
WESTERN RATE WAR POSSIBLE.

Wisconsin Central's Demand on Two Other Big Roads for Higher Rates.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Executive officers of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Chicago and Northwestern Railways met here to-day to consider the demand of the Wisconsin Central that their roads charge a higher rate on fast trains between Chicago and St. Paul. The St. Paul and Northwestern, by utilizing their fast mail trains, are able to make the run in ten hours, giving them an advantage over the Wisconsin Central.

The matter is considered an important one, as it is said that it may lead to a revision of all Western time schedules, or may result in a rate war.

Metropolitan Street Railway Plans.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company yesterday the retiring Board of Directors was re-elected. President Vreeland stated that as soon as the work now under contract was completed the regular improvement work of the company would be permitted to rest for the Winter. In the Spring, however, the work will be taken up again, and the first improvement to be made will be that of changing the Ninth Avenue line from Fifty-third Street south into an electric road.

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