FREIGHT RATES INVOLVED.

RAILROAD MEN PREDICT SUCCESS OF WESTERN JOBBERS' FIGHT.

Eastern Lines Are Cutting—Business on All Lines Has Fallen Off—Agents for the First Time Since July Are Looking for Business.

Within the past ten days an unusually large number of Eastern freight agents have been on the Pacific coast. There is a decline in the freight business both to and from the Coast, and already it is stated by some of the visitors that there will be trouble in rates. The Chicago-St. Paul lines have taken the initiative, and are reported to be offering a big cut on through business, which, if continued, it is predicted, will effect rates to the Pacific coast.

An agent of one of the large Eastern lines who has just made a tour of the Coast and spent yesterday in Seattle, said: "It would not be surprising to Eastern railroad men to see Western jobbers successful in their fight against the reclassification of articles of freight as inaugurated January 1.

"Prior to the first of the year there was not a railway in the United States that was able to handle the freight offered. Particularly was this true in the West and on the Pacific coast. Since then thousands of new freight cars have been turned out of the shops, and even now almost every Western line has a good supply and some a surplus. The lines east of St. Paul are overstocked.

"While I don't mean to say that there is no business, I do say there is not sufficient to keep all cars now on hand employed. For this reason railroads are for the first time since July 1, rustling for business. When this condition prevails, an agreement to maintain rates is a hard one to adhere to.

"The Western jobbers are putting up an aggressive fight against the reclassification tariff, and as I said before in view of these conditions it is not at all improbable that the old tariff will again be reinstated.

"It is reliably reported that two of the St. Paul-Chicago lines are already cutting. This, if continued, will have a bearing on the through Coast rate, and weaken the railroads in their stand against the installation of the old tariff."

PALMER LINE NEARLY DONE

Contractors Expect to Turn Over the Cut-Off by May 1—Bridges Ready for Rails.

According to the reports of men engaged on the work there is every reason to believe that the Palmer cut-off on the Northern Pacific will be completed and in use by May 1. S. B. Reed, who arrived from Palmer yesterday, says this is the general opinion held by the contractors.

"The work is being done with great rapidity," he said. "If nothing happens to interfere, the contractors expect to be able to turn the line over to the officers within seventy-five days. The principal work now under way is the construction of an underground crossing with the Columbia & Puget Sound. Most of the bridge and culvert work has been finished, and is ready to receive rails."

NEW LUMBER CARS.

Seattle & International Places a Large Order.

The Seattle & International is having 100 new flat cars constructed which it is expected will be delivered within the next two months. They will be forty-one feet long, eight feet nine inches wide and of 70,000 pounds capacity. They are to be equipped with Griffin wheels, American steel trucks, Westinghouse brakes and Tower couples.

All will be put in use in the lumbering business of Snohomish, Whatcom and Skagit counties.

Soldiers as Trainmen.

Advices from the Philippine islands state that the main line of the Manila railway, extending from that city to Dagupan, a distance of 135 miles, is being operated by the United States government with train crews selected from among the soldiers. The line traverses an agricultural district and the track for most of the distance is four feet above the general level of the country. The locomotives and rolling stock are of English manufacture.

RAILROAD NOTES.

C. A. Bell, traveling auditor of the Canadian Pacific, is in Seattle.

Joseph Anderson, contracting freight agent of the Canadian Pacific, has gone to Vancouver.

J. W. Casey, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, at Portland, is in the city.

General Superintendent F. E. Ward, of the Great Northern, sailed yesterday afternoon from New York for Europe. He will be absent a month in England and Paris.

R. C. Stevens, general Western passenger agent of the Great Northern, yesterday received a letter from a man in Iowa stating he had $35, and asking if it was safe to make the trip to Nome with that amount.

FINANCIAL AND STOCK REPORTS.

SPOKANE.

Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Feb. 15.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were as follows:

Black Tail	82	Morning Glory	37
Butte & Boston	3	Noble Five	5
Crystal	34	Princess Maude	6
Chesapa-Bluejay	4	Palmer M't'n Tunnel	14½
Deer Trail Con. No. 2	8½	Quilp	19
Evening Star	7	Rambler Cariboo	43
Gold Ledge	6	Republic	97
Golden Harvest	1½	Reservation	74
Insurgent	2½	Rossland Giant	6
Jim Blaine	16	Sullivan	8
Lone Pine Surprise	14½	Tom Thumb	18½
Mountain Lion	90	Waterloo	6
Morrison	3½		

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SAN FRANCISCO.

Sterling Exchange.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Sterling on London, sixty days, $4.85¼; sterling on London, sight, $4.88¼.

Financial.

Silver bars, 59¼c; Mexican dollars, 48@48½c; drafts sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

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NEW YORK.

The Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The movement of prices in the stock market today reflected very clearly the doubtful and conflicting speculative opinion over the outlook for prices. The opinion reflected was almost wholly that of professional operators in stocks, as they were the only ones who took any notable part in the trading. The general public persisted in keeping out of the stock market and this continued indifference had not a little to do with doubts of the professional speculators, some of whom sold stocks before the close of the day, prompted by their disappointment over the failure of any general demand for stocks to develop. A number of factors contributed to an early advance in prices. The initial impulse came from the London market, where prices advanced on the cheerful feeling engendered by the forward movement of British troops in South Africa. London was a buyer here at the opening, but the demand from that source was satisfied with the taking of 25,000 to 30,000 shares. The iron and steel group advanced in company in the morning, and the active bidding up of professional traders, American Steel & Wire rising to within a fraction of 60. Tennessee Coal rose an extreme 2½. The impulse to these stocks came from the allegations contained in a pending lawsuit of notoriety regarding the enormous profits of the steel trade for the past year and assertions of the likelihood of still larger returns for the current year. The strength in Sugar was based upon the vague rumors of the coming advance in the price of the product and resumption of operation by refineries recently closed down. But the strength from these causes was not well maintained in the face of apathy in demand and a notable weakness in some stocks. A break of 3½ in Third Avenue was due to the announcement by a banking house of its withdrawal of a proposed loan to this company. This caused sharp, sympathetic declines in the other local traction stocks, the iron and steel stocks and sugar, and, in fact, unsettled the whole list.

Railway stocks lost the early gains, but became dull, but notably firm near the last night's level of prices. Reports continue to reflect a high level of prosperous business activity and an unprecedented level of railroad earnings. But this very activity in business arouses question whether the prosperous use of money thus involved is not likely to deplete the supply of funds available for speculative purposes. No better explanation has been found of last week's enormous loan expansion than the demand for mercantile uses, which is known to be on a very large scale. Rates for call loans still continue easy, but only the choicest grades of mercantile paper can be placed now as low as 4 per cent., most transactions being made at 4½ to 5 per cent. Time loans for sixty days are also in large demand, at 4½ per cent. The subtreasury has already absorbed over $1,000,000 from the market this week and the course of New York exchange at interior points gives little hope of any gain in cash from those sources. Taking into account the recent tendency towards large expansion of loans a further large inroad upon surplus reserves is regarded as inevitable in the coming bank statement.

United States bonds were unchanged in the bid price.

Money and Exchange.

Money on call, easy, 2@2½ per cent.; last loans, 2½ per cent., closed 2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 4@5 per cent.; sterling exchange irregular, with actual business in bankers bills at $4.87@4.87½ for demand and at $4.84@4.84½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83½@4.83¾; silver certificates, 59@60½c; bar silver, 59½c; Mexican dollars, 47½c; government bonds, steady; state bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Bonds.

U. S. Twos, reg	102½	General Electric 5s	117
Threes, reg	109½	N. Y. Central 1sts	110
Threes, coup	109½	Northern Pacific 3s	67
New Fours, reg	134	Fours	103½
New Fours, coup	134	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
Old Fours, reg	112½	Fours	101½
Old Fours, coup	114½	Oregon Short L. 6s	127
Fives, reg	112½	Consol 5s	115
Fives, coup	112½	Rio G. W. 1sts	97½
Dis. of Col. 3 65s	117	St. Paul Consols	167½
Atchison Adjt. 4s	82½	St. P., C. & P. 1sts	119½
C. & N. W. Consol 7s	141	Fives	120½
S. F. Deb. 5s	120	Union Pacific 4s	104½
Denver & Rio G. 1sts	102½	Wisconsin Central 1sts	91
Fours	99		

Stocks.

Railroads—		Railroads (Cont.)—	
Atchison	21	Union Pacific	50½
Preferred	63½	Preferred	76½
Baltimore & Ohio	63½	Wabash	6½
Canadian Pacific	96½	Preferred	20½
Canada Southern	48½	Wheeling & L. E.	10½
Chesapeake & Ohio	29½	Second preferred	27½
Chicago Great W.	13½	Wisconsin Central	18½
Chicago, B. & Q.	126½	P., C., C. & St. L.	65
Chicago, Ind. & L.	16½	Express Companies—	
Preferred	45	Adams	115
Chicago & East Ill.	91½	American	146
Chicago & N. W.	162	United States	46½
Chicago, R. I. & P.	108½	Wells Fargo	123
C., C., C. & St. L.	61½	Miscellaneous—	
Colorado Southern	5½	American Cotton Oil	34
First preferred	43½	Preferred	94
Second preferred	15½	American Malting	5½
Delaware & Hudson	115	Preferred	38
Delaware, L. & W.	178	Am. Smelting & Rfng	41½
Denver & Rio G.	19½	Preferred	92
Preferred	72½	American Spirits	2½
Erie	12½	Preferred	17
First preferred	37½	American Steel Hoop	47
Great Northern pfd.	158	Preferred	84½
Hocking Coal	17	American Steel & W.	59
Hocking Valley	34½	Preferred	93½
Illinois Central	114	American Tin Plate	34½
Iowa Central	12½	Preferred	81
Preferred	53	American Tobacco	119
Kan. City, P. & G.	13	Preferred	135
Lake Erie & W.	20½	Anaconda Mining Co.	45
Preferred	83½	Brooklyn Rapid T.	74
Lake Shore	194	Col. Fuel & Iron	46½
Louisville & Nash.	81½	Continental Tobacco	32½
Manhattan L.	99½	Preferred	84½
Metropolitan St. Ry.	179	Federal Steel	56
Mexican Central	13½	Preferred	75½
Minn. & St. Louis	63	General Electric	127
Preferred	93	Glucose Sugar	56½
Missouri Pacific	46½	Preferred	100
Mobile & Ohio	44	International Paper	22½
Missouri, K. & T.	11	Preferred	68½
Preferred	33	Laclede Gas	76
New Jersey Central	119½	National Biscuit	37
New York Central	134½	Preferred	99½
Norfolk & Western	29½	National Lead	25½
Preferred	73½	Preferred	105½
Northern Pacific	53½	National Steel	50½
Preferred	74½	Preferred	96½
Ontario & Western	24½	N. Y. Air Brake	130
Oregon Ry. & Nav.	42	North American	14½
Preferred	76	Pacific Coast	51½
Pennsylvania	135½	First preferred	83
Reading	18½	Second preferred	63½
First preferred	56	Pacific Mail	39½
Second preferred	28½	People's Gas	108
Rio Grande Western	46	Pressed Steel Car	35½
Preferred	87	Preferred	87
St. Louis & S. F.	19½	Pullman Palace Car	189
First preferred	68	Standard R. & T.	8½
Second preferred	35½	Sugar	113½
St. Louis, Southwest.	11	Preferred	113
Preferred	27	Tenn. Coal & Iron	100½
St. Paul	125½	U. S. Leather	17½
Preferred	171½	Preferred	75½
St. Paul & Omaha	115	U. S. Rubber	33½
Southern Pacific	39½	Preferred	94½
Southern Railway	12½	Western Union	84
Preferred	57	Republic Iron & Steel	25½
Texas & Pacific	16½	Preferred	68½

Total sales, 426,700 shares.

Metals.

Tin moved up a shade again today, following improvement in the London market. Otherwise the situation locally was unchanged. News from the West was about in line with anticipations, demand was slack and offerings light.

Pig iron warrants—Very dull.

Copper—Lake, unchanged at $16.25.

Tin—Very quiet at $30.37½.

Lead—$4.70 bid and $4.75 asked. The firm that fixes the selling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at $4.45 at the close.

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FOREIGN.

Financial.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The news of Lord Roberts' advance into the Orange Free State caused a very cheerful opening in the market here today, but the volume of business falling off early advances were lost by noon. Later there was a slightly hardening tendency, which was maintained to the close, except in Americans, which began hard, with small, steady buying, but lapsed on sales by New York, which included bonds. It is apprehended here that New York will have to prepare for dearer money.

Closing Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Canadian Pacific, 79¼; Union Pacific preferred, 79; Northern Pacific preferred, 76¼; Atchison, 22; Grand Trunk, 8¼; Anaconda, 9¼; bar silver, quiet, 27d per ounce.

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Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows:

Available cash balance	$234,667,832
Gold reserve	221,939,501

THE WEATHER.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY.

Portland, Or., Feb. 15, 1900.

Fair.

MARINE NEWS.

ASTORIA—Sailed, Feb. 14, Br sh Colony, for Queenstown.

TACOMA—Arrived, Feb. 13, Br bk Allegiance, from Nagasaki; Br bk St. Irene, from Yokohama.

PORT TOWNSEND—In port, Feb. 15, Chil bk Temuco, from Port Blakeley for Africa.

SANTA ROSALIA—Arrived, Jan. 25, Br sh Barfillan from Hamburg.

SAN DIEGO—Sailed, Feb. 14, Br str Lady Joycey, for Yokohama.

VENTURA—Arrived, Feb. 14, str Fulton, from Grays Harbor.

MELBOURNE—Arrived, Feb. 14, sh Wachusett, from Vancouver.

OYSTER HARBOR—Sailed, Tellus, San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO—Arrived, Feb. 15, str Chartina, Seattle. Sailed—Str Queen, Victoria; str Arcata, Coos bay; bk S. P. Cheney, Seattle; bktn Quickstep, Tacoma; str Sunol, Gray's harbor.

WATER FRONT NOTES.

Ship Sintram and schooner Bendixen were released from quarantine at Port Townsend yesterday, both proceeding to Tacoma for cargoes.

Ship Strathnaver completed her repairs at Smith cove, sailing yesterday for Tacoma, where she will complete her cargo of grain for the United Kingdom.

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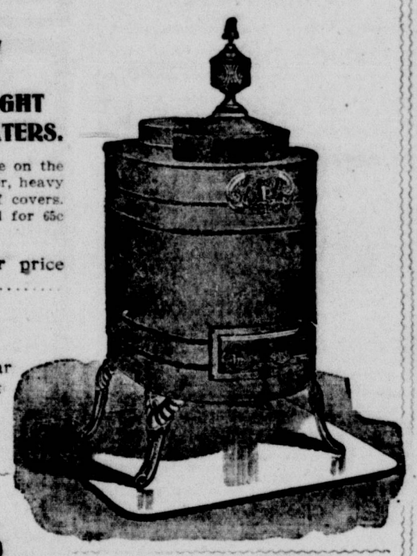

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The Novelty
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This Heater has cast-iron bottom and top, cast-down draft register and clean-out door, nickeled foot rests, nickeled feet, nickeled damper and clean-out door, nickeled spun urn, pipe check in collar, swing-off top and automatic cover, heavy steel linings. This Stove has been on the market two years and has proven a decided success.

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No. 26, was $12.00, now $7.85

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With Japanned wood handles 15c

Granite Steel Coffee and Tea Pots.
1-qt size 19c
1½-qt size 20c
2-qt size 30c
3-qt size 35c
4-qt size 38c
5-qt size 40c

Granite Steel Enameled Milk Kettles.
1-qt size 20c
2-qt size 25c
3-qt size 35c
4-qt size 40c
6-qt size 50c

Granite Steel Enameled Milk Pans.
1-qt size 6c
2-qt size 8c
3-qt size 10c
4-qt size 13c
5-qt size 15c
6-qt size 18c
8 qt size 22c
10-qt size 24c
12-qt size 27c

Granite Steel Enameled Basting Spoon.
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14-inch size 6c
16-inch size 7c
18-inch size 8c

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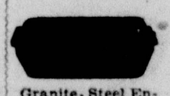

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12½x8½ size 24c
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16x11 size 32c
17½x12 size 38c
11x11 size 21c
12x12 size 24c
13x13 size 27c
14x14 size 30c
15x15 size 36c

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Granite Steel Enameled Foot Tubs.
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3-qt size 23c
4-qt size 27c
6-qt size 30c
8-qt size 40c

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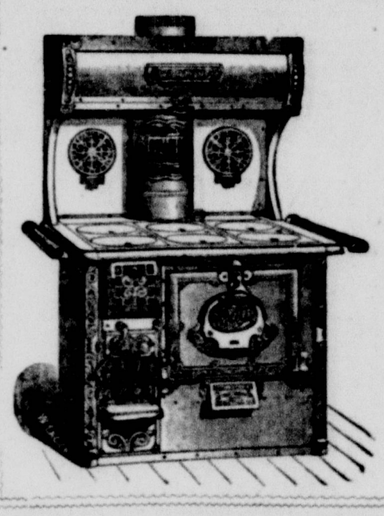

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