

## Woman's Club Enjoys Program by Youngsters

Program Furnished by Local Young People—Talk of Evening by Miss Olive Jones.

From Tuesday's Daily  
The Plattsmouth Woman's Club met last evening at the home of Mrs. F. I. Rea and with the associate hostesses, Mrs. E. A. Lorenz, Mrs. J. W. Alwin, Mrs. George Conis and Miss Verna Leonard.

The club in their business session voted to sponsor the picture, "Abraham Lincoln," to be shown at the Ritz theatre sometime in February. The program of the evening was under the leadership of Mrs. R. E. Bailey, featuring a large number of the talented younger children of the city.

Jean and Billy Knorr, clever youthful vocalists were heard in two popular numbers, "Sleepy Town Express" and "The King's Horses."

Elizabeth Ann Wiles presented "A Message to Mother Goose," as her offering of the program. "A Night Magic," in a very clever manner that was much enjoyed.

Edna May Peterson favored the members of the party with two of the poems of Edgar Guest, "Monthly Bills" and "Pa at Breakfast," both delightfully presented.

Margaret and Alice Rea gave several of the "Sweet Kiss Poika" songs that were very much enjoyed.

John Kenneth Bestor, well known young reader, gave two very pleasing numbers, from the poems of Edward Vance Cook.

Ruth Westover contributed two very fine piano numbers, "Spring Song" and "Sweet Kiss Poika," adding to the excellence of the program.

Miss Olive Jones gave a short talk on the books for children, the building up of a love for the best in literature for the young. The talk was very much enjoyed and covered the field of children's literature in fine shape.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Saturday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Luschinsky was the scene of a very happy gathering of young people, they joining in a birthday party in honor of the eleventh birthday anniversary of Miss Edith Luschinsky.

The afternoon was spent in games and contests of all kinds that provided a great deal of merriment for all of the jolly young people. At a suitable hour refreshments were served, featured by the birthday cake and its glowing candles. During the afternoon Miss Janet Westover gave several delightful readings.

Those who enjoyed the event were: Elva Olson, Charlotte Palmer, Blossom Burcham, Clara May Taylor, Dorothy Wall, Mary Alice Ault, Betty Ault, Katherine Barkus, Mary O'Stover, Gertrude and Phoebe Taylor, Anna Mary McMaken, Gladys Rhodes, Eddie and Frankie Luschinsky and Edward Stewart.

## MAKE CHANGES AT STATION

The Missouri Pacific railroad eliminating one telegraph operator at their station has made necessary a number of changes in the management of the station itself. The operator that has been done away with is that on the second track from four in the afternoon to midnight. This change means that during these hours the station is without anyone in charge. The southbound passenger train, due at 6:37 will however, make their regular stop and passengers can pay their fares on the train to the conductor instead of having to purchase a ticket as formerly.

## HERE FROM ST. JOSEPH

From Monday's Daily  
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson of St. Joseph, Missouri, motored up Sunday from their home to spend the day with their aunt and uncle, Mrs. J. H. Adams and W. F. Gillespie. They had started north via Shenandoah, but found a great deal of snow packed between this city and Glenwood, turning back and taking the route on the west side of the Missouri river, a most pleasant route and which was much more free of snow. The party made the trip home in fine shape, a call to Mrs. Adams this morning stated.

## VERY HAPPY EVENT

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Seydlitz, southeast of this city, was made very happy when twin boys made their appearance and announced their intention of making their home in the future with the parents. The event has brought a great deal of pleasure and all of the members of the family circle are more than delighted.

## MARRIED AT CHICAGO

The announcement has been received here of the marriage on Saturday afternoon at Chicago, of Cecil O. York, former Plattsmouth young man, and Miss Katherine Oskercop. The wedding was attended by a very large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The young people will continue to make their home in Chicago where Mr. York is manager of a large laundry syndicate. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. York, formerly of this city and is a brother of Mrs. Eugene Vroman.

The many friends here join in their well wishes to Mr. and Mrs. York for their future happiness and success.

## Ray Becker, of Union, Named as Deputy Sheriff

Commissioners in Conference With Sheriff Thingan, Selected Deputy and Jailor

The board of county commissioners met here Saturday with Sheriff Edward Thingan, who was named by the board on last Tuesday, the object of the conference being to arrange the details of the office of which Mr. Thingan will soon take charge.

As was stated in the Journal last week, the board had desired to have the deputy sheriff reside at the county jail and to serve as jailor, this being figured to allow a salary of a deputy as well as a fee for the feeding of the prisoners.

At the conference it was decided to name Ray L. Becker, of Union, as the new deputy sheriff to serve under Mr. Thingan, this choice being agreeable to all parties. The salary was fixed at \$50 per month, with the jailor fee of \$45 as well as the fee of seventy-five cents per meal for the county prisoners.

Both Sheriff Thingan and family and Deputy Sheriff Becker and family will reside in the jail building, this giving the sheriff rent, light, gas, heat and water free as well as the salary of \$1,750 per year.

It was decided by the commissioners and agreed to by the new officers that the mileage, fixed by statute at 10c per mile, be reduced to 10c per mile.

The new officers will take over the position of sheriff and deputy on next Monday, Deputy Sheriff Young agreeing to remain at the office until the detail of bond and moving arrangements can be made by the new officers. He was urged to remain until February 1st but declined to do so owing to other arrangements.

## AIDS IN CLEANING SNOW

A number of the business men of the city, wearied with the fact that huge drifts of snow along the curbs on Main and Sixth streets, prevented their patrons from reaching the curbs for parking, took action Saturday.

The business men went into a huddle with J. H. and Henry McMaken, who move anything that is movable, resulting the snow was moved away from the curbs and the waterway opened up for the water melting from the snow. The large tractor and road grading blade, belonging to the Modern Construction Co., was brought into play and from midnight until 6 a. m. Sunday morning the clearing off of the snow proceeded in fine shape. The residents of the city who had retired Saturday before the work of snow removal was started, were much surprised Sunday to see the great piles in the center of the street and the sides of the street open for travel.

## IMPROVES BUILDING

The hall leading to the office rooms in the Donat building at Fourth and Main streets, presents a very handsome appearance as the result of the work of Vern Hendricks and Henry Donat, as well as K. P. Armstrong, assistant. The steps and floor of the hall has been finished in grey while the walls and ceiling are in the soft tones of yellow. The wood work has also been varnished and presents a most attractive appearance in every way.

## MORTGAGE RECORD FOR YEAR

The following real estate and chattel mortgages were filed and released in the past year in the offices of Register of Deeds Miss Lillian White and County Clerk George R. Sayles:

**Real Estate**  
Farm property—filed, 314; value, \$1,346,591.35. Released, 209; value, \$1,149,545.94.  
City property—filed, 86; value, \$93,426.30. Released, 84; value, \$99,413.56.

## CHATTLE MORTGAGE RECORD

The record of the chattel mortgages filed and released in the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles, for the year ending December 31st, 1931, shows that there were 1,833 filed and of the value of \$1,289,974.68. The releases amounted to 1,051, valued at \$1,051,292.68.

## Monoxide Gas Fatal to Mrs. Samuel Pittman

Former Cass County Lady Victim of Gas Fumes at Home at Long Beach, California

From Monday's Daily  
The message was received here last week of the death of Mrs. Samuel Pittman, 46, at Long Beach, California, but the message failed to give any of the particulars of the death or its causes. The Long Beach Press Telegram of January 12th, gives the following account of the death of Mrs. Pittman:

"Mrs. Terrace Pittman, 1532 East Second street, was found dead in bed, a victim of monoxide gas this morning. The gas heater was on and the windows closed. Mrs. Pittman's mother, Mrs. Rose Wark, who is ill in the downstairs apartment, called a neighbor, Mrs. E. C. Miller, asking her to go upstairs and awaken her daughter. Finding the door locked, Mrs. Miller summoned Mrs. Pittman's brother-in-law, A. F. Shaffer. They forced the door open and found Mrs. Pittman dead."

Mrs. Terrace Pittman is the wife of Samuel Pittman who is a son of Mrs. D. J. Pittman of Murray, Nebraska, and a niece of Wm. Sporer also of Murray, Nebraska. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hennings and was born in Eight Mile Grove, Nebraska. Her husband who has been in very poor health for the past five years has been confined to a sanitarium.

It was Mrs. Pittman's habit to be up and about her household duties at seven in the morning. She was not up at eight and as stated by the Press-Telegram, her mother requested a neighbor to call her. But unable to arouse her or open the door, Albert Shaffer, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Pittman was called, and with difficulty forced an entrance. It was ten o'clock when the inhalator squad arrived and made an effort to resuscitate but life had already departed.

The night had been unusually cool and with high winds and the storm raging along the coast it is probable that she closed her windows during the night and neglected to open them when she lit the gas heater which is the custom of all gas users.

## GIVES FINE ADDRESS

The members of the Plattsmouth Rotary club Tuesday enjoyed a very fine address from Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, speaking on the subject of whether Christianity was to weather the storm and strife of the present day. The speaker able and eloquently told of the many attacks that the Christian faith has received in the present day, the raising tide of non-religious moves over the world, the need of today for more of the teaching of Christ was presented by the speaker in his remarks.

William M. Barclay, director of the activities of the Associated Charities, was also present as a guest and gave a review of the work of the organization, the methods of handling cases and also of the response that the community had made to the call of need. Mr. Barclay praised the fine cooperation that he had received from the people of the community in the work and which had made it such a success.

The meeting was under the leadership of C. H. Jensen.

## SOCIAL WORKERS MEET

The Social Workers of the Methodist church were pleasantly entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Crabill on North Seventh street, who was assisted in the entertaining by her daughter, Mrs. Clement Woster.

The ladies had a very extensive business session, taking up many matters pertaining to the work of this important branch of the church organization.

One of the chief matters of the meeting was the election of the officers for the ensuing year, the following being selected:

President—Mrs. R. H. Anderson.  
Vice-President—Mrs. W. A. Wells.  
Secretary—Mrs. Clement Woster.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Bert Coleman.  
At the close of the business session dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Crabill and Mrs. Woster, adding to the pleasantness of the afternoon.

## MRS. YOUNG VERY ILL

From Wednesday's Daily  
Mrs. D. A. Young, one of the long time residents of the county, who has been suffering for the past several weeks from the effects of a fall and fracture of her hip, is quite poorly.

Mrs. Young, since being brought home from the hospital, has been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Guy White in this city. Last evening Mrs. Young was quite ill and made necessary constant medical attention and care for the night, and today was still in very serious condition. The attack seems to be from complications as the patient has been bed-fast and in a cast since the accident.

## WILL LOCATE AT KANSAS CITY

From Monday's Daily  
Harry Schulz, who has been a resident here for the past several years, left this afternoon for Kansas City, Missouri, where he will be employed. Mr. Schulz has been operator at the local Missouri Pacific station, but in the curtailment of expense the railroad has ordered the station closed from 4 p. m. to midnight, eliminating the second trick position which was held by Mr. Schulz. He will "bump" one of the operators at Kansas City. The family will remain here until after the close of the school year, permitting the children to complete their school work.

## Pat Reed to Make Race for County Sheriff

Son of Deceased Sheriff Bert Reed, to Seek Republican Nomination to Office

Late Saturday afternoon S. M. Reed, or as he is better known, "Pat," filed his name as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of county sheriff.

Mr. Reed is the son of the late sheriff, Bert Reed, and is seeking to fill out the unexpired two years of his father's term. He has been assisting at different times in the office of Edward Thingan of Murdock, who is serving the term of sheriff of Cass county at the present time. Prior to coming to this city Mr. Reed spent several years at Portland and Seattle on the west coast, being engaged in the automobile business there. Shortly after the election of the father as the sheriff of Cass county, Edward Thingan of Murdock, who is now engaged as salesman for the Buick auto company as well as special work at the office of the sheriff.

Mr. Reed as well as Deputy Sheriff Young had been applicants for appointment to the vacancy, which was however, filled by the naming of Edward Thingan of Murdock, who is now serving as sheriff of Cass county and will also be a candidate at the April primary for the remaining two years of the term of Mr. Reed.

## Great Northern Natural Gas Line Right of Way

Line Will Extend from Mynard West of Plattsmouth to the Platte River Along Highway.

Representatives of the Great Northern natural gas pipeline company, which is soon to enter Omaha for the purpose of supplying the packing houses with gas for fuel, Saturday closed the deal with the board of county commissioners for the use of the highway for the pipeline.

The natural gas pipeline company has been negotiating with the residents of the territory west of this city from Mynard to the Platte river, but the company was unable to reach satisfactory terms. The negotiations with the commissioners was opened with the view of allowing the right-of-way to run along the highway running north and south, west of Plattsmouth, the terms agreed upon and the natural gas line is now ready to proceed.

The construction work has been delayed by the heavy winter conditions that have prevailed as well as the fact that there has been much argument over the matter with the Omaha city commission and the public utilities, but which have been cleared up and the actual work of laying the pipeline begun. The junction with the main line from the Texas and Oklahoma natural gas fields, will be made in the vicinity of Mynard.

Much interest is found in the pipeline work here as it is hoped that many may be employed, a number here having previously worked on this line and are experienced men in this work.

## ENTERTAINS OLD FRIENDS

Mrs. John W. Gamble was hostess Tuesday at her home in Omaha to a group of the old friends from Plattsmouth. The ladies spent the time in visiting and renewing the many pleasant times when the Gamble family had been residents of this city. Mrs. Gamble, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Herman L. Thomas of this city, served a most enjoyed luncheon for the old friends. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mrs. H. A. Schneider, Mrs. W. E. Rosenkrans and Mrs. William Schmidt-mann, Sr.

The Journal will appreciate your phoning in news items. Call No. 8. Thank!

## William Rauth Long Time Resident of County

Passing of Highly Esteemed Citizen Brings Regret From the Many Friends Over County.

From Wednesday's Daily  
The death of William Rauth which occurred Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock has brought a great regret over all sections of the county where the departed was well known and highly respected. The following is a short sketch of the life of this splendid citizen, now called to rest:

William Rauth was born on a farm seven miles southwest of Plattsmouth on August 10, 1864, his parents having been among the early settlers in this part of the west. In the community of his birth he spent the greater part of his life, being engaged in farming up to the last few years. Mr. Rauth was married on February 3, 1891 to Miss Mary Bergman, the young people moving to the vicinity of Manley where they resided until on February 23, 1924, Mrs. Rauth was called from the family circle by death. In 1904 Mr. Rauth, with his daughter, Miss Theresa and son, Joseph, have resided in this city. Mr. Rauth was one of a family of ten children, he being the first of the brothers and sisters to be called to the last rest. There is surviving the son and daughter in this city, and the brothers and sisters, John C. Rauth, Manley; Frank and Paul Rauth of Stoneham, Colorado; Mrs. Lena Graff, Mrs. August Glauz, Mrs. Rose Kelly of this city; Mrs. Frank Stander of Omaha; Mrs. Charles Lovell, Chappell; Mrs. Walter Beaver of Brighton, Colorado. There are also surviving four grandchildren. One daughter, Anna, preceded the father and mother in death.

The funeral of Mr. Rauth will be held in this city on Thursday afternoon at 1 p. m., going to Weeping Water where the body will lie in state at the Hobson funeral home, permitting friends to take a last farewell from Thursday evening to the service. The funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the St. Patrick's Catholic church at Manley. Interment will be at the College Hill cemetery near Manley.

## WEDDED FORTY YEARS

From Wednesday's Daily  
Today marks the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gradoville of this city, who have spent all of the years of wedded life in this community.

Miss Catherine Bajek and Mr. Charles Gradoville were married in the Holy Rosary church in this city on January 20, 1892. Theirs was the first wedding to take place in the church, then recently built and dedicated just a few months before.

Mr. and Mrs. Gradoville have been Frank Gradoville, teaching in the month, building their home here and where their family of eight children have grown to manhood and womanhood. They have had a large part in helping build up the community and their friends, who are legion, will be more than pleased to join in the congratulations and best wishes to this splendid couple.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gradoville are Mrs. Timothy Kahoutek, Mrs. John Blatzer, Thomas Gradoville, Miss Dorothy Gradoville of this city; Frank Gradoville, teaching in the Philippine Islands; Mrs. Pauline Todd of Murray; Dr. Charles M. Gradoville of the U. S. Veterans hospital, Knoxville, Iowa, and Mrs. Catherine Westphalen of Omaha.

## CHANGE WORKING SCHEDULE

The BRES shop will start Thursday, to operate on a seven hour day instead of eight, as they have for the past year. The shops will commence work at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. instead of 5 o'clock. The operations will be on a five day week also in most of the departments. The push of cars to the west and southern coasts for fruit shipments has taken most of the cars from this part of the west and lessened the need for repairs as all available cars are now being pressed into service.

## ARRIVAL OF LITTLE SON

The many friends of Clelland Rettedorf, former Plattsmouth young man, will be interested in learning that a fine six pound son and heir arrived on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rettedorf at Benedict, Nebraska. Mr. Rettedorf is engaged in teaching at Benedict and the family have been making their home there since starting of the school year. Mrs. Rettedorf was formerly Miss Marjorie Haney of Fort Crook.

## MRS. EATON IMPROVING

Mrs. Alice Eaton is reported as rallying very nicely now from her attack of pneumonia. The crisis of the case seems to be past and Mrs. Eaton has greatly improved in the last few days. It is hoped that she may soon be well on the highway to recovery from the serious illness from which she has suffered.

## STANDARD BEARERS MEET

On Sunday, January 17, 1932 the Standard Bearers held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. E. H. Westcott. The meeting was called to order by Helen Schultz, the president. Frances Gambin, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Harriet Simons. We then sang a hymn and each gave a sentence prayer. Old and new business was then discussed. The lesson, given by Helen Schultz, had the title of "He Gives Skill to the Laborer." Dainty refreshments were then served by Doris Peterson and Virginia Saneck. VIRGINIA TRIVELY, Reporter.

## Knights Templar Install Officers Last Evening

Henry F. Nolting Commander—Officers Installed by J. M. Robertson, Past State Commander.

From Tuesday's Daily  
Last evening Mt. Zion commandery of the Knights Templar, held their installation of officers at the lodge rooms in the Masonic building. The officers were installed by James M. Robertson, past grand commander of Nebraska and with L. L. Wiles serving as the grand marshal for the ceremonies. The officers installed were:

Commander—Henry F. Nolting.  
Generalissimo—Raymond C. Cook.  
Captain General—W. F. Evers.  
Senior Warden—Charles L. Carlson.  
Junior Warden—Harrison L. Gayer.  
Prelate—Lester W. Meisinger.  
Treasurer—Phillip Thierolf.  
Recorder—John E. Schutz.  
Standard Bearer—Ward Whelan.  
Sword Bearer—Lynn O. Minor.  
Warden—William H. Wehrlein.  
Sentinel—John E. Parkening.  
The Mt. Zion commandery has had a very successful year in every way and the service marking a pleasant increase in membership and maintained the high standard of efficiency that has won it recognition from the inspectors in the past year. Judge A. H. Duxbury is the retiring commander of Mt. Zion commandery, the service marking a long and devoted career in Masonry. Judge Duxbury has served as master of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. and high priest of Nebraska chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, attaining the highest positions in the York rite Masonry. Judge Duxbury is just assuming the position of worthy patron of Home chapter No. 159, Order of the Eastern Star.

## REBEKAH'S INSTALL OFFICERS

Friday evening, despite the slippery streets, a goodly number of the Rebekah's were present at their regular meeting Friday evening. Distinguished members were in attendance to take their chair. Mrs. June Kyles, D. D. P. of Greenwood was the installing officer, assisted by one of the local past noble grandes, Mrs. Emma Olson.

The officers for the ensuing term are as follows: Mrs. Mary Kruger, N. G.; Miss Birdie Ellington, V. G.; Marie E. Kaufmann, secretary; Miss Anna E. Leach, treasurer; Mrs. M. Davis, chaplain; Mrs. A. Ellington, warden; Mrs. Katherine Hall, conductor; right supporter to Noble Grand, Mrs. H. O. O'Connell; left supporter to Noble Grand, Mrs. L. Cavender; right supporter to Vice Grand, Mrs. J. Taylor; left supporter to vice grand, Miss Anna Heisel. After the meeting all adjourned to the Taplett Sweet Shop for refreshments and a social hour.

## LIVE WIRE CLUB MEETS

From Wednesday's Daily  
The Live Wire club held a very delightful gathering last evening at the club rooms, a large number of the members being in attendance. The evening was spent at "Bingo" and in which Miss Pauline Nowack was the winner of the first prize while the consolation prize was awarded to Mrs. Anna Lillie. During the evening dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. W. A. Bennett and Miss Constance Rea.

## STILL UNDERGOING TREATMENT

Fred W. Nolting, one of the prominent and highly respected residents of this vicinity, is still at the Clark hospital at Omaha. Mr. Nolting is taking treatment and it is expected that he will be able to return to the hospital for a number of weeks yet. Mr. Nolting is doing just as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

## VERY HAPPY OCCASION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Smalley was made very happy Tuesday by the arrival there of a fine seven and a half pound son and heir. The event has brought a great deal of pleasure to the members of the family circle and "Red" is looking after his barber work with an added happiness.

## Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

By ROBERT FOSTER PATTERSON, Principal Plattsmouth H. S.

CHAPTER V  
Plattsmouth and the Railroads.

Sixty-two years elapsed between that momentous day in the history of Plattsmouth in July, 1869, when amid enthusiasm and ceremony, the ground was broken by Mayor D. H. Wheeler for the beginning of the Burlington shops in Plattsmouth and August, 1931, when the order was finally issued that closed these shops and wrote "fins" to more than a half century of relationship between the city and the Burlington railroad. During those sixty-two years, Plattsmouth experienced the thrill of high hopes to become a great railroad center of the west and to achieve this end, gave the railroad everything it asked in an effort to hold this institution which would provide employment and a payroll and thus attract residents to Plattsmouth. The city made an effort to bind the railroad by contract and agreement lest it take its shops and headquarters to another place. But when these efforts did not succeed or the city retreated from its demands, Plattsmouth year by year tried to remain in the good graces of the railroad, hoping to postpone the evil day when the last remnant of the shops would be taken away.

The record shows that there was always considerable margin between what Plattsmouth expected to get from the railroad and what the railroad planned to do for Plattsmouth. The former was born of a growing civic enthusiasm and emotional fervor while the latter was governed by the cold, impartial dictates of economic necessity and business acumen brought about by the changes in transportation development as the lines moved westward. Between these two states of mind, there was always a chasm and sometimes conflict.

But if Plattsmouth did lose the Burlington shops in the long run, for over sixty years, the payroll and industry it likely to have an invaluable effect on other industries, seeking a desirable location. For these reasons, no adequate history of Plattsmouth before 1900 can be written without recording its railroad aspirations and controversies.

During the decade from 1860 to 1870, when it was noted that "steamboats are not rushing up this spring. The demand for them is gone. The first boat of the season has heretofore been heralded with joy but the spring of 1870 witnesses a different state of affairs. There is no hurry for the first boat and no one seems to know or care when the first boat comes. In fact, who cares whether or not we have any first boat at all?" Plattsmouth had been just its ambitious in promoting river transportation as it now was in finding the railroads but when this new and faster method of travel linked the west and east, Plattsmouth readily shifted its allegiance to the railroad builders. It was in this spirit that The Plattsmouth Herald said editorially September 8, 1870, "When a steamboat anchored at our wharf, the landing would be thronged with citizens. Why don't they do so now? Nothing less than a boat-load of Chinamen or General Grant or some other wonder of the world could call a crowd to the landing now. We are looking up. Ours is a railroad town!"

By 1857, what is now the Burlington railroad, had its western terminus at Burlington, Iowa, and plans to build westward to Ottumwa were carried to completion September 1, 1859. The Civil war halted further building and extension of the line westward was not resumed until

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