TELEGRAPH FIRST USED IN DISPATCHING TRAINS—SEPTEMBER 22, 1851.

INITIAL TRIP OF GEORGE M. PULLMAN'S FIRST SLEEPING CAR—SEPTEMBER 1, 1859

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY AT DAVENPORT, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 1, 1854, FOR FIRST RAILROAD BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

MASTER CAR-BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION—FORERUNNER OF ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS—ORGANIZED AT ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 18, 1867, TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND PROMOTE STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT.

FIRST LOCOMOTIVE IN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY—THE "PONCHARTRAIN"—MADE ITS INITIAL RUN FROM NEW ORLEANS TO LAKE PONCHARTRAIN, SEPTEMBER 17, 1832.
FIRST "IRON HORSE" IN CHICAGO ARRIVED FROM THE EAST OCTOBER 10, 1848.

GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE, INVENTOR OF THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL AUTOMATIC AIR BRAKE, BORN AT CENTRAL BRIDGE, N.Y., OCTOBER 6, 1846.

FIRST INCORPORATED RAILROAD TO PERFORM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES BEGAN OPERATIONS AT QUINCY, MASS., OCTOBER 7, 1826. HORSES PROVIDED THE MOTIVE POWER. THE ROAD CONVEYED GRANITE FOR USE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKER HILL MONUMENT.
FIRST PERMANENT PENSION SYSTEM FOR RETIRED RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 1, 1884. EIGHTY-FOUR RAILROADS, EMBRACING 90% OF ALL RAILWAY EMPLOYEES, HAD SUCH SYSTEMS BEFORE THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT WAS PASSED IN 1937.

FIRST RAILROAD TO BE LAID WITH "T" RAIL—ONE OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN RAILROADING—OPENED FOR BUSINESS IN NEW JERSEY OCTOBER 9, 1832.

FIRST TRAIN ROBBERY IN AMERICAN HISTORY COMMITTED BY RENO GANG IN SOUTHERN INDIANA, OCTOBER 6, 1866.
THE FIRST KNOWN INSTANCE OF UNITED STATES MAIL BEING TRANSPORTED BY RAILROAD WAS FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER, 1831.

ON NOVEMBER 18, 1883, RAILROADS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ADOPTED STANDARD TIME, REPLACING NUMEROUS LOCAL TIMES BY WHICH TRAINS WERE OPERATED. STANDARD TIME WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR ZONES BASED ON SUN TIME AT THE 75TH, 90TH, 105TH AND 120TH MERIDIANS WEST OF GREENWICH. THE TIME SYSTEM THUS INITIATED WAS PROMPTLY ACCEPTED BY CITIES AND TOWNS FROM COAST TO COAST AND EVENTUALLY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF PETROLEUM IN A TANK CAR — A FLAT CAR FITTED WITH TWO WOODEN TANKS RESEMBLING INVERTED TUBS—ORIGINATED AT TITUSVILLE, P.A., NOVEMBER 1, 1865.
November IN RAILROAD HISTORY

MATTHIAS BALDWIN'S FIRST LOCOMOTIVE, "OLD IRONSIDES", MADE ITS INITIAL RUN FOR A DISTANCE OF 6 MILES, NOVEMBER 23, 1832.

FIRST PATENT FOR A REFRIGERATOR CAR ISSUED TO J. B. SUTHERLAND OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, NOVEMBER 26, 1867.

WORLD'S LONGEST TRESTLE BRIDGE, THE LUCIN CUTOFF ACROSS GREAT SALT LAKE, OPENED FOR TRAFFIC NOVEMBER 26, 1903. IT IS TWELVE MILES IN LENGTH.
PRESIDENT ZACHARY TAYLOR, IN HIS FIRST ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, DECEMBER 4, 1849, PROPOSED A RAILROAD TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. TAYLOR WAS THE FIRST CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ADVOCATE SUCH A PROJECT:

FIRST LOCOMOTIVE TO BE PLACED IN SCHEDULED SERVICE IN AMERICA BEGAN RUNNING OUT OF CHARLESTON, S. C., DECEMBER 25, 1830

FIRST LOCOMOTIVE AND TRAIN WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER MADE ITS INITIAL TRIP A FEW MILES OUT OF ST. LOUIS, DECEMBER 9, 1852
IN A NEWSPAPER AD, DECEMBER 10, 1813, OLIVER EVANS OF PHILADELPHIA PROPOSED BUILDING A RAILROAD BETWEEN NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA, GUARANTEEING A TRAIN SPEED OF 12 MILES AN HOUR.

FIRST RAIL ROUTE LINKING BOSTON AND NEW YORK COMPLETED DECEMBER 29, 1848. ROUTE WAS OVER 5 RAILWAY LINES, BUT ONLY THREE CHANGES OF CARS WERE NECESSARY.

THE HUEY LONG BRIDGE, LONGEST STEEL RAILROAD BRIDGE IN THE UNITED STATES, SPANNING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ABOVE NEW ORLEANS, OPENED FOR TRAFFIC DECEMBER 16, 1935. IT IS 23,235 FEET IN LENGTH.