

CONTROL OF WESTERN ROADS.

Chicago Accepts Report that the Morgan-Harriman "Community of Interest" Plan Has Been Adopted.

CHICAGO, June 16.—In railroad circles to-day the sudden departure of E. H. Harriman for the East, accompanied by John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, was accepted as support of the assertion that the Harriman combination has secured control of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Road. The Tribune to-morrow will say:

"That a composite agreement has been made to perfect a community of interests among roads with tracks enough to twice belt the globe, is generally accepted in railroad circles.

"The meeting of the Western officials with Mr. Harriman is believed to have been the result of the recent controversy over control of Northern Pacific stock which drove short holders to cover at \$1,000 a share. A few small roads out of Chicago are not parties to the agreement, but it is understood they will consent to anything that will maintain rates and end the squabble that has been kept up in the past among the various Western lines.

"It is asserted that all the roads West, Northwest, and Southwest from Chicago to the Pacific coast will be controlled in future by the following interests:

Lines west of Chicago to the Pacific Coast by Harriman, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and the Rockefellers.

Lines northwest from Chicago, by Hill and Morgan.

Lines southwest from St. Louis by Gould and the Rockefellers.

Lines southwest from Chicago by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé, to which probably will be added before long the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific.

"J. Pierpont Morgan and E. H. Harriman however, will be the real dictators and direct the policy to be pursued by these combinations, thus establishing the 'community of interest' which has been the dream of Mr. Morgan."

The railroads interested in the Harriman consolidation, with their mileage, are the following:

Road.	Total Mileage. June 30, 1899.
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé.....	6,946
Southern Pacific	7,614
Union Pacific	4,439
Northern Pacific	4,524
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.....	6,191
Chicago and Northwestern.....	5,077
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.....	7,180
Missouri Pacific	5,324
Great Northern	5,127
Chicago and Alton.....	844
Wabash	2,326
Total	55,592