to be contested by Mrs. Katherine Shirley of this city, has been revived by the appearance here of a Boston lawyer and a woman detective, who Mrs. Shirley asserts are working in the interest of the Stetson relative.

CUT RATES TO DAWSON CITY

Transportation Combine at Seattle Promises to Make Things Merry in Alaska-Bound Travel.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 23.—Rates to Dawson City have been cut in two by the formation of a transportation combination, including various steamers running between Seattle and Skagway, the White Pass & Yukon railway and the steamers on Lake Bennett and the Upper Yukon. Rates to take effect with the opening of navigation on the lakes are announced as follows: One hundred and sixty-two dollars per ton for freights of all kinds; first-class passenger passage, \$100; second-class, \$80.

SETTLERS FOR SOUTHWEST IDAHO.

L. F. and His Grand Deliver Eight Hundred Homesteaders to O. S. L.

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 23.—The Oregon Short Line today received from the Union Pacific and Rio Grande Western roads 800 homesteaders' tickets at the reduced rates which went into effect March 21 at Missouri river and points east. A large percentage of these passengers are Dunkards and Quakers enroute to southwestern Idaho, where they will settle permanently. They are already colonists of both Dunkards and Quakers occupying land in Idaho.

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