

THE ALASKA RUSH.

Western Roads Preparing to Ignore the

Canada Pacific.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The Western

roads have for some time been figuring

earnestly on the business that is ex-

pected to set in in the late winter and

the early spring toward Alaska. They

have been doubtful whether the pur-

chases of transportation would wish

to buy tickets through to Dawson City,

or only to the ports on the coast, and

today the roads took their first action

bearing on the question of Alaska rates.

They have decided to get out their rate

sheets showing the rates to Alaska and

will ignore entirely the claims of the

Canadian Pacific for the differential on

the business. The rates of the Cana-

dian Pacific will not be shown on the

sheet at all.

In the days of the old Transconti-

ental Association, the Canadian Pa-

cific was allowed a differential of \$5 on

its Pacific coast business, and it claims

the same now, but the roads of the old

association, and those of the Western

Passenger Association, after the pro-

mulgation of the supreme court deci-

sion regarding the formation of pools

and associations, absolved them from

all further obligations to allow the

differentials of the Canadian Pacific.

The latter road has never seen the mat-

ter in that light and it will make a

light that is very likely to demoralize

the rates to Alaska, and North Pacific

coast ports.

FIGHT ON THE BORDER.

Three Mexican Guards and One De-

perado Killed.

Denver, Dec. 13.—News is received

from a dispatch that occurred near

the border of Arizona and old Mexico.

Three guards of the Mexican service

and one desperado were killed. The

latter was Franco Phallard, one of

Black Jack's gang, and an outlaw from

Texas, whose two brothers were killed

while members of Billy the Kid's gang.

Phallard is the last of the San Bas

gangs, which he led, and he was

further from the border than any other

gang, and he is now in the hands of

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Important Features of

the Chief Executives' Ad-

dress to Congress.

To the Senate and House of Representa-

tives: It gives me pleasure to extend

regards to the 45th congress assembled

in regular session on the 13th inst.

with many of whose members and

representatives I have been associated

in the legislative service. The meeting

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