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the world knows that a couple of by either industrial waste or public distinction. New York indeed has the times each year the fastest horses in sewage. This task is one of pioneer- largest population, but not the great-America foregather here for a rattling ing. It is leading the way. Aurora est density of population. Some of of hoofs and a flashing of silks; run- sees itself first in the work of re- the New England states far outstrip

Pretty much all the world knows spoilation. the premier "box fight" town of Illi- when three tall towers with flood ing in each similar unit.

annual pilgrimage to another Aurora in those days. event-the Central States Fair and Exposition, one of the greatest coun- the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy rail- counted in New York City's populatry fairs in America.

sents an investment of about \$1,250,-000-which gives some idea of the story of that. Such is the popular birdseye view of Aurora.

Other Features I have just visited Aurora to make ly know about. So another picture: | court, three days later.

45,000 people. It lies 38 miles west rail electric railroad system, common- ed as, a state, for there it is 7,500 to and slightly south of Chicago's busy ly known as the Elgin-Aurora line, the mile. Compare this with Wyomloop district. It is partly on the west has as its furthermost western term- ing with an average of two to the bank and partly on the east bank of inal this same Aurora. the picturesque Fox river with a good- | Up the beautiful Fox river, within Colorado with nine, and even with ly part of its business district on an sight of the city, stands Mooseheart, sunny California which has but twen-

Two short dams, one on either side poured in more than \$10,000,000 in of the island, form a large reservoir cash to build an institutional home for It is said that the Hookah pipe is or millpond upstream. In fact, it was children of members. It is on a hill rapidly becoming obsolete in India about this two-part dam that Aurora overlooking the waters of the Fox, as the natives have all taken up cig-

History has it that Chief Waubon- leys and such a stream. sie, head of a soapless tag-end band of Concrete roads lead into this fair work. the Pottawattomie tribe, ruled over a valley and each year new hundreds straggling teepee down at this point come to build themselves homes. And when Joseph McCarthy, a New Eng- that is the Fox River valley and that land: 480 acres divided by the stream Aurora.

He stopped to make survey of the Of course the League of Nations spot. He found the island, a swift has been having a regular cat and rush of clear water over hard rocks. dog time, but at that they haven't It was a naural crossing, a fine site fussed much worse than our wet and for dam and water power. Here In- dry congressmen. dian tribes had long come to trade and barter. A likely spot.

So the McCarthys stopped. Squatters they were and they laid claim to lands; 480 acres divided by the stream and they made it stick.

The First Mill On the spot where the original mill stood, stands a mill today. Sunk in the concrete sidewalk in front of the ancient mill are the two original millstones used, the bronze plate says, by Samuel McCarthy when he built the

first mill there in 1836. The McCarthys, Yankee of Irish descent, got in just a wink ahead of the great New England invasion which had this part of the country settled before the 30's were over. Aurora still shows the imprint of its New England origin. It is sturdy, businesslike, sub-

stantial: built for usage. Yet Aurora is devoted to music and 2 art and the better things. It is a town that has more than its share of good oil paintings, some of them rare. You find them on the walls of public buildings. They are hung with marked respect. James Cowan, one of the nation's foremost collectors of works of old masters, has done much to popularize art in the city.

Many Churches

Aurora has forty-six churches for its 45,000 people and the churches are used. It has a library of approximately 50,000 books. It has one college, two business colleges and a conservatory of music; two high schools, fourteen elementary schools, eight parochial schools and a girls' seminary; three hospitals, four theatres and four

I asked an Aurora newspaper man what, in his mind, gave Aurora individuality and distinction. He remark.

"It's goshamighty number of small manufacturing industries. I can count 146 factories, places where something or other is made to sell. Only a few of them can be classed as big ones. Almost all of them work from just a few people up to 400. Of course, there's the Burlington shops-main shops of the system-employing 2,500 men, but that's our big plant."

Big Plants Aurora has some other plants that might be called "big." Among them is that of the Richards-Wilcox Mfg. Co. which has branches in 16 cities in the United States and three in Canada. It specializes in fire doors, safety doors, overhead tracks, door and window hangers, garage, special builders

hardware, etc. One might say also that Aurora is a center for metal cabinets. Here is found the Lyon Metallic Mfg. Co., the All-Steel-Equipment Co. and the Aurora Metal Cabinet Works, Look at the label on your steel cabinet and likely you will find an Aurora imprint.

Going a bit further, we find that Aurora is the home of the Western | Highland Park, Ill. Wheel Scraper Co., maker of heavy road building machinery; the Stephens-Adamson Co., conveying equipment: the American Well Works, pumps, and the Independent Pneumatic Tool Co. It has two large corset mills and a plant which takes in cotton in the bale and turns it out as sheeting.

DENSEST POPULATION IN DIST. OF COLUMBIA Aurora also proudly boasts that it

has been the force behind the recent "enabling act," passed by the state More People to Square Mile In legislature which has as its purpose That Section; Comparisons With Others the creation of a sanitary district which will take in the entire Fox river

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A great many people, if asked the United States and gives the district densely populated states in the union All the world knows Aurora. All power to stop pollution of the stream would reply that New York bears that ning races, the sport of millionaires! claiming the nation's streams from it in the matter of the nearness with which the people live to one another.

Aurora as a place where fists and But Aurora has pioneered before. It Rhode Island has a population of shins are wont to mingle. It is the was the first city in the United States 566 to the square mile and Massaspot in the central west where the to have municipal electric lighting. chusetts has 500 to the square mile. "leather pushers" meet and mill. It's The experiment was tried in 1881 New York has but 277 people resid-

lights on them were erected above the New York state, of course, gets its Out in this middle west country business district of the city-making reputation for density because of the Aurora is especially famed for some- it the birthplace of electric street great number of people residing in thing else. Thousands of persons take lighting. They called them "beacons" and around New York City, although of course, many of these reside in New Aurora also was the birthplace of Jersey and Connecticut, and are not road, the first link of that system run- tion. But outside of the metropolitan This fair ground, with its mile track, ning from Aurora to Turner Junction. district there are large sections of stands on a level plateau looking down It was completed in 1849. Last year New York which are rather sparsely upon the Fox river. The plant repre- the Burlington spent \$7,000,000 ele- inhabited, and these bring the state's average density below that of some of the New England states.

Another Aurora "first,"-it had the The average density of population first city court in Illinois. That court for the entire country is thirty-six to was organized on Feb. 11, 1857, im- the square mile, which of course mediately after the law making city makes the United States look almost brief inventory of the things Aurora courts possible was passed in Illinois. uninhabited when compared with most has which the world does not general- Elgin was second to organize a city of the European countries. Our greatest density of population is in the Dis-Aurora is a vigorous Illinois city of First once more-for the first third- trict of Columbia, if that can be countsquare mile, New Mexico with three, Here the Loyal Order of Moose has ty-two inhabitants to the square mile.

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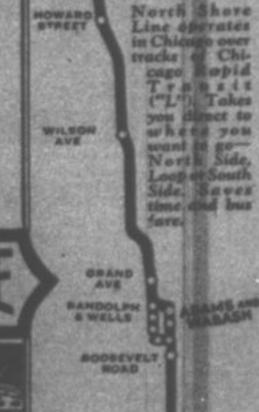
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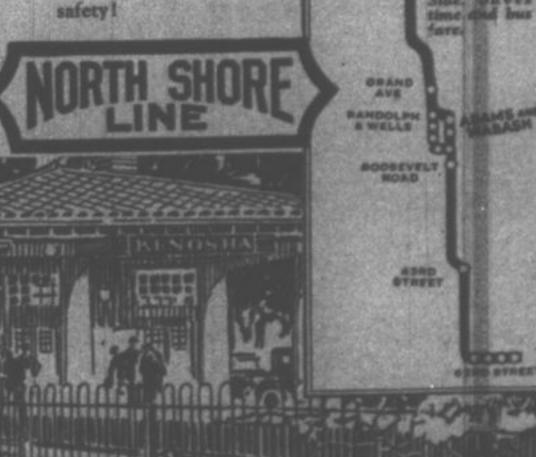
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