

A CUT IN RATES.

Another War Commenced in the East.

LIKE THE ONE LAST YEAR.

A Low Fare to Chicago Is Now Probable.

UNEASINESS OF PASSENGER MEN

The Opinion Prevails That the Present Outlook Indicates a Repetition of Last Year's War.

Now that the transcontinental lines are free from entangling alliances, through the disruption of the Western Passenger Association, the Chicago roads have inaugurated a war which promises to equal if not surpass in bitterness the conflict of a year ago and which cannot help but be beneficial to California.

Yesterday a telegram was received at the Southern Pacific headquarters from T. H. Goodman, general passenger agent of that road, that commencing Tuesday, November 27, a continuous-trip rate would be given from all California common points via Ogden, Mojave, Barstow, Deming and El Paso to Chicago at \$54 for first class and \$49.50 for second class.

The reduction is made by the Chicago roads between that city and the Missouri River, the present rate being \$57 for first class and \$52.50 for second class, showing a cut of \$3.

The rate will affect rates to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other Eastern seaboard points from one to two dollars.

The present in all probability is but the beginning of what may prove to be a prolonged and bitterly fought war. It has opened exactly as did the fight of a year ago when the rates went as low as \$27 to Chicago and \$20 to the Missouri River on one-way tickets.

Just which one of the Chicago roads has opened the contest does not appear from Mr. Goodman's telegram, but it is probable that one of the Western roads is back of the matter. When the Western Passenger Association dissolved a few days ago some of the roads which gave notice of their intention to pull out assigned as their reason the inherent instability of rates and the inability of the association to give them protection.

A hope was expressed among railroad men that the difficulties between the roads might be amicably settled at the meeting of the transcontinental lines to be held in Chicago to-morrow and that a new association might be formed with jurisdiction over all rates to the coast, and probably the two most prominent roads in the contest, when it moves west of the river, will be the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific.

Each looks with suspicion upon the actions of the other, and a very little difference may easily unsettle all the arrangements between the two which it has required so long to perfect.

DELIBERATE SUICIDE.

A Cigar-Maker Cuts His Throat in the Park.

The body of a man was found in Golden Gate Park yesterday afternoon under the bushes on the top of the knoll at the corner of McAllister and Stanyan streets. His throat was cut from ear to ear and a razor was clutched in his right hand.

Baseball Games.

The second game of the championship series between Oakland and San Francisco will take place at the Haight-street grounds this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The players are:

Yacht Club Duck Dinner.

The Pacific Yacht Club will give a duck dinner at its clubhouse in Sausalito this evening. The tug Vigilant has been chartered and will leave Mission-street dock at 6:15 p. m.

Dinner for the Needy.

A free dinner will be given to the worthy unemployed and needy men of the city on Thanksgiving day at 590 Mission street by

the Christian Union Mission. Tickets for the dinner will be issued at the office of the mission from Monday to Wednesday. Donations of food or money for this purpose will be thankfully received at the mission.

ON THE COMSTOCK.

Weekly Reports of Progress in the Underground Work.

VIRGINIA, Nev., Nov. 24.—Following are the superintendents' weekly reports of the various mines on the Comstock:

CON. CAL. & VA.—1650 level.—We have continued to stope out ore from the new ore body from the sixth floor up to the eleventh floor and on the eleventh floor have advanced two feet of timbers to the south in ore, making three sets in all—the top being in porphyry and quartz. We have extracted during the week from these stopes 350 carloads, about 347 tons of ore, the average assay value of which per mining-car sample was \$68.55 per ton.

OPHR.—1465 level.—The west crosscut 62 feet up from the upraise carried up 80 feet above the sill floor of this level, at a point 70 feet in from the mouth of the crosscut run east from the main north lateral drift and 124 feet north from the main east crosscut from the shaft, was extended 10 feet; total length 134 feet, containing in porphyry and quartz of low assay value, have continued jointly with the Mexican Company the work of making repairs in the main shaft on the 1100 level and upward. Central tunnel.—The drift running southeast from the end of the south drift from the bottom of the

mine has been extended 11 feet in ore and low-grade quartz; total length 143 feet. The face of the drift is in porphyry and quartz, assaying from \$2 to \$8 per ton. At a point in this southeast drift 112 feet in from the end of the south drift an upraise has been carried up 14 feet in ore showing a width of 3 feet in the top, assaying \$20 per ton. Have extracted from this drift during the week, hoisted to the surface and placed in the ore bins 74 tons of ore, assaying \$17.76 per ton. From the end of the drift run southeast from the end of the drift run north from the top of the upraise, which is 117 feet above the tunnel level, a north drift has been advanced 20 feet in a porphyry formation.

UNION CON.—The east crosscut from the north lateral drift 45 feet north of the west drift 1520 feet west of the shaft on the 900 level has been advanced during the week 21 feet, total length 229 feet; face in clay and porphyry. The west crosscut from main west crosscut 5 has been extended 20 feet and work discontinued; total length 28 feet, face in hard porphyry.

BEST & BELCHER.—200 level.—The joint winze started in west crosscut 5 on our south boundary has been sunk 12 feet; total length 21 feet, passing through quartz. 800 level.—The north drift started from west crosscut 4 570 feet from main north drift has been advanced 18 feet; total length 115 feet, face in quartz and porphyry.

ANDES.—120 level.—The west crosscut from the north drift from the top of the winze up 50 feet has been advanced 20 feet; total length 92 feet; formation soft porphyry and quartz.

HALE & NORCROSS.—875 level.—Advanced north drift from the end of No. 1 crosscut 12 feet; total length 50 feet; face shows stringers of quartz mixed with the porphyry; also a streak of gold ore. 1100 level.—Are working on the third floor above this level and have a streak of low-grade ore. Hoisted during the week 6 carloads of ore, assaying per mining-car sample \$40.74 per ton.

Address for Young Men. Rev. Dr. Williams will deliver the address before the young men's meeting this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Christian Association Hall, Mason and Ellis streets. Service for young men only. Good music.

Directors of the California Dairy Association will meet in this city Saturday morning, December 1, at 510 Montgomery street, to discuss proposed legislation and the projected State dairy school.

STORM CENTERS.

The New Chart Issued by the Government.

ITS VALUE TO MARINERS.

Shows the Average Tracks of Storm Centers at Various Seasons of the Year.

The origin of storms has always bothered scientists. According to an authority "There is no question in science that has been so large an admixture of speculation."

The nearest approach to the solution of the problem has been offered by students of meteorology, but the United States Weather Bureau has, after ten or twelve years of study of the question, only been able to compile a chart showing the "average tracks" of atmospheric disturbances, or in other words, the average paths on which storms occur at certain periods of the year.

The accompanying chart, a supplement to the pilot chart for November, would lead one to suppose that nearly all storms originate in the vicinity of the waters of Japan and the coast and southeast coast of Asia. The storm tracks of the interior of Asia have never been studied, therefore they are not marked on the map.

A storm can originate at any point on the line of the tracks marked on the drawing, but when said disturbance is born it invariably follows the same general direction.

friend in Oakland was produced. In it he spoke in glowing terms of the captain's kindness, and of the splendid existence he was leading. The commissioner decided that this evidence was sufficient to warrant the dismissal of the case, and the captain went forth a free man.

Jephson to Lecture. A. J. Mountney Jephson will deliver a lecture at Union-square Hall next Tuesday evening, on "Our March Through the African Forest." The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Geographical Society of California.

In 1346, during the prevalence of the black death, 30,000 towns and villages in Europe were totally depopulated.

"Working Girls, "Are you troubled with Backache, Faintness, Dizziness, Irregularity? "Are your cheeks pale? "Your eyes dull, and step heavy? Does your back and side ache sometimes terribly? "Are you at times faint and dizzy, with pain in the lower part of your stomach? "If so, listen! Standing all day, week in and week out, you have slowly drifted into woman's great enemy, displacement of the womb.

"That or some other derangement of the organ, causing irregularity and other troubles.

"Take warning in time! Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the surest and safest remedy in the world for you."—Miss Sallie Palmer, Juniata St., Nicetown, Pa.

luma, and was followed by an historical and descriptive sketch of the tariff, ably presented by J. Emery of San Francisco—the excellent delivery of the speaker making this instructive address very attractive. The eloquent and instructive address of Rev. K. E. Kenna, S. J. of Santa Clara College on "The Liquor Traffic" was the feature of the evening, in which the reverend orator set forth the deplorable effects which may be directly traced to the business. Statistical statements were presented proving the almost incredible extent of this questionable vocation. The alluring enticements surrounding the evil associations of the traffic were shown, and the reverend speaker outlined the seductive arguments which gradually destroyed the nobler instincts of the intellect, and the eloquent narration of the address forcibly appealed to the minds and hearts of those present to assist by personal example in the eradication of this great evil.

NEUTR ACQUITED. Evidence That He Did Not Kill the Boy Who Died.

Captain Neuth of the whaling steamer Jeanette has been acquitted of the charge of cruelly treating Joseph White, a juvenile member of the crew, who died on Heersch Island.

The captain and the steward were examined by Commissioner Heacock yesterday, and emphatically denied the stories told by the crew. They said that when young White became ill he was kept in the forecabin, because it was the warmest part of the ship. The lad was left on the island, it was true, but that was done because the ship was going on a long and hazardous voyage, and he could not have been given the care and attention his case demanded. The cabin-boy was left to take care of him. He was given a tent, warm clothing and the best provisions in the ship's larder.

A letter written by the dead boy to a



Reproduced from the chart issued by the United States Hydrographic Office.

DRY GOODS. A COLOSSAL PURCHASE!

The approval of a discriminating public, as shown by the liberal patronage of our special offerings, is a most gratifying indorsement of our efforts and guarantees an immediate response to our announcement of the arrival of A DRESS GOODS AND SILK PURCHASE THAT REALLY BORDERS ON THE MARVELOUS.

Although this wonderful purchase embraces a vast and various assortment of the newest and most exclusive weaves and designs in fashionable fabrics, the lateness of the season and other causes combined in enabling us to secure the goods at UNPARALLELED DISCOUNTS and we in turn offer them in connection with other attractions at prices which make them

Bargains That Are Almost Beyond Belief!

COLORED DRESS GOODS!

- At 20 Cents. 175 pieces DOUBLE FOLD DRESS GOODS, figured effects, value for 30c, to be closed at 20c a yard.
At 25 Cents. 164 pieces DOUBLE FOLD MOTTLED CHEVIOT AND COVERT CLOTH, cheap at 40c, will be closed out at 25c a yard.
At 30 Cents. 120 pieces 38-INCH ALL-WOOL STRIPED AND CHECKED MOLINA MIXED SUITING, regular price 60c, will be closed out at 30c a yard.
At 35 Cents. 82 pieces 37-INCH FANCY MIXED DRESS GOODS, ombre effects, actual value 50c, will be offered at 35c a yard.
At 50 Cents. 114 pieces 38-INCH ALL-WOOL AND SILK AND WOOL FANCY DRESS GOODS, in checks, chevils, figured and mottled effects, value 65c, will be placed on sale at 50c a yard.
At 75 Cents. 67 pieces 40-INCH ALL-WOOL FANCY MIXED SCOTCH HEATHER DRESS GOODS, latest mixtures, good value for \$1, will be offered at 75c a yard.
At 75 Cents. 69 pieces 50-INCH FINE ALL-WOOL DRESS GOODS in checks and stripes, bright effects, cheap at \$1, will be closed out at 75c a yard.
At \$1.00. 47 pieces 46-INCH SUPERIOR FINE ALL-WOOL HIGH-GRADE MELANGE DRESS GOODS, in check, mixed and damasse effects, actual value \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 a yard.
At \$1.25. 38 pieces 48-INCH FINE ALL-WOOL FRENCH FIGURED NOVELTY DRESS GOODS, in all the latest colorings, worth \$1.75, will be offered at \$1.25 a yard.
SPECIAL--At 75 Cents. 27 pieces 38-INCH FINE SILK AND WOOL FRENCH LANSOWNE SUITING, evening shades, regular price \$1.50, will be closed out at 75c.

NAVY STORM SERGE.

- At 35 Cents. 113 pieces 37-INCH ALL-WOOL NAVY BLUE STORM SERGE, former price 50 cents; will be closed out at 35c a yard.
At 50 Cents. 97 pieces 44-INCH ALL-WOOL NAVY STORM SERGE, regular price 75 cents, will be offered at 50 cents a yard.
At 75 Cents. 73 pieces 52-INCH ALL-WOOL HIGH GRADE ENGLISH STORM SERGE, value for \$1, will be closed out at 75 cents a yard.
At \$1.00. 68 pieces 44-INCH FINE ALL-WOOL SUPERIOR ENGLISH DIAGONAL and CHEVIOT NAVY STORM SERGE, worth \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 a yard.

LADIES' CLOTHS.

- At \$1.00. 52 pieces 54-INCH ALL-WOOL LADIES' CLOTH, latest colorings, good value for \$1.25, will be on sale at \$1 a yard.
At \$1.50. 45 pieces 54-INCH ALL-WOOL ENGLISH BROADCLOTH, fine finish, worth \$2, will be offered at \$1.50 a yard.
At \$2.50. 31 pieces 54-INCH ALL-WOOL SUPERIOR WEST OF ENGLAND BROADCLOTH, value for \$3.50, will be offered at \$2.50 a yard.

SILK DEPARTMENT!

- At 25 Cents. 100 pieces 24-INCH COLORED INDIA SILK, in an immense variety of shades, regular price 35c, will be offered at 25c a yard.
At 50 Cents. 60 pieces 27-INCH COLORED JAPANESE SILK, in light and dark shades, regular price 75c, will be offered at 50c a yard.
At 75 Cents. 20 pieces BLACK FIGURED SATINS and TAFFETAS, very neat designs, regular price \$1, will be offered at 75c a yard.
At 75 Cents. 40 pieces FANCY STRIPED AND FIGURED TAFFETA SILK, unique designs, regular price \$1, will be offered at 75c a yard.
At 75 Cents. 18 pieces BLACK BENGALINE, soft, heavy quality, regular price \$1.25, will be offered at 75c a yard.
At 75 Cents. 30 pieces COLORED FAILLE FRANCAISE, in all the newest shades, regular price \$1, will be offered at 75c a yard.
At \$1.00. 75 pieces 24-INCH BLACK SATIN DUCHESS, regular price \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 a yard.
At \$1.00. 50 pieces FIGURED AND STRIPED TAFFETA SILK, extra fine quality, regular price \$1.25, will be offered at \$1 a yard.
At \$1.00. 30 pieces BLACK FIGURED SATIN AND GROS GRAIN SILK, extra heavy quality, regular price \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 a yard.
At \$1.50. 10 pieces 24-INCH BLACK SATIN DUCHESS, soft, rich finish, regular price \$2.25, will be offered at \$1.50 a yard.
At \$1.50. 150 pieces CHANGEABLE SILK VELVET, extra fine quality, regular price \$2.50, will be offered at \$1.50 a yard.
At \$3.00. 30 pieces 32-INCH BLACK SILK PLUSH, changeable effects, regular price \$6, will be offered at \$3 a yard.

BLACK DRESS GOODS!

- At 35 Cents. 25 pieces 37-INCH FINE ALL-WOOL STORM SERGE, extra good value for 50c, will be sold at 35c a yard.
At 50 Cents. 25 pieces 49-INCH ALL PURE WOOL SCOTCH CHEVIOT, worth regular \$1, will be closed out at 50c a yard.
At 50 Cents. 25 pieces 46-INCH ALL-WOOL STORM SERGE, worth 75c, will be placed on sale at 50c a yard.
At 50 Cents. 25 pieces SUPERIOR LUSTER BRILLIANTINE, extra good value for 75c, will be sold at 50c a yard.
At 75 Cents. 50 pieces 40-INCH SATIN SOLEIL, fancy weaves, marked down from \$1 to 75c a yard.
At 75 Cents. 25 pieces 46-INCH FINE ALL-WOOL FRENCH CASHMERE, extra good value for \$1, will be sold at 75c a yard.
At \$1.00. 25 pieces 58-INCH FINE ALL-WOOL ENGLISH SERGE, worth \$1.50, will be sold at \$1 a yard.
At \$1.00. 20 pieces 64-INCH FINE FRENCH BROADCLOTH, worth regular \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 a yard.
At \$1.00. 50 pieces PRIESTLEY'S LATEST NOVELTIES, will be placed on sale at \$1 a yard.
At \$1.25. 25 pieces 47-INCH SUPERIOR GRADE FRENCH HENRIETTA, worth \$2 a yard, will be placed on sale at \$1.25 a yard.

Advertisement for J. O. Orient Co. featuring 'Holiday Goods Now Arriving And On Sale at Astonishingly Low Prices.' The ad includes the company name in a large, stylized font and the address: 'MURPHY BUILDING, Market Street, corner of Jones, SAN FRANCISCO.'