

# Dunlap Railroad

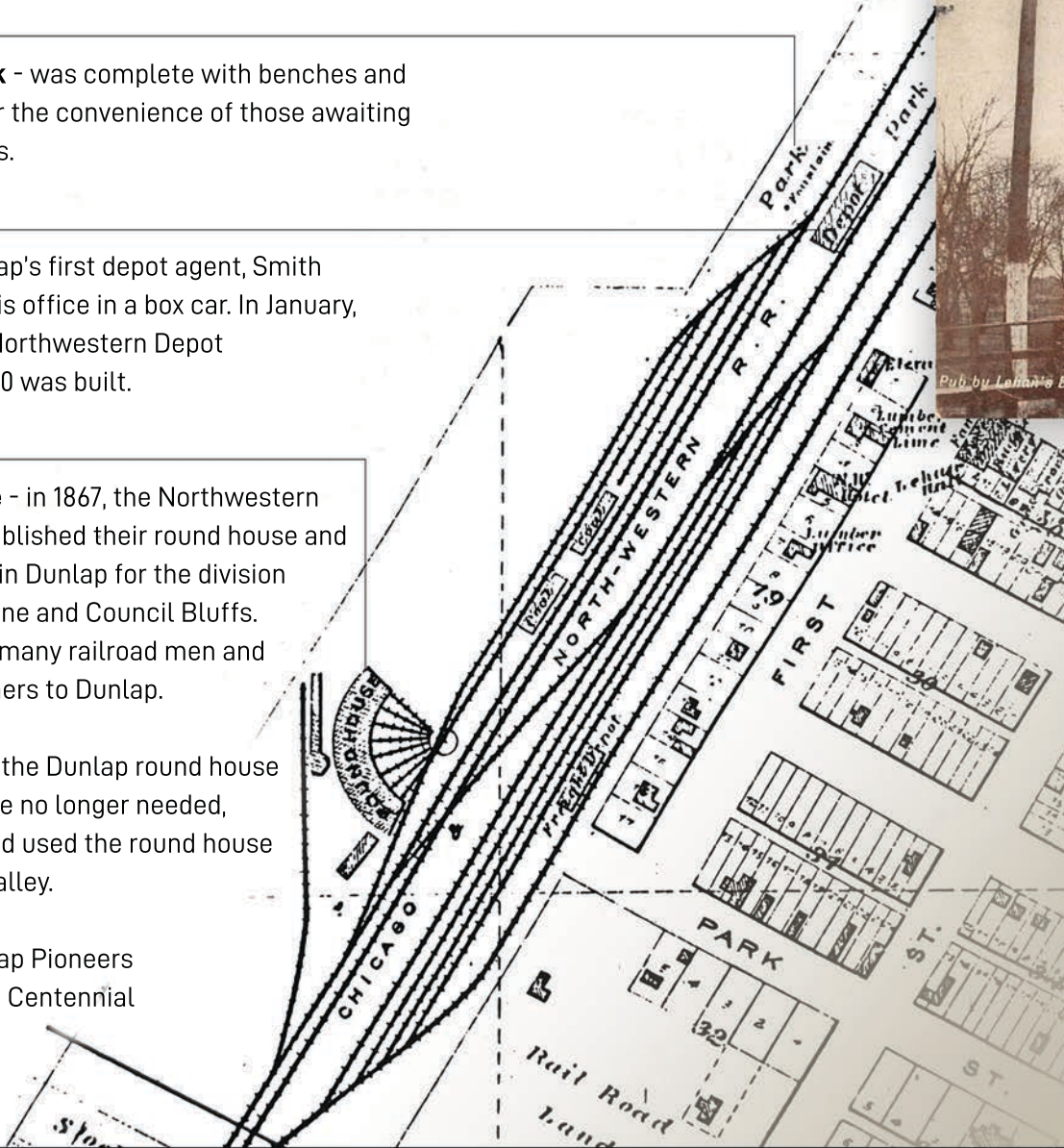
**Railroad Park** - was complete with benches and a fountain for the convenience of those awaiting arriving trains.

**Depot** - Dunlap's first depot agent, Smith Childs, had his office in a box car. In January, 1899, a new Northwestern Depot costing \$6,000 was built.

**Round House** - in 1867, the Northwestern Railroad established their round house and repair shops in Dunlap for the division between Boone and Council Bluffs. This brought many railroad men and indirectly others to Dunlap.

In the 1880's, the Dunlap round house facilities were no longer needed, as the railroad used the round house in Missouri Valley.

Source: Dunlap Pioneers and Progress Centennial



During those early days, grasshoppers were present in hordes. There were so many that they caused the rail to become slippery as the train wheels passed over them causing the train to stall. To eliminate the problem, the early engineers made torches of oily waste. These were attached to poles on the engine "cow catchers." The torches were lighted and as the engine advanced, the flames would burn the grasshoppers off the rails.

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