

Railroads

Railroads Run by Mathematics

Railroad Songs

- “Rock Island Line” by Johnny Cash
- “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”

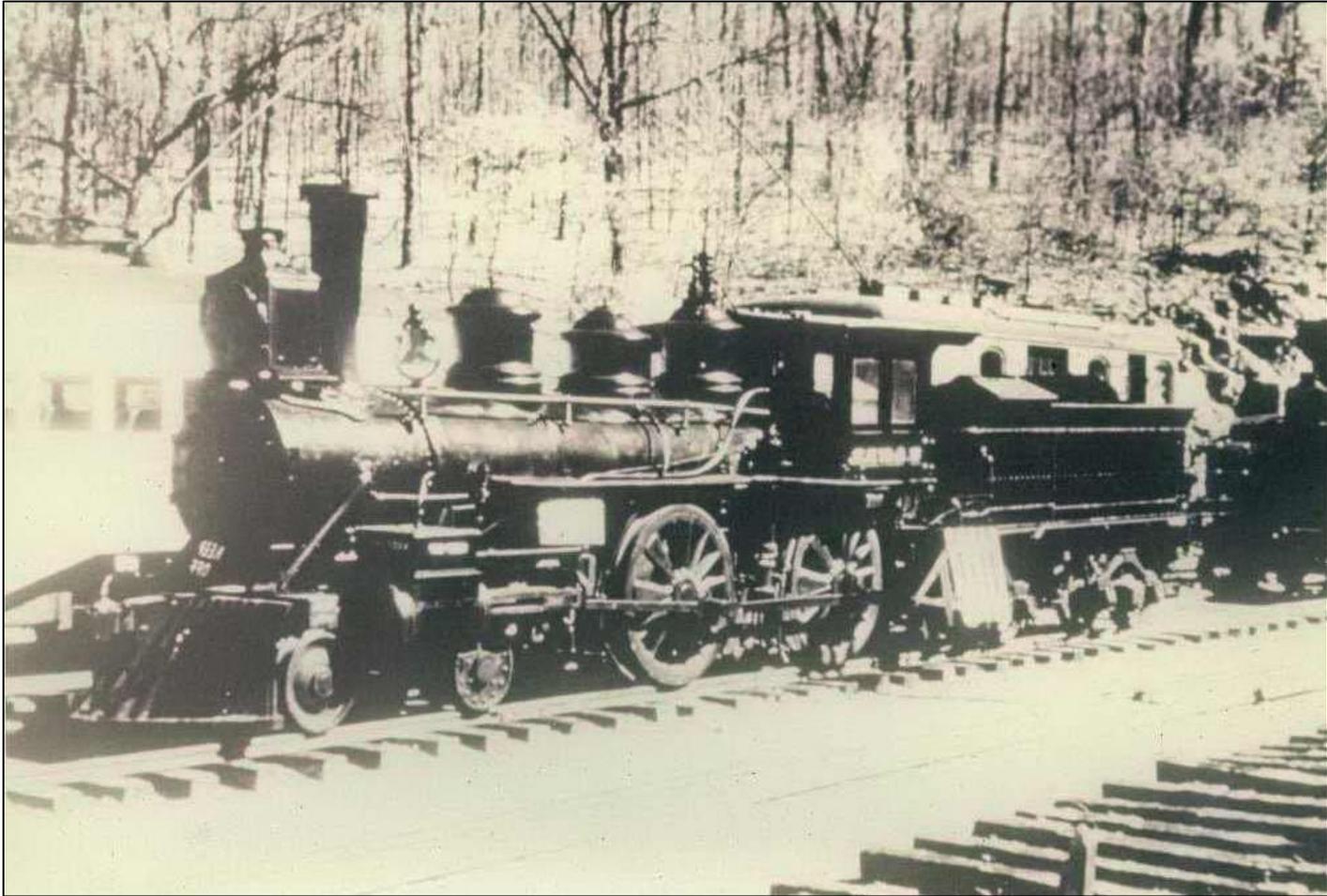
I've been working on the railroad
All the livelong day
I've been working on the railroad
Just to pass the time away

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah
Someone's in the kitchen I know
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah
Strumming on the old banjo, and singing

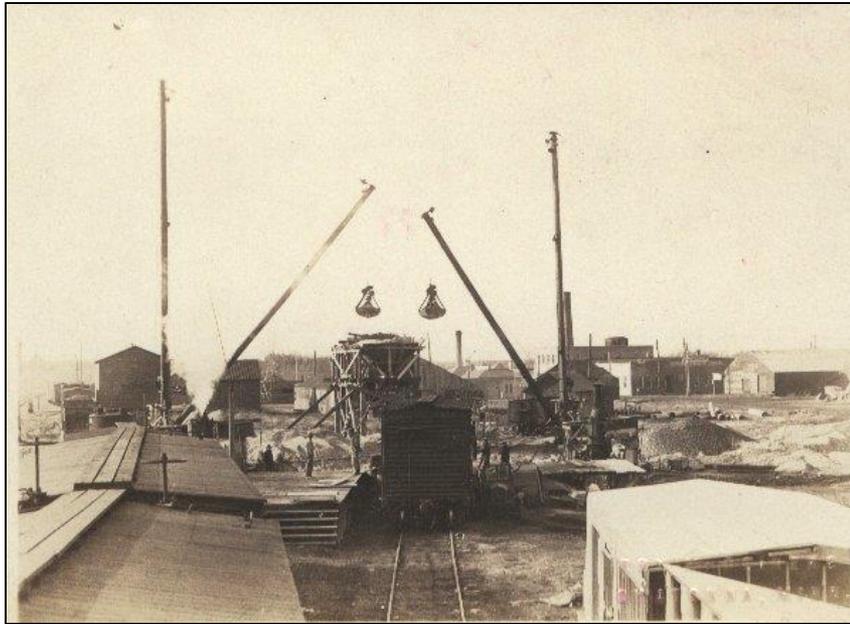
Can't you hear the whistle blowing
Rise up so early in the morn
Can't you hear the captain shouting
Dinah, blow your horn

Fie, fi, fiddly i o
Fie, fi, fiddly i o
Fie, fi, fiddly i o
Strumming on the old banjo

Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow your horn
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow your horn



First locomotive to pass through Owatonna on the Winona and St. Peter Railroad in 1873.



Cranes loading and unloading cargo to a railroad car.

Men with many bags of cargo in carts to be loaded on a train and carried to other destinations.
Could it be mail?





In 1908, William H. Taft made a stop in Owatonna when he was campaigning for President of the United States.

Trains brought equipment that farmers needed. Below is a lading bill, which shows the cost of the Wild Oat Separator on the right.



INVOICE No. 6907

Emerson Manufacturing Co.
THE EMERSON KICKER
WILD OATS SEPARATORS

1701 MADISON ST. N. E. TELEPHONE: CHERRY 2407

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., 2-23-23

Your Order No. 2-21-23 SOLD TO Richard Struck,
Salesman Mail Nassua, Minnesota.

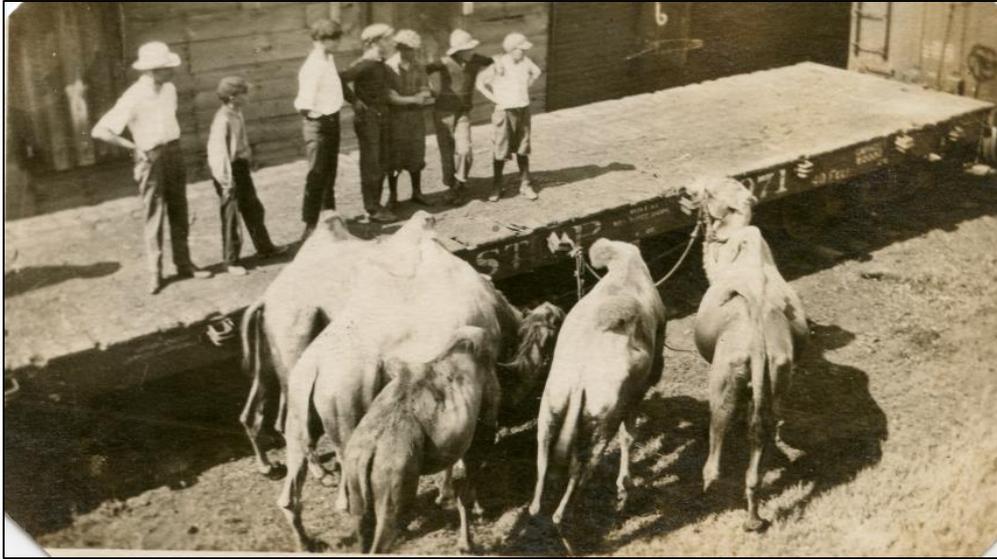
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Terms: P A I D. Our Order No. 10090

Invoices subject to sight draft after maturity. Interest will be charged on past due accounts. F. O. B. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

1	#3 Emerson Wild Oat Separator with #1 Riddles	52.00	
2	Power Attachment for same	5.00	\$57.00

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Trains brought the circus to town.

What kind of animals are in these photographs?





Many jobs existed for people working on the railroad.



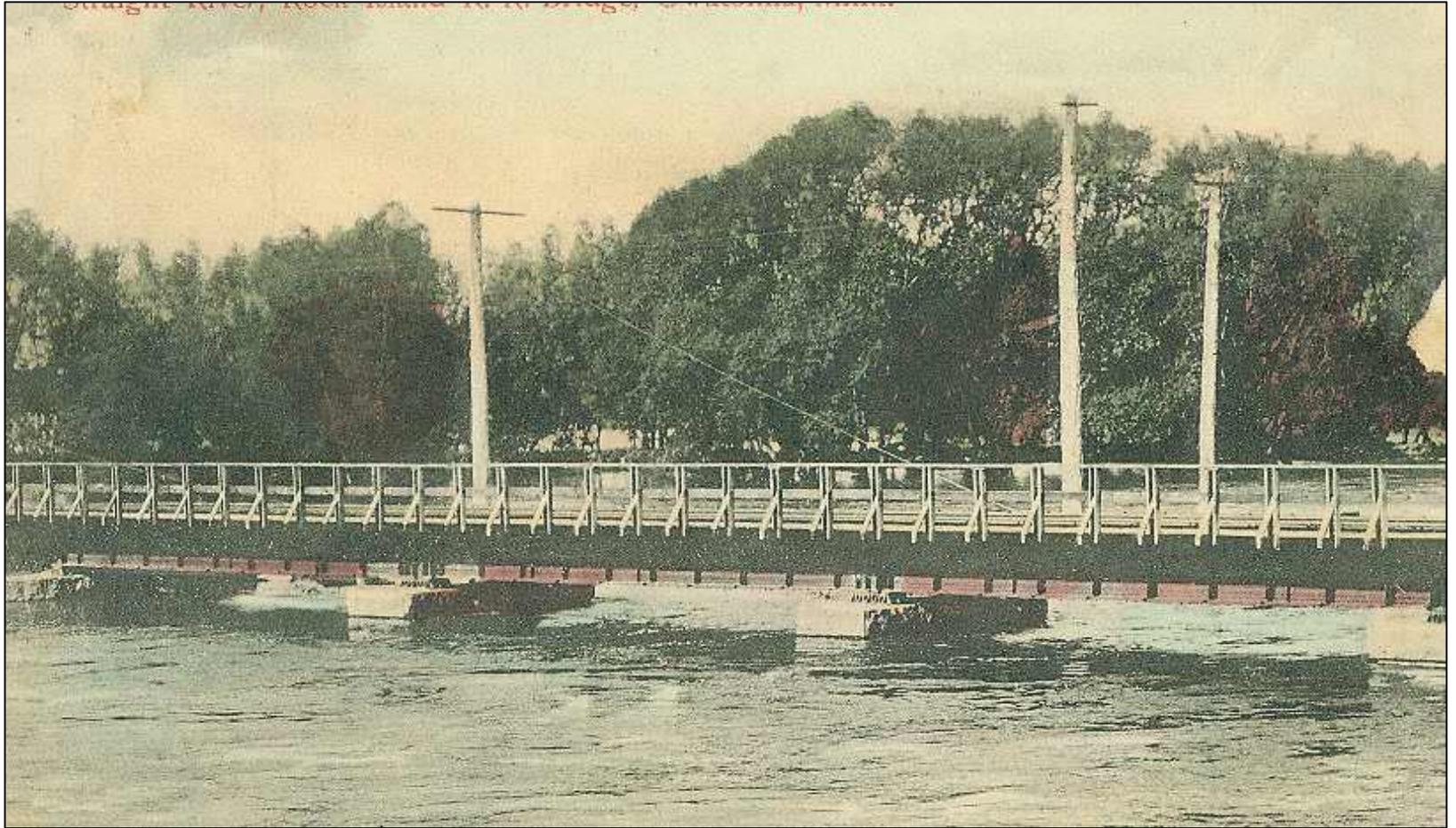
Acrobats came to Steele County by train.

Railroads brought soldiers to training and then off to boats that would take them to Europe in World War I.





Many people worked hard to build the railroads.



The Rock Island Railroad Bridge by Morehouse Park



A railroad depot was an essential part of every town. This is the Medford Depot.



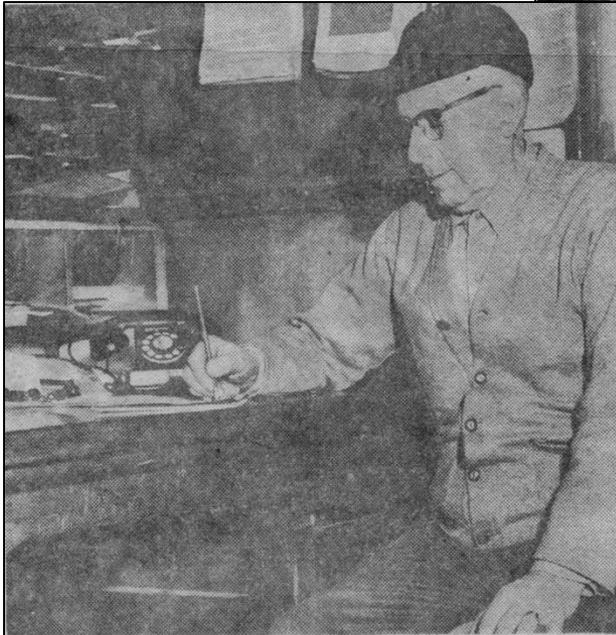
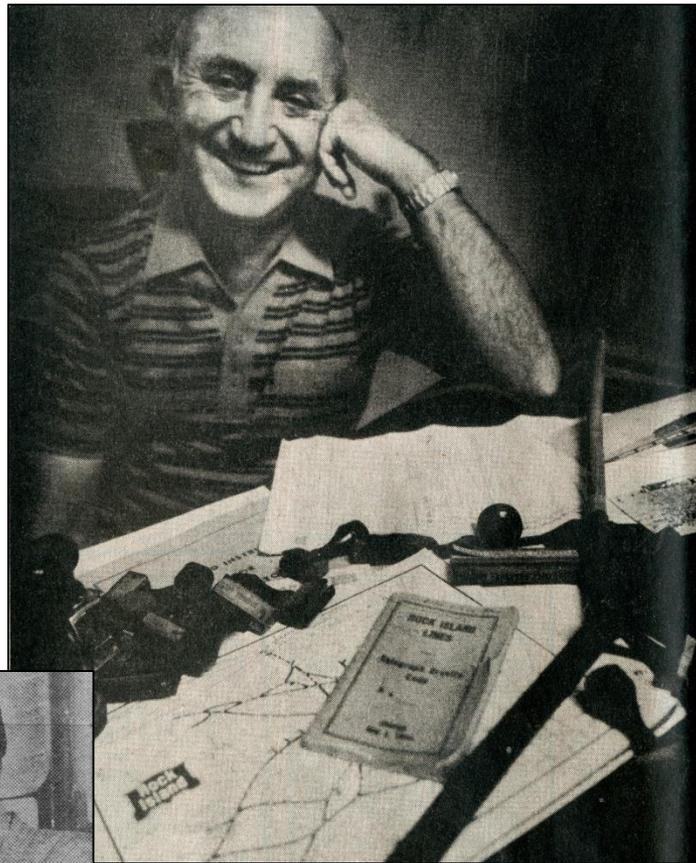
This is the Bixby Railroad Depot that was moved to the Village of Yesteryear on the Steele County Historical Society grounds.

A photo of the interior of the Union Depot in Owatonna, located on Elm and Front Streets. The three men in the office are J. B. Carpenter, Jack Johnson, and James Klecker.

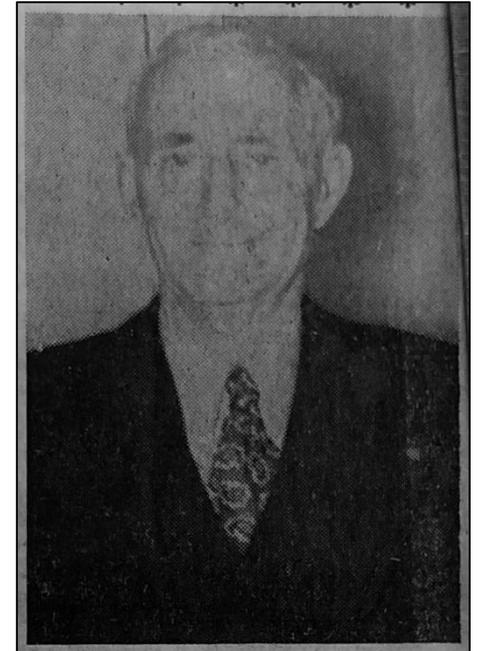


Many people worked on the railroad.

Pete Schneider was depot agent for the Rock Island Line.



Phil "Zip" Jensen worked for the Rock Island depot in Albert Lea.



Charlie Todd worked for the Rock Island Line as depot agent in Ellendale.

Ticket Agents had to be certified.

Skill in Mathematics was a requirement.

Form G. P. 111.

No. 185

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CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

TICKET AGENT'S CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that Mr. Jesse D. Carpenter
has been authorized to sell Passenger Tickets in the State of
Minnesota over the Chicago & North-Western Railway
and connecting lines until further ordered.

W. B. Whiskern
General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

H. R. Moulton
Third Vice-President.

Attest:
J. B. Peafield
Assistant Secretary.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 28 1902

[When the person in whose name this Certificate is issued ceases to be Agent for this Company, then this becomes void and must be returned to the General Passenger Department.]



The Union Depot in Owatonna



Each rail company had separate ticket and telegraph offices.

People could sit on comfortable benches and get warm by an iron stove while they waited for their train.



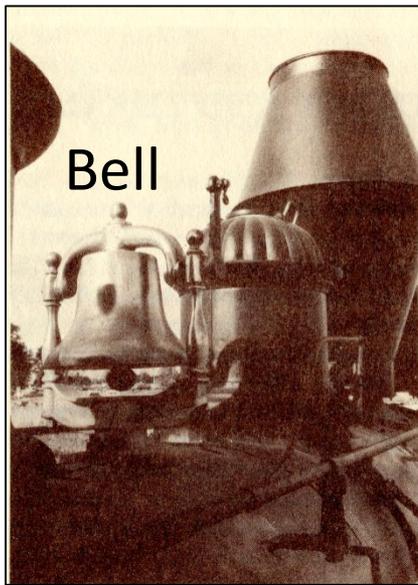
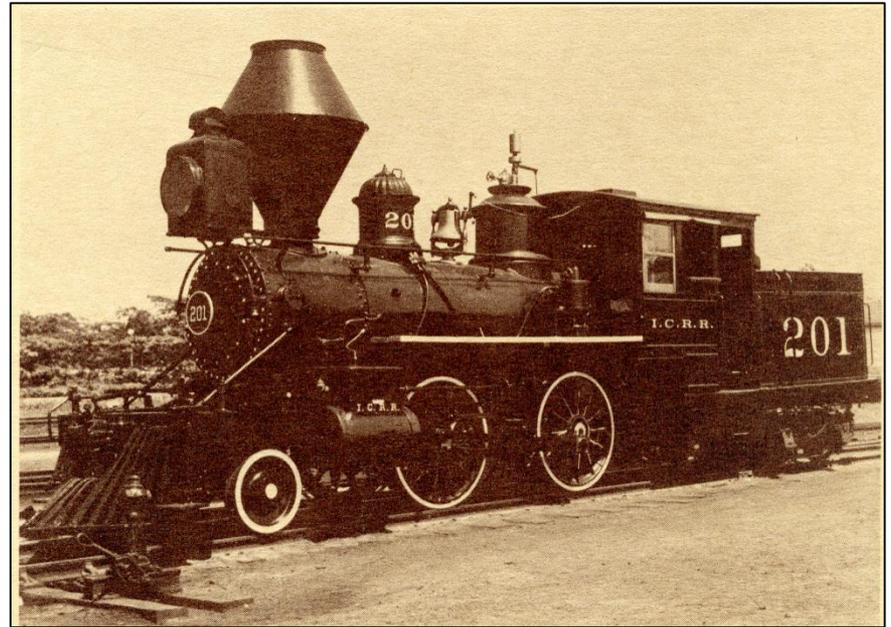
OLD ENGINE NO. 201



**Casey Jones and
Old Engine No. 201**



Spark Arrestor
Sand Hopper



Smokestack



Plow – “Cow Catcher”

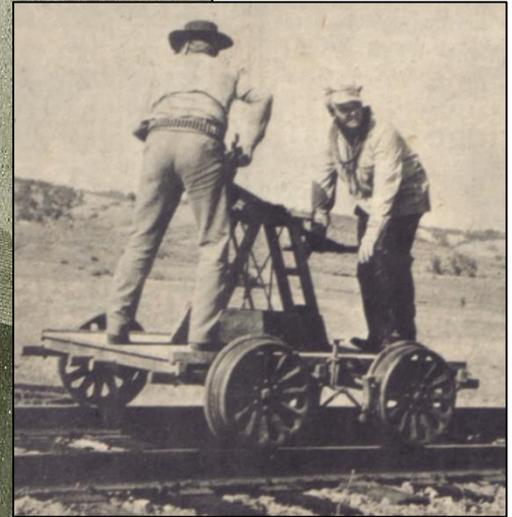
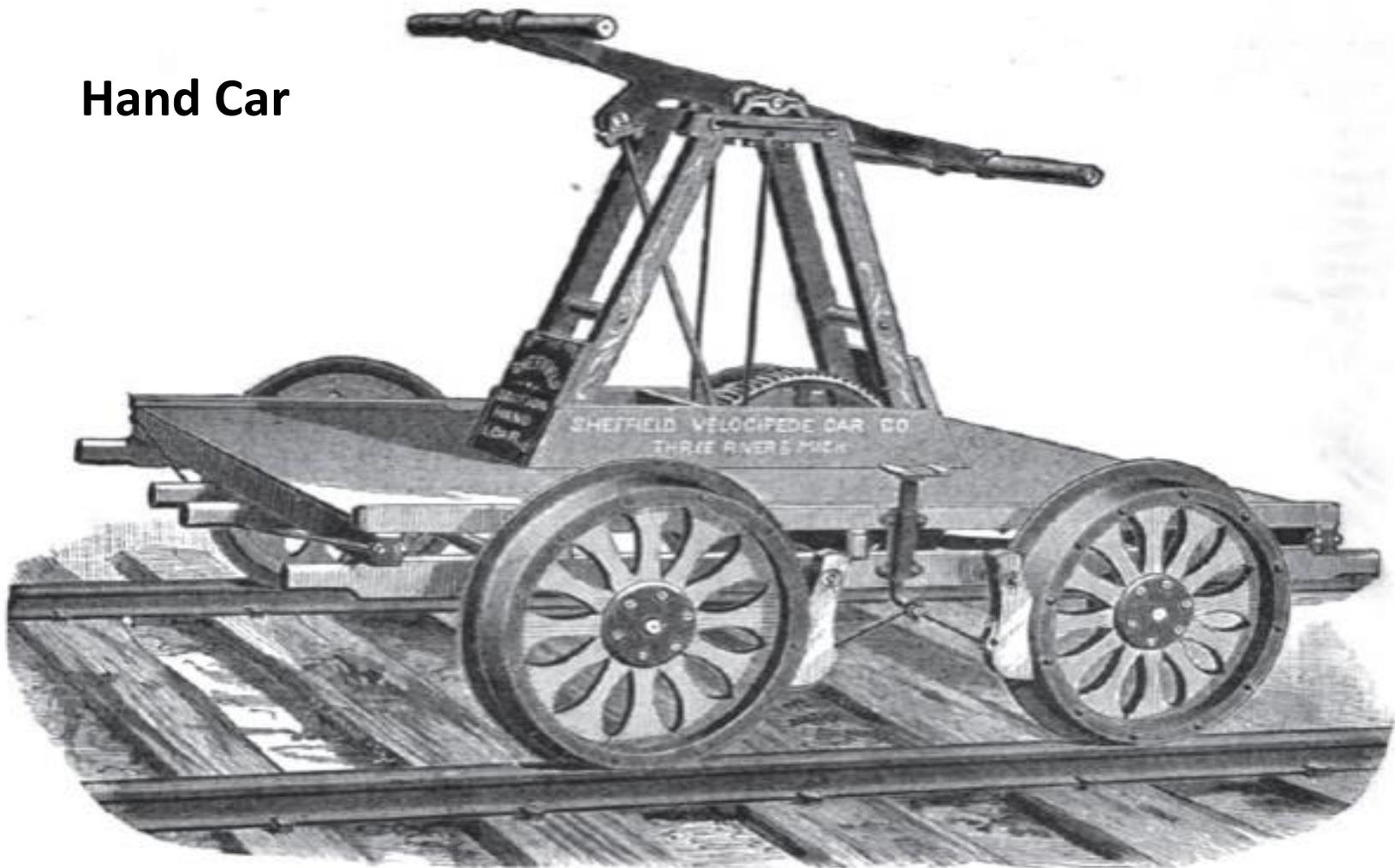


Photo of the temporary depot in Havana around 1895.



Hand Car



The Sheffield Section Hand-Car.



Rock Island Depot in the Snow

It was located on Riverside Street. Today there is a monument where it once stood.



Trains with snowplows near the depot.

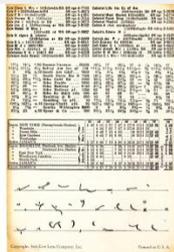
People digging out the railroad tracks so the train can get through after a big snowstorm.



Final Run



As automobiles and airplanes became more common, passenger trains were used less and less. Many lines stopped operating. This newspaper photo is of the Rock Island *Plainsman* leaving Owatonna bound for the Twin Cities for the last time on July 25, 1969.



Replace with train schedule, explain activity