

ago (About 1856 or 7) I was living with My Parents at Portage City Wisconsin (A Kid about 10 years old) I remember as tho it was yesterday seeing the Milwaukee track laid into Portage, It was on a Sunday - It seems to Me that was practically the FIRST of the Milwaukee Constructn from Milwaukee - Instance in those days On the part of the Rail Roads it was "The Public Be D-d " going on t e basis that the Public had no equitable Rights vs a A R R that the Public the R R was Bound to respect on the other Hand the General Public reciprocated the same sentiments Vs R R Corporation- An incident I was even as a Kid Familiar with - A sort distance west of Portage a resident had a Tract through which The R R Ran - Milwaukee condemned the Rt of way, a valuation most outrageous was placed on same whic the R R would not pay- Litigation ensued , after a time the R R still refusing , the said Resident got his neighbors together , Tore up the Track and put up his fence across said Rt way- The said Resident got a small cannon planted in Middle of track etc and with his Neighbors were holding the Fort- This brot the thing to a Show down , the Resident having apparently the Best of it , he ult the Resident went into Milwaukee and got his money -

ANOTHER Incident , In 1861 My mother and I were on Milwaukee Train (My Mother at that time teaching School at Madison) from Madison going east, Running into Stoughton ang hit a Cowp knocked Her up against a pile of timber next Track she rolled off under Hind Trucks of baggage Car Derailing same followed by Car which My Mother erein , Behind us was three cars of soldiers- Only People hurt here in same ca he were in - Of course this was time, old link and pin couplings , no air brakes , Result a mighty bad smash up No Hospital Residences opened to care of wounded- Fortunately no one killed -

Next Milwaukee incident , about 1868 , at that time I was living temporarily at Omro Wisc (Village about 10 Miles west of Oshkosh)

This Omro was a way Station on the Milwaukee (The northern terminus of this branch being ~~Boat~~ a few miles farther north at Winneconne) at this Omro across Fox River was a Jack Knife Draw bridge span as I remember about 50 feet- this River a navigable Stream boat used used to run from Oshkosh thru Omro to Berlin a few miles farther west- Well this draw bridge had no tender, A navigator with a kind of tug was hauling Log Rafts thru this Draw Bridge - When he wanted to have draw opened he used to Whistle for the Bridge and Station Agent was supposed to open the Draw for him- As there were only ¹² couple of train a day over this Branch, Agent had little to do- Tug ~~Man~~ bitterly Complained he was delayed by Agent not opening draw promptly etc etc As usual The Agent gave him the Laugh etc etc Complaining to his Atty, He was advised if His Boat was strong enough to smash the Draw- Which exactly what He Did by strengthening ~~them~~ with wood pile etc point of his tug- Tug- Day or two afterwards Whistling for draw, no response, He cut loose from his Legs and smashed into the Draw, wrecking some proper- Of Course Sta Agt promptly reported to Milwaukee, and by Spl Train up came L B Rock Division Supt, Said Rock was on par of other Supts a Bull dozer, Arriving at Omro He and the Tug ~~Man~~ Man exchanged Compliments- Result the Milwaukee had to repair the Draw and see to it that the Tug Man had no future complaints- Atty for the R R advising Mr Rock the Tug Man was within his rights-

One more personal Milwaukee Incident (Amusing) I was a Passngr on train from Minneapolis at South Minneapolis Car I was in some 8 or 10 other Passengers was derailed (Not going very fast) but mumping over ties with a fair prospect of turning over- Other Passngrs wre hanging onto the Seats I stood up on a seat hanging to Hat Back, No One hurt, laughing when thing was Over, One Passenger pointing to Me said "There was the scared