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## FIRST RAILROAD WEST OF MISSOURI

The Marysville and Elwood Railroad, later the St. Joseph and Grand Island and now the Union Pacific, was the first railroad started west of the Missouri river. The train ran the first time April 20, 1860, from Elwood to Wathena, and because of the Civil War, construction did not proceed west until about 10 years later. The first steam train chuffed into Marysville January 4, 1871, at the station which was located near the intersection of the railroad tracks with US77 highway adjacent to South Tenth Street City Park.