

DECADE'S RAILWAY PROGRESS

Closing Years of Nineteenth Century Marked by Great Improvement.

INFLUENCE OF OMAHA IS INCREASED

Tributary Territory Enlarged by Numerous Extensions and the City's Commercial Prestige Thence Greatly Enhanced.

Ten years is comparatively a short time. Yet the closing decade of the nineteenth century was time sufficient to permit the accomplishment of wonderful improvement in the railways of Omaha and add much to the influence of this city as a railroad metropolis.

Improvements in train service have facilitated the transportation affairs of this city and extensions of the systems centering here have done much in widening the circle of the territory tributary to and dependent upon Omaha as a commercial metropolis.

Without a single exception all of the railroads of Omaha have in measure contributed to the growth, influence and prosperity of this city during the decade that came to an end with the close of the nineteenth century.

Extensive Are Numerous. Within the last ten years numerous extensions have been made by the Burlington railroad until its mileage now amounts to 8,064 miles.

HERE'S ONE ON THOMPSON Lawyer Makes Amusing Attempt to Uphold Judicial Dignity.

PLEADED GUILTY IN HURRY Two Strangers Get Minimum Fines for Saving the Time of the Police Magistrate.

Many Small Contributions President Sathorn Well Pleased with the Way in Which the Fund Comes to Grow.

KEEPING TAB ON NICKELS

Evolution of Street Car Register Wrought by Progress.

VARIOUS DEVICES FROM TIME TO TIME

Omaha Modern Now Has One of the Most Modern Systems in the Country—Some Queer Numbers Registered.

Persons who have patronized the street car lines of other American cities have often remarked the simplicity of fare-taking devices in use on the street cars of Omaha.

While the street car companies of other cities have been experimenting with all manner of queer devices, the single purpose of which was to enforce honesty on the part of conductors, the Omaha company has never made but one departure in this direction which it has been compelled to abandon.

These registers were in use on the Omaha cars at one time, but they were abandoned in the evolution of progress. The principal reason for their rejection was the temptation to use the "brother-in-law" as an alibi.

Relic of Horse Car Days. The first fare-collecting device in use in Omaha came along with the horse cars. This was a box built into one end of the car, its purpose being to reduce the crew to one man and enable the driver to perform also the duty of a conductor.

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Friday's subscriptions amounted to \$2,825, which is the total up to \$116,000 in round numbers.

PASSING OF THE FLAGMAN

Rapid Abolition of Grade Crossings Kills His Occupation.

VIADUCTS ARE NOW QUITE FASHIONABLE

Omaha Leads Other American Cities in Viaduct Extension—Discussion of the Subject by Expert Civil Engineers.

The man with the red flag whose duty in life is to stand at the railway crossing and disburse weak but ambitious humanity from bumping up against the superior force of the locomotive will not for many years longer find a field for his particular usefulness in Omaha.

FILLED UP ON FIREWATER

Indian Trouble the Result of Too Much Liquor and Not of Serious Consequence.

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VIADUCTS COME HIGH. Building viaducts and subways to put numerous tracks under and over street crossings calls for the expenditure of immense sums of money, and well-named railroad companies never invite unnecessary expense and always endeavor to put the burden of abating grade crossings on the taxpayers of the city whose streets they occupy.

HUNTING WAR BY TELEGRAPH Lieutenant Dixon Unable to Discover Alleged Outbreak of Indians.

Down in the Indian Territory there is a first lieutenant of the United States cavalry who is engaged in "hunting" for Indians. He is called Lieutenant Dixon.

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SIZED UP TO A FINE POINT

Pat Crowe's Physical Record a Part of Bertillon Archives.

FACTS ABOUT CRIMINAL MEASUREMENTS

Queer Letters and Figures Are Like a Puzzle for the Uninitiated, Yet They All Have a Meaning.

It has been said by men skilled in criminology that if Pat Crowe ever captured the authorities will have the Bertillon system of identification to thank for it.

Here is the magic key to the cipher. The letters in the mysterious passage, in every case save one, refer to various parts of the human anatomy.

Japanese Cuneiform Method. The "cryptogram" points out the physical peculiarities of Pat Crowe and they apply to him and to no other man in the world.

Pat Crowe's Measurements. Here are the Bertillon measurements as applied to Pat Crowe, expanded for the convenience of the uninitiated.

ONLY A PASSING SHOW Flurry of Sleet Ends Away Under Warmth of Sunlight.

The brief storm of rain, snow and hail which came upon Omaha Friday evening and made the streets like slides during the night extended but little west of the Missouri river, being heavier in Iowa and its full effect being felt from the Mississippi river to the lower half of Nebraska.

More Fair Directors. The bill to increase the number of directors of the fair from 15 to 25 was passed by a unanimous vote today.