

WHEN THE RAILROADS CAME

Epoch in Omaha History Marked by the Advent of Transportation Lines.

COMMERCE FOLLOWS NATURAL PATH

Route of Trade Between East and West Crosses the River at Omaha and is Recognized by the Builders.

The spring there were fourteen different lines of railroad running into Omaha and with the coming of the Chicago Great Western on September 1, there are still fourteen separate lines running into the city.

The building of the Union Pacific was the first with many possibilities to Omaha and yet it was the mere beginning of a tale of railroad building and expansion that would link Omaha to the east and make it a center in a country as large in expanse as half the continent of Europe and luxuriant beyond the wildest dreams of the early settlers.

First Survey to Omaha.

was in 1823 that Hon. Peter A. Dey and a surveying party of the Rock Island railroad across the state of Iowa into Nebraska. The river was surveyed north to Omaha to the mouth of the Missouri with a view of finding the most direct place for building a bridge over it.

In 1863 some of the stock had been sold and the preliminary surveys were made again. Thomas C. Durant, the Omaha to personally supervise the and he clung to Omaha as an initial with great pertinacity despite the that it was proven that Bellevue much better situated to start from a road westward through Iowa, the ground being broken on December 2 as an eventual occasion and there enthusiastic adherents by Governor

First of the Roads to Come. These roads the Chicago & North-west was the first to reach Council Bluffs the first railroad to reach the Iowa side of all the roads. The amazing wealth of country and the demand for a car of supplies for the Union Pacific had as a result the new road and from until March 15, 1867, it was continually being toward its goal.

In the meantime the Union Pacific was being built at a great rate and there was little money in the box. Whatever the company wanted Omaha was given them and the result was many. Ground was given all along the river by the city when they asked it and each month found asking for new ground.

Coming of Other Roads. The first of these is now the Kansas City, St. Paul & Council Bluffs reached the Iowa side of the river and the city was given it to build up faster than ever. The it, which had come up the river in before, was brought overland by Then the proposition of bridging the art was taken up and Omaha was de- of having it built where it now is. If the city voted bonds for \$100,000, ing interest at 10 per cent, to be given bonus for the building of the bridge, the county voted \$200,000 of 7 per cent

Building Local Lines. Meanwhile Omaha was ambitious and the citizens were reaching out after new railroads. They put great trust in the worth of railroads and voted bonds unstintingly to the different railroads. On December 1883, \$250,000 worth of bonds were voted by the city to aid two local companies in the building of railroads to the southwest and to the northwest of Omaha. The Omaha & Southwestern received \$150,000 and was to have built to the state line in Gage

county and through Lincoln. The road reached the Platte river and transfer was made to the B. & M. by Gathorn and reason and railroad. In 1871 the B. & M. gained possession of the Omaha & Southwestern and entered Omaha. The B. & M. had been started in 1869 and its acquisition of the Omaha & Southwestern gave it a line between Omaha and Plattsmouth.

The other local line, which received the \$200,000 worth of bonds voted at the same time, was the Omaha & Northwestern Railroad company. It built out through Washington county to Blair, then to Her- man and Tekamah and reached Oakland before it was sold in 1873 under foreclosure proceedings and was reorganized. In 1879 the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad com- pany secured possession of it and two years later sold it to the Chicago, St. Paul, Min- neapolis & Omaha, which still owns it. For years this was the only line between Sioux City and Omaha.

It was in 1859 that the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific reached Council Bluffs. It was the Chicago & Rock Island com- pany that had the only line that had been the first railroad to reach the Mississippi river, from where the Mississippi and Missouri railroads had been built into central Iowa before it was bought by the Rock Island under foreclosure proceedings. In 1890 the Rock Island crossed the river and used the Union Pacific terminals in Omaha and South Omaha and stretched its own line on to Lincoln and Beatrice and was connected with Denver and Colorado.

Outlet to Northwest. The year of 1869 was a wonderful one in the annals of Nebraska's railroad history. The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad was incorporated on January 2 of that year and began building west from Fremont. In 1870 it reached West Point and meanwhile connected with the Sioux City & Pacific and found an outlet into Omaha through Blair and the present Minneapolis & Omaha line. In 1883 the road built into Omaha from Arling- ton and also built its cut-off from Irving- ton into South Omaha, giving the Elkhorn its own line into Omaha proper.

In 1883 the Missouri Pacific made a connection with the Union Pacific at Papillion with a view of finding the most direct place for building a bridge over it. The road built its own connection into Omaha by building a cut-off from the main line at Union and coming up by way of Plattsmouth. The Belt line, encircling the city from the Webster street station, at Fif- teenth and Webster streets, and reaching the Missouri Pacific at Plattsmouth, the road built its own connection into Omaha by building a cut-off from the main line at Union and coming up by way of Plattsmouth. The Belt line, encircling the city from the Webster street station, at Fif- teenth and Webster streets, and reaching the Missouri Pacific at Plattsmouth, the road built its own connection into Omaha by building a cut-off from the main line at Union and coming up by way of Plattsmouth.

Some Recent Arrivals. The Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific was extended from Moberly, Mo., to Council Bluffs in 1878, and Frank E. Moore, the present manager of Omaha, was de- signated as its agent. The road passed through several financial embarrassments, but its service to St. Louis continued through all of its changes in name and ownership. In 1891 the property reverted to the Wabash railroad after all of its changes in owner- ship.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul reached Council Bluffs on August 1, 1881, and was the first railroad from the east to run its own sleepers into Omaha. The road was built into Omaha from Marion, Ia. The route between the Milwaukee and the Rock Island on the one side and the Union Pacific on the other side over the use of the bridge reached a climax in 1891 and ended by the two companies using the bridge and the Omaha and South Omaha terminals.

The last road before the advent of the Chicago Great Western was the Illinois Central, which entered Omaha in January, 1890. The road extended as far as Tama, Ia., when the extension was begun, and it cost \$4,000,000 to build the 121 miles into the city. At one time it was thought that it would have to cut through the hills back of Council Bluffs, but the Northwest- ern left a loopline alongside of its tracks along the river and the road was built through successfully. To enter Omaha the Union Pacific bridge was passed by for the first time in the history of Omaha railroads and the drawbridge of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company was used by the new invader. South Omaha was reached by the Belt line and the trackage of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal com- pany in the stock yard district was used.

ONE FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR. Local Candidate is L. L. Johnson of Dundee—No School Board Mem- bers File as Yet. Only one candidate, L. L. Johnson of Dundee, who desires to be county assessor, filed an agreement and the required fee to Secretary Messick Saturday.

APPETITES EXCEED PLATES. Demand for Attendance at Stickey Banquet is Greater Than Antici- pated in the Invitations. The Stickey banquet, which takes place next Saturday evening in the Commercial club rooms at 6 o'clock, is causing those in charge of the preparations considerable an- xiety. The trouble is that while they have so far contemplated and prepared for only 100 plates, there are already requests for 188, and a week yet in which others may apply for space in which to exhibit an hon- orable appetite. Secretary Utz, however, thinks that he will find a way to accom- modate the rush.

To New York via Niagara Falls. A most attractive and pleasant trip is made via the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Solid vestibule trains. Dining car service is a carte. Stop-over allowed at Niagara Falls. Races Put Off One Week. The Tri-City Amateur Driving Club races, which were held on Friday, have been postponed one week on account of the wet track. The program is the best since the season and the way will only serve to improve it.

Bennett's Bennett's

Grand Bargain Carnival

Silk Dept.

300 Pieces New Fall Silks Will Go on Sale Monday at Prices that Will Astonish Shrewd Shoppers.

80 pieces Fancy Dress Silks, Gun Metals, Embroidered Cheeks, Linted Stripes, dark and medium shades. This is positively the finest collection of new, stylish silks that will be seen in this market during the fall season—\$1.50 is the actual value—Monday only—98c

50 pieces new Fall Dress Silks, at 60c—An unparalleled bargain—all colors—checks, stripes, brocades, embroidered—Monday only—50c

100 pieces Fancy Silks at 50c and 55c—Two lots at two prices—Black Moire, Cream Brocades, Roman Stripes—fourteen num- ber of beautiful colorings—worth 75c and \$1.00 per yard—Monday only—25c

Bargains in Fine Black Silks

At 50c yard wide Black Taffeta—75c
At 60-70-inch black Beau de Soix—65c
At 11.00-12.00-inch double face black Beau de Soix—1.00
At 13.00-15.00-inch Lyons' black Beau de Soix—1.33

SILK DEPARTMENT—Main Floor.

A VIGOROUS fall trade is now on. A merchandise transformation has been quietly but swiftly brought about. Summer goods have gone. Fall goods, covering every new idea in every line entering into our exhaustless supplies, are at the command of the slimmest purse. Read this ad carefully—it is brimful of good things at pleasing prices. Mail orders will be filled from this ad up to Wednesday noon. Write now and enjoy equal privileges with the shrewd city shopper.

Come Monday and See the Largest and Best Line of Black and Colored Silks Ever Exhibited by Any House in the Middle West.

Your Eyes! Your Eyes!! Your Eyes!!!

A New Department where you will find the finest equipment, supported by the most skillful treatment in the optical line. A complete dark room conveniently situated and under the supervision of Mr. J. K. Hannay, an Expert Optician of high standing in Omaha.

THE OPENING OF SCHOOL Stationery & School Supplies for Boys & Girls

600-page Pencil Tablets 5c
Fountain Pens 5c
Pencil Boxes 5c
Books 5c
Note Books 4c
Combined Pen and Pencil Holder 5c
Sponges—extra large 1c
50 Colored Crayons—assorted 1c
Lead Pencils—with Erasers 1c
Paper Pen Holder with Pen—complete 1c
Twelve-inch Webster's School Dictio- naries—each 10c

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE

Bavarian White China cups and saucers, perfectly plain, suitable for decorating, each... 10c
1000 American cut glass bowl, new fall style, cheap at \$2.00, for this sale... \$2.98
Haviland & Co.'s well known shape tea cups and saucers, each... 25c
Nicer decorated toilet sets, consisting of pitcher, chamber, soap dish and mug, decorated in green, pink, brown and blue... \$1.25
3-pint glass pitchers, assorted patterns, regular 20-cent value, for... 10c
Best quality Mason jars, quarts... 4c
Best quality Mason jars, pints... 3c
Large white covered slip jars with ball... 25c
Haviland & Co.'s 100-piece sets, one with a delicate pattern of pink flowers, one with a neat design of blue for set-me- noids, sold nowhere for less than \$4.00 for Monday's sale... \$2.98
Large size Rochester lamp with 8-inch decorated globe, a nice spray of pink roses on green background... \$1.98

FALL MILLINERY

Ready-to-Wear and Tailor Made Hats are now showing in Great Quantities All Styles and Colors A Hat Draped with the new pointed front, roll on sides and close fitting back, in black, brown, navy and oiled, and all combined with a touch of white which makes it very effective worth \$2.00—Monday at 98c
A Scratch Felt, trimmed in silk cord and tassel in all colors, just the hat for school wear... 49c
Caps in Navy and Red, 98c, 35c and... 25c
A Nobby Scratch Felt. In all colors, bent to the latest fashion, in a quantity of 100... 1.98

September Sale of Furniture

The past week has been without precedent in our history of furniture selling, and we thank you for your generous and hearty response. The second week of this great sale will be even more attractive, several carloads of new fall goods just received will be placed on sale, together with our regular stocks—all greatly under-priced.

Table listing furniture items and prices: Chiffonieres (4.48, 16.48), Dressers (7.98, 10.48, 14.00, 16.98, 22.00), Mattresses (3.75, 11.98), Iron Beds (1.98, 4.98, 9.98, 13.48, 15.98), Parlor Tables (98c, 2.75), Library Tables (5.75), Couches (5.48, 9.48, 5.98), Parlor Suites (39.48, 20.98), Davenport (27.48, 37.98), Carpet Department (98c, 98c, 1.37)

On Monday We Will Place on Sale a Number of Very Fine Dress Goods Specials.

Black Dress Goods

46-inch English Brillantines, extra fine finish, our good 75c grade—Monday 50c
42-inch fine Granites, Chevilles, Serges, Canvas, Zibelines and Etamine weaves—not a piece in this lot worth less than 75c a yard—in this special sale your choice for—yard 50c
Fine Imported Zibelines—the most popular weave of the season—on Monday we will place an special sale in pieces at 75c a yard—you cannot duplicate this for 75c less than \$1.00 a yard.

Colored Dress Goods

52-inch Suiting—in grays, browns, tans, blues and green mixtures—very cheap at 75c per yard—one of our great leaders in this special sale your choice for—yard 50c
Scotch Tweeds and Heather Mixtures—all the new colorings—very popular this season—opening price only—75c
The new Snowdraked Zibelines—very well all colorings—actual value \$1.75 a yard—Monday's price only—1.15

Extra Special

We are showing the most complete assortment of high class novelties in the new Fall Dress Goods, both black and colors, ever shown in Omaha. The assortment comprises:
Knotted and Striped Zibelines, Panno and Broad Tail Zibelines, Tailor Suitings, Iridescent Granites, French and English Cloths.
Prices from \$1 to \$3.50 Per Yard.

Bargains in Hardware

Something that don't happen every day. Blue and White Ware. The factory from which we draw our supplies—for some reason or other—got overstocked. We bought all in sight at our own price.

WE GIVE YOU THE FULL BENEFIT MONDAY. The factory loses a heap of money but gets the room needed. We are glad to give you the choice of a REALLY COMPLETE STOCK OF BLUE AND WHITE WARE bought at fractional prices.

Here Are Some Sample Prices

No. 8 TEA KETTLES, former price \$1.25, Monday's price... 85c
12-quart Bread Kistler, former price \$1.50, Monday's price... 90c
12-quart Water Pail, former price \$1.25, Monday's price... 80c
2-quart Preserving Kettle, former price 50c, Monday's price... 35c
4-quart Preserving Kettle, former price 60c, Monday's price... 40c
2-quart Coffee Pots, former price 75c, Monday's price... 50c
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Sale Will Last All Day Monday
Wringer and Washbench—just what you need... \$3.95
Curtain Stryker—strong and portable... 95c
Four fold Clothes Rack—very handy... 80c

Pyrography ART AND PICTURES

BARGAINS ALL THE TIME Special Bargains Monday Full line of new home and foreign engravings—etchings—oils and chromos. All at prices easily within your reach. PYROGRAPHY has its headquarters on our Second Floor. FREE LESSONS—9 to 10:30 a. m., 4 to 5:30 p. m. We invite you to become a pupil by first becoming a customer. BOTH WILL PAY YOU OVER AND OVER AGAIN. PYROGRAPHIC SUPPLIES Holly Wood, Orange Wood, Bass Wood—Plain or Stamped. Stains, Varnishes, Bulbs, Platinum Points—Everything to make the art easier for the hand and the pocketbook.

CLOTHING

FOR THE BOYS

We have reduced those natty sailor suits to what they cost us \$7.50 serge and fancy chevrot sailors, sizes 3 to 8 years—are now 4.95 Mothers' Choice Suits, new suit free if seams rip, \$6 values—ages 8 to 16 years, short trousers 3.45

Here are the best bargains we have ever had in the clothing dept.

Young Men's and Boys' Suits,

Agos 10 to 20 years, Long Trousers Suits 100 suits worth up to \$6.00 all wool—3.45 100 suits worth up to \$9.50 all wool—5.00 Watch like cut free with each suit. WE HAVE ALL THE WANTS A LITTLE MAN NEEDS FOR SCHOOL.



See Our Windows. They Are Not Matched Unless on State Street. Chicago.