

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

Charges to be Taken Up by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—An investigation of many charges against various Western railroads will begin at Chicago a week from to-morrow by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. One of them is an admission of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad that it is not obeying a recent order of the commission to re-establish former rates made in compliance with a former order which was issued after hearing a complaint of discrimination made by the Eau Claire, Wis., Board of Trade. The road complained that it could not comply on account of the tariffs of competing lines between various lumber points in Wisconsin. The hearing is to determine whether the road's contention is well founded.

Among the other cases to be investigated are the following: James McMillan & Co. of Minneapolis against many roads for alleged discrimination against them in carrying machine-compressed scoured wool; American Warehousemen's Association vs. the Illinois Central, on charges of allowing certain shippers free-storage facilities; Sidney Race vs. the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad for alleged refusal to allow him to carry parcels on the road's trains; Frederick H. Clarke vs. the Northern Pacific, on the ground of existing excessive rates on wine from San Francisco to the Missouri River points; the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas vs. the Fort Worth and Denver regarding the terminal or switching charges at Chicago; the Grain Shippers' Association of Northwestern Iowa vs. the Illinois Central for alleged unreasonable rates on wheat and other cereals between Chicago and Missouri River points; A. J. Gustin vs. the Burlington and Missouri, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé, and Illinois Central Railroads for alleged overcharges on various articles of freight between many points, and charges of many grain shippers in the Northwest against the Chicago and West Indiana that the road is imposing unreasonable charges between Chicago and New York and other Atlantic points.