

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—There was a meeting of the managers of the lines between Chicago and the Northwest to-day to consider the reports of Chairman Finley of the Western Passenger Association, W. H. Newman, Third Vice President of the Chicago and Northwestern; E. P. Ripley, Third Vice President of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and W. J. O. Kenyon, General Freight and Passenger Agent of the Chicago, Burlington and Northern, the committee appointed to find a way to settle the difficulties over Northwestern passenger traffic. The committee recommended a division of the gross traffic according to agreed percentages, the percentages to be evened up by transferring controllable traffic, such as emigrant and excursion business, from one road to the other. The report was favorably received, and after discussing matters all the afternoon the meeting adjourned until to-morrow.

NOTES OF VARIOUS INTERESTS.

E. B. Thomas, First Vice President of the Erie Railway, has issued an order that "any conductor, engineer, fireman, brakeman, or other train hand who is laid off for any cause, pending an investigation, and upon that investigation is declared to be in no way to blame for the charge on which he is suspended, shall receive full pay for the time lost and be reinstated."

The Western Passenger Association has decided to advance the rate from Chicago to Pacific coast points on the 15th inst. from \$72.50 first-class to \$75, and from \$47.50 to \$50 second-class. This action was taken in conformity with the demand of the Transcontinental Association lines for increased proportions of the through rates.

The Great Northern Railway has commenced running trains on a newly-completed branch in the Red River Valley of Northern Dakota, between Grafton and Cavalier, a distance of thirty-two miles, with Nash, Hoople, and Crystal as the intermediate stations.

An official circular from the main office of the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western Railroad announces that Mr. Ernest Vliet, having recovered his health, has re-entered upon the discharge of his duties as General Passenger Agent.

The stockholders of the Mobile and Girard Railroad have authorized the extension of that road to Pollard or Brewton, Pensacola and Mobile, and to bond the road at \$12,750 a mile, the issue of bonds not to exceed \$4,000,000.

The threatened trouble in the passenger department of the Central Traffic Association arising out of concessions to theatrical troupes by the Pennsylvania Line has been averted by the withdrawal of the concessions.

Chairman Finley of the Western Passenger Association was yesterday authorized by that body to use such measures as will stop the abuses arising from the manipulation of mileage tickets.

The gross earnings of the New-York, Ontario and Western Railroad for the quarter ending Sept. 30 were \$765,646, operating expenses \$512,415, net income \$253,231.

Track laying is progressing rapidly on the Great Northern Railway's Montana extension to the Pacific coast. The foothills of the Rockies will be passed by Christmas.

Conductor Jared Turrell of the Attica Branch of the New-York Central Railroad is eighty years old, and he has no idea of casting off the harness.

The Buffalo Car Manufacturing Company has just finished 200 box cars for the Lackawanna Road.