

CHECKING THE ST. PAUL.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—The roads interested in the Chicago and St. Louis Traffic Association held a meeting here to-day to devise means of stopping the diversion of freight by the Milwaukee and St. Paul from Milwaukee to Texas points. About two months ago the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul opened a route from Milwaukee to Texas points, by way of Ottumwa, Moberly, and the Missouri Pacific, and commenced to make the rates from Milwaukee the same as from Chicago, thus shutting out the Northwestern, which had to ship by way of Chicago and pay the rate from Milwaukee to Chicago in addition to the rate from Chicago. By forming this combination the St. Paul received pay for a mileage of over 300 miles, instead of about 80 miles, by way of Chicago, and consequently could well afford to make the cut in rates. As neither the Milwaukee and St. Paul nor Missouri Pacific are members of the Chicago and St. Louis Traffic Association they could not be stopped from cutting the rates on Milwaukee business.

To settle the trouble, it was therefore agreed to-day to hereafter charge the same rate from Milwaukee to St. Louis as from Chicago. By this action the Chicago pool lines will have to pay the Northwestern its mileage on such business from Milwaukee to Chicago, reducing their rate to that amount, but they will be able to prevent the diversion of the business from Milwaukee and Wisconsin points by the Milwaukee and St. Paul and Missouri Pacific route.

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