

## *THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL.*

The officers of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company were again non-committal in regard to the reported purchase of the Chicago and Pacific Road, but reports from the West now state positively that Mr. John I. Blair, the purchaser of the road at the recent foreclosure sale, is on his way to this City in company with the General Manager and General Solicitor of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Company, to complete the bargain. It is stated that the price to be paid is \$1,200,000, or about \$15,000 per mile, and that the road is to be extended to Freeport, a distance of 28 miles, thus giving the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Company a through line from Chicago to the Mississippi River. A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature amending its charter so as to give it the right to purchase and build new lines and to issue mortgages thereon. It is further reported that the company has arranged for the construction of a line from Minneapolis to Norwood, 39 miles, to supply a connection between the Hastings and Dakota Division and the first-named city.

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