

ever a locomotive whistle is heard, wherever a freight car wheel turns, there I have a friend. But this friendship is not confined alone to the men on the trains. In every home to which these men return when they come in from their runs, a "God bless Father Coffin" springs to the lips of mother, wife and daughter, that son, father and brother can now more surely come home alive and unharmed. Whether or not it was L. S. Coffin that God used to bring this great blessing to these men, that is the way the boys of the railroad feel, and I am a thousand times more than satisfied, and will give to the loving Father grateful praise. For twelve years they have honored me with the Presidency of the Railroad Employes' Home, a home for aged and disabled railroad men, for the present located at Highland Park, Ill. This Home is destined in time to grow into a great institution, and be cared for and managed by the great Railroad Men's Brotherhoods of America and Canada.

WILLOW EDGE FARM, near Ft. Dodge, Ia., Dec. 15, 1902.

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IT CAN no longer be doubted that a railroad will approach our eastern border, within a very short time,—say two years at the outside. Either at Galena or Savanna, within two years we shall hear the whistle of the iron horse. The completion of that road, to either of these places will, in a measure revolutionize the trade of the country bordering on the Mississippi, above Davenport, and on no part of that country will the change be more sensibly felt than in Jackson county. Situated as we are, directly opposite the terminus, no matter at which place it comes, the effect on the interests of the county will be most important. The direction of our trade will be from south to east. That is, our produce will go east to find a market and from the east shall we receive our merchandize.—*Bellevue Democrat*, Oct. 29, 1851.

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