

German settlers.

Two miles from Elkhorn is

**Waterloo**—a small side-track station where passenger trains seldom stop. Here, too, is a flouring mill, store, school-house, and some neat little cottages of the well-to-do farmers.

From this station it is 4 3-10 miles to

**Valley**—This station shows a marked improvement within the last few years; there are a score of new buildings in sight; elevation, 1,147 feet. The curious who wish to note the elevation—station by station—are referred to the "Time Table" at the commencement of each division, where the figures will be found for each station on the whole line of road.

**The Omaha & Republican Valley Railroad**—branches off southwesterly from Valley. It is completed to David City, 61 miles distant.

The road crosses the Platte River on a pile bridge 2,200 feet long, and enters Saunders county, crosses the river bottom, and reaches

**CLEAR CREEK**—the first station from Valley, 7 miles distant.

Passing on over a rolling prairie, 5 miles further, we come to

**ALVIN**—a station named for Senator Alvin Saunders, of Nebraska. This is a small place, composed of a thrifty farming neighborhood. Five miles from here is

**WAHOO**—the county seat of Saunders county.

Wahoo is situated on a broad plateau, near the depot, in the midst of a farming country, where they raise 60 bushels of corn, 50 bushels of oats, and 25 bushels of wheat to the acre, and other crops in proportion. There are three flouring mills in the town. The court house, school, and other buildings are very good. Near the town is located one of the finest fair grounds and race-tracks in the State. The Wahoo House is the hotel to stop at, and the *Independent*, a weekly paper published here, the paper to subscribe for, if you want to keep posted on what is going on in and around the country.

Leaving Wahoo, the face of the country becomes more rolling, and after crossing Wahoo Creek and making a run of eight miles, we reach

**WESTON**—It is still young, but a very prosperous little place, nine miles from

**VALAPARASO**—a small place of four stores, a hotel, and school-house, situated on Oak Creek, on which is some very fine land, as

well as large groves of oak.

**BRAINARD**—comes next, three miles from Valparaiso, after rolling over numerous cuts and rough country. Ten miles more, and we are at the end of the track, at

**DAVID CITY**—county seat of Butler county. Population about 250, with two weekly newspapers, the *Republican* and the *Press*. There are four churches and several schools, at David City.

The hotel at which to stop is the Saunders House. Mr. S. H. H. Clark, the General Superintendent of the Union Pacific, is its President, and it is understood to be owned by the Union Pacific parties, under whose management it is now conducted.

We will now return to Valley, and proceed westward.

From Valley the Bluffs on the south side of the Platte River can be seen in the distance, but a few miles away, in a southwesterly direction. Soon after leaving the station we catch the first glimpse of the Platte River, on our left. Seven miles further over the broad plain brings us to

**Riverside**—an unimportant station, from which it is 4 3-10 miles to

**Fremont**—the county seat of Dodge county, situated about three miles north of the Platte River, and contains a population of about 3,500. Passenger trains stop here, both from the East and the West, for dinner. The eating house is one of the *best* on the whole line.

The company have here, besides their excellent depot, a round-house with six stalls. The public buildings include a jail and court-house, seven churches, and some fine school-houses. Also a fine opera house. The Occidental is the principal hotel. Eight years ago we said: "It was a thriving place in the midst of a beautiful country." Now it is a *city* of no mean pretensions. Within the past eight years there has been built nearly eight hundred dwelling houses, with stores of all kinds in proportion. All of this "beautiful country" has been taken up and occupied by thrifty farmers, who are reaping an abundant reward for their labor.

The *Herald*, a daily and weekly, and the *Tribune*—weekly, are the newspapers published here.

The Sioux City & Pacific R. R. connects here with the U. P. and runs through to St. Johns, Iowa, where it connects with the Chicago & Northwestern R. R.