

Omaha May Be Key City to Big New Rail System

Rock Island Plans Definite Move for Consolidation in Trunk Line to Mexico.

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steamship line to bring the products of the orient to Topolobampo and thence across Mexico into the United States, his Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad to carry the products of America and Mexico to that same port for shipment to the orient.

Arthur Stillwell saw the beginning of that dream, but not its transformation into actuality. He did build a part of it. Beginning at Wichita, Kan., he built southwest to Alpine, Tex., and several hundred miles of line were constructed in Mexico. But the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad may be described as beginning nowhere and running to the same place.

A few days ago the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad was sold under foreclosure to Cliff Histed, general counsel of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific. This fact, coupled with the fact that President Gorman of the Rock Island and W. T. Kemper of Kansas City, formerly receiver of the "Orient," have just made an inspection trip over the "Orient" line, is of tremendous importance to Omaha and the entire west.

A study of the map shown in this issue of The Omaha Bee tells the story.

While it is true that Mr. Stillwell made a traffic agreement with the Missouri Pacific to permit "Orient" trains to run from Wichita to Kansas City, it is even more true that should the Rock Island take over the "Orient" it would find it easy to make the connection through Omaha, easily accomplished.

The main line west of the Rock Island is from Chicago to Omaha, thence on to Denver. By making a traffic agreement with the Union Pacific between Lincoln and Manhattan then building a few miles from Manhattan to Alta Vista, the Chicago-Omaha-Denver line would be within 1,400 miles of Topolobampo, Mexico, upon the gulf of California, admittedly one of the great natural harbors of the world.

The "Orient" is already completed from Wichita to Alpine, Tex., a distance of 735 miles. From Alpine to Chihuahua, Mexico, is 249 miles, and there has been some construction work on this distance.

From Chihuahua, the line is completed to Sanchez, 196 miles, although the service has been somewhat irregular. From Sanchez to Los Hornillos, 196 miles, the road is under construction. The line from Topolobampo to Fuerte, 60 miles northeast, is already built and operated. Completion of the work now under construction, the filling in of a few short gaps, and a traffic agreement with the Union Pacific from Lincoln to Manhattan, and the Rock Island would have the shortest as well as one of the best lines to the Pacific coast, with the advantage of a magnificent Pacific harbor.

The Rock Island has a line to Kansas City that could also be used in hooking up a Chicago-Coast connection, but it is not as favorable a route as the one via Omaha and Lincoln, as suggested.

Because of its entry into El Paso via the El Paso & Southwestern, the Rock Island would be in a strong position to handle southwest business.

Rock Island Head to Urge Purchase of Orient Road

Wichita, Kan., May 6.—Upon completion of an inspection trip of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad, J. E. Gorman, president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, left here today for Chicago, where he would make recommendations to the board of directors of that road for the purchase of the Orient railroad and property.

Rock Island May Complete Dream of New Trunk Line



Mother Is Queen Today as Nation Honors Her or Reverses Her Memory

Former Nebraska Senator Author of Resolution Asking for National Holiday.

By A. R. GROH.

This is Mothers' day, devoted throughout this country and many other lands, to the memory of the mothers who have gone and special devotion to the mothers who still live.

Omaha pastors will preach on the subject, Omaha men and women will wear flowers in honor of their mothers, sons and daughters, away from home will make special pilgrimages to the old fireside.

Mothers will be treated to all sorts of attentions by their children. For this one day, at least, their virtues, patience, kindness and devotion will get the attention they deserve.

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The movement spread with great rapidity until today it is observed everywhere in this country as well as in many of the lands across the seas.

The love of a mother as celebrated in song and story will be read and recited in numerous public gatherings. It has been voiced by Kipling in his famous poem:

"If I were hanged on the highest gall,
Mother of mine, O mother of mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
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"If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
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the receiving end is easier, as a result of the new method, it is claimed. Much greater distance may be covered than possible at present, the scientists assert.

Experiment May Eliminate Static

WRM Broadcasts Minus Carrier Wave; Distance Reports Say Signals Clearer.

Urbana, Ill., May 10.—Radio transmission without carrier waves has been successfully demonstrated by Station WRM of the University of Illinois, and further experiments may revolutionize broadcasting and receiving, according to scientists connected with the institution.

Tests have brought responses from all over the United States that signals came in "loud and clear."

Under the present principle of broadcasting, the carrier wave, constantly going out, conveys all manner of sounds and only the modulation intensity of the sound frequency and the action of the detector tube or crystal in stripping the modulation frequency of its carrier wave to more or less degree enables the particular voice or music frequency to be heard at the receiving end. Often the modulation frequency is not stripped of foreign frequencies borne on the carrier wave, such as static and "strays," and these, too, become audible sounds.

By means of the new device only the modulated frequencies of voice or music are broadcast, and these, according to the college scientists, are devoid of the carrier wave tendency to pick up extraneous frequencies.

Sending efficiency is increased; tuning is made more selective at the sharper decrement; tuning out the sta-

Three \$5,000 Pledges Made

Three Nebraska Lutherans living in Lincoln, Rising City and Emerson, have pledged \$5,000 each toward the \$300,000 fund being raised for Midland college, Fremont. O. H. Panke of New York, manager of the campaign, announced at a conference of workers in Kountze Memorial Lutheran church.

"One of these is a man with eight children and by no means wealthy," he said. "He came to Nebraska with \$21 years ago, and has prospered."

"One of the pledges is given conditional on a total of 10 pledges of \$5,000 each being received.

"Thirty leading citizens of Fremont have gone out to get \$100,000 in that city. Reports from Kansas City are that \$25,000 will be raised there."

Actual taking of the subscriptions and pledges will begin June 2.

Nebraska Verse Book Published

"Nebraska Verse, 1923-24," is the title of a book just issued by the University of Nebraska Press at Lincoln, containing poems by students now attending the state university.

It includes verse by three Omaha girls as follows: "Apocalypse," by Janet Pressley, which received the first prize, \$50, offered by the class of 1923; three poems by Virginia Ross, a senior and Phi Beta Kapp, and nine poems by Lone Gardner, a sophomore.

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