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Falls City Will Be Made a Division Point-Belt Line is Due for Improvements Badly Needed for Years.

The Missouri Pacific is planning to make extensive improvements on its line between Omaha and Kanzas City. Work is already under way in some places.

under the new arrangements and considerable work is being done in that town, many new tracks and some bridge work being required. The plan contemplates & new and heavier rail all the way from Kansas City to Omaha.

\$100,000 is now in progress in Omaha near the Westside station at Forty-eighth and Leavenworth streets. Extensive terminals and switching yards are to be installed on south side of Leavenworth street. After this work is finished it is the nurpose of the Missouri Pacific to improve the condition of the Belt line, which has been allowed to remain as it was when installed twenty-five years ago. Some of the grades will be eliminated and a double

The Belt line is becoming one of the biggest switching propositions in the west and fousteen locomotives are now in daily use to bandle the cars to the various manufacturing plants and material yards around the city. This makes quite an operating problem to handle all these trains, as the Belt line is also used by the Illinois Central to run its trains to the stock yards Often as many as four engines and crews are tied up for a considerable length of time at the "Y" at Forty-sixth and Farnam streets, waiting for one of the nu-

E. M. Vance is the engineer is charge of the work on the Omaha terminals.

General offices in Omaha will be opened in a day or two by the lows Central railroad, which is operated in connection with the Minneapolis & St. Louis. Morrell Law, formerly traffic manager of the New Mexico Central, will be the general agent here and the offices will probably be in the Brandels building.

nois Central at Storm Lake and will try for Minneapolis business via that line. It also has a St. Louis connection with the Wabash at Albia, Ia.

The Missouri Pacific bas started a new scheme for hastening package freight to Omaha, which is meeting with the hearty approval of shippers. Special cars for less than carload lots are now started daily from Cleveland, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Atlanta and many other points. These cars make the trip in three days from Indianapolis and five days from the seashore points.

Motor Car a Sensation.

The McKeen molor car sent east last week to the Erie created quite a sensation in Chicago and railroad officials from all over the country were on hand to witness the tests. The McKeen Motor company had agreed to deliver the car to the Erie in New York. The Lake Shore road offered to haul the car from Chicago to New York free of charge that some of its officials might have the pleasure of making the trip to investigate the car. The





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