

SAINT PAUL.

GLOBULES.

Diphtheria prevails at 393 Winslow street.

Seven births and one death were bulletined at the health office yesterday.

The council committee on claims will meet at the city hall to-morrow afternoon.

The League of the Cross T. A. society will hold a rally in its hall on the West side this evening.

The Ladies' Aid association will give a social hop at Lohr hall, 70 East Seventh street, Friday evening.

Mayor Smith yesterday appointed J. C. Adams a special policeman, to serve at the Thomas Street Mission.

A meeting of the Homeopathic Hospital Aid society will be held at 3:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the Ryan hotel.

J. H. Poteat was presented with a solid gold ring set by his employees at the Sioux City freight house yesterday afternoon.

John G. Woolley, the temperance evangelist, will address a gospel temperance mass meeting at Newmarket theater, Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p. m.

A concert will be given at the West Side opera house on Monday evening, Feb. 20, at 8 o'clock, by the Sunday school of the Clinton Avenue M. E. church.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given by the members of the Linoplian Society of Baldwin School, at Unity church, Thursday evening.

A business meeting of the Minnesota Editorial and Publishers' association will be held in the chambers of commerce at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The case against Paul Martin, charged with assaulting Officer Landreide in the West street police station Wednesday evening, was dismissed by Judge Cory yesterday.

The executive committee of the directors of the Manitoba railway, met yesterday afternoon at General Manager Manvel's office and transacted routine business.

The gospel temperance meeting to-day at 3 p. m., under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., will be addressed by Miss Carrie Estey, state organizer of the Young Women's Temperance Union.

Olive Veracy and Edna Fuller, charged with wearing of clothing valued at \$100, were arrested in the streets of Minneapolis last night by Detectives Kenaley and Daly as they were about to board a train for Denver.

There will be a special meeting of the State Bar association, in the chamber of commerce, to-morrow afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock, to consider the bill now before the legislature relating to the rendering of verdicts by juries.

The Young Men's Bible Class of Oxford church gave a literary and musical entertainment at the church Tuesday afternoon, Prof. W. H. Meeker, Rockford, Ill., in his rendition of "The Creeds of the Bells," was unique as well as forcible.

A. Stamm, a furrier employed by Gordon & Ferguson, was struck by a cat on near Seventh corners last evening, but escaped with slight injuries. Patrolman Weidie pulled him from under the wheels in time to avert a serious accident.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday at J. P. Hokanson and Ida F. Johnson, Frank Leinert and Anna Harntchock, Frank Gibbs and Johanna Leinert, Neils Jacobson and Ellen Carlson, Frank Beckner and Johanna Fuchs, Henry Gaul and Mary Miller.

About 8 o'clock last evening fire broke out in the Skitmore block, at Sixth and Minnesota streets, in the office of the Stevenson Mercantile company. The flames had gained considerable headway, but quick work by the department subdued them with a loss of about \$500.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Traffic Manager Hanley, of the Kansas City, returned from Chicago yesterday morning.

Newman Erb, general manager of the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern railway, is in the city.

A. Hawkey, Chicago, G. H. Brown, New York, and Louis Siffer, Milwaukee, were among the traveling men who registered at the Ryan yesterday.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Silas J. Gottschauer will be grieved to learn of the death of their only daughter, Bessie, who died the 15th inst. after a few days' illness.

CROSSED THE DARK RIVER.

Death of a Popular Guest at the Ryan.

Col. Edward B. Emerson died at the Ryan hotel at 12:45 yesterday afternoon. Col. Emerson was the Northwestern representative of a Cincinnati stove company, and had made St. Paul his headquarters for the last eight years.

About a week ago he returned from La Crosse and complained of influenza and a feverish room several days, but last Wednesday was so much improved that he came down to his meals and spent several hours in the rotunda. That evening he was seized with pneumonia and never left his room again. The body was taken to an undertaking establishment and will be embalmed, pending the arrival of his relatives, of the deceased. The remains will probably be taken to Hartford, Conn., for interment.

Col. Emerson was well and favorably known in this city, and was a quiet and unobtrusive gentleman in every sense of the word. He served with distinction in the war and was wounded twice, the first time in the leg and receiving the second wound in the face at Fort Wagner when he was in command, though only nineteen years of age. He leaves a sister, who lives at Hartford, Conn.

Butchers' Ball.

Standard hall, Tuesday, Feb. 19.

FOR WASHINGTON.

And the Inauguration of Harrison and Morton.

Take "The Northwestern Line," C. St. P., M. & O. Ry. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 and 2, at the low rate of \$25 for the round trip, good to return until March 10. It is not necessary to send in your name, or join any excursion, as this rate is open to the world, and the accommodations offered by "The Northwestern Line" are ample and of the best.

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Boston and Return \$32.50.

Montreal and Return \$30.

Via the Soo Line.

Feb. 25 to March 2, good thirty days.

Round trip to Inaugural from Boston \$14, all rail, and \$11 Sound steamers.

The Finest Train in the World.

Via Union and Central Pacific roads.

Sixty-four hours from Council Bluffs to Omaha to San Francisco.

A Pullman Vestibuled train; steam heat, electric light, bath rooms, barber shop, library and dining car—a palace hotel on wheels is THE GOLDEN GATE SPECIAL, every Wednesday.

The Massachusetts Mutual Life.

Whose 32d annual statement appears in another column, deserves the thoughtful perusal of every one contemplating life insurance.

The company is strong, safe and conservative. Mr. James F. Ford, 94 East Fourth st., is the resident agent.

DEMANDS HIS DEBITS.

Allegations of Fraud Against a Leading Real Estate Firm.

Property Purchased for a Syndicate Results in a Law Suit.

Death Lurked at the Bottom of the Hill for a Coaster.

Beat His Wife Until the Neighbors Interfered for Her Protection.

A suit was filed in the district court late yesterday afternoon which appears to be the initiative step to be taken by a dozen others equally interested in the transaction.

It was that of C. Robert Schurman, of the state of Illinois, against Bushnell & Bushnell, a prominent real estate firm of this city.

Plaintiff claims that April 20, 1887, the defendant state that they were peculiarly situated in their business, and could invest a certain amount of plaintiff's money in such a way as to be able to realize the principal and a large profit out of the deal in which they should invest the funds within one year.

They agreed to make his money not stalling what they would do with it in particular, but that they would remit the same to plaintiff one year from that date with a large per cent profit.

Further representations indicative of the high and influential position defendant held in the real estate market led the plaintiff to believe that they would be invested according to the agreement.

A short time after the money had been so placed with the defendants, they invested the amount in a piece of property in block 2 of Hill addition to St. Paul, with the funds of eleven other persons to whom they had made other similar representations.

At the time of placing the \$1,000 with the defendants it was agreed by and between plaintiff and defendant that plaintiff should have a form of their agreement and a receipt for the money.

This, however, the plaintiff claims has never been tendered him, although often demanded.

The alleged and pretended price paid for the property was \$30,000, and the mortgage was given upon the same for the balance by Randall F. Hurd, to whom the property was deeded.

Hurd, however, three months ago represented, should hold the property for the so-called "syndicate." Ever since the spring of 1887 plaintiff has been endeavoring to get into the deal and learns, as he claims, the following details, which prompts his action and which he sets up as a special cause for the damages asked.

The property in question was owned at the time of the alleged and pretended purchase by Boston parties for whom the defendants were agents.

The defendants having the funds of the twelve persons for investment, bought the property from the Boston parties for \$30,000, receiving commission from such sale, which was made to take in the name of Hurd. It is charged the defendants made a pretended deed back and forth to Hurd for the consideration of \$50,000, and that the deed was executed a mortgage to the original owners, whom they named as being other persons, for thirty odd thousand dollars on the balance of the Massachusetts.

After a while the interest on the mortgage became due and demands were made upon the members of the "syndicate" to pay the same. The demands were again demands were made upon the "interested ones." The plaintiff states that after mature investigation, he very truly believes and knows that the property at the time of the alleged purchase was worth but \$30,000 and that it is not worth that now. He charges that the defendants have personally interested in the matter, and that the purchase of the property and the application of his \$1,000 were a fraud. He asks that his lawyer be appointed to have the deed declared void and wrongfully, fraudulently and unlawfully obtained, and asks that his \$1,000 and interest be returned, and \$1,000 as damages be paid.

SELLING AN OPERA HOUSE.

Agent and Purchaser Sue the Davidson Estate.

Mark D. Flower filed a suit against the Davidson estate yesterday, in which he asks for commission for the sale of the opera house property to Lotta M. Crabtree. He states that in March, 1888, he entered into a verbal agreement with the executors of the Davidson estate, to sell the opera house property and would receive \$5,000 if the sale was made at \$124,500. In July, 1888, the contract was made in writing, and the time extended in which to find a purchaser. Sept. 10, the actress Lotta M. Crabtree was introduced by him to the managers of the estate, and purchased the property at \$124,500, paying \$5,000 as earnest money upon the sale, and entering into a contract to bind the same. She was satisfied with the purchase and a contract whereby she should pay \$70,000 upon the delivery of the deed, and the balance in one year, was signed.

Plaintiff claims that the said contract was consummated as far as he was concerned, and therefore asks for the \$5,000 commission which has been refused by the defendant.

Another chapter was added to the controversy regarding the opera house deal by the answer of Lotta, which was filed yesterday. Executors of the Davidson estate brought suit to compel the actress to fulfill her contract by paying a balance of \$60,000 and the delivery of a note and mortgage for \$42,500, making the total consideration \$102,500. In her answer defendant admits that in September she executed a contract agreeing to pay the plaintiff \$100,000 on delivery of the deed of conveyance, and a note and mortgage for \$42,500, and paid \$5,000 cash on account. She denies that the plaintiff delivered the abstract of title before Sept. 10, in fact not until Sept. 13, and did not report the title good.

Another point alleged is that the bill boards located in various parts of the city, regarded as indispensable to the success of the opera house, the said boards being valued at \$7,500, were not turned over to the defendant, and that the defendant had no power or authority to execute or contract for sale of said bill boards.

Oct. 1 the defendant withdrew from contract, giving plaintiff proper notice, and since that date has had no communication whatever with the plaintiff regarding the sale. Said contract is rendered void under the law by the death of the parties subscribing to the contract, Ed E. Davidson and Andrew DeLaney, were not authorized to do so, and also by the reason that they falsely represented that they owned a half interest in the bill boards and bill-posting business. The defendant avers that she is now, and has at all times been, ready and willing to fulfill her part of the contract if the plaintiffs will fulfill their part. The defendant believes that the plaintiff has not a good title to the equipment in the Grand and Court blocks, and that the Economy Steam Heat company was in January, 1888, granted the privilege of erecting and maintaining a smokestack by the plaintiff in the right of way at the Fourth street entrance to the opera house. Defendant also believes that the destruction of the opera house was due to carelessness and negligence on the part of the plaintiff. In these grounds she asks to have the suit dismissed.

KILLED WHILE COASTING.

An Unmanageable Sled Causes Its Occupant's Death.

William Fosh, eighty-two years of age, who resided on West Seventh street, near the Shot Line crossing, was struck and killed by a Milwaukee train at the James street crossing last evening.

He was coasting with a number of other boys on James street hill, and was carried by an unmanageable sled under the wheels of the train. The body, which was horribly mangled, was taken to the morgue.

ABUSED AND NEGLECTED.

An Attempt to Prove Marriage a Failure.

Mary Morrison, wife of John D. Morrison, filed a suit in the district court yesterday, in which she seeks to alleviate the subject in which she claims she has been held by the defendant.

She states that she is twenty-eight and the defendant forty-two years old. They were married in England, Pennsylvania, Nov. 1878, and had one child born to them, Aug. 21, 1879, which they named Eva. She charges cruel and inhuman treatment and cites as special instances the abuse she has undergone during their married life. She threatened to kill her if she appeared in a court, where he was being tried for wife-beating her in the face with his fists. In the summer of 1887, for reasons inexplicable to the plaintiff, he moved to Prescott, Kan., and a short time afterwards made his wife and child to go to Wisconsin, and remain there, while he led a strolling and nomadic existence on the borders of the state. When in the city of Milwaukee, Wis., he was once struck and severely wounded the plaintiff and drove her from the house. She says that he is thrifless and imprudent, always neglecting and fails to provide for herself and child. That when he was gone, which was all the time save those intervals in which he came to abuse her, she was compelled to avail herself of benevolent and charitable friends and her own manual labor for support. She asks for the custody of the child and such relief as shall comport with equity and a good conscience.

SENT TO PRISON.

Judge Kelly Disposes of a Number of Convicts.

The criminal portion of the calendar yet untried having been postponed to March 13, Judge Kelly yesterday sentenced a dozen individuals who have been tried and convicted.

Patrick J. Fortune, forgery in the second degree, was sent to Stillwater for five years; Thomas Spelling, the railroad confederate man, two years and six months; Thomas McDonough, grand larceny, two years; H. McDonald, second degree, three years; Thomas Burke, grand larceny, second degree, two years and six months; Charles Johnson, grand larceny, second degree, one year and six months; John Morton, grand larceny, second degree, three years; James Jenner, grand larceny, second degree, three years; Fred Piper, petit larceny, workhouse three months; John Moschler, grand larceny, four months in workhouse, and Andrew Wrabel, larceny, workhouse four months.

RAMSEY COUNTY'S NEEDS.

Legislators Urged to Take Action by Their Constituents.

The Ramsey county delegation in the state legislature held a meeting at the office of Mayor Smith yesterday afternoon. The various bills of particular interest to St. Paul and Ramsey county have been brought before the delegation and assigned to different committees for investigation.

J. W. Willis presented a petition signed by 150 prominent attorneys asking that the Williams bill, as amended, be received by the legislature. A resolution was passed inviting the public to attend a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon to discuss the application of the bill to the city. Representatives of the Homeopathic hospital were also present, but the question of an appropriation for the institution was not discussed.

MANGLED BY THE CARS.

A Brakeman Demands Heavy Damages From His Employers.

John Brennan filed a suit in the district court yesterday against the Northern Pacific company to recover \$25,000 damages for the injury to his person while in the employ of the road. Plaintiff claims that he was a brakeman on a west-bound train, and while running along the saddle-board of a freight car as the train was nearing Winnipeg Junction, he was struck and thrown from the board by a passenger car which he was between the cars, where he was run over and badly mangled. His head and limbs were bruised and he was confined to his bed for a long time and expended \$800 for surgical apparatus and medical treatment.

DISTRICT COURT DIGEST.

An Action Against Ex-Sheriff Richter—Alimony Wanted in a Divorce Case.

Edward J. Brennan and E. R. Pantke, creditors of Donahue & Gocin, insolvents, filed a petition for the appointment of a receiver.

Herman Schuetter vs. Sheriff Richter, an action for the possession of certain machinery and implements at North St. Paul, the court overruled defendant's demurrer and granted twenty days' leave in which to file an answer to complaint.

William Bonholzer sued F. F. Ellis to recover \$250 or one-half of the net proceeds of store No. 19 East Seventh street, and attaches his property.

Caroline Bart vs. Barden M. Hicks. Suit to recover \$450 on a land contract.

In divorce suit of Peter W. Olson against his wife a motion was argued before Judge Brill yesterday stipulating that \$30 per month should be paid by the defendant for the support of the defendant and children pending a decision in the case.

Salesmen Want Shorter Hours.

At a meeting of the Retail Salesmen's association the early closing matter was thoroughly discussed, resulting in the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, The benefit of early closing has been enjoyed by employers and employees alike, and has resulted in great good to all concerned;

Whereas, There has been a disposition shown among the dealers to continue and encourage the movement;

Resolved, That we, the members of the Retail Salesmen's association, respectfully request the retail dealers in boots and shoes of this city, who have agreed to close at 6:30 p. m., to extend the time of their agreement until April 1, and the dry goods dealers who have not already done so, to extend the time of their agreement until May 1.

Order of the Iron Hill.

The above order paid to the widow of the late John Michels, of State street, this city, the disability claim of \$300, he having held membership in the order for two years. This institution is fast gaining the confidence of the public.

A Fine Picture.

E. S. Thompson has just received a picture produced by Miss Minnie C. Harris, a prominent young society lady of Lake City, Minn. The conception of an old drunken Mick sitting in eclipse of a temperance lecturer, who has been commended if it were the ideal of an old artist. The study of the perspective, foreshortening of the hand and knee, expression of the eyes, detail of the apparel, are brought out with effect remarkably true to life. The composition, light and shade, and drawing are perfect.

MAKING A NEW MAYOR.

Voters of South St. Paul Select Delegates at a Caucus.

Pets of Society Don Sock and a Buskin for a Night.

A Wedding Prevented by the Sudden Death of the Bridegroom.

Champions of the Municipal Court Bill Petition the Legislature.

Caucuses were held in the three wards of South St. Paul last evening for the nomination on the Citizens ticket of alderman candidates, and three delegates from each ward. These delegates are to convene at Bryant block, South Park, to-morrow evening to nominate a candidate for mayor.

Excellent order prevailed at all the caucuses, and no exercise of police supervision was either noticeable or necessary. The following nominees were selected:

First Ward of South St. Paul (South Park)—Alderman to June 1, 1891, John Simon; alderman to June 1, 1891, John Koehendorf; alderman to June 1, 1892, Frank Waterous. Delegates, John N. Denny, John O'Leary, Theodore Klett. Second Ward (Stock yards)—Alderman to June 1, 1891, Charles Fitch; alderman to June 1, 1891, John E. Bourke. Delegates, P. Gibbons, B. Quinn, James Forsyth. Third Ward—Alderman to June 1, 1891, Andrew Sundquist; alderman to June 1, 1892, N. G. Conroy. Delegates, Paul Suske, John O'Rourke, Edward Connelly. The selection of the above-named candidates is an endorsement of William G. Denny, the "people's candidate" for mayor, and is equivalent to the election of that gentleman on Tuesday next.

The proceedings the Second and Third wards were mostly by acclamation, and in consideration of the lack of preconcerted action, and of the unfavourable conditions existing in that city, the results were reached very easily.

A division was called for on the substitution of B. Hesse for B. Quinn as a delegate at the stock yards, but the vote showed a heavy majority in favor of the latter.

Mr. Schneider was also defeated as a candidate for alderman at the same place.

In the First ward balloting for delegates was called for, and resulted in selecting those favorable to W. G. Denny.

It looks as though there will be but little opposition to the nominees of these caucuses, excepting in the First ward, where a contest is likely to develop to-morrow on the name of John Koehendorf.

The election will be held Tuesday from 9 o'clock a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m. at the following polling places: First ward, Bryant block; Second ward, Commercial hotel; Third ward, Andrew Sundquist's hotel.

ALL MADE MERRY.

A Charming Hostess Agreeably Surprised.

Young people on the hill gave Miss May Judson, daughter of E. H. Judson, a surprise party last evening at her residence, 405 Dayton avenue. There were about three dozen merry-makers in the party, which took possession of the Judson home, and resulted in a very enjoyable evening.

The hours the fun was fast and furious. Music and dancing served as admirable mediums for while the hours away, particularly as the Hill Quintet club furnished the music.

Among those present were Mrs. Williams, the Misses May and Grace Moorhouse, Goyer, Joshua, Thompson, Bassford, Koehendorf, Hesse, Gayer, Thompson, Wilde, Chapin, Scott, A. Gayer, Dr. Wood and Dr. Boyd.

CANCELED BY DEATH.

Prospective Bridegroom Claimed by the Grim Reaper.

The death of David M. De Ferrer Lewis at Hastings Friday was an untimely sad one. Deceased was but twenty-eight years of age, and was a young man with a brilliant future before him.

He was noted for his many charitable deeds, and made friends with all with whom he came in contact. The saddest feature of his untimely death was that he was engaged to be married to a most estimable young lady, and the marriage was to have taken place April 20. His fiancée is heart-broken, and has symptoms of her grief.

URGING LEGISLATION.

Champions of the Municipal Court Bill.

"The municipal court bill is not in the truest yet," said one of its champions yesterday afternoon as he struggled under the burden of a voluminous petition to which were subscribed the names of 150 attorneys of the Ramsey county bar, judging from the names, which constituted the body of the petition, that many yet live to wait its influence in the direction of the judges and clerks of the municipal court. The increase in the salary of the municipal judges which will be made, and the clerks, gives the measure especial support by those interested. John W. Willis is the executive of the petition, which will be presented to the legislature this week.

FEDERAL DELIGHT.

Bob Evans Declines—Capt. Hay Favored by Friends.

R. G. Evans said yesterday to the GLOBE: "You can say for me that as regards my candidacy for United States district attorney, I have withdrawn in favor of Eugene Hay."

Mr. Evans said this quite seriously, although it is thought that he still longs for the \$4,000 month. A petition was drawn up in the house yesterday and signed by the Ramsey county delegation, requesting Senators Washburn and Davis to use their influence to secure the retention of Capt. George W. Hay as superior justice. Judge H. F. Stevens headed the list of signers.

CLEVER AMATEURS.

An Enjoyable Performance at the Newmarket.

The interesting and pleasing dramatic compositions, "Freezing a Mother-in-Law" and "Checkmate," by the St. Paul Dramatic club, were rendered to a large and select audience at the Newmarket theater last evening. Society people were present in full force to witness the performance of the clever amateurs who participated in the plays.

"Freezing a Mother-in-Law" was presented and the characters were portrayed with signal ability, and the pleasing effects produced by Messrs. Manning, Westwell and McKeever, father, J. A. C. Gray, of New York, arrived here last evening to be near him.

Hatch in Hot Water.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The suspension of Edward Hatch has been announced at the New York stock exchange. He was a member of the exchange since July, 1888.

Generous Unto Death.

OSHELTON, O., Feb. 16.—C. J. Hill, of Chicago, who recently died in Texas, left Oberlin college \$55,000, in insurance policies on his life, for the endowment of a chair of modern languages.

Dr. Gray at Death's Door.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The Rev. Dr. Gray, who recently resigned as warden of Racine college, is now lying seriously ill of pneumonia in this city. His physician, Dr. J. A. C. Gray, of New York, arrived here last evening to be near him.

EMIL JEWELER.

65 E. THIRD, ST. PAUL.

Keever, as Walter Litherland. Devoted to Emily, displayed a perfect stage ease and acted his part admirably. Mrs. J. D. Sawyer and Miss Maud Taylor, the one as Mrs. Watson and the other as Emily Watumff, were excellent. "Checkmate" tended to enliven the spirit of the audience, which applauded each brilliant stroke of the performers. J. J. Parker delighted his hearers with a ludicrous impersonation of Sam Winkle. Messrs. Foster, Yardly, Wainzer, Bigelow were perfectly at home in their parts. Miss Becher as Charlotte Russe was as charming as grace and elegant bearing and fitness for the stage could make her. No less interesting and entertaining Miss Sturgis provoked the house to a continued titter. Miss Gotzian and Miss Armstrong were fortunate in light and tender parts, which they managed with ease and ability. The audience was like a pleasant company of friends, and both performances passed off without a hitch. An enterprising financial success, and the proceeds will be appropriated to the building fund of Christ Church guild.

THIS IS ECONOMY.

GOULD MAKES A SWEEPING CUT IN EXPENSES BY ABANDONING LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE ON HIS SYSTEMS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 16.—One of the most sweeping cuts in expenses ever made by the Gould interest has just been accomplished. The method of economizing applies to the Missouri Pacific, Cotton Belt and Iron Mountain, and is nothing more or less than the reduction of train service. Thus, instead of having local trains running through trains to pick up the local business, the through trains are compelled to do the work. The Missouri Pacific has abandoned the local service on the Lexington branch, Wichita branch, and a large number of other branches. The train service on the Iron Mountain, between St. Louis and the Texas line, has been greatly reduced. Also on the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas. It is estimated that the Missouri Pacific reduction in train service amounts to fully \$800,000 per day, or a saving of \$40,000 per month.

RULED OF ALL ROUTES.

PULLMAN SECURES A MONOPOLY OF THE SLEEPING CAR SERVICE TO THE COAST.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—George M. Pullman has secured a practical monopoly of the sleeping car service of both classes of travel on the entire system of the transcontinental railroads. He has just closed a contract with the Union Pacific for managing the second-class sleeping car service of that line in connection with the Northern Pacific. The Pullman company has already a contract with the Atchison & Santa Fe, which also covers the Southern Pacific from San Francisco to Manila, and it has also placed the Northern Pacific on its list. It will establish a uniform second-class rate of \$3 for the trip between San Francisco and the coast and Kansas City. The rate between Chicago and San Francisco will be \$2. First-class sleeping rates are \$15.50 from Chicago and \$13 from the Missouri river to San Francisco. The application of the new system to the Union Pacific will result in the reduction of rates, which will put that road from various Eastern and Western points. The Denver & Rio Grande is the only transcontinental line not included in the deal, but a contract will probably be made with it in a short time.

RATES THAT MEAN RUIN.

RAILROAD MOGULS VAINLY ENDEAVOR TO SECURE A MODIFICATION OF THE LOW RATE.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 16.—President Perkins and Solicitor Blythe, of the "Q," Judge Hubbard, of the Northwestern, and Messrs. Bird and Fish, of the Milwaukee road, appeared before the Iowa railway commissioners to-day, and made a request in general terms for a new schedule of rates, which should be higher than that recently adopted and now in force. The Illinois distance tariff was referred to as satisfactory, although it was not insisted upon, and the representatives of the road did