

We took that road at two o'clock P.M., the next day, and arrived at Burlington late in the evening. Crossing the Mississippi, which divides Illinois from Iowa, we reached Council Bluffs the next morning. We found the place greatly damaged by a flood which had swept away bridges and destroyed several lives.

The train was admirable in equipment, with the best of sleeping and dining-room cars; and the road was in perfect condition.

Council Bluffs is on the east bank of the Missouri River, which divides Iowa from Nebraska. The Union Pacific road commences on the east bank, Omaha being on the west. Here are excellent arrangements for the transfer and checking of baggage. No guns were allowed in the cars, but arrangements were made to carry them safely in the baggage-room.

The bridge at Omaha, across the Missouri River, is 2,750 feet long, built on twenty-two hollow iron columns, eight and a half feet in diameter, sunk to the bed-rock of the river.

We found on the Union and Central Pacific roads, through the entire length, the most careful and courteous attention from every officer and every employé of the roads; and a surly answer, or coarse conduct, we never once experienced. The meals at the roadside inns