

**THE TRIUMPH OF INDUSTRY**  
**Geography and History**

In 1830, only 23 miles of railroad had been laid in the United States. By 1860, the railroads had built 30,000 miles. By 1900, they had built 193,000 miles. The Union Pacific, Santa Fe, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific, and Southern Pacific Railroads connected cities in every corner of the country. In the late 1800s, it took approximately 10 days to travel by train from New York City to San Francisco, a distance of nearly 3,000 miles. The vast amount of territory that the railroads covered and the speed with which they traveled made it possible to connect people and businesses previously separated by impassable stretches of landscape. ♦ Study the images below, and refer to the map entitled "Major Railroads in 1905" in Section 1 of your textbook. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow.

**The Railroads**

**RICH FARMING LANDS!**  
 ON THE LINE OF THE  
**Union Pacific Railroad!**  
 Located in the GREAT CENTRAL BELT of POPULATION, COMMERCE and WEALTH, and adjoining the WORLD'S HIGHWAY from OCEAN TO OCEAN.

**12,000,000 ACRES!**  
 3,000,000 Acres in Central and Eastern Nebraska, in the Platte Valley, now for sale!

We invite the attention of all parties seeking a HOME, to the LANDS offered for sale by this Company.

The best quality of land from which to select, make every one to secure with a location as he desires, suitable to any branch of farming or stock raising. The Prices are Extremely Low. The amount of land owned by the Company is so large that they are determined to sell at the cheapest possible price, ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per acre.

The Terms of Payment are Easy. The years' credit at six per cent interest. A valuation of ten per cent for cash.

The Location is Central, along the old settled, the fertile belt of America. The soil well adapted to corn or wheat; fine for the hog, calf, poultry in the Northern, and the best, including the best of the Southern States.

The Face of the Country is diversified with hill and dale, grain land and meadow, fine woods, big timber, and including timber, all covered with a thick growth of best productive grasses.

The soil is rich, being largely impregnated with lime, free from stone and gravel, and abundantly adapted to grain, grain and root crops; the soil is usually light and porous, yielding to water with wonderful facility.

The Climate is mild and healthful; the atmosphere dry and pure. Frost seldom severe enough to injure the stock or the crops. The greatest amount of the fall between March and October. The Winter is mild with little snow.

The Productions are wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye and root crops, and vegetables generally. Vine, peat potatoes, apples, etc., etc. are raised and profit made.

Fruit is both Wild and Cultivated, do remarkably well. The fruit is from trees in the soil and climate, in connection with the dry winters and warm soil, renders the State extremely adapted to fruit culture.

Stock raising in all its branches, is particularly profitable. We own the wide ranges of rich prairie. Cattle and sheep

land with readily and taken upon the nutritious grasses without grain, alfalfa, clover, and root growing, is exceedingly remunerative.

Timber is found on the streams and grows rapidly. Good of excellent quality, cattle in vast quantities on the line of the Great West, and is furnished to the market at reduced rates.

Market Facilities are the best in the West; the great trading centers of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Nevada, are supplied by the famous Platte Valley.

The Title given the purchaser is absolute, in Nebraska, and free from all incumbrances, derived directly from the United States.

Subdivisions of the State have been settled to a large extent of the land, and the great Platte Valley, which is equal to a county of 4000.

Persons of Foreign Birth are also entitled to the benefits of the Free Homestead Law, in securing their interests of homestead, either in this country, or in any other country, may be dependent on their arrival in this country.

For Colorado, the land on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad afford the best location in the West.

**TOWN LOTS FOR SALE VERY CHEAP!** In the most important forms on the line of the Road, offering excellent opportunities for business or investments.

Full information in respect to lands, prices, terms of sale, etc., together with pamphlets, circulars and maps, may be obtained from the Agents of the Department, at the following address:

**"PIONEER"**  
 A business MANUFACTURING PLANT, with more, etc., and including the Commercial Law, directed free to all applicants. Address

**O. F. DAVIS,**  
 Land Commissioner, U. P. R. R.  
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**CATTLE MEN READ THIS!**  
 Great Inducements to those who wish to  
**Ship Cattle on the U. P. Railroad!**

Having entered into special arrangements with the U. P. R. R. Company, by which I can ship Cattle East at greatly reduced rates, and having selected a point between Carter and Church Buttes Stations some ten miles East of the former place, near the junction of the Big and Little Muddies, and having Constructed Commodious Lots and Extensive Enclosures, and the Company having put in a Switch capable of holding 40 Cars, I will be Prepared to Commence Shipping on or before the 15th of the Present Month, and will be able to promptly ship any Number of cattle that may be Offered.

Persons driving Cattle from Montana and Idaho, and passing by Salt Lake Springs and the New Lake Settlements, will obtain more from this farm in the lowest of Little Muddy and Platte down that stream, over a good road, in within a mile of the junction of the Little Muddy and Platte, where they will receive a first-class stock of cattle, and a first-class stock of horses, and a first-class stock of sheep, with reasonable charges for the stockyards.

The cattle yards are in an enclosure of some 400 acres, and stock scales and all conveniences for shipping will be furnished. If parties do not wish to ship themselves, I will purchase, at good prices, all shipping cattle that may be offered. As cattle are now bearing excellent prices East, it would be well for persons to bring their Cattle forward as soon as possible.

For further particulars address  
**W. A. CARTER,**  
 Fort Bridger, Wyo. Ter.  
**Fort Bridger, July 2, 1877.**

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**Questions to Think About**

- To whom do these two handbills appeal? For what purposes?
- List the cities within about 500 miles of Nebraska that farmers could reach by railroad in 1905.
- About how many miles would cattle have to travel from Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Chicago, Illinois? How far from Chicago to New York City?
- Draw Conclusions** Why might farmers want to move to lands in Nebraska? Why might cattle ranchers want to ship their cattle on railroads?