

In The History of Galesburg dated 1857 is the following paragraphs on railroads:

"Galesburg is destined in a short time to become a great Railroad Center. We have already a Railroad to Chicago, one to Quincy, one to Burlington, Iowa, and one to Peoria. The road to Chicago was formerly called the Central Military Tract Railroad, and extended from Galesburg to Mendota, where it connected with the Aurora Extension. The Aurora Branch, the Central Military Tract and the Western branch of the Peoria & Oquawaka road are now called the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. This road does an immense business, and is considered the best property of the kind in the West.

The road to Quincy is called the Northern Cross Railroad, and will, when its connections are completed, form a link in the great thoroughfare between the Northern States and Kansas.

The Peoria & Oquawaka Railroad connects us with Peoria, and will in due season form the most direct and cheapest route to the cities of Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

In addition to the completed roads we have charters for the "Galesburg & Rock Island Railroad," and for the "Galesburg & Muscatine Railroad." The road from Galesburg to Rock Island will without doubt soon be built. A large amount of stock has already been subscribed, and active effort is making to raise sufficient to put it under contract. The friends of the Galesburg and Muscatine Railroad have organized under their charter, and opened Subscription books.

The Road from Quincy to St. Josephs, Missouri will soon be completed, and we shall be within a few hours' ride of Kansas. The Topeka and St. Joseph Railroad will probably be built within two years, giving us railroad connection

with the very heart of that Territory.

The road from Burlington to Nebraska will put us in connection with that Territory also.

The Alton & Rock Island Railroad, of which the Galesburg & Rock Island Railroad will in all probability form a link, will put us in connection with St. Louis, and open to us the great Grocery market of the United States. This road will intersect the Northern Cross Railroad at Macomb, forty-five miles South of Galesburg, and, if it connects with the Galesburg & Rock Island road, use the Northern Cross to this city.

The roads centering here have a very large and beautifully finished Passenger House. It is 174 feet long and 36 feet wide. This building is used for various purposes. There are waiting rooms for passengers -- a large and well arranged wash-room -- a barber-shop, and a Telegraph office. A part of the building is used for an Eating house, and is kept by Messrs. Blossom & _____. The dinning hall is one of the largest and best finished rooms in the West. The house is kept in the best style. We know of no other Passenger House, East or West, that will equal it in its interior finish."