

## *DETERMINED TO REDUCE RATES.*

CHICAGO, May 26.—The Milwaukee and St. Paul is firmly determined to reduce rates between Chicago and Council Bluffs to proportionately the same figures as are made by the Burlington and Northern between Chicago and St. Paul and Minneapolis. General Manager Roswell Miller, of the St. Paul, who was in the city to-day, says that his company has been subjected to great losses on Northwestern traffic by the heavy reduction in rates made by the Burlington and Northern compelling his road to reduce its local rates between Minneapolis or St. Paul to Chicago to unprofitable figures. The Milwaukee and St. Paul had stood this as long as it could consistently. Not being able to fight the Burlington and Northern without injuring its own interests more severely, and finding that the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, which controls the Burlington and Northern, is doing nothing to keep the latter in check and prevent it from demoralizing Northwestern rates, the Milwaukee and St. Paul has come to the conclusion that it is about time to make the Burlington and Quincy take care of its own chickens, and will therefore meet the rates made by the Burlington and Northern between Chicago and St. Paul and Minneapolis by making correspondingly low rates between Chicago and Council Bluffs and Omaha. Mr. Miller said his company would never consent to redeem the milling in transit orders now in the Northwestern markets, no matter what the result may be. As regards the Presidency of the Milwaukee and St. Paul, Mr. Miller said he is not a candidate for the position, and would not take it if offered him.

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