

THE WESTERN RATE WAR.

CHICAGO, June 12.—It is evidently the intention of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Company to strike its most vital blows at the local points on the Rock Island, on the theory that these are the most vulnerable openings, and that their antagonists can be hurt worse in this direction than on through rates. This idea probably accounts for the fact that to-day the St. Paul made a \$1 rate to Rock Island, Cedar Rapids, Sigourney, and Des Moines, a radical and deep cut under all former cuts in force, and one that about exhausts the margin. It also met the Rock Island's \$4 25 rate east-bound from St. Paul, Minneapolis, and all junction points in Iowa, Minnesota, and Dakota. It had not made a \$4 25 rate from Council Bluffs east-bound, but will undoubtedly do so on Monday. The only move of the Rock Island was to make the same rate east-bound from the junction points as it made west-bound yesterday, but there is no doubt that it will be forced to follow on the local Iowa points. The St. Paul and Northwestern still adheres to the ten-dollar rate on limited trains, both east and west bound, but there is such a disproportion between this and the four-dollar-and-twenty-five-cent first class rate on the other trains that a reduction is looked for soon.

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