

## DRUGGISTS ARE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT

Twenty-five Hundred So Declared  
By Judge Dunne of  
Chicago.

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FINED.

Defendants Were Guilty of Violating  
An injunction issued by  
Court.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Twenty-five hundred retail druggists in the United States were declared guilty of contempt of court by Judge Dunne of the circuit court today and the National Association of Retail Druggists, of which they are members, was fined \$2,000, while Thomas V. Weston, secretary of the organization, was fined \$500. The cases against five wholesale druggists of Chicago, also charged with contempt, were continued until the full term of court, when it will be necessary for them to take additional proof into court to justify the early resumption of work at the offices of the Birmingham district arts becoming less favorable.

The injunction under which the druggists' association was fined was secured by George Platt, a retail druggist of Chicago in November, 1902, and restrained them from interfering in any manner with the securing of supplies by Platt, who had incurred the association's displeasure, it was charged, because he would not join it.

"Platt has been deprived of the right in this community to sell goods," Judge Dunne said in his opinion this decision. "Nothing can be more clear. It is a combination that has prevented him from securing supplies, and this court enjoined the defendants in this case from carrying out their plan to prevent Platt from obtaining goods."

Platt charges that he has been blacklisted and boycotted by this association and that through its influence all the wholesale houses in Chicago have refused to supply him supplies. The association made its defense upon the plea that Platt was attempting to sell the goods at wholesale, thus cutting prices.

Platt has fought the association for two years in the courts and it was charged in court that the association several times asked him to give up the fight and join the alleged combination, asserting that they would then cease to molest him.

### COOK CO. REAL ESTATE.

For Taxing Purposes it is Worth  
\$1,574,902,700.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Cook county's real estate is worth, for taxing purposes, \$1,574,902,700 according to the total determination of the board of review of the city assessments. This is full valuation, on which the tax will be about 1.2 per cent. The total is an increase of \$7,112,025 over last year's total.

For the city of Chicago the gain is the value of real estate is nearly \$10,000,000 representing about \$1,000 more revenue from taxes for city purposes. The total for the city this year is \$1,456,817,735 against \$1,447,16,445 last year.

### Japs Ready to Move.

Mukden, Aug. 31, delayed.—A Japanese force of 10,000 is prepared to move advancing in the northeast of Mukden.

### SCARED TO DEATH.

Automobile Frightens a Woman  
So That She Dies.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 1.—A rapidly moving automobile, driven by death here by fright of Mrs. Green of Paterson, N. J., The woman was visiting a car bound for her boarding house, six miles distant. As she stepped from the sidewalk to board the car, a large automobile went past with a roar. The suction almost threw her down. She screamed with fright and fell. Doctors were quickly summoned, but the woman was dead when they arrived. Heart disease superinduced by the shock was found to have been the cause. The motorist escaped unscathed.

**Wettest August in Years.**

New York, Sept. 1.—Statistics compiled by the local weather bureau show that it was the wettest here in 20 years with the exception of August, 1893. Rain fell to the amount of 7.13 inches. This was only exceeded in the year mentioned by .05. The mean temperature was 72 degrees, a trifle below normal.

### Gathering of the Smith Clans.

New York, Sept. 1.—Three thousand or more Smiths have gathered at Peapack to celebrate the annual reunion of that famous family in New Jersey. Every county in the state was represented and there were visiting Smiths from many other states. The custom of holding the family reunions was inaugurated in 1890.

### PRICE OF BEAMS.

Indications Are That it Will Be Reduced Materially.

New York, Sept. 1.—If the program of the leading members of the Beam association, now in session here, is carried out, there will be a reduction in the price of beams and structural material of from \$5 to \$6 per ton, from the base of 1.69 c. per pound. Pittsburg, says the Iron Age. It is known that the mills have reached an understanding about price of structural material, so a safer basis is used in making the forecast. The new price for fabrication already has gone into effect, and while it temporarily checked business, that effect has now worn off.

The leading outside new makers of beams has not joined the association as yet, but it is understood that this producer will act in harmony with the association in any case.

There will be held today also a meeting of the pine association at which lower official prices probably will be decreed. Just how much of a reduction from the base price of 1.69 c. at Pittsburg will be agreed upon it is difficult to foretell, because opinions differ widely. Some important interests are reported as favoring so radical a measure as a cut of 1.25 c., but in any case \$5 per ton will probably be accepted. Until the exact measure of the cut is known, it is difficult to gauge their probable effect on the trade. It is hardly likely that it will stimulate buying until the strength of the market under the new conditions is thoroughly tested. It is not believed that any extravagant expectations are entertained by the great mills interests of any marked stimulation of the demands. That is not expected before long, but the trade is on a regular basis.

It is regarded as probable that it, in line with the same general policy, there will be an early reduction of \$1 to \$2 per ton on steel bars and that pre-

## Bad Blood

Pimples, rashes, eczema, boils, headache, nervousness, debility—these are some of the results of impure blood. Medical authorities agree that impure blood can be made pure and rich. Your doctor will tell you about Ayer's Sarsaparilla. S.M.C.

Bad blood follows constipation, and constipation follows a sluggish liver. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They produce natural daily movements in a natural way.

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vailing conditions will be frankly accepted by an official reduction in the price of bills to a \$10 to \$20 base.

When that has been accomplished the new prices from pig iron to the various finished forms will be in harmony and one serious element of uncertainty is removed.

The only branch in which prices are out of line is in standard steel rails. These it is expected will be dealt with at a meeting of the manufacturers, which probably will be held early in October.

Aside from sales of the low phosphorus pig iron in the case of aggregates, the market is in the top line no longer important. Transactions have taken place in pig iron. The price of steel is the most important of all the metals.

An injunction is sought to enable the company, organized under the laws of Montana, to resume its business in the cities of Creede Creek and Victor, Colorado, without the interference of the Citizens' alliance of Creede Creek, the Mine Owners' association of both county and mine and more than a score of leading citizens of Creede Creek and Victor.

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