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Train's Arrival Marks End of Line

Union Pacific Freight Makes Last Trip on 73-Mile Section That Was Condemned by Milford Dam Project

UNCTION CITY, KAS .-The headlight of engine X1287 stabbed through the dark at 7:56 o'clock last night and freight hands in the yards here said they hated to see it come.

Behind the engine were 22 loaded and 16 empty cars, the remnants of the Union Pacific line between Junction City and Concordia, Kas.

. 73 Miles Closed

For as No. X1287 pulled slowly into the yards, the 73mile line between the two towns ceased to exist. About three miles of the line have been condemned in the Milford dam project along the line. That condemnation means the line, for all purposes, is closed.

Waiting for the freight train, men in the yards remembered aloud how long the line had run up the valley of the Republican river and across the rolling hills of North Central Kansas. The best guess was about 75 years. That puts it back in the 80s, they said to Concordia at noon. Aboard each other. They continued to were wheat, lumber and other

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THIS RAILROAD TABLE ceased to exist at 8 o'clock last night as the last freight train between Concordia and Junction City, Kas., ended its run in Junction City. The Milford dam project north of Junction City has condemned 3.15 miles of the Union Pacific rails, thus, in effect, closing down the 73 mile route.

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It had been a slow trip. Jim McKenzie, 54, the engineer, had eased the freight out of

goods. Five cars of rock were waiting ahead at the Walker quarry.

But there were other things to do. Because it was the last run, all Union Pacific rolling

stock on sidings along the way had to be hitched on. What is usually a four to five hour trip took eight hours.

The trains rolled through Miltonvale, Browndale, Idana and into Clay Center. Then south along the Republican to Broughton, Wakefield and Milford.

Towns Are Dying

Here at Milford, and Wakefield, two towns are dying. Maybe Ray Balsford, 22, Lathrop, Mo., and Bill Bailey, 19, Tonganoxie, Kas., wondered about two towns being drowned by the new reservoir. They are the youngsters on the line.

PUT ON SMALLPOX ALERT

Washington (AP) — Foreign quarantine stations throughout the United States have been alerted to be especially vigilant in clearing travelers arriving from Lima, Peru, because of an outbreak of smallpox there.

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