

THE ST. PAUL'S LITTLE JOB.
SEEKING THE RATIFICATION BY CONGRESS
OF ITS TREATY WITH THE SIOUX.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 14.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Company is doing some quiet, but very effective, work toward having the treaty made with the Sioux Indians for the territory in Dakota, west of the Missouri, opposite Chamberlain, ratified by Congress. The officers of the road have been in correspondence with Secretary Teller in regard to the matter, and have already laid their plans to have Congress view the matter in a favorable light. Congressman Rankin, of the Manitowoc District, of this State, has been intrusted with the work of pushing the matter through Congress. Mr. Rankin is well known as the shrewdest and most successful lobbyist in Wisconsin, and, being a Democrat of an almost national reputation, there is reason to think he will be successful in getting the Democratic House to decide favorably in the case.

The country lying west of the Missouri River and south of the forty-fourth parallel in Dakota has long been looked upon with envious eyes by the pioneers of the Territory. It is for the most part well watered, is better timbered than any portion east of the river, and has a soil as rich as could be desired. That part of it not adapted to crop-raising makes excellent grazing, and the climate is about as mild as that of Central Nebraska. If Congress ratifies the treaty the St. Paul Company will at once extend its line west from Chamberlain along the line surveyed some years ago from Chamberlain to Deadwood. A 25-mile extension would open an immense tract that would, no doubt, be settled as rapidly as have been the other sections lying adjacent to the roads. Mr. Rankin has long been a lobbyist for the St. Paul Road. It is said he figures on the pay-rolls for \$5,000 a year.

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