

CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN DEAL.

Vice President, Oppenheim Admits Change of Ownership Is Planned.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—It is admitted by Vice President Oppenheim of the Chicago Great Western, who has just returned from Europe, that negotiations are under way for the transfer of the road to one of the largest Western railroad systems. He declines, however, to say what line is negotiating for control.

The rumor that the Chicago and Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul intend to acquire joint control of the property is not believed here, though it is probable that the Northwestern is interested in the deal. The Milwaukee and St. Paul could have no object in acquiring the Great Western. It covers almost the same territory between Chicago and St. Paul and Chicago and Kansas City. The Northwestern, however, could make use of that portion of the Great Western from Marshalltown to Kansas City, as it would give it the desired outlet to Kansas City.

The opinion is that James J. Hill is after the Great Western. It would give his Great Northern and Northern Pacific Roads an additional outlet to Chicago.

MEETING OF AMATEUR SKATERS

The First Session of the New Association Will Be Held on Saturday.

The first or organizing meeting of the Amateur Skating Association of the United States will be held on Saturday at the Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn, N. Y. All those interested in skating are requested to attend the meeting.

The preliminary organization has, subject to the approval of the Board of Managers to be elected, set the following dates for the championship events for this year:

Outdoor speed championship at Verona Lake, Verona, N. J., Feb. 12, or the following Saturday, if the conditions of ice and weather are unfavorable.

Indoor speed championship at Duquesne Garden, Pittsburg, on the afternoon and evening of Feb. 28.

Figure skating championship at the Clermont Rink, Brooklyn, on the afternoon and evening of March 18.

New Jersey Golf Committees.

President Lionel H. Graham of the New Jersey Golf Association announced his committee appointments for the year yesterday. T. T. Reid of the Montclair Golf Club will be the Secretary and Treasurer of the State association. Their associates on the Executive Committee will be Paul Wilcox, Montclair; Robert B. Kerr, Lakewood; Percy Jackson, Yountakah, and E. N. Todd, Newark. The Tournament Committee will be Paul Wilcox, E. N. Todd, and T. T. Reid. The Handicap Committee consists of L. H. Graham, Percy Jackson, and Paul Wilcox. The latter committee will begin at once arranging a new handicap members' list in accordance with the par score system adopted at the recent annual meeting. Application has been made to the Metropolitan Golf Association to sanction the dates in the first week in June chosen for the New Jersey golf championship.

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