

NORTH MISSOURI RAILROAD ADVERTISING NOTES

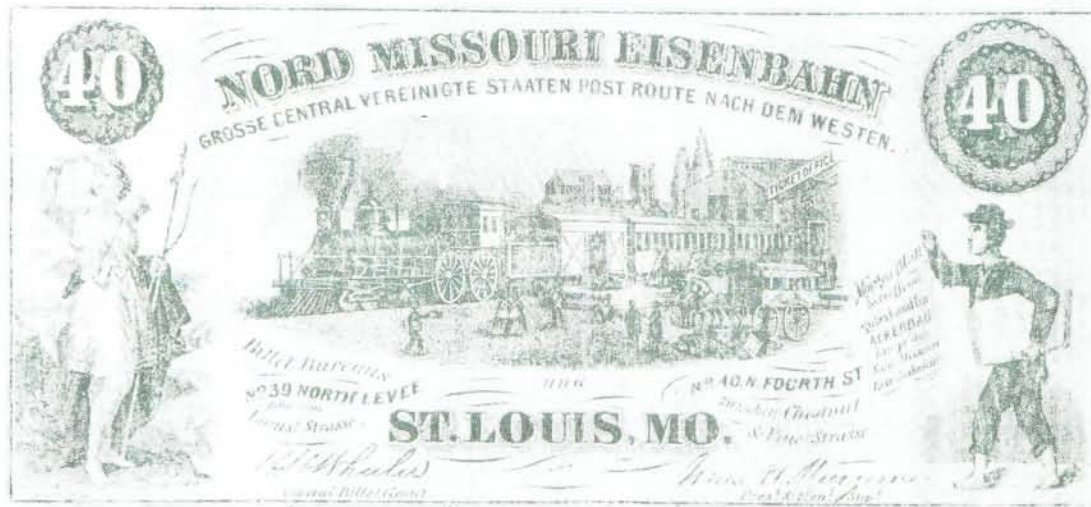
And The German Influence

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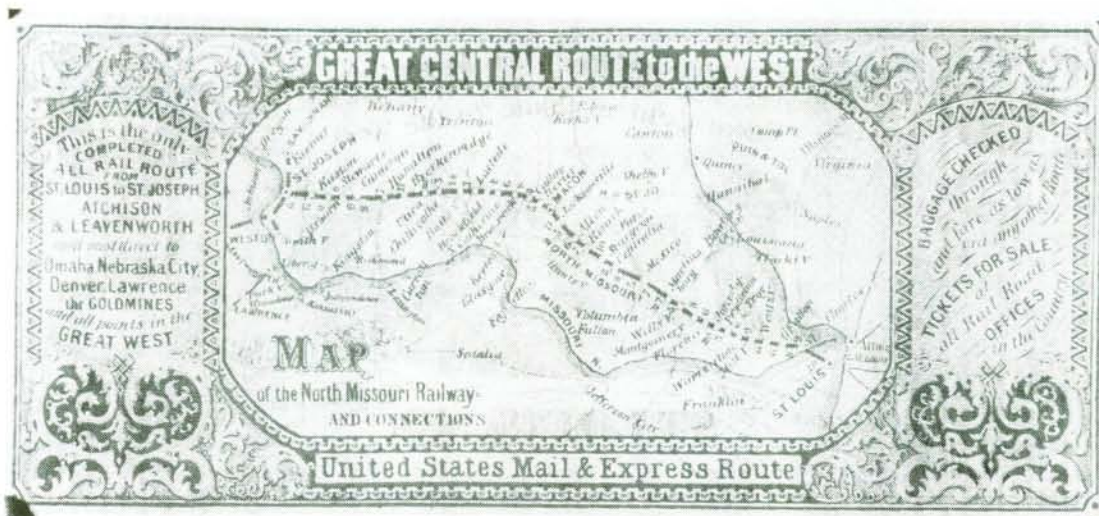
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At the time of the Civil War, St. Louis was a thriving river city with over one quarter (55,000 of its residents having been born in Germany. While a few scattered immigrants settled there in the early 1800s, the real influx did not begin until the late 1840s with the failure of the revolution in Central Europe. This large German population gave support to five native language newspapers as well as many protective societies. It was only logical that this influence should spill over into the issuance of advertising notes.

The North Missouri Railroad was chartered by the state of Missouri on March 1, 1851 to build, equip and operate a rail line between St. Louis and Ottumwa, Iowa. After funds were raised, including a loan from the state, and right-of-ways obtained, work was started on May 1, 1854. By February 1, 1859 the line was complete and operating to Macon, Missouri, a distance of 162 miles. Work was stalled at this point because of the war between the states. In 1866 the Missouri State Legislature relinquished the debt owed to it by the railroad in ex-



The German version of the North Missouri advertising note. The back, in German has the same design as the English version.



North Missouri Railroad advertising note with a map on the back that shows its route to the goldmines and all points in the "Great West." There is a stamped date of July 26, 1866.

change for an agreement that the line would extend its operations to Kansas City and the western part of the state.

In 1864 the North Missouri Railroad consolidated its routes with those of the Missouri River Railroad and the Chariton and Randolph Railroads providing a thru connection to St. Joseph, Missouri. In 1871 financial problems overtook the line and it was sold to M.K. Jessup who renamed it the St.

Louis, Kansas City and Northern Railroad. On January 1, 1880 this line consolidated with the Wabash Company to form the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway operating over 1,551 miles of track.

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BEP SOUVENIR CARD TO COMMEMORATE MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL PAPER MONEY SHOW

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has announced its souvenir card for the International Paper Money Show in Memphis, Tennessee, June 15 through 17, 1984.

The card features a replica of the face of a \$10,000 Series 1878 United States note which was authorized by the Act of March 3, 1863 to bring the number of United States notes in circulation up to their legal limit. The series included notes in denominations from \$1 to \$10,000 and was the first to feature a \$5,000 and \$10,000 note. Only 4,000 Series 1878 notes of the \$10,000 denomination were produced; none are known to be in circulation today. The face of the card was printed on a DeLaRue one-color intaglio press, with the text done in black on an offset press.

Bureau Director Robert J. Leuver noted, "Our participation in this show, the largest paper money exhibit in the United States and the only show to deal solely with paper currency, provides an opportunity for thousands of people to view the Bureau's impressive display of rare and historic currency."

Mr. Leuver will address a luncheon of the Currency Club of Chester County on June 16 in conjunction with the show.

In addition to the souvenir card, the Bureau's exhibit will feature a demonstration of a 19th Century "Spider" hand

press and the sale of an Eagle plate proof.

The price for mint cards will be \$3 on site at the Memphis exhibit and at the Bureau's Visitors' Center in Washington, D.C. On June 15, the first date of sale, the Postal Service will be at the Visitors' Center to provide hand-cancellations from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Individuals may enter the Visitors' Center, open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, through the 15th Street entrance to purchase the cards.

By mail, a mint souvenir card will cost \$4. A limited number of special hand-cancelled cards with the 20¢ Flag over the Supreme Court Stamp will be available by mail for \$4.50.

Mail orders should state the number of cards desired of each kind - mint or hand-cancelled - and should be accompanied by a check or money order payable to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Orders should specify Item No. 779 for mint cards and No. 780 for hand-cancelled cards. The purchaser's name, address, and zip code should appear clearly on the order form and envelope. Orders should be addressed to Memphis, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C. 20228. Customers are requested not to send cash with their orders and to allow 90 days from issue date for delivery. The Memphis souvenir card will remain on sale for 90 days or while supplies last, whichever comes first.