

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

RAILROAD EXTENSION PLANNED.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul* May Build Beyond the Missouri.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad is contemplating the extension of certain of its lines beyond the Missouri River, where all the branches of this system now end. The proposition, it is said, is to extend one of its lines to Helena, Montana, a distance of about 700 miles. This would give the company a direct line to Helena and would make it a serious competitor of the Northern Pacific.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul has not heretofore built any lines in territory west of the Missouri River, but has contented itself with extending its lines through Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa. Other railroads, especially the Burlington and the Chicago and Northwestern, have greatly developed their trans-Missouri business. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, with an extension into Helena, will be able to compete for through business with the other roads and will get a better percentage on through traffic.

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