WAR IN UTAH BUSINESS

Union Pacific Said to Have Been Making Rates of Its Own.

OTHER ROADS MET THE COMPETITION.

Reduction of From 15 to 45 Per Cent on all Classes, Except Merchandise, to Effect September 16.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—As soon as freight rates are low broken out in Utah business, for some time rumors have been rife that the Union Pacific was making rates of its own. At a conference of all the roads interested it was decided to meet the competition by adopting as a basis tariff of the rates made by the Union Pacific for Utah points. They will go into effect September 16, as follows:

First-class, $1.40; second, $1.25; third, $1.05; fourth-class, $1; fifth, $1; sixth-class, $.90; seventh class, $.75 cents, and eighth class, $.75 cents.

First and second-class rates (merchandise) are not changed, but on all other classes there is a reduction varying from 15 to 45 per cent. These rates will be in force over the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Rock Island, Denver & Rio Grande, Colorado Midland and Rio Grande Western.

INDEPENDENCE OR ANNEXATION

Question Being Earnestly Discussed by Natives.

Havana, Sept. 13.—The governor of Bulacal P. Pastor, who is in Havana on a month's commission from the Philippine government to study the condition of the country, is reported with approval by the party of Free Cuba as indicating the adoption of an American policy of gradualism. Mr. Pastor is preparing a report on the Cuban tariff, which will probably be presented to Congress early next month. He is accompanied by his wife and several experts of the commission, is provided with empowers