'N THE RAILWAY WORLD.

A General Reduction in Freight Rates Reported from Chicago to the Missouri River,

Which, It Is Now Claimed, Will Result in the Loss of $10,000,000 Annually.

Gen. McNulta, the Wabash Receiver, Evidently Bound to Make Things Lively.

The meeting of the general managers of the Western roads has resulted in a general reduction of rates which will extend from Chicago to Missouri river points and up and down the river from Sioux City to Council Bluffs or further. This is a general sweeping reduction to take effect probably January 1, but possibly as early as Dec. 20. This result has been brought about by the railroad companies themselves, of their own volition, and with no other pressure except that exerted among themselves. The rates were for the first five classes 90, 75, 50, 35, 30. They are now reduced to 75, 60, 40, 30, 25, and so on to the lowest class, which is about 16 per cent. The estimated loss of the roads in consequence of this reduction is placed at $10,000,000 annually, and every dollar of this sum comes out of the net earnings. The Illinois distance tariffs are already arranged, the Iowa representatives are busily at work getting their distance tariffs in shape so as to harmonize with the new reduced through rates, and Chairman Midgley has issued a call for the Missouri interested roads—Chicago & Alton, Burlington, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Hannibal & St. Joe, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Wabash and Fort Scott and Gulf—to meet at Chicago Wednesday next to take up the work. In speaking of this widespread reduction the Chicago Times declares that "the trouble has been precipitated on the lines by their own greed and their anxiety to get business from Eastern roads on a pro rata that has ended by costing them $100 for every dollar gained by the interchange. It does not make a tuppence difference which road was primarily responsible; whether it was the Wabash, which for six months made a 13-cent lower rate from Toledo to St. Louis than from Chicago, and then suddenly discovered that it was a crying injustice to this city; the Rock Island, which held Davenport's and Rock Island's interests above that of all the remainder of the line; the Burlington, which is charged with secretly prorating while maintaining a virtuous outward appearance, or any of the others. First or last, they cuddled the Eastern roads and allowed them to make the through rates and ignore the Chicago termini. Now they are about to reap the harvest, and the crop is a bad one for them."

Cutting Wabash Rates.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Delegations of prominent merchants, manufacturers and shippers from Springfield, Quincy, Jacksonville, Decatur, Ill., and Hannibal, Mo., were in Chicago to-day to thank Gen. McNulta, the receiver of the Wabash railroad, for a reduction of the state tariff rates, which will take effect Dec. 20. After several addresses had been made by the delegates, giving to Gen. McNulta the honor for the coming relief of the commerce of Illinois and for the outgrowing benefits in adjoining states and in other roads throughout the Northwest, the general replied, reaffirming his intention of cutting down the rates from 10 to 30 per cent, the average reduction being about 20 per cent. Shortly afterward the general sent official notices of this reduction, to take effect Dec. 20, to the Chicago & Alton, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Illinois Central and Chicago & Rock Island railroads.

Duluth & Iron Range Docks.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 9.—The Duluth & Iron Range road has just let to Bradley & Hanford, Duluth lumbermen, a contract for 70,000 linear feet of piling for the new ore docks to be built this winter at Two Harbors. There will be 1,000 feet of extension, 500 on each dock, about doubling their capacity. The entire structure is to be as firm as it is possible to make it with timber and iron. C. L. White & Co., of Tower, successors to the Sellers & Owens Lumber company, have already received the contract for the timber work. The dock will be completed in the spring.

Chips From the Ties.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway will open for business two new stations on their short line, viz: Murray Hill and Ridgewood Park. Six additional short line trains will be put on to accommodate increasing travel, leaving St. Paul at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. and 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p. m. Trains will leave Minneapolis at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a. m., and 1:30, 3:30 and 5:30 p. m.

Messrs. Hamblin and Harris, of the Burlington & Northern, are in Chicago.

MINNEAPOLIS GOSSIP.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A great many people think that a "slugger," as a boxer is now denominated in the West, is a sort of a human bull-dog. A large photograph of Tommy Warren is on exhibition at a Nicollet avenue sporting goods store, and it was curious to note the comments of the ladies, who from their habit of gaping into store windows, of course noticed it. Tommy is a handsome little fellow and the photograph which showed him in stylish attire, drew out exclamations of surprise and admiration. "Why, I always supposed they looked tough," was the comment of about two-thirds of the fair critics.

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The severe sentence that Lou Murray received for his alleged assault upon Miss Sylvester has created considerable sympathy in his favor, and a fund is already being raised for the purpose of securing him a new trial. There is a general impression that certain influences were brought to bear against him; that witnesses were spirited away, and attorneys prevented from defending him. The chances are that a strong effort for a second trial will be made.

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William Welch yesterday delivered another invective against Gen. Vilas, Attorney Erwin and others whom he regards as being his opponents in the libel suit against him. There's one thing about Mr. Welch—he is always interesting and invariably contributes some spicy newspaper reading whenever he speaks.

ALL SORTS.

It is truly remarkable that Mayor Ames, Engineer Rinker, and Ald. E. M. Johnson should disagree upon the manner in which the city work should be performed. The trio have always worked together with such harmony(?). It is astonishing that Mayor Ames and Ald. Johnson should not agree.

A fit companion for the famous "Hawkshaw" McKenna, of Pillsbury's administration, is the recently discovered in "Young Cyclone the Dectective."

The enterprising and sensitive Journal reporter who published that personal card in substantiating an alleged interview with the eminent J. E. Ward, may perhaps have noted that Tollefson's money box has not been recovered.

It is seldom that Charles Babus goes gunning, but when he does he wants big game.

It must have been an interesting sight to see Col. James Fairman, the artist, mixed up in a row over a dog fight yesterday. There are men in the city who would have given a good deal of money to have seen the affair.

According to the gentlemen who went to Washington to put in a bid for the national convention, crow is pretty good eating under some circumstances.

Col. Charles Johnson will, it is said, remove to Chicago in the near future.

"Striks me," said a gentleman from Tennessee yesterday, as he surveyed the muddy streets, "that you have peculiar weather here. One day it will be so cold that frost will gather on your stoves; next day it rains, and you have to wear a rubber coat. The third day it snows, and the next day it's warm enough to wear a straw hat and a linen duster. I'm coming here to live soon."

It is now about the season when the young wife begins to think of making mince pies, and sends to the grocer's for three pounds of mincemeat for two pies.

SOME SURPRISING EVENTS.

That a man has actually been arrested for leaving his hatchway open so that pedestrians might fall in and be either killed or maimed for life.

That the dress-parade Republicans did not get there on the convention enterprise.

The way the town has "limbered up," so to speak, and the fact that the highly moral Republican grand jury has decided to let the saloonkeepers rest for a while.

That an apparently energetic effort is being made to prosecute the venders of adulterated milk.

That the severe sentence Murray received is occasioning a revulsion of public feeling.

That Minnesota should have midsummer weather at this time of the year.

That Rev. Go Lightly Morrill has kept himself in a condition of comparative quietude for several days.

That the Star-News does not attempt to be a little more original in its methods.

That a little fault has been found with the actions of the police commission of late.

MINNEAPOLIS REAL ESTATE.

William Chandler and wife to Isaac Fellows et al, part of lts 1 and 2, blk 23, Highland Park add.....$2,500
Jennie A Whitcomb et al to Julian N Kirby, lt 5, blk 38, Whitcomb's sub of blks 18, 19, 38 and 39, Murphy's add.....1,800
Samuel H Adams and wife to Sylvester S Cargill, lt 24, blk 2, Home add.....12,000
Joseph Bruna and wife to Johanna A and Jennie Finlay, lt 4, blk 2, Allan & Anderson's add.....3,500
Clara M Worthington to Sarah E Peake et al, lt 1, blk 8, Carson's add.....3,300
Henry Chase and wife to Hannah Chandler, part of lts 1 and 2, blk 34, Highland Park add.....1,500
Samuel H Adams and wife to Sylvester S Cargill, part of lt 23, blk 2, Home's add.....1,833
Willet LaDu and wife to Sophia J and Ruth C Lewis, lts 7 and 8, blk 11, Bloomington ave. add.....725
William Chandler and wife to Henry Chase, part of lts 1 and 2, blk 34, Highland Park add.....1,500
George R Richards to Farnsworth Loan & Reality company, lts 19 and 20, blk 11, Prospect Park. First div rev.....2,900
Jens O Braa and wife to Lauritz Peterson, lts 3 and 4 and part of lt 2 of subd of lts 5, 6, 7 and 8, blk 16, Cobbs add to St. Paul.....1,000
Jens O Braa et al to Lauritz Peterson, lt 25, blk 8, Sage Hill rev lake, Minnetonka.....450
Alden H Potter et al to Walter H Manning, lt 5, blk 1, Dorsey's add.....6,000
Samuel C Gale et al to Horace P Breed, lt 10, blk 6, Oak Lake add.....3,750
Lucy A Farnsworth and husband to Ella Parker, lt 12, blk 2, North Side Park add.....750
Simms H Chowen to Albert P Phillips, part of section 18, town 117, range 22.....1,000
Ann T Little to Louis J Berkey, lt 17, blk 3, Potter & Thompson's add.....300
J W Corson to Hervey J Wilber, part of section 27, town 28, range 24.....12,000
Wilbert L Bartlett and wife to Hervey J Wilber, part of lt 23, blk 8, Menage's subd to East Side add.....150
C H Randall and wife to E J Swan, lt 12, blk 2, sup to Forest Heights add.....1,000
Lucinda Berthiaume and husband to John and Henry Berthiaume, lt 4, Johnson's sub; lts 8 and 9, blk 33, Wilson's rearr of blk East Side add.....3,500
Eugene J Swan and wife to Joseph Kozman, lt 13, blk 1, Lindley & Lingenfelter's add.....5,000
Gustav A Seitz and wife to Martin W Sewall, lt 11, blk 1, Park Avenue add.....2,500
Elijah Barton and wife to Ezra F Peabody, lt 17, blk 1, Way's add.....2,200
Farnsworth Loan & Reality company to George R Richards, lts 19 and 20, blk 11; lt 32, blk 5, Prospect Park First div rev.....4,200
George R Richards to Farnsworth Loan & Realty company, lt 32, blk 5, Prospect Park First div rev.....1,300
Patrick McGrath and wife to J W Corson, part of sec 29, town 28, range 24.....8,000
Ellis Whiting to Timothy A Whiting, part of lt 5, blk 3, Chicago Lake Park add.....2,500
Mary E Blomquist and husband to Henry G Richards, part of lt 1, blk 8, Minnehaha add.....3,000
Frank B Long and wife to Adolphus Bradford, part of lt 5, blk 16, Wilson, Bell & Wagner's add.....350
Charles J Fuller to Mary F Baker, lts 4 and 5, blk 3, Ivandale Park, near Lake Harriet.....600
Charles L Mendel and wife to Sarah M Mendel, lt 7, blk 2, Badger & Penney's add.....3,500
Charles W Gordon and wife to Mary Ada Lockwood, part of sec 32, town 118, range 23.....150
Walter P Douglas et al to Jennie S Garvier, lt 4, blk 5, Anderson, Douglas & Co's First add.....1,266
Jennie S Crevier and husband to Sampson Reed et al, lt 4, blk 5, Anderson, Douglas & Co's First add.....1,600
Isaiah Dubuque and wife to Cyril Masolais, lts 4, 9, 3 and 10, blk 4, Village of Osseo.....200
Philip P Hemenway and wife to Carrie R Jones, lt 1, blk 2, Allen & Anderson's add.....1,057
David A Lydiard and wife to Moses B Critchett, lt 5, blk 9, George Galpin's add.....5,250
Olive A Lee and husband to Rosey Bergeron, lt 6, blk 8, Forest Heights.....1,200
Charles J Lludquist to David Weiskopf, lt 7, blk 7, Cole & Weeks' rearr of part of Brackett & Bovey's add.....1,900
Henry Anderson and wife to Alick Millar, lt 18, blk 24, Forest Heights add.....2,600
Adah V Davis to Mary A Davis, part of lt 9, blk 7, J S Johnson's add.....5,000
George H Tennant and wife to James Barry, lts 25 and 26, blk 21, Menage's sup to East Side add.....1,600
George Young and wife to Robert Young, prrt of lt 6, Lockwood's subd of blk 13, Murphy's add.....1,500
Aiken G Strong to Alfred E Vogt, lt 17, blk 10, rearr of the Fifth div of Remington Park add.....450
Unpublished deeds.....99,785

The Virginia Legislature.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 9.—The general assembly to-day elected the Democratic caucus nominees for the state offices. The election of a United States senator will take place the 20th, when Hon. John S. Barbour will be elected. A resolution was offered in the senate for a joint committee to consider additional legislation on the public debt. In the house, Mr. Waddill, Republican, offered a joint resolution calling on Virginia's representatives in congress to oppose any measures looking to a reduction of the tariff, as proposed in President Cleveland's message. The house, by a strict party vote, refused to sustain the rules, so as to put the resolution on its passage, and it was referred to a committee.

The Glass War Begun.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 9.—The glass war is formally declared in the table ware business. President Smith issued the strike order this afternoon, to take effect to-morrow morning. It affects about 1,400 men directly and 2,100 indirectly, and is for satisfactory list, rules and scale. Thirty factories are affected by the order, and eleven will continue in operation. Secretary Dillon says the organization has a strike fund of $150,000, and will have $75,000 more inside of a month. The chimney glass works will continue in operation.

Plymouth Church.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Members of Plymoth church, Brooklyn, are worried over a growing belief that Rev. Mr. Berry, of England, will not accept their call. Along with the evil result of such a refusal, they say, not the least is the effect it will have on the annual sale of pews, now soon to take place. In the minds of some a serious crisis in the affairs of the church is impending.

A Big Land Case.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 9.—Judge Gill heard arguments to-day in the suit of Henry H. Skiles against the Wabash railway for the recovery of forty acres of land in the western part of the city to which Skiles claims a prior title. The land is now valued at $1,000,000. Judge Gill took the case under advisement.

Examine Our Stock

Before buying for Christmas. Emil Geist, jeweler, 85 East Third street.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Regular Weekly Review of the Commercial Situation.

LEGITIMATE TRADE ACTIVE.

Speculation in Products Takes a Downward Turn---Agitation of the Tariff.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say: Legitimate trade continues fairly active for the season, though embarrassed in some branches by the fluctuations in speculative markets. Speculation in products after a few days of wild advance, has taken a turn downward, as the natural result af enormous sales to realize. With rapidly expanding currency money is generally easier than a week ago, though rates are still high at many points, and complaints of slow collections do not diminish. Agitation of the tariff question already begins to cause revision of calculations for the future in some departments. The sharp decline in real estate speculations and prices, at some Southern and Western points, tends to check developments there, and subject investors to some financial strain. Large sales of Bessemer iron at $18.50 are reported, and a sale of steel rails, netting $31 at mill, has been made. Buyers still are backward, but brokers openly offer below $32. Virginia pig iron, No. 1, is offered at $20 for delivery where freight is $1.20, and some Alabama iron for future delivery at low prices. One Thomas furnace goes out of blast, and the Lehigh strike causes some embarrassment. Coal has declined about $1; orders slackening. Woolens do not improve in demand, and heavy goods open, in some cases, below last year's prices, so that manufacturers are not encouraged to increase their purchases of raw wool, which appears rather weak. Raw cotton has declined an eighth, but goods are held at recent advances. The boot and shoe trade is large and promising, with exceptionally good payments and cheaper material, but there is complaint that competition cuts down prices too far. Leather is weaker, but tanners reason that after seven years' decline prices are low enough. The movement of freight westward shows an increase of 15,000 tons for November, and east bound shipments are increasing, but the bank exchanges of all cities outside of New York begin to fall below those of last year. The decline at all cities last week was 14.3 per cent, and outside New York 2.6 per cent. At most interior points trade is reported fair for the season, but collections are "slow and have to be forced" at Atlanta, slow at Detroit, fair at Memphis and Omaha, and rather better at Kansas City. Money at Chicago is in unabated demand at 7 per cent, and operators bid 8 for funds to carry products at interior towns. Eastern bills are quoted at par, bank balances at New York having been drawn as low as is convenient. Though the money markets are on the whole easier, the pressure at speculative centers continues. The treasury has paid out for the week $1,000,000 more than it has taken in, and since July 10, has increased the aggregate circulation $53,000,000. Exports from New York for five weeks are 7 per cent below and imports 5 per cent above those of the same week last year. Wheat speculation reached 30,000,000 bushels on Tuesday, and 105,000,000 for the week, and prices advanced sharply, only to close a shade lower than a week ago. Corn and oats gained 3⅛c for the week and oil is unchanged. Coffee has advanced ⅝c, and the excitement in metals has lifted copper 1½c, and tin nearly 1 cent per pound, but the reaction in pork products takes prices a little lower than a week ago. The average risk in food products since July 1 was a shade over 20 per cent on Tuesday, and it is questioned whether the legitimate effect of a partial failure of crops has not been fully realized in prices, but the increasing supply of currency still tends to keep speculation active. Stocks have been weaker since congress met, though holders look for a better demand in January, when yearly dividends and profits come to be invested. The total business failures for the United States and Canada this week were 254; corresponding week of last year 274.

BAD FOR BLAINE.

Anything But Favorable Comments on the Unofficial Message.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—In commenting on Mr. Blaine's message the Times says: "This, then, is the sum of Mr. Blaine's policy; and as he is the leader of the Republican party at present it must be taken as the policy of the Republicans until they repudiate it. It is not a policy they can go before the people with. There is too much common sense and too much every-day old-fashioned honesty in the United States yet for the voters to be trapped by so reckless, so shallow, and so dangerous a scheme as this. They know that they are enormously overtaxed. They know that the surplus taxes are a constantly increasing peril to their business and a steadily heavier drain on their resources. They will not follow the leader who would tax them only to squander, and who would throw their money out of the treasury windows rather than lift the most onerous of the tariff duties on the materials of American industries."

The Tribune says: "Mr. Blaine in Europe speaks as an American. Mr. Cleveland in America speaks as a British manufacturer, anxious to be admitted without any charge to a share of the best and largest market in the world. Americans who make that market have to bear the expense of self-government in the nation, the states, the counties, cities and towns, and especially in the school districts, where competent American voters for the future are trained. Without contributing a cent to these expenditures, British manufacturers want to share in that market and to break down American industries by their competition, their large capital and their under-paid labor. Mr. Cleveland appears as the attorney for the British interest in this controversy, and his words move Mr. Blaine to indignant protest."

The World says: "The Maine statesman's interview is in fact a proclamation that Mr. Blaine considers himself to be the chosen champion of protection and that he is ready to enter the presidential lists again as such. The fact that Mr. Blaine had not read the full text of the president's message must serve as his excuse for misrepresenting its purport. Mr. Blaine is behind the times on this question. The people of this country are bent upon stopping the surplus, instead of squandering or dividing it. They believe that the only honest place, as well as the best place, for every dollar not needed for the legitimate expenses of the government is in the pocket of the man who earned it. President Cleveland stands for this purpose. Mr. Blaine comes forward as the champion of the opposite idea. The Democratic party could not ask for a better issue."

The Sun says: "If Brother Blaine entertains such loose notions of the relations between the federal government and the states, it strikes us that he would be a conspicuously unfit person to intrust with the nation's financial affairs."

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The Tribune this morning, commenting editorially on Mr. Blaine's reply to President Cleveland's message, says:

"Mr. Blaine, as might have been expected, has presented high tariff from a partisan point of view, as an opposition issue to the president's views on tariff reduction. We have a long and apparently very pleasant winter before us in which to discuss this question, and it is a question which must be settled entirely upon its merits and not upon political considerations. So far, therefore, as Mr. Blaine seeks to make it appear as a party issue, he will fail. It is a sufficient explanation of Mr. Blaine's interview that he is a Pennsylvanian. He was brought up in an atmosphere of ultra-protection. He has sat at the feet of the high-tariff Gamaliels of that state and imbibed their doctrines. Like all Pennsylvanians, Republicans and Democrats, he believes in enormous duties on imports for the purpose of coddling the mill bosses and protecting the so-called 'infant industries,' which long ago came of age and ought to be able to go alone. Every Pennsylvanian believes that the protective system promotes his interests, and that in promoting his interests it enhances the general good of the public. It is almost needless to say that Mr. Blaine, as well as other Pennsylvania Republicans in taking this position, makes no account of the precedents of 1857, of 1882-83, or of the platform of 1884, which explicitly declares: 'The Republican party pledges itself to correct the irregularities of the tariff and to reduce the surplus.' They even fought the small reductions of 1883. The Blaine interview will have to stand upon its merits, and it will be indorsed or condemned in accordance with the value of the arguments set forth, and the public judgment will not be influenced by the distinguished name behind them. It is the weakest ground Mr. Blaine has ever yet occupied, and no national party can expect to go into a presidential campaign on that issue, no matter who may be its leader, and win. It is in a position of direct hostility to the report of the tariff commission and to the Republican platform of 1884. Upon this question, therefore, we beg leave to differ from Mr. Blaine, as he differs from us. Freely acknowledging his right to his own belief, as a Republican we claim the same right as such another, free to state our belief, that in leading the cohorts of the coddled state of Pennsylvania with his lieutenants—Randall, Kelly, Cameron and McPherson—he will find that Pennsylvania is but one state, and that there is a large army outside its borders who do not propose to be levied upon any longer for its benefit.

"The surplus question must be settled in some way, and in a different way from what it has been settled. It cannot be settled in accordance with the Blaine idea."

DULUHT MEWS.

The Old Settlers' association have their annual reunion next Wednesday in Ingall's hall. The election of officers takes place at 1:30 p. m. and the annual dinner at the Bartlett house at 2:30 p.m. President James Bardon issues a cordial invitation to all old settlers (whether members or not) to be present and join in the festivities.

W. E. Richardson and F. A. Day are en route to Southern California, where they will be followed next Monday by L. C. Frey. The hegira of Duluth realty dealers to California begins to look like a preconcerted raid upon the peace and quietude of the Pacific slope.

Ed Barnidge and wife, formerly of this city, but now of Tower, had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation the other night. Their coal stove was carelessly attended to and escaping gas nearly finished the family. Prompt medical treatment brought them around all right.

A case of misrepresentation, seduction and general ill treatment of a young girl sent out to the mythical town of Spalding by a Duluth real estate man is reported by the Vermilion Iron Journal. Nothing quite definite is known here, but detectives are on the trail.

Rev. Dr. Johnson, of Burlington, Ia., will preach the sermon at the dedication of the new Endion Baptist church Sunday.

J. D. Ensign's house and several visiting friends of Duluth's great lawyer, were visited by burglars Wednesday night.

At the annual meeting of Duluth Hose company No. 1 (the pioneers) the following officers were elected: Foreman, Charles Druke; assistant foreman, J. H. Davis; secretary and treasurer, A. E. Townsend; steward, W. H. Lougstreet.

Senator A. J. Whiteman pronounces the president's message the strongest document that has come from the White house in many years.

During the time that the shipment of iron ore from Two Harbors is stopped by the close of navigation, the Indiana Coal company will use a number of locomotives belonging to the Duluth & Iron Range road.

Thomas H. Nast gave a pleasant entertainment at the opera house last evening.

The much-talked-of land contest case of Tyndall vs. Prudden is on trial at the United States land office.

D. C. Stinchfield, formerly of the absorbed Evening Journal, will do reportorial duty on the Duluth Paragrapher, which merges into a daily in a week or two.

Two additional wrecks, both in the vicinity of Spirit Lake, are reported on the St. Paul & Duluth road. Considerable property was ruined, but no lives were lost.

Chief Grain Inspector James and Chief Deputy T. C. Hodgson, of the St. Paul district, are in the city.

The Davis bucket shop has suspended. It was the only one of its kind in Duluth.

Grain receipts now average about 215 cars daily.

People with money to invest will do well to turn their attention to Duluth and Superior. M. B. Harrison, real estate exchange, Hotel St. Louis building, Duluth, has a large list of property in both places, for sale low.

THE CHOLERA.

Dr. Rauch Thinks the Louisiana Authorities Have Not Taken Proper Precautions.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. Dec., 9.—Dr. Rauch, secretary of the state board of health, upon learning that the Alesia had arrived at New Orleans with 600 immigrants from the cholera-infected districts of Italy, had the following telegraphic correspondence with Dr. Joseph Holt, president of the Louisiana state board of health:

"Is there any truth in the report that the Alesia has arrived at New Orleans from Palermo with over 600 passengers from the cholera-infected districts of Italy?"

To this President Holt made a reply as follows:

"The steamship Alesia left Palermo Nov. 6, with 614 immigrant passengers and an English surgeon on board. Clean bill of health; no case of sickness on voyage; vessel exceptionally clean. Arrived at quarantine Dec. 4; detained three days. Extra careful disinfection of every article of baggage, ship apparel and entire vessel. Reports from surgeon, captain and from Washington indicate no cholera in Italy during past month."

On receipt of the above Dr. Rauch sent the following reply:

"Regret that you did not detain the Alesia and passengers longer. Twice has cholera been introduced into this country, via New Orleans, at this season of the year. No reliance at this time on the reports of the surgeon, captain and Washington authorities in regard to the existence of cholera in Italy during the past month. Why was the Alesia sent to New Orleans instead of to New York?"

A Religious Festival.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—The annual religious festival in honor of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" began at Paso del Norte yesterday and will last until Christmas. Mountain crest and valley have been aglow with signal fires for the past two weeks in honor of Montezuma, whose second coming at some auspicious sunrise is anticipated. He is to resume control of the empire and lead it on to unexampled power. Gambling and a bull fight served to make the opening exciting. The arena is a round pit forty yards across. The audience was seated around, ten feet above. The two horses were gored, several matadors were injured and Felician Olague, the espada, was taken off the ring for dead, but was afterward found to be alive, though seriously injured.

Don't go home without Dr. Seth Arnold's Cough Killer, 25 cents a bottle everywhere.

Leland hotel, Chicago.

I WILL WAGER

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

IN UNITED STATES COIN

That I Carry a Larger Stock of Diamonds, Ladies' and Gents' Solid Gold Watches, and sell more of the above Goods than any Jewelry House in the Northwest. This is no *PROCLAMATION*, Advertising Scheme or Free Gift Enterprise, but simply a straight matter of business, as I desire to have every purchaser of Fine Jewelry in the Northwest understand that I am headquarters for everything in this line; keep the Largest Stock, have the Greatest Variety to select from, and guarantee to sell at Lower Prices. Should any Dealer accept this challenge, a committee of responsible citizens will be selected to decide this question, and their decision shall be final.

$750 FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DIAmond necklace, containing 15 stones weighing between 14 and 15 carats, good color, finely cut, good depth and surface and each and every stone perfect, presenting a combination of dazzling brilliancy that must be seen to be appreciated, and is not excelled for beauty or rare taste in the design. If you want anything like this it will pay you to see it, as it is unquestionably a bargain for the money. It is mounted on a chain of platinum and gold, and could not be duplicated for less than $1,300.

$900 FOR ONE OF THE FINEST DIAmond lace pins in the city; only one stone, which weighs about 6 carats; it is the purest white, with a blue tinge, and is a perfect gem, every facet finely cut, good surface and corresponding depth. It is one of the most brilliant stones we have ever had, and it is doubtful if it can be matched in the Northwest for purity and brilliancy. See it, and if you want such an article you will surely buy it as it is an extra bargain and well worth $1,400.

$600 FOR ONE OF THE FINEST AND richest diamond combinations you could possibly see: it consists of seventy-one white and absolutely perfect diamonds, and as brilliant as a star of the first magnitude; it can be worn either as a pendant, hair ornament or lace pin; it is mounted in the style of two stars and a perfect gem of art; you can only form an idea of what it is from a description, but it must be seen to be thoroughly appreciated. This is a rare bargain, as it would cost at least $1,000 in any other jewelry store in the city.

$32.25 WILL BUY THIS LADY'S solid gold hunting case watch, stem winder and setter, Elgin full jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and safety pinion; hammered gold cases, but slightly worn, and a remarkably fine timepiece. No. 4, page 39; original cost, $55.

$41.60 IS THE PRICE OF THIS lady's hunting case 14-carat gold watch, stem winder and setter, Elgin full jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and patent safety pinion; Louis XIV. richly engraved box cases, entirely new and as fine a timepiece as any one could wish for; it is a bargain, sure; ask for No. 8, page 19, and is well worth $65.

$68.75 FOR THIS GENT'S 14-CARAT gold hunting case watch, stem winder and setter, Illinois full jeweled Damaskeen movement, cut expansion balance and patent safety pinion, Louis XIV. richly engraved cases, comparatively new, and can be depended upon for time; No. 10, page 9; original cost, $85.

$36.75 WILL BUY A GENT'S SOLID gold watch, stem winder and setter, Elgin jeweled movement, expansion balance and safety pinion, handsomely engraved cases, fair weight and in very fine condition and guaranteed for time; the No. is 6, page 23, and the original cost was $58.50.

$52.40 WILL PURCHASE A GENT'S hunting case 14-carat gold watch, stem winder and setter, ¾-plate, Elgin full jeweled movement, cut expansion balance, and safety pinion, top and bottom neatly engraved cases, and a first-class timepiece.

$37 WILL TAKE THIS GENT'S SOLID gold watch, stem winder and setter, Elgin thirteen-jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and patent safety pinion, richly engraved cases, as good as new; it has been thoroughly overhauled and regulated, and I will guarantee it a first-class timpiece. Ask for No. 2, page 23; original cost $60.

$60 IS THE PRICE OF THIS GENT'S hunting case 14-carat gold watch, stem winder and setter, Elgin full-jeweled nickel movement, cut expansion balance and safety pinion, elaborately engraved and very heavy cases, as good as new. No. 15, page 36. Original cost $90.

$93.50 WILL BUY THIS GENT'S hunting case 14-carat gold watch, stem winder and setter, with well-known and popular Howard movement, cut expansion balance, patent pinion, Briquet hairspring, patent regulator and adjusted; a first-class watch for any one requiring a reliable timepiece; top and bottom engraved, cases, very heavy and as good as new. No. 3, page 12. First cost $140.

$128 FOR THIS COMBINATION; CAN be worn as ring, pin or stud, composed of 28 diamonds, weighing 2½ carats, very brilliant and finely cut; plain gold mountings; first cost $200; ask for No. 1644.

$37.75 IS THE PRICE FOR THIS diamond lace pin, one stone, very fine white color, good depth, very brilliant and no flaws of any kind; plain gold mounting; No. 1319, and the original cost was $60.

$100 WILL BUY THIS PAIR of DIAmond drops, weighing about 2 carats, a little shade off color, but very brilliant, good depth and surface, and free from flaws of any kind; engraved gold mounting; No. 1311; original cost $160.

$28.75 FOR THIS HUNTING FILLED case watch, stem winder and setter, Illinois full jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and safety pinion, top and bottom engraved cases, warranted to wear twenty years; this watch is perfectly new and a very fine timepiece; ask for No. 19, page 36; is worth at least $50.

$23 WILL BUY THIS HUNTING BOSS filled case watch, key winder, jeweled Elgin movement, expansion balance and safety pinion, center engraved cases, warranted to wear for twenty years, is in excellent condition, shows but little sign of wear, and is a good timepiece; the No. is 5, P. 41, and originally cost $45.

$90 WILL PURCHASE THIS LADY'S 14-carat hunting case gold watch, stem winder and setter; it has a very fine ¾ plate, nickel Elgin movement, cut expansion balance, patent pinion, and full jewel; it has plain cases with a good size genuine diamond on each side, which are very perfect and brilliant; the watch is a first-class timepiece, and only used a short time; the number is 12, page 32, and originally cost $150.

$30 IS THE PRICE THAT WILL PURchase this lady's hunting case, solid gold watch, stem winder and setter, ¾-plate Elgin full jeweled movement, with expansion balance, and safety pinion; Louis XIV. richly engraved box cases; the watch has been worn for two years, but is in extra good condition; No. 11, page 22, and the original cost was $50.

$30.75 WILL PURCHASE THIS richly engraved lady's solid gold hunting case watch, stem winder and setter, Springfield, Ill., full jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and safety pinion; frosted and engraved cases; it has never been worn and is one of the watches from the bankrupt stock; the No. is 11, page 37, and is worth at least $47.50.

$31.25 IS THE PRICE FOR THIS LAdy's hunting case, solid gold watch, stem winder and setter; Elgin full jeweled movement, expansion balance and safety pinion; handsomely engraved cases; comparatively new, and a very fine timepiece; No. 5, page 39, and originally cost $50.

$34.75 IS THE PRICE OF THIS gent's hunting case, solid gold watch; stem winder and setter; Illinois full jeweled Damaskeen movement; cut expansion balance and safety pinion; richly engraved cases; almost new and a first-class timer; ask for No. 7, page 38; original cost $55.

$93 WILL BUY THIS ELEGANT LADY'S ring; it has two very fine diamonds of sparkling brilliancy, finely cut and absolutely perfect; also one very fine sapphire; plain hoop mounting, No. 1,497, worth at least $150.

$40 FOR THIS GENT'S SOLID GOLD hunting case watch; stem winder and setter; Illinois full-jeweled movement; cut expansion balance and patent safety pinion; this is full engraved shell cases, in excellent condition; thoroughly overhauled and regulated; the number is 9, page 40; cost at least $70.

$61.75 WILL PURCHASE THIS ELABorately engraved gent's hunting case 14-carat gold watch; stem winder and setter; three-quarter plate Elgin full jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and safety pinion; it has hammered gold cases of the latest design, and has only been used three months. No. 19, page 3; original cost, $95.

$51.50 FOR THIS GENT'S HUNTING case, 14-carat gold watch; stem winder and setter; Elgin nickel full jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and safety pinion; beautiful engraved cases, good weight; used about six months; can be depended upon for time. No. 14, page 36; original cost, $80.

$80 FOR THIS HUNTING CASE 14-carat gent's gold watch; stem winder and setter; it has an Elgin full jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and safety pinion, Louis XIV, all vermicelli engraved cases, the latest design, and very rich; the cases are very heavy and the watch has never been worn, but one recently purchased of a bankrupt firm; the No. is 11, page 42, and is worth at least $115.

$82 WILL BUY THIS RICHLY ENgraved gent's hunting case 14-carat gold watch, stem winder and setter; it contains an extra fine Hampden Watch Co. full jeweled nickel movement, cut expansion balance, patent pinion and patent regulator, very heavy cases and is a marvel of beauty. Any one in search of a bargain should not miss this. Ask for No. 13, page 42. It would be cheap at $120.

$350 IS THE PRICE FOR THIS EXTRA fine diamond stud, weighing about 2¼ carats; it is blue white, finely cut, extra depth and surface, every facet to perfection, and extremely brilliant; no flaws or imperfections, in fact, it is a gem in every sense of the word, and to a lover of a fine diamond it would be a treasure; skeleton gold mounting; should you want it ask for No. 1682, for it is cheap for $300.

$200 FOR THIS LADY'S HUNTING case, diamond back 14-carat gold watch, stem winder and setter, a very fine Elgin nickel movement compensated balance adjusted, has seventeen ruby jewels, five pairs in raised gold settings, Briquet hair spring and patent pinion, frosted and hammered gold cases; on one side it is encrusted with twelve white and brilliant diamonds in the form of a star and crescent, on the other side a round, plain circle suitable for a monogram; this is one of the richest and artistic cases in the city and well worthy the inspection of lovers of fine jewelry; it is entirely new and a remarkable nne time, and cannot be duplicated any where for less than $300.

$95 WILL BUY THIS LADY'S HUNTing case diamond back watch, 14 carat gold stem winder and setter; it contains a Springfield Illinois movement, 15 jewels, 4 pairs in settings, compensation balance and patent safety pinion; it has raised gold cases in variegated colors, and on one side a star; in the center sparkles a fair size diamond, white and perfect; on the other side a small space for a monogram; is entirely new, thoroughly regulated, in fact a suitable present for the holidays, and would be a bargain at $150.

$45 WILL PURCHASE THESE DIAmond drops; fair size; good color, and very brilliant, engraved, gold mountings; this is another bargain, and well worth looking after by any one wanting to buy a pair of diamond drops. The number is 1,444, and never cost less than $70.

$110 FOR THIS RICH AND BEAUTIful lady's cluster ring; eight white and absolutely perfect diamonds, very brilliant, finely matched, and in the center a very fine ruby of good size; plain gold mounting; this was amongst the stock purchased from the bankrupted New York jewelry firm; if you want it, ask for No. 1,510; it is well worth $200.

$59.25 FOR THIS GENT'S 14-carat gold watch; hunting case, stem winder and setter; Elgin full jeweled nickel movement, cut expansion balance and patent safety pinion, engraved hand cases, good weight, and in extra good condition, and warranted a fine timepiece. Ask for No. 16, page 19; original cost, $85.

$54.25 WILL BUY THIS GENT'S 14-carat gold hunting case watch; stem winder and setter; Elgin full jeweled movement, 16 size, cut expansion balance and patent pinion; handsomely engraved cases that show no sign of wear, and is a remarkable fine timepiece. Inquire for No. 8, page 12; original cost, $85.

$38 IS THE PRICE OF THIS ELEgantly engraved and hammered solid gold gent's watch; stem winder and setter; Elgin 13-jeweled movement, cut expansion balance and safety pinion; this watch