

ST. PAUL'S WESTERN EXTENSION

Indications Point to the Building of a
Line to the Pacific Coast.

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CHICAGO, Ill., July 10.—Everything indicates an intention on the part of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway to make good its threat to extend its line to the Pacific Coast unless proper consideration is given to it by the great Northwestern systems concerned in the recent merger. The management of the road has provided \$20,000,000 for such an extension, and its construction forces are now in the field.

When the St. Paul received what it did not consider fair treatment from the lines about to become merged it announced its intention of building its own lines into the Northwest. The announcement is understood to have been considered nothing more than a threat by its competitors, and little consideration was given it.

In the meantime the St. Paul went to work and provided the means, which was not a difficult thing for a road in its financial condition to do. Engineers were sent into the Northwest and active preparations made for the carrying out of its plans for an extension to the Puget Sound country. Now it is said that the survey has been completed from Evarts to Boulder, Mont., and from Boulder through the Rocky Mountains to Seattle.

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