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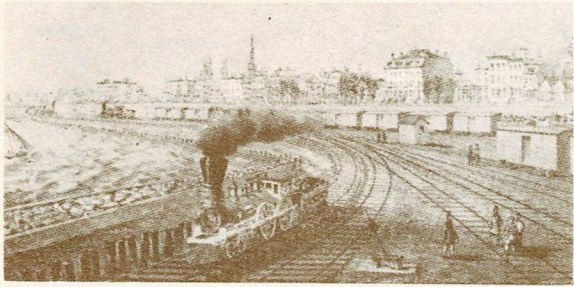
ON AUGUST 28, 1864, the first railway post office in the United States was established on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway from Chicago to Clinton, Iowa. Col. George B. Armstrong suggested the plan of a "post office on wheels" which provided for the sorting of mail in transit by clerks assigned to cars supplied with equipment of a suitable character. The experiment proved a success and the system, which was soon adopted by all leading railways, greatly simplified and expedited the U. S. Mail Service. On September 16, 1875, the fast mail service was inaugurated, the first fast mail train being run between New York and Chicago.

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RAILWAY POST OFFICE
 1864-1954
90th Anniversary

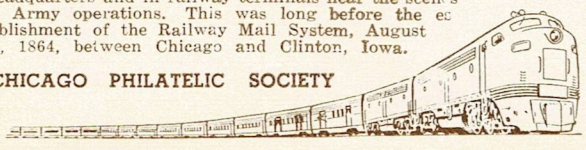
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Illinois Central Trains Carried Mail to Gen. Grant's Troops

Some sorting of mail was done within the lines of the Army of the Tennessee, in railroad cars at Army Headquarters and in railway terminals near the scenes of Army operations. This was long before the establishment of the Railway Mail System, August 28, 1864, between Chicago and Clinton, Iowa.

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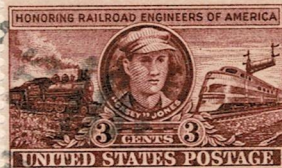
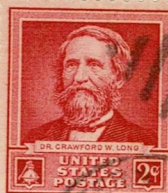
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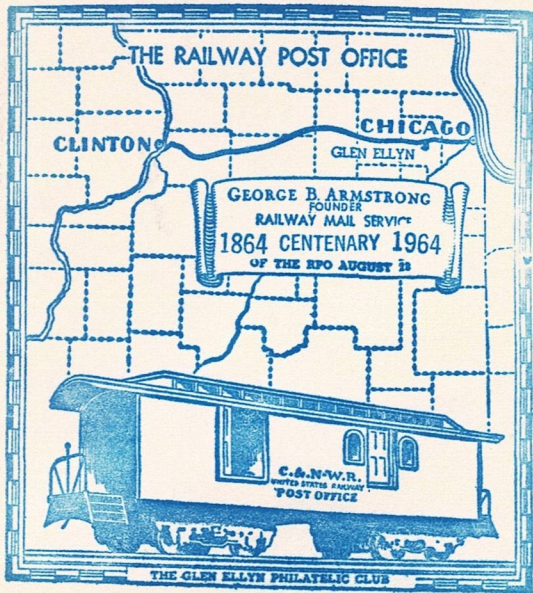
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