

## BREAKING UP A POOL.

### WITHDRAWAL OF THE ST. PAUL FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Rock Island Railroads locked horns to-day over the question of the St. Paul business in a meeting of the Missouri River Association, and succeeded in preventing, for the time being at least, a renewal of the life of the association. When the Milwaukee and St. Paul entered the association it did so with the understanding that the association should either include the St. Paul business in its operations or exert its influence to have a separate agreement on that business formed. Its own interest in the Missouri River business was limited to the Council Bluffs line, but it hoped, by assisting the roads having a vital interest in that traffic, to get protection for its line to the Northwest. This protection was not furnished, and at the meeting of the association last Saturday the Milwaukee and St. Paul gave notice that unless the St. Paul business was taken into the association, or an agreement on the business formed it would withdraw from the association Jan. 31. This demand was reiterated at the meeting to-day, but the Rock Island people, who are deeply interested in the St. Paul business, objected strenuously to the Milwaukee and St. Paul being granted any such concession as that asked for, and the meeting adjourned to Feb. 1. The Milwaukee and St. Paul will therefore withdraw from the association, and unless the breach is patched up there will be trouble on the Missouri River lines.

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