The Omaha Road: Chicago, St Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha

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**Synopsis**

"Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway was part and parcel of Chicago & North Western's midwest empire. As a country cousin, the Omaha Road functioned in concert with C&NW's main line across Wisconsin, and provided the northern reaches of the empire with access to Lake Superior ports before 1912 - a highly competitive exercise. The prize included the historic St. Croix Land Grant, which was sought by aggressive and prominent lumber barons.... "The Omaha Road had its origins in West Wiconsin Railway. Begun at Tomah, WI, it was at that time a springboard community to the Northwest after the Civil War. "The contemporary Omaha, at least in the steam era, ran modest trains and, in the end, carried pulpwood logs. There was the fast track through Augusta and Black River Falls, grounds for the TWIN CITIES 400 to perform at high speed. It was alos ten-wheeler land - the hweel arrangement best suited for handling local traffic on remote branch lines, which often required heavy snowplows." 311 pages, 8.5x11", profusely illustrated, maps, rosters.

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GREAT BOOK,PHOTOS CLEAR AND TEXT WELL WORTH READING,GOOD SERVICE FROM DEALER,WELL PACKED,POST OFFICE COULDN'T KILL THIS PACKAGE!!!!!! I HAVE HIS GREEN BAY & WESTERN BOOK ,HE IS A GOOD AUTHOR AND KNOWS(AND LOVES HIS SUBJECT)....

Growing up in a town on the Omaha mainline in the 50's, I was quickly taught that the tracks going
thru town were not "The Northwestern", but still "The Omaha". It was a proud line and this is a fine
telling of its wild and interesting history, from loggers and lumber to cowboys and cattle. My only
complaint at all (not a serious one) is in the text on the dust jacket stating how The 400 traveled
through Black River Falls. In fact, by the time The 400 flashed through on The Omaha enroute from
Chicago to Minneapolis in world record setting speed, the mainline did not even pass through Black
River Falls, and the folks there had to go to my hometown, Merrillan, to get on the slick green and
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