
MORE READING RUMORS.

BALTIMORE, March 6.—The statement was made here last night that the Reading has arranged to absorb the Baltimore and Lehigh Railroad, a narrow-gauge line with desirable terminals here, which will give the Reading a valuable entrance to Baltimore. From the same source comes a rumor that the Reading will purchase extensive water-front property here. There is no confirmation of the reports to-night.

NOTES OF VARIOUS INTERESTS.

The Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City Railroad has been doing a remarkable business the past year. Its returns for the last eight months show an average increase of 89 per cent. in earnings over the corresponding period of the previous year. In round numbers the increase amounts to \$391,000.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company yesterday closed a contract with Simpson & Watkins, coal operators, for the entire output of the Babylon Colliery, in Marcy Township, and the Mount Lookout Colliery, at Wyoming, Penn. The contract is based on the percentage plan.

The Boston and Albany Directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share, payable March 31.

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