

LOW RATES TO GULF PORTS

Missouri Pacific Place Omaha on Equality with Kansas City and St. Louis. EFFECTIVE ON FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER

Grain Exchange Men Delighted, as This is Precisely What They Have Wanted to Perfect Scheme.

The Missouri Pacific railway yesterday reduced rates to St. Louis, Memphis, Galveston, Carondelet and other southern points, which places this city on the same footing in the shipment of wheat and coarse grains as Kansas City. Through the outlet now afforded by the gulf deep-water harbors this city will be able to market grain in all parts of the world in competition with Kansas City and St. Louis, and this is exactly what grain men in this city have been trying to secure, but until now with no hope of success.

A message was received by J. O. Phlips, assistant general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific, today, which reads as follows: "It is our purpose to establish, effective December 1, the following proportional rates on grain and articles taking grain rates from Omaha to St. Louis, Carondelet and East St. Louis: Wheat, 9 cents; corn, 8 cents. Memphis, wheat, 14 cents; corn, 12 cents. Westago and Galveston, for export, wheat, 19 cents; corn, 18 cents."

J. T. LINCOLN.

The dispatch was dated in St. Louis yesterday.

Meet the Demand.

As was stated in an article which appeared in The Bee last week this is exactly what the grain men of this city have desired all along. When Kansas City business men raised the protest on account of the action in reducing rates taken by the Chicago Great Western, several of the grain dealers here stated that if all the roads would agree to put all the western markets on the same footing to both northern and southern points that would be all that could be asked. It has not been thought possible that the railroads would do this.

A small amount of grain has been exported from Omaha via the gulf ports in past years, but this year there have been no export shipments made that way. There has never been a through rate from this place to gulf ports and this is the first one which has ever been announced. Kansas City was exporting large quantities of grain via the gulf ports for years, but owing to the large difference in the rate in favor of that city it was impossible for us to compete, but the gateway is open now, and, of course, Omaha is on the same footing.

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