### **COMMENTS ON:**

## "THE VALUE OF RATINGS"

BY

CAROLA FRYDMAN, ASAF BERNSTEIN, & ERIC HILT

Ross Levine

## What I learned

Moody's 1909 volume changed bond yields & liquidity.

The estimated effects are "modest."

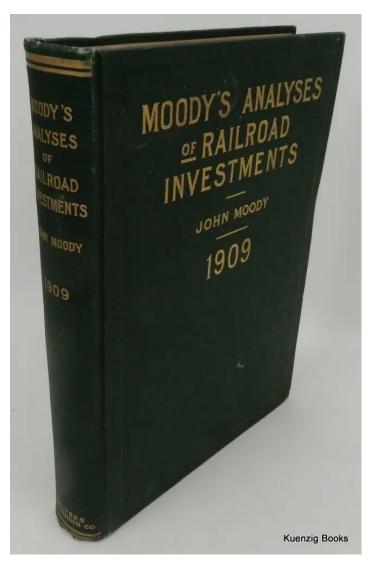
> The analyses are rigorous and convincing.

# With my remaining 14 minutes ...

I will stress the dynamic, synergist evolution of financial and technological innovation, which

- Highlights additional contributions of the paper,
- Addresses the "modesty" of the estimates, and
- Speaks to the research's applicability today.

## What does this ...



## ... have to do with this?

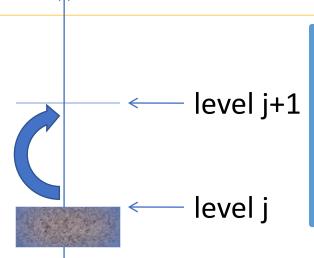


# Technological innovation

(a central feature of long-run prosperity)

Textbook model

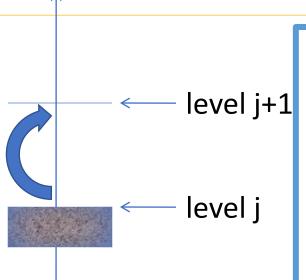
# Technological innovation w/o finance



- It is costly to try to jump up the technology ladder.
- Success is uncertain.
- Innovators are heterogeneous.

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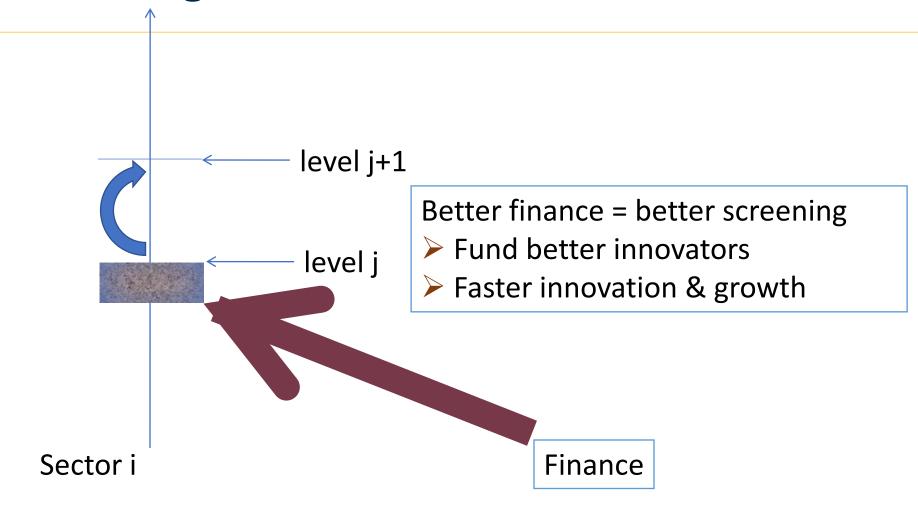
# Technological innovation w/o finance



- Profit-maximizing entrepreneurs seek monopoly rents by innovating
- Innovation rate affected by
  - Property rights
  - Competition
  - Who gets funding

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## Technological innovation w/ finance



# But is this textbook story complete?

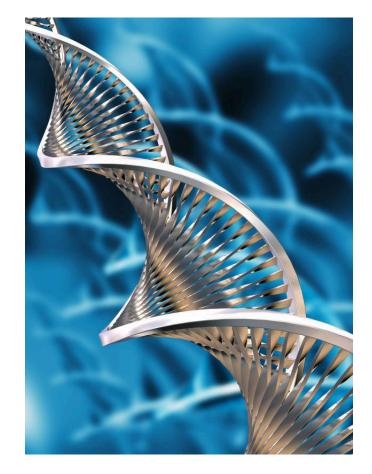
➤ Perhaps a given screening technology becomes less effective as technology progresses.

# Recent example ...

From IT and venture capitalism to ...



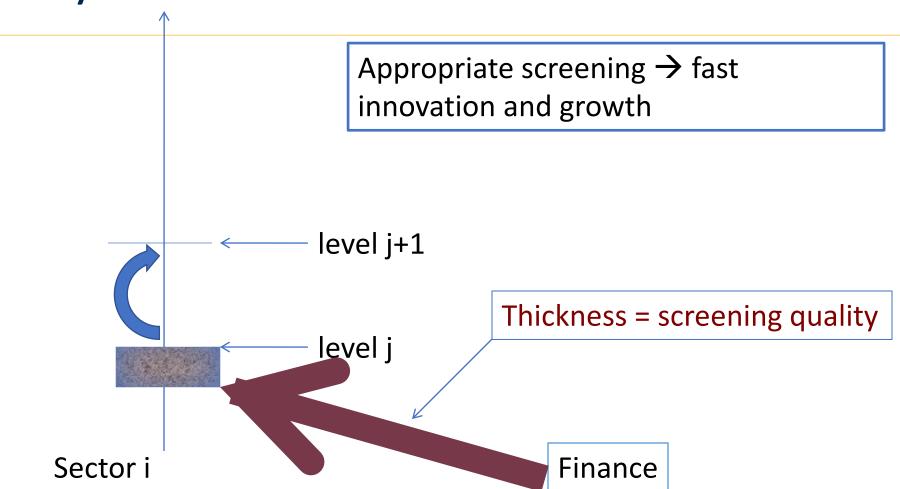
• ... to bio-technologies



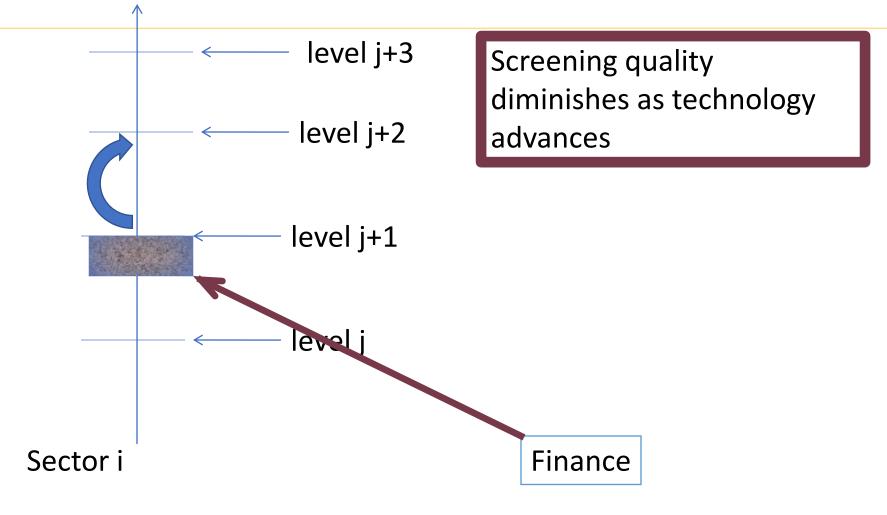
# Technological & Financial innovation

Textbook model → dynamic, synergistic model

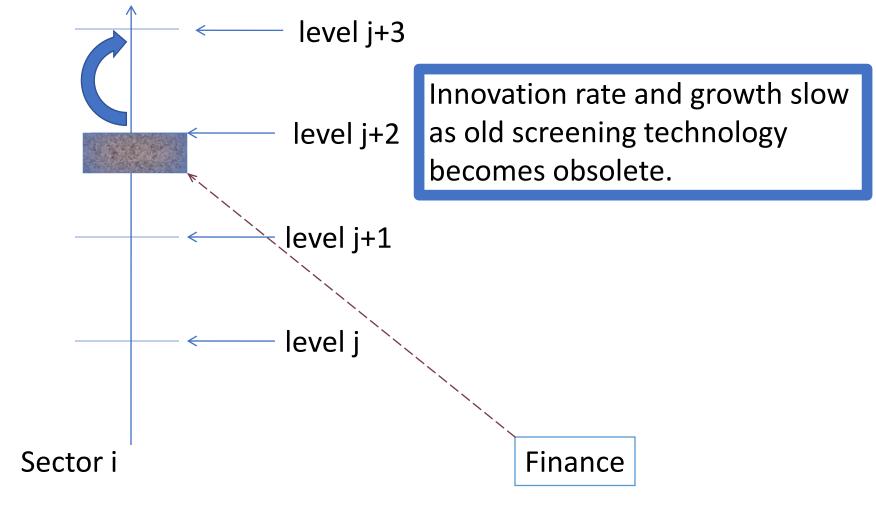
## **Dynamics**



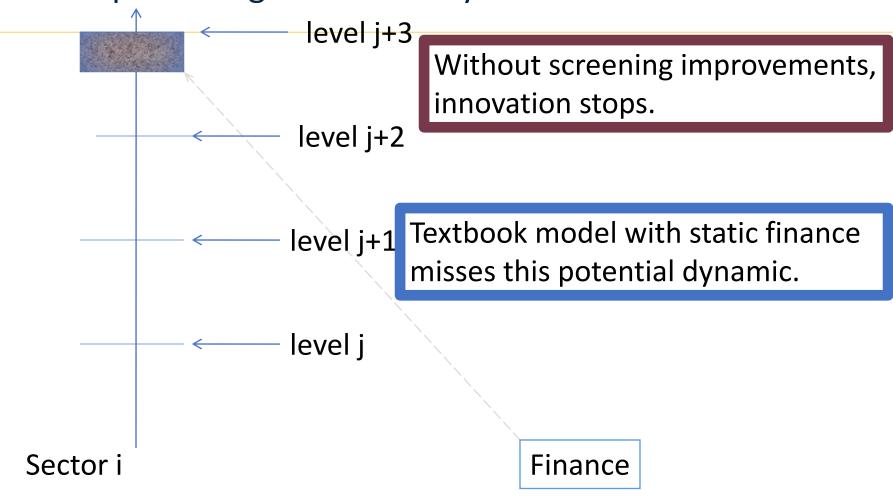
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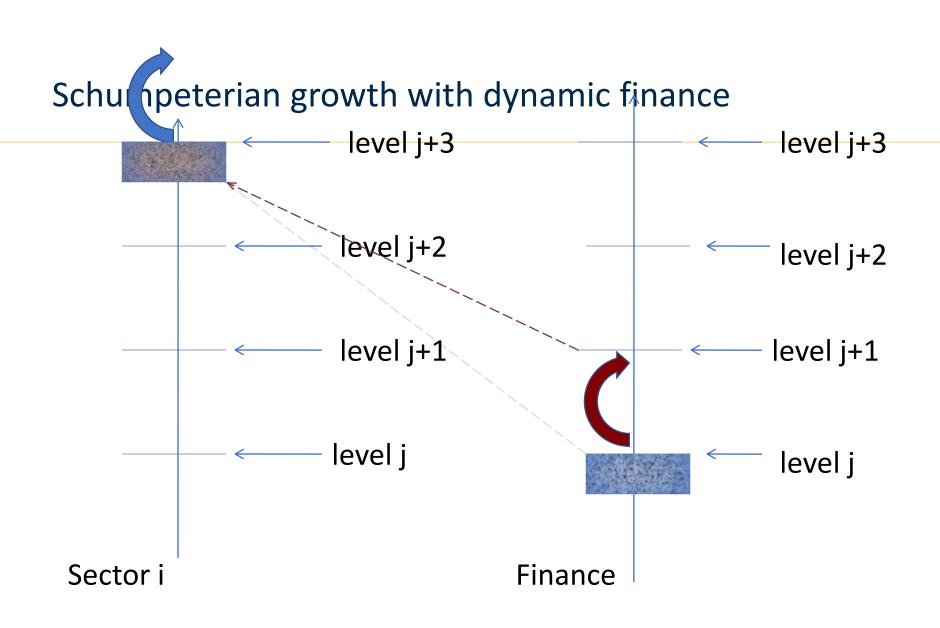


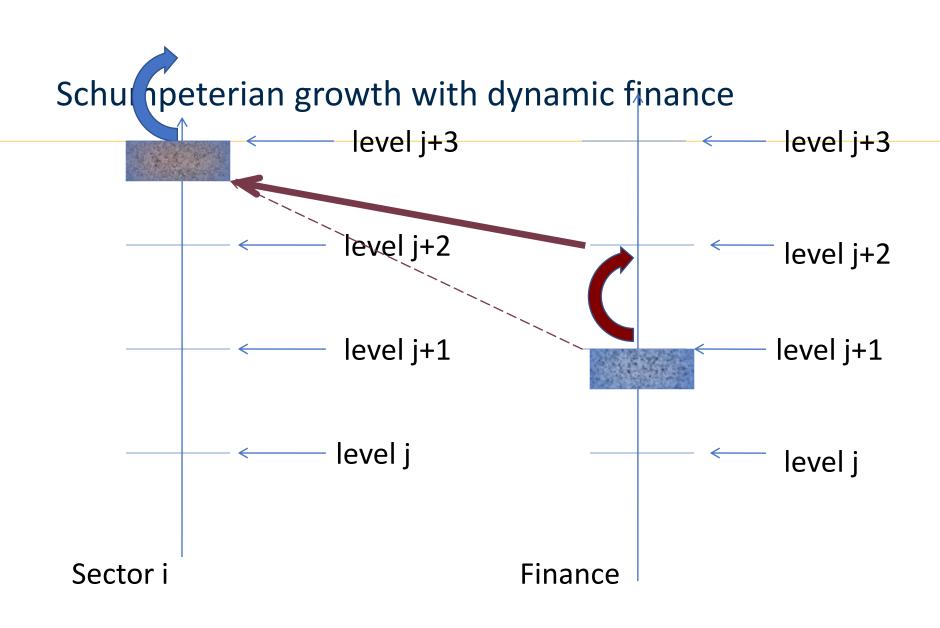
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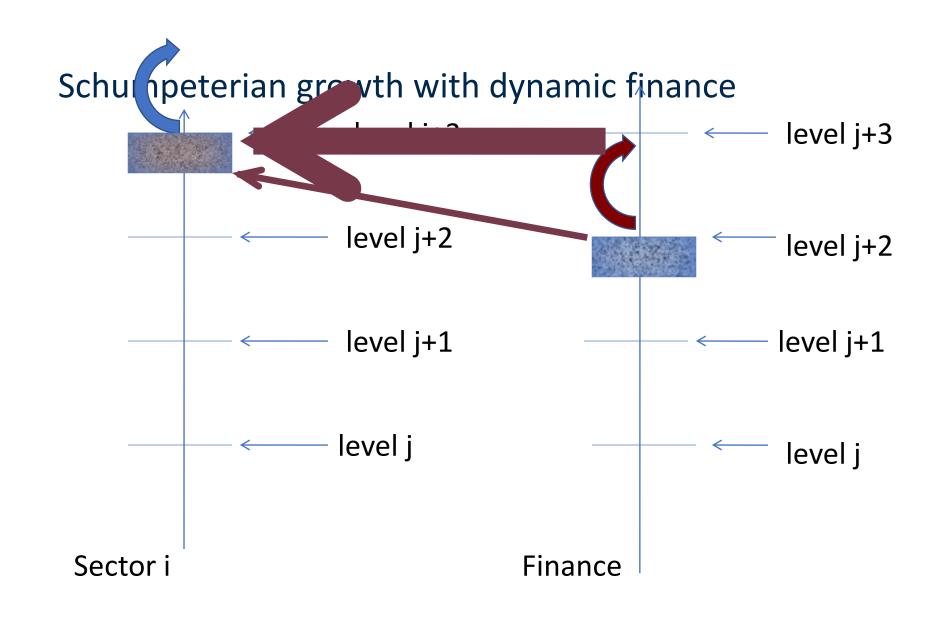


# Add financial entrepreneurs

Profit-maximizing financiers engage in financial innovation



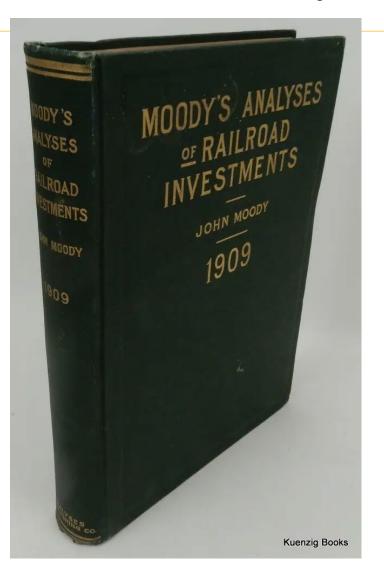




# **Implications**

- Without financial innovation,
  - growth stops,
  - regardless of the level of financial development.
- Long-run growth <u>only</u> occurs with the co-evolution of screening ability and technological innovations.
- Policy perspectives:
  - a) How do policies affect financial innovation?
  - b) Must policies evolve dynamically to support innovation?

# Back to Moody



- Moody was a financial entrepreneur
- Perhaps, we should view his 1909 innovation as
- > one step on a ladder of financial innovations addressing evolving screening challenges.

# Consider Screening Pre-Moody: Poor's 1907 Manual of Railroads

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### THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

(For map of this system, see page 683.)

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1. Mileage Operated, June 30, 1906.—A. Lines Owned (total, 1,134.3)	5 miles)	
*Main Line: St. Louis, Mo. to 30 pt. histon, Kan.	330,11	miles
*Main Line: St. Louis, Mo., to 30 St., hison Kan	148.91	"
*Sarpy County Extension: Papillion Junction to Sarpy County Line, Neo	2 09	46
*Poplar Street Track: Eleventh St. to The Levee, St. Louis, Mo	1.00	
*Laclede & Creve Caur Lake Branch: Junction to Creve Caur Lake, Mo	11.99	"
*Carondelet Branch: Kirkwood to Vulcan St., Carondelet, Mo	12.55	"
*Glencoe Branch: Glencoe to Lime Kilns, Mo	4.00	**
*Lebanon Branch: Jefferson City to Bagnell, Mo	45.04	"
*Marshall Branch: Marshall Junction to Marshall, Mo	118.27 2.48	"
*Lexington Branch: Sedalia via Lexington to Independence, Mo	88.46	41
*Lake City Branch: Lake City, Mo., to Atchison Connection	7.76	46
*Blackwater Branch: Warrensburg, Mo., to Stone Quarries	3.00	"
*Kansas and Arizona Division : Paola to Le Roy Junction, Kan	61,00	"
*Ottawa Branch: Osawatomie Junction to Ottawa, Kan	21.62	• •
*Lexington & Southern Division: K. C., F. S. & M. Junc. to Joplin, 110	132.69	**
*Webb City Spurs and Extensions: Oronogo to Granby, M	24.29	41
*Nebraska City Branch ; June, with Neb. So. Ry eeping Water, Neb	26.76	"
*Lincoln Branch: Weeping Water to Line L., Neb	33.9 <b>2</b>	**
*Urete Branch: Talmage to Crete Yeo	58.18	"
B. PROPRIETARY ROADS—ENTIRE STOCK OWNED (total, 2,073.54 miles).		
*Omaha Belt Ry. :   Sarpy County Line to Omaha, Neb	13.12	
- (Building Superior to West Bide Superior, 1965	3.05	"
*St. Louis, Oak Hill & Carondelet Ry.: Tower Grove to Carondelet, Mo *Joplin & Western Ry.: J. & W. Junction, to Grand Falls, Mo	6.30 4.59	44
*Fort Scott Central Ry.: Rich Hill Junction, No., to Cornell, Kan	57.05	"
*Nevada and Minden Ry.: Nevada, Mo., to Kansas State Line	32,56	4.
*N. & M. Ry. of Kansas: Mo. State Line to Chetopa, Kan	41.15	• •
*Nebraska Southern Ry.: Auburn, Neb., to June. with Neb. City Branch	16.12	"
*Omaha Southern Ry.: Union to Summit Junction, Neb	25.44	"
*Sedalia, Warsaw and Southwestern Ry.: Sedalia to Warsaw, Mo	43.23	44
*Carthage and Western Ry .: Carthage Junc. to Asbury Junc., Mo	17.96	**
*Kansus City Northwestern RR.: Kan. City, Kan., to St. J. & G. I. RR. Con.	117.04	• •
Virginia Section: Axtell Junction, Kan., to Virginia, Neb	32.92	"
Seneca Connection: H. B. Connec. St. J. & G. I. KR. siding to end of track.	0.08	• •
Leavenworth Branch: Menager Junction to Leavenworth, Kau	11.61	"
†Kansas and Colorado Pacific Ry.: Ottawa, Kan., to State Line, Col	404.73	"
Council Grove Connection: Spur June, to M., K. & T. Ry. Connection, Kan.	$0.48 \\ 27.30$	"
Salina Loop: Gypsum City to Marquette, Kan	10.01	44
Mudison Line: Monteith Junction, Mo., to Madison, Kan	101.43	
Topeka Division: Fort Scott to Topeka, Kan	131.00	**
Wichita & Western Division: Fort Scott, Kan., to Ind. T. Boundary	244.45	"
Gilfillan Spur: Gilfillan, Kan., to Stone Quarries	2.40	• •
McPherson Branch: El Dorado to McPherson, Kan	62.40	• •
Wichita & Genesco Line: West Wichita to Geneseo, Kan	86.57	" "
Chetopa & Larned Line: Chetopa to Larned, Kan	273.04	٠.
Grouse Creek Division : Dexter to Arkansas City, Kan	25.07	••
*Pueblo and State Line RR. : State Line, Kan., to Pueblo, Col	152.12	••
Kanopolis and Kansas Central Ry.: Geneseo to Kanopolis, Kan	14.16	
Kansas Southwestern Ry.: Olcott Junction to Iuka, Kan	24.91	•••
Rooks County RR.: Alton to Stockton, Kan	18.25 73.00	••
Pacific Ry. in Nebraska: Warwick, Kan., to Prosser, Neb	10.00	



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# Pages of information on each railroad company!

- Mileage of lines operated
- Mileage of lines owned and % ownership

Brought forward	.8,207.89 miles
C. LINES LEASED BY M. P. RY. Co. FOR SPECIFIC RENTALS (total, 224.	.06 miles).
*Boonville, St. Louis & Southern Ry.: Versailles, to Boonville, Mo	43.95 "
*Kansas City & Southw Ry. (Mo.): K. C. & S. W. Jc., Mo., to State Line, Kan.	
*Kansas City & Southw. Ry. (Kan.): State Line, Mo., to S. W. Junc., Kan	. 27.00 "
* Verdigris Valley Div. K. & C. P. Ry.: Le Roy to Deering Junction, Kan.	. 80.63 ''
*LeRoy & Caney Valley Air-Line: Roper to Peru Junction, Kan	. 51.78 ''
D. TRACKAGE AND TERMINAL RIGHTS (total, 59.67 miles).	
*Central Branch Ry.: Atchison (8d St.) to Central Br. Junction, Kan	. 1.89 "
*Kansas City, Ft. Scott & M. RR.: Pleasant Hill Jc. to K. C., F. S. & M. Jc., Mo.	
*Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Ry.: Eton to Congo, Mo	. 7.82 ''
*Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR. : Winthrop to St. Joseph, Mo	. 21.00 "
* Union Pacific Ry.: Gilmore Junction to Summit Junction, Neb	. 5.47 "
*Kansas City Southern Ry.: Pittsburg, Kan., to C. & W. Ry. Jc., Asbury, Mo.	. 11.39 "
*St. Joseph and Grand Island Ry.: Seneca to Axtell Junction, Kan	. 10.77 ''
*Atch., Top. & Santa Fe Ry.: H. B. Connection to Soldiers' Home, Kan	0.79 ''
*Lines indicated thus are operated as main line—total length	1.840.30 miles.
†Lines indicated thus are operated as branch lines—total length	1.651.82 "
Total length of lines operated by Missouri Pacific Ry. Co	$\overline{3,491.62}$ miles.

Track Mileage.—Statement showing the mileage of all tracks operated by the Missouri Pacific Ry. Co., exclusive of trackage rights, June 30, 1906:

		Second Track.		Sid- ings.	Total Track.	Steel Rails.*
Owned and Proprietary   Main Line	Miles. 1,556.57 1,499.20 435.85	Miles. 83.73	Miles. 3.48	Miles. 584.81 191.99 65.89	Miles. 2,128.59 1,691.19 501.74	1,493.18
Totals	3,491.62	83.73	8.48	792.69	4,321.52	3,527.03

<sup>•</sup> Exclusive of side tracks. † Includes Pueblo and State Line RR., a proprietary road, but treated as a leased line in the mileage statement given in the report of the Missouri Pacific Ry. Co. Gauge, 4 ft. 8‡ in. Rail, 52 to 85 lbs.

2. History.—Incorporated Oct. 21, 1876, and took over the property of the Pacific RR. Co. of Missouri, which had been sold under foreclosure Sept. 6, 1876. Consolidated, Aug. 11, 1880, with the St. Louis and Lexington RR., Kansas City and Eastern RR., Lexington and Southern RR., St. Louis, Kansas and Arizona RR., Missouri River RR. and Leavenworth, Atchison and Northwestern RR. (see Manual for 1891, page 784).

Proprietary and Gontrolled Roads.—The proprietary railroads are practically owned by the Missouri Pacific Ry. Co. and are fully incorporated into the system. The actual aggregate mileage of them is 2,154.16 miles, including the length of the Verdigris Valley Division of the Kansas and Colorado Pacific Ry., 80.62 miles, which is shown as a leased line in the mileage statement, the Missouri Pacific Ry. Co. being obliged to pay the interest on its bonds by way of rental. The Missouri Pacific Ry. Co. controls the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Ry. Co., and Central Branch Ry. Co., through the ownership of all or of a large majority of their capital stocks. For information respecting those companies, reference should be made to the separate statements therefor. The company also has large holdings in the shares of the Denver and Rio Grande Ry. Co., Texas and Pacific Ry. Co., and Wabash RR. Co., friendly interests controlling the remaining shares.

### 3. General Balance Sheet, June 30, 1906.

72,508,400 24	Capital Stock (including amount ex-	
3,375,612 10	changed for Capital Stock of St.	
92,890,793 28	L., I. M. & S. Ry.)	77.817.875 00
4,191,725 64	Accounts Payable	6.722.088 20
47,675,52	Special Fund Account	833 938 17
1,999,534 70	Due to the Central Branch Ry. Co	263,000,71
936,300 46	Balance of Income Account	6.455,123 61
	3,375,612 10 92,890,793 28 1,788,962 82 4,365,984 44 2,559,166 67 4,191,725 64 47,675 52 1,999,534 70	

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Total Liabilities .......\$184,664,155 87

Corporate history

### 4. Property and General Balances.—Statement showing mileage of railroad owned and the general balances of the company for eight fiscal periods:

	1 <b>899</b>	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
	Dec. 31	Dec. 81	Dec. 81	Dec. 31	Dec. 81	Dec. 81	Dec. 31	June 80
Miles Road Owned	2,759 18	2,759 18	2,964 06	8,037 50	3,055 57	8,055 57	8,055 77	8,055 77
Miles Track Owned *	2,794 03	2,794 08	2,998 95	8,072 89	3,092 78	8,092 98	3,092 98	3,092 98
Miles of Steel Rail	2,740 67	2,747 70	2,955 79	8,042 96	8,076 84	3,077 04	3,086 12	8,086 12
Unpaid Interest Sundry Liabilities Profit and Loss	<b>62,138</b> ,000 965,690 <b>6,840</b> ,320 <b>435,71</b> 5	4,288.329	54,012,000 954,180 6,768,213 3,237,705	56,042,000 954,560 14,002,809 8,297,452	59,788.800 956,085 14,813,912 4,751,960	65,925,000 1,091,434 18,600,935 5,689,889	91,661,000 1,424,865 7,721,241 6,360,186	91,148,000 1,423,830 7,819,027 6,455,424
Cost of Property Materials and Supplies Invest, in Stocks & Bonds. Cash and Other Assets	55,232,633 1,065,946 56,013,672 5,516,125	55,987,012 1,081,570 60,101,122	61,212,577 2,161,941 71,331,557 6,668,898	64,405,908 2,555,223 72,048,540 13,089,935	69,116,287 2,429,153 72,005,620 14,562,572	69,392,240 1,796,500 72,738,743 25,197,650	70,689,719 8,615,114 77,202,021 83,478,313	72,508,400 3,375,612 92,890,793 15,889,351

<sup>·</sup> Excluding side

### 5. General Income Account, year ending June 30, 1906.

EARNINGS.	Main Line.	Branches.	Total.	Expenses.	Main Line.	Branches.	Total.
Passenger Freight Mail and Exp. Miscellaneous	.10,440,945 28 931,346 36	1,823,465 94 4,901,348 48 252,089 71 40,778 39	15,342,293 76 1,183,436 07	Maint. of Way. Maint. of Equip. Transportation. General	1,667,032 34 6,277,648 05	977,242 04 1,413,979 89 2,777,579 64 246,916 14	2,777,858 40 8,081,012 28 9,055,227 69 954,790 91
Totals Aver. per M.		6,517,682 52 3,946 95	21,480,100 13 6,151 91			5,415,717 71 3,279 68	15,868,384 28 4,544 71

Surplus income, \$1,096,480.94; surplus to June 30, 1905, \$5,358,942.67—total surplus, June 30, 1906, \$6,455,423.61.

## 6. Statement showing the details of dividends and rentals received and of interest and rentals paid as per income account.

• •	
Dividends Received.	Rentals Received.
American Refrigerator Transit Co \$15,499 30	Iron Mountain RR. of Memphis \$20,000 00
Baring Cross Bridge Co	Kansas City Northwestern RR 26,492 28
Coal Companies	Accrued Interest on Bonds.
Pacific Express Co	
Union Depot Companies 4.475 00	Pac. RR. of Mo., 1st Mtge\$280,000 00
Southwest Lead & Zinc Works 2,100 00	Pac. RR. of Mo., 2d Mtge
The Mo. Pac. Ry. Co	P. RR. of Mo., Real Estate Security 40,000 00
St. L. & Miss. Valley Transp. Co 1.173 50	Pac. RR. of Mo., Carondelet Br. 1st Mtge 10.687 50
Denver & Rio Grande RR. Co 547,500 00	Mo. Pac. Ry. 3d Mtgc
Central Branch Ry. Co	Mo. Pac. Ry., Lexington Branch 1st Mtge. 32,500 00
Pueblo Stock Yards Co 20,000 00	The Mo. Pac. Ry., Consol. Mtge
Certificates of Mo. Pac. Equip. Ass'n 250 00	Trust Five per Cent
Interest on Trust 5 p. c. Bonds of the Mo.	1st Collateral Mortgage
Pac. Ry 50 00	4 p. c. Gold Loan
Interest on 1st Mtge. Bonds Series "A" K.	Rentals of Leased Lines.
C. & N. W. RR 100 00	Boonville, St. Louis & Southern Ry \$25,000 00
Interest on 1st Mtge. Bonds Southern III.	Hannibal & St. Joseph Trackage 10,658 36
and Missouri Bridge Co 10,400 00	Kan, City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Track. 7,000 00
Int. on 1st Mtge. Bonds, Pacific RR. of Mo. 160 00	The Central Branch Trackage
Int. on 1st Mtge. Bonds, Concordia Coal Co. 15,000 00	Le Roy and Caney Val. Air-Line RR 26,000 00
Int. on 1st Mige. Bonds, Nat. Sugar Mfg. Co. 1,710 00	Verdigris Val., Independ. & West. RR 40,300 00
Int. on Gold Coup. Cert., Nat. Sugar Mfg. Co. 205 20	Kansas City and Northwestern RR 51,300 00
Dividends on Capital Stock of St. L., I. M.	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Ry 7,200 00
& S. Ry. Co. exchanged for Capital Stock	St. Joseph and Grand Island Ry. Trackage 4,000 00
of Missouri Pac. Ry. Co4,106,954 60	Kan. Cy., Clinton & Springfield Ry. Trackage. 168 00



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## Income Accounts

7. Dividends Paid.—From the date of its organization to June 30, 1906, the company paid a total of 55 cash dividends aggregating 92; per cent., or \$43,071,181. The rates, dates and amounts of these dividends are shown in the following statement:

YEARS.	Rate.	Amount.	YEARS.	Rate.	Amount.	YEARS.	Rate.	Amount.	YEARS.	Rate.	Amount.
1890 1881 1882 1883	6 61 7	1,524,167 1,946,419 2,097,339	1885 1886 1887 1888 1889	7 7 51	2,531,770 3,008,174 1,539,120	1890 1891 1892–1900. 1901	8 Nil. 21	\$1,823,498 422,860	1904 1905 1906	5 5	\$8,890,112 8,890,491 8,890,870 3,890,870

- 8. Capital Stock.—The authorised capital stock is \$100,000,000 in shares of \$100 ...ch.
- 9. Funded Debt .- The funded debt outstanding on June 30, 1906, consisted of the following issues

\$7,000,000 Pacific RR. (Mo.) 1st mrgc. \$ p. Conls. Mo., gold bonds, dated Aug. 1, 1888, due Aug. 1, 1888, miles, and on extended to Aug. 1, 1938, interest Feb. 1 and Aug. 1, LaClede and Cr. 1, at office of trustee, Mercantille Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Coupon bonds. \$1,000 each, register, lawa, Lexington able as to principal, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Secured on the main line from St. Louis to Kansas City, Mo., 283.74 miles.

\$2,573,000 Parific RR. (Mo.) 2d mtge. 5 p. c. gold bonds, dated July 1, 1871, due July 1, 1891, extended to July 1, 1938, interest Jan. 1 and July 1, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Coupon bonds, \$1,000 each, registerable as to principal, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Sinking fund, \$50,000 per annum, applicable to purchase of bonds at or under par. Secured by second mortgage on the main line from St. Louis to Kansas City, Mo., 283.74 miles. Trustees: E. D. Morgan and Joseph Seligman.

\$800,000 Pacific RR. (Mo.) St. Louis City real estate mige. 5 p. c. gold bonds, dated May 1, 1872, due May 1, 1892, extended to May 1, 1983, Interest May 1 and Nov. 1, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Coupon bonds, \$500 and \$1,000, registerable as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest, at Morcantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Secured by first mortgage on four blocks of ground in St. Louis, Mo., valued at \$2.500,000. Trustees: R. J. Lackland and Dwight Durkee.

\$245.000 Carondelet Branch, Pac. RR. of Mo. 1st mtge. 41 p. c. gold bonds, dated Oct. 1, 1873, due Oct. 1, 1893, extended to Oct. 1, 1938, interest due Oct. 1, 1838, extended to Oct. 1, 1838, interest April 1 and Oct. 1, at National Bank of Commerce, New York, N. Y. Coupon bonds, \$3500 and \$1,000, registerable as to principal, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Secured by first mortgage on the branch from Kirkwood to Carandelet, Mo., 12,41 miles. Trustees: Jesse Seligman, New York, N. Y., and James Baker, St. Louis, Mo.

\$3,828,000 Mo. Pac. Ry. 3d mtgc. 4 p. c. gold bonds, dated Nov. 1, 1876, due Nov. 1, 1806, extended to July 1, 1838, but subject to redemption at any time before then, at 105 and interest, on four weeks' notice, interest payable May 1, and Nov. 1, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Coupon bonds, \$1,000 each, registerable as to prin-cipal, at Mercantile Trust Co. New York, N. Secured by third lien on the main line from St. Louis to Kansas City and by see-and lien on the Carondelet Branch, and on the property covered by the St. Louis City real estate mortgage. Trustee Central Trust Co., New York, N. Y.

\$650,000 Mo. Pac. R., Lexinaton Div. 1st mtgc. 5 p. c. 40 yr. gold bonds, due Aug. 1, 1920, interest Feb. 1 and Aug. 1, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Coupon bonds, \$500 and \$1,000, registerable as to principal, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Secured by first martigage on the line from Lexington to Sedalia, Mo., 55.5 miles. Trustee: Jesse Sellgman, New York, N. Y.

Fouls, Mo., to Sarpy County Line, Neb., 482.11 es, and on on the lines and branches (Lexington, 'lede and Creve Cour Last, models, Black-LaClede and Creve Cour Lake, letting water, Glencoe, Lebanon, Kansas and Arizona, tawa, Lexington and Southern, Lincoln, Jefferson City-Lexington and Nassau-Chetopa), aggregating 578.49 miles, together with all franchises, rolling stock, etc., now owned or that may be hereafter acquired, but subject to the six issues of underlying bonds as to the lines and property covered thereby. Trustees: John F. Dillon and Edward D. Adams.

\$14,376,000 Mo. Pac. Ry. trust 5 p. c. 30-yr. gold bonds, due Jan. 1, 1917, interest March 1 and Sept. 1, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, Y. Coupon bonds, \$1,000 each, registerable as to principal and interest, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. There is no provision for registering principal alone, and bonds once registered may not be reconverted into coupon bonds. Se-cured by deposit in trust of \$17,215,000 list mixe. bonds covering 1,120.43 miles of rallway controlled or operated as part of its system by the Missouri Pacific Ry. Co. (see Section 11). Author-Sissouri Frience Ry. Co. (see Section 11). Admort-led issue, \$15,000,000, limited to actually completed mileage of railroads whose 1st mtge, bonds are deposited in trust as above. Trustee: Union Trust Co., New York, N. Y.

\$9,636,000 Mo. Pac. Ry. 1st coll. mige. 5 p. c. \$9,638.000 Mo. Pac. Ry. 1st coll. mtps. 5 p. c. 30 yr. gold bonds, due Aug. 1, 1920, interest Feb. 1 and Aug. 1, at office of trustee, Mercantille Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Coupon bonds, \$1,000 each, registerable as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest, at Mercantille Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Secured by deposit in trust of \$12.015,000 1st mtgc. bonds covering 675 miles of railway controlled by the Missouri Pacific Ry. Co. Authorized Issue, \$10,000,000, but limited to an amount deposited along \$1 p. c. of the par value anxillary composited underlying ist mage, bonds of anxillary composited. auxiliary companies.

\$25,000,000 Mo. Pac. Ry. 40-yr. 4 p. c. gold 325) Manufard M. P. C., Ry, 40 yr, 4 p. c. gold bonds of 1905, due March I, 1915, interest March I and Sept. I, at Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Redeemable at 102) p. c. and accrued in-terest on any interest day before maturity, on at least three motths, published notice. Coupon and registered bonds, \$500 and \$1,000 or such other denominations as the board of directors or the executive committee shall authorize. Coupon bonds may be registered as to princial above or may be exchanged for registered bonds, and registered bonds may be exchanged for coupon bonds, at the Mercantile Trust Co., New York, N. Y. The com-pany may, at its option, increase this loan to \$50,000,000, thus providing resources for future capital recuirements. The bonds are a direct ob-obligation of the Missouri Pacific Ry, Co, and are secured by a trust beleature dated Feb. 15, 1905, to the Mercantile Trust Co., trustee, and by pledge of capital stock of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Ry. Co. equal at par to the par \$14,904,000 36. Pac. Ru. consol. 1st mtgc. 5
p. c. 40-yr. gold bonds, the Nov. 1. 1929, interest that at least a majority of all the graph of the property of amount of the bonds outstanding. The trust inden-



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priority as to dividends or otherwise over the capi- its said present authorized bonded indebtedness, or tal stock pledged under the trust indenture. The Missouri Pacific Ry. Co. also covenants that it will not sanction or permit the creation by St. Louis, tron Mountain and Southern Ry. Co. of any bonded indebtedness of said company, in addition to its and Southern Ry. Co. of any bonded indebtedness at present authorized, except and Southern Ry. Co., except at no less than its bonded indebtedness of funding, extending or retiring provements, or for money.

10. Securities Deposited as Collateral.—Statement showing subsidiary bonds deposited with trustees, covered by the Trust 5 p. c. and 1st Collateral Mtge. bonds of The Missouri Pacific Ry. Co., as stated in preceding statement of bonded debt, interest on which accrues to The Missouri Pacific Ry. Co.:

		Date of	Date of	Maturity	Амот	'NT.	est of	Annual st Ac- to The c. Ry.
Mortgages.	Miles.	Mortgage.	Bond.	of Bond.	Author- ized.	Outstand- ing.		oral An Interest uing to
A. COVERED BY MO. PAC.								
TRUST 5 P. C. BONDS :		1			8	9	p.c.	8
Den., M. & A. Ry., 1st Mtg.	411.56	July 1, 1886		July 1, 1916	16 M. p. m.	6,561,000		<b>3</b> 93,660
Wich. & Col. Ry., 1st Mtge.	46.47				15 M. p. m.			42.300
Kan. & Col. RR., 1st Mtge.	136.02				15 M. p. m.	2,041,000		122,460
F. S., W. & W. Ry., 1st Mtg.	309.25				4,666,000			
S., S. & El P. RR., 1st Mtge.	40.10				15 M. p. m.	600,000		36,000
Kan. So'w'n Ry., 1st Mtge.	24.91				15 M. p. m.			22.320
P. & State L. RR., 1st Mtg.	152.12		Oct. 1, 1887	Oct. 1, 1917	15 M. p. m.			
Totals	1,120,43	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			•••••	17,215,000		1,056.860
B. COVERED BY MO. PAC.		1	l	1				
1st Coll. Mtge. Bonds;		1				1		
Top., S. & W. RR., 1st Mtg.	-51.73		Jan. 1, 1883		4,000,000			76.39
Rooks Co. RR., 1st Mtge	18.25		Jan. 1, 1886					
K., N. & D. Ry., 1st Mtge			April 1, 1886		2,400,000			155,300
The M. P. Ry. in K., 1st M.			July 1, 1886					
C. G., O. C. & O. Ry., 1st M.			Aug. 16, 1886		1,110,000			66,600
K.C.& S'n Ry, of Mo., 1st M			Sept. 1, 1886					
K. C. & S'w'n Ry., 1st Mtg.			Sept. 1, 1886		390,000			\$3,000 22,560
Grouse Creek Ry., 1st Mtg. C. G., S. V. & W. Ry., 1st M.	20.07	July 1, 1884	July 1, 1887 July 18, 1887	July 1, 1927		417.000		25,020
St. L., O.H. & C. Ry., 1st M.			Sept. 1, 1887					24,000
Pac. Ry. in Neb., 1st Mtge.			Sept. 20, 1887			1,095,000		54,750
I. Mt. RR. of Mem., 1st M.			Nov. 10, 1888					30,000
Inter-State Rv., 1st Mtge			July 10, 1890					97,320
Ft. Scott Central Rv.;	101.10	10, 10, 100	10.113 20, 2000	2, 2020	7. p. u	1,000,	, E.	21,000
Ft. S. & E. Ry., 1st Mtge.	26.27	Feb. 2, 1891	Feb. 2, 1891	Feb. 1, 192	15 M. p. m.	394,000	5 g.	19,700
Ft. S. B. T. Rv., 1st Mtge.		Feb. 2, 1891	Feb. 2, 1891	Feb. 1, 520	50 M. p. m.	195,000	5 g.	9,750
Ft. S. & S. Ry., 1st Mige.		Feb. 2, 1891	Feb. 2, 1891	Feb. 1920	15 M. p. m.	383,000		19,150
Neb. So. Ry., 1st Mtge	16.12	Jan. 1, 189;		Jar 1, 1922				12,100
Omaha So. Ry., 1st Mtge	25.44	Jan. 1, 1895	Jan. 1, 1893	🛂 m 1, 1922	15 M. p. m.	382,000		19,100
Joplin & W. Ry., 1st Mige.	4.59	June 1, 1893	June 1, 15	June 1, 1992	15 M. p. m.	69,000	5 g.	3.450
Totals	675.00			1		12,045,000		695,100

11. Equipment Obligations.—The following statement shows the condition of the Missouri Pacific Equipment Association on June 30, 1906:

	Date.	Payable.	Original Amount.	Amount Paid.	Amount Out- standing.	Equipment Covered.
		9		8	8	
Series A	Aug. 27, 1902	203,000, Sept. 1, 1906-12	2,032,975 00	611,975 00	1,421,000	1500 Box, 500 Coal, 7 Bag., 8 Comb. & 2 Postal Cars, & 11 Pass, & 25 Frt. Locos
Series B 1	Jan. 17, 1903	39.000, Mar. 1, 1906-12	390,000.00	156,000 00	234,000	
Series B 2	Mch. 17, 1903	58,000, Mar. 1, 1906-12	587,750 00	239,750 00	348,000	500 Steel Gondola Cars,
Series C	Apl. 29, 1903	282,000, June 1, 1906-13	2,825,447 25	851,447 25	1,974,000	25 Coaches, 10 Chair Cars, 1 Bag., 3 Comb., 2,150 Box 500 Stock Cars, 24 Locos
Series D	Dec. 15, 1903	25,000, Dec. 1, 1906 13	256,800,00	56,800,00	200,(xx)	300 Gondola Cars.
Series E	June 15, 1904	30,000, Dec. 1, 1906-13	300,750,00	60,750 00	240,000	
Series F	Dec. 15, 1904	48,000, Dec. 1, 1906-14	489,688-84	57,688 84	432,000	500 Gondola Cars, 2 Coaches 1 Chair, 1 Dining, 1 Post and 1 Combination Cars
Series G	June 15, 1905	43,000 June 1, 1907-15	431,250 00	44,250 (0)	387,000	
Series H		100,000, Mar. 1, 1907-15		104,955 00	(88),(88)	500 Box and 1,000 Coal Cars
			8,319,616 09	2.183.616 09	6,136,000	



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- Equipment

12. Stocks and Bonds Owned.—Statement showing investments in stocks, bonds, and er properties by The Missouri Pacific Ry. Co., June 30, 1906:

other properties by The	Missouri P	acific Rv. Co	June 30, 1906 :		
other properties by The		acino 14, c	.,	No. of	
DESCRIPTION.	No. of Shares or	Amount.	DESCRIPTION.	Shares or Bonds.	Amount.
AWWED!	Bonds.	i i	Capital Stock :- continued.		
I. SECURITIES OWNED:		1	The Kan, City Northw. RR. Co.	40,160	\$4,016,000 00 6,525,000 00
(A.) Deposited as Collateral:	'. <b>.</b>		Texas & Pacific Ry	45 000	<b>4</b> ,800,000 00
1. For Trust 5 p.c. Bonds (to	tal		Den & Rio Grande Ry., Com. Den & Rio Grande Ry., Pref.	33 000	8,800,000 00
par, \$17,215,000; cost \$: 376,000):	14,-		Hotel Realty Co. St. Louis	. 50	5,000 00
			Hotel Realty Co., St. Louis Rich Hill Coal Mining Co	5,000	500,000 00
First Mortgage Bonds:		** *** *** ***	Western Coal & Mining Co Water. & Car. Turn. & F'y Co Pacific Express Co  Pacific Express Co  Transit Co.	10,000	1,000,000 00
Kenses and Colorado KK	2,041	\$2,041,000 00 6,561,000 00	Water. & Car. Turn. & Fy Co	998 <b>24,</b> 000	99,800 00 <b>2,4</b> 00,000 00
Den., Mem. & Atlantic Ry.		2.270.000 00	Pacine Express Co	930	98.000.00
Pueblo & State Line RR Ft. Scott, Wichita & W. Ry Wichita & Colorado Ry Salina, Ster. & El Paso RR	1 Bond	4,666,000.00	American Refrig. Transit Co. Kansas Central Elevator Co.	750	75,000 00
Wichita & Colorado Ry	705	705,000 00	Coffeveille Elevator	- A-N	25,000 00
Salina, Ster. & El Paso RR	600	600,000 00 372,000 00	Kansas Missouri Elev. Co Exp. & Mus. Hall As'n, St. Loui	3,000 g 200	<b>30</b> 0,000 0 <b>0</b> <b>5</b> ,000 00
Kansas Southwestern My		312,000 00	Omaha Fair & Speed Assoc'n.	200	5,000.00
2. For 1st Coll. Bonds (total)	par,		Town Cos on McPherson Br.		3,500.00
\$12,045,000; cost \$9,636,00	JU):		Mahoney Frog Foot Guard Co	). <b>15</b> 0	15,000 00
First Mortgage Bonds:			1 St. L. Light Artillery Arm As'	n 20	1,000 00
Coun. G've. O. C'y & O. R	y 1,110	1,110,000 00 1,273,000 00	Fort Scott Convention Hall Baring Cross Bridge Co	1.500	150,000 00
Topeka, Salina & West. R	R 1,273 s 800	300,000 00	Louisiana Purchase Exp'n Co		85,300 00
Conn Gr Sm Vv & W.	Ry. 417	417,000 00	Louisiana Purchase Exp'n Co So. Ill. & Missouri Bridge Co	. 100	10,000 00
Coun. G've. O. C'y & O. R. Topeka, Salina & West. R. The Mo. Pac. Ry. in Kansa Coun. Gr., Sm. Vy. & W. Kan., Neb. & Dakota Ry.	2,055	2,055,000 00	National Sugar Mfg. Co., Pre National Sugar Mfg. Co., Con	f. 100 n. 385	10,000 00 <b>3</b> 8,500 0 <b>0</b>
Grouse Creek Ry	876 275	376,000 00 275,000 00	National Sugar Mig. Co., Con Edgewater Connecting Line	., 1,000	100,000,00
Rooks County RR Pacific Ry. in Nebraska	1,095	1,095,000 00	Edgewater Terminal RR	800	80 000 00
Interstate Ry	1,622	1,622,000 00	Pacific RR. of Missouri	. 1,410	127,800 00
St. L. O. Hill & Caron. R	y 400	400,000 00	Missouri Pacific Elevator Co	2,500	250,000 0 <b>0</b> 5,000 0 <b>0</b>
Interstate Ry	Ry. 550 Mo. 407	550,000 00 407,000 00	Sugar City Townsite Co Springf, Southw. Ry. Co	1.600	160,000 00
Kan.City & Southw. Ry. of	Ry. 394	394,000 00	Mo. & Ill. Bridge & Belt RR.	110	17,000 00
Ft. S. C. Ry.: Ft. S. & East.	Ry. 195	195,000-00	Tarlor City Relt Ry Co	(3147	30,000 00 90,000 00
" Ft. S. & So. ]	Rv., 383	383,000 00	I C. In & Cont Branch Ry. U	so. 267 180	<b>26,</b> 700-00 18,000-00
Joplin & Western Ry	69 382	69,000 00 882,000 00		1,250	125,000 00
Omaha Southern Ry	242	242,000 00	I de bio broom 2	1,200	
Omaha Southern Ry Nebraska Southern Ry Iron Mountain RR. of Me	m 500	500,000 00	First Mortgage Bonds : Kanopolis & Kan. Central R	v. 225	225,000 00
			Leavenw Union Dev. & RK.	o. 25	25,000 00
8. FOF 2 Vr. Gold Notes (	\$11,-		I Doe RR (of Mo.) Carond't h	Sr. 15	7,500 00
8. For 2 yr. Gold Notes ( par, \$18,500,000; cost, 490,565.42):	• .		Double RR of Missouri.	4	4,000 00 <b>26</b> 0,000 00
Capital Stock:			Southern III. & Mo. Bridge Co	4	2,000 00
Wabash RR., Pref Den. & Rio Grande RR.,	20,000	\$2,000,000 0	K City N W RR. Co., Ser. "I	2,983	2,983,000.00
Den. & Rio Grande RR.	Pref. 40,000	4,000,000 00 10,000,000 0	a l Concordia Cosi Co	000	600,000 00
Den. & Rio Grande RR., C St. L., I. M. & So. Ry		2,500,000 0		57	28,500 00
St. L., I. M. & St. Ry	t <b>8</b> 19 -		Trust 5 p. c. Bonds:		1 000 00
<ol> <li>For 40-yr. Gold Loan (cos 588,250) :</li> </ol>	. 6.04		The Mo. Pac. Ry. Co	1	1,000 00
Capital Stock:			Second Mortgage Bonds:	57	28,500 00
St. L., I. M. & S. Ry	250,000	25,000,000 0	National Sugar Mfg. Co Ft. Scott, Wichita & W. Ry		
(B.) Held in Treasury (tota			Atchison Union Depot Co	9	4,500 00
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114.87):			K. City N.W. RR. Co., Ser. ".	A"	217 28
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Duckle & State Line KK.	10,	1,550,000 (			
Rooks County RR Pacific Ry. in Nebraska, S. L., O. Hill & Caron, F	4,400	440,000 0 1,095,800 0		A" 5	5,000 00
Pacific Ry. in Nebraska.	10,958	400,000 (		up	3,420 00
Omaha Southern Ry	3.823	382,300 (	00		
Mahanaka Southern RV	2.118	241,800 (	UNION DEPOTS AND TER	MI-	
Ft. Scott Central Ry Joplin & Western Ry	11.118	1,114,800 ( 91,600 (	NALS (total par, \$318,99	k) ;	
Joplin & Western Ry	916	800,000	Cost \$38,862,560 ;		
Omaha Belt Ry	4,500	450,000	m)   (A.)   Union Depots:		
Nevada & Min. Ry. of Ka	msas 6.750	675,000 (	00 Capital Stock :	10	1,000.00
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Kan, C. & Southw. Ry. Of	7 3,399	339,940	00   Leavenworth Union Depot	Co. 50	
teen Mountain RR of M	lem 7	7(H)	00   Pueblo Union Depot Co		18 8,120 00
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Atch., Col. & Pac. RR	R. Co. 1,050	105,000	00   Capital Stock :	- 0.0*	g 205,500.00
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The opening chapters explain how to analyze and interpret information on RRs.

### THE ROCK ISLAND COMPANY.

Note: The analysis is based on official documents of the Company, including its annual reports of the past ten years.

For Definitions and Key to Ratings, see pages 19-21.

Origin: Formed in 1902 in New Jersey, acquiring stock of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, which in turn owns over 94 per cent of stock of Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway. The operations reported below are those of the latter company. Control of the St. Louis & San Francisco system was transferred to other interests in December, 1909.

Location: "Rock Island Lines" extend from Chicago to Denver, to St. Louis, Memphis, and many other points to the south; also north to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Sioux Falls, etc. Penetrates or crosses States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Arkansas, and Texas. Population of the States in 1890, 12.311.903; in 1900, 13.573.697; in 1909 (partly est.), 20.802.030

Management (March 1, 1910): Officers: Roberts Walker, Pres.; Geo. T. Boggs, Mee-Pres., Secy. and Treas. Directors: D. G. Reid, Wm. H. Moore, Jas. H. Moore, R. R. Cable, J. J. Mitchell, G. T. Boggs, Ogden Mills, D. G. Boissevain, G. G. McMurtry, F. L. Hine, James Speyer Robert Mather, Roberts Walker, James Campbell, J. F. Thompson.

Office, 71 Broadway, New York.

Classification of Freight Tonnage (Years Ending June 30).

	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
Products of Agriculture Products of Animals Products of Mines Products of Forests Manufactures Merchandise and Miscel				25.51% 8.73 29.08 10.16 14.22 12.30	26.14% 8.39 29.71 10.47 10.53 14.76	25.98% 8.40 29.84 9.68 11.44 14.66	26.15% 8.04 29.30 10.69 16.61* 9.21*	25.43% 7.23 30.42 11.87 17.55 7.50	26.37% 7.92 27.82 12.26 17.92 7.71	25.00% 7.76 29.30 12.57 18.14 7.23

Total tonnage for 1909, 17,145,657 tons. \*Sundry articles previously classified as Miscellaneous are in 106 and thereafter classed as Manufactures.

TABLE A.—Physical Factors (Mileage, Equipment and Operation).

YEARS ENDED.	Average Miles Operated.	Extra Main Track.	Loco- motives Owned.	Passenger Cars Owned.	Freight and Com- pany Cars.	Fgt.to all Tr'ffic.	Passenger Density.	Freight Density.	Average Freight Tr'n Lo' (Tons	Train Mile Earnings.	Average Rate per Passenger per Mile. (Cents)	Average Rate per Ton per Mile, (Cents)
1900, Mar. 31	3,647	248	564	428	18,642	70%		440,121	177	\$1.46	2.06c.	.99c.
1901 "	3,819	249	572	439	19,795	71	77,494	468,470	181	1.51	2.08	. 99
1902	3,900	282	631	473	21,432	69	95,465	471,571	172	1.58	2.11	1.04
1903, June 30	6,978	284	1,118	624	28,104	69	73,382	428,115	190	1.58	2.24	1.04
1904 "	7,205	288	1,191	751	37,559	69	71,353	451.731	226	1.69	2.28	.96
1905 "	7,232	288	1,234	757	40,185	67	76,452	438,531	226	1.65	2.18	.94
1906 "	7,218	288	1,257	801	40,568	67	89,521	51 4,767	244	1.77	2.15	.93
1907 "	7,780	289	1,343	878	44,217	69	93,215	50,268	267	1.83	2.27	.95
1908 "	7.970	289	1,386	899	42,747	66	110,670	504,384	255	1.82	1.89	.94
1909 "	8,026	289	1,410	897	40,728	65	118,694	518,393	265	1.90	1.88	.94
10-Year Av	6,377	279	1,071	695	33,398	68%	8 ,711	478,580	220	\$1.68	2.11c.	.97c.

Yard tracks and sidings, June 30, 1909, 1,869 miles.

### Comparison on 10-Year Average with Four Properties in Similar Territory.

A.T.& S.F 8,437 C. B. & Q 8,541 C. M. & St. P 6,887 Mo. Pacific. 5,865	231 1,499 517 1,411 428 995 53 854	921 41,636 1,123 52,091 972 41,660 620 39,294	68 87,570 63 73 67,326 62	00,033 293 \$2.1 38,282 300 2.0 20,959 277 1.8 03,902 271 1.8	1 2.05 .84 1 2.21 · .86
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Analysis: Since 1900 the Rock Island system has expanded from 3,647 miles to 8,026 miles. Its general growth in business is also reflected by the equipment figures which, particularly in freight equipment, show great expansion. But it is also true that in addition to its freight business, there has been a growth of a very healthy nature in its passenger traffic. The passenger density in the last two or three years has (Coppright, 1910, by Analyses Publishing Co., New York.)



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- For a decade, if possible.
- Against a comparison group.

reached high totals, and the ten-year average is, at the present time, equal to that shown by the Atchison and the Burlington, and is much better than the figures of the St. Paul. In freight density there has not been so great a proportionate growth, but still the increase has been healthy, and the volume of business is now far heavier than in the earlier years. The road formerly reported a very light freight train load, but the figures in the past five years have compared well with those of other systems of similar type.

The Rock Island has not been able to report an average of train-mile earnings up to the figures shown by other standard properties in the section, and while during the past three years the average is much better than formerly, it is still far below results shown by the Burlington, St. Paul and Atchison. The passenger rates have tended to decline since 1907, but the freight rates have been fairly well maintained.

The Rock Island system depends to some extent on agricultural products, but in the post on years the traffic has become more diversified than was formerly the case. Mining product, now represent about 30 per cent of the total business and manufactures and miscellaneous articles about 25 per cent.

TABLE B.—Income Factors (Earnings and meir Distribution, Per Mile of Road).

					_								
Years	Gross	MAINT	ENANCE.	Total Main-	Cond. Trans-	Net Earn-	Total Net	Fixed	Margin	Surplus	Dispos Suri	BAL OF	Dalamas
Ended.	Earn- ings.	Way.	Equip- ment.	tenance.	porta- tion Gen. Exp. etc.	ings.	Income.	Charges.	of Safety.	Over Charges.	For D' 1-	For Imp. Etc.	Balance.
1900, Mar. 31	\$6,211	\$1,063	\$645	\$1,708	\$2,152	\$2,349	\$2.541	\$1,319	49%	\$1.2.2	\$549		\$673
1901 "	6,641	1,203	780	1,983	2,263	2,393	2,577	1,242	52	,335	524		811
1000 #	7,278	1,192	745	1,937	2,506	2,834	3.077	1,225	60	1,852	576		1,276
1902 1903, June 30	6,359	977	598	1.575	2,446	2,338	2,515	1,583	3	932	208		724
1004 ((	6,241	950	711	1,661	2,749	1,831	2,016	1,723	14.5		204	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	89
1904	6,091	804	797		2,693	1,797	2,008		5	105	256		151*.
				1,601				1,903			200		
1900	7,098	1,011	923	1,934	2,924	2,240	2,383	1,01	17	392			392
1907	7,742	1,125	923	2,048	3,227	2,467	2,563	,947	24	616			616
1908 "	7,338	1,044	939	1,983	3,327	2,027	2,067	1,941	6	126			126
1909 "	7,623	1,128	936	2,064	3,251	2,308	2,4' 5	2,175	11	281			281
10-Year Average	<b>\$</b> 6,812	\$1,050	\$800	\$1,850	\$2,754	\$2,203	\$2,420	\$1,705	30%	\$715	\$286		\$429

\* Deficit.

Note: The figures shown in the above comparative income account are those of the directly operated lines of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry., known as the "Rock Island Lines." The fixed charges as shown cover the combined net obligations of the railway and the holding companies, including the latter's collateral bonds secured by St. Louis & San Francisco stock, which have since been retired.

Six months to Jan. 1, 1910: Increase gross, 9%; increase in net, 14%.

Comparison on 15-Year Average with Four Properties of Similar Characteristics.

A. T. & S. F \$8,380 \$1.23 C. B. & Q 7,656 C. M. & St. P 7,360 945 Mo. Pacific 6 972	1,142   2,379 744   1,689	\$2,830 \$3,171 \$3,278 2,728 2,549 2,569 2,808 2,863 2,940 3,049 2,162 2,598	\$1,481 55% 1,214 53 1,140 61 1,738 33	\$1,797   \$1,078 1,355   946 1,800   1,086 860   416	\$420 \$299 61 348 195 517
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Analysis: While the gross earnings per mile on the Rock Island have been fairly well maintained in recent years, they do not show the same ratio of growth as has been characteristic of many other Western railroad systems. The 1909 figures were nearly up to the high totals of 1907, and as this represented a very substantial increase over 1908, the net income per mile available for charges was much higher than last year. But the charges themselves also increased and therefore the margin of safety has not yet been returned to the high percentage shown in 1907. It is much better than in 1906, when only a very slight surplus was reported above the fixed charge requirements. No dividends have been paid on the Rock Island preferred stock since 1905 and from the above exhibit it would seem that none are now in sight; although more recent earnings and other changes have greatly strengthened the position of the stock issues since the close of the fiscal year. Probably for the year 1910 the total net income will be increased to comparatively high figures. Further than this, the recent financial changes which have resulted in cutting the St. Louis & San Francisco system free from the road will reduce the charges to a material extent and bring them down to the average of 1904. If no new obligations are created, therefore, it may be that in another year we will see a margin of 25 per cent as shown by this road once more, and amounts may be available for moderate disbursements on the preferred stock issue.

But previous to the present the Rock Island has not presented a showing which has been very hopeful for its stockholders. The volume of gross business has not expanded as it has done on properties like the Atchison, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and the Kansas City Southern, and while most of its territory has grown rapidly, other systems seem to have been getting an increasing proportion of the general business. It may be that with new alliances, such as are now planned, there will be a further increase in the traffic density, which will be of material aid to the road. If this density could be expanded to the extent of 25 per cent it would put the road on a much higher credit basis and give a brighter outlook from every point of view.



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TABLE C .- Capitalization Factors (Security Obligations and Earning Power).

Capitalization Per Mile of Road.

Dividend Record.

YEARS	Stock (		Bonds standing		Rentals Cap. at	Total	Owned by Co.	Net	Net Income	PREFI	DEND.	Сом	MON END.	Mar- gin of	Mar- gin o
ENDED.	per ce of Who	nt	per ce of Wh	ent	5 per cent.	Gross Capital.	as per Balance Sheet.	Capitali- zation.	on Net Capital.	Amt. per mile.	Rate.	Amt. per mile.	Rate.	Pre- ferred.	Com
1900, Mar. 31	\$13.710	43%	\$18,393	57%	\$4,674	\$36,777	\$1,924	\$34,853	7.3%			\$549	4%		559
1901 "	13.092	43	17.828		4.671	35,591	1.760	33,831	7.6			524	4		60
1902 "	15,376	46	18,239	54	4.655	38,270	1,712	36,558	8.4			576	4		68
1903.June 30	20,765	40	29,545	60	2.982	53,292	4.715	48,577	5.2	\$208	3%			78%	
1904 "	19,849	38	32,419	62	2.918	55,186	81	55,105	3.7	204	3			30	
1905 ''	19,835	36	35,552	64	2.987	58,374	2,919	55.455	3.6	256	4				
1906 "	19,852	35	36,938	65	2,767	59,557	6,595	52,962	4.5						
1907 "	18,436	34	36,716	66	3.076	58,228	6,594	51,634	5						
1908 "	17,424	32	36,685	68	3.877	57,986	7,610	50,376	4						
1909 "	17,341	32	36,033	68	3,817	57,191	7,168	50,023	4.9						
1Q-Year Av.	\$17,568	37%	\$29.835	63%	\$3.642	\$51,045	\$4,108	\$46.937	5-70	\$67		105			

Note: In the above table the column "Stock Outstanding," etc. presents Rock Isls at Company preferred and common stock in hands of public; the bond column represents the total classifications outstanding of the Rock Island Company, the railroad and the railway, as well as that of directly operated consolied lines.

Since close of fiscal year bonded debt has been reduced by retirement of the St. Louis & San Francisco collateral bonds. Other obligations will, however, partially offset an reduction in 1910

Comparison on 10-Year Average with Four Properties in Similar Territory.

	1				1
	7% \$29,748 53%			\$431 3.8%	64% 62%
C. B. & Q 12,718 40		32,094 3,875 28,219			73 53
C. M. & St. P 17,524 49		35,596 2,859 32,737			10 50
Mo. Pacific .   12,262   30	0 29 0 2 70 \$647	42,001   13,723   28,278	9.2	416 3.2	02

Analysis: While the Rock Island system is not heavily capitalized, in view of the radical changes in the capital items which were brought about in 1902 and 1903, it still has a sufficiently large net capitalization per mile to make great demands on its earning capacity in order to show a good percentage of profit on this capital. It will be noted that in recent years this percentage has ranged below 5 per cent, and as the bond obligations of the system represent more than two-thirds of the total, this has not left a very wide margin to protect the different bond issues.

The recent change, whereby the collateral trust 5 per cent bonds, issued for the St. Louis & San Francisco stock, have been redeemed, will result this year in considerably reducing the capital items and fixed charges. If this reduction is not more than offset by other new issues, the credit of the company will at once be placed on a stronger basis.

Rock Island-Frisco Terminal Railway: Owns extensive terminal properties and about 30 miles of railway at St. Louis and East St. Louis.

Capital stock: \$500,000; par \$100. All owned by the C., R. I. & Pacific Ry. and the St. Louis & San Francisco Ry. and pledged under the mortgage of this company.

Bonded debt: \$3,000,000 first 5s; due Jan. 1, 1927; int. J. & J. First lien on all property owned. Guar., prin. and int., by endorsement, by C., R. I. & Pac. Ry. and St. Louis & San Fran. R. R. Co. Net Rating,

Peoria Railway Terminal Co.: Operates terminal properties between Peoria and Pekin, Ill., formerly owned by Peoria & Pekin Terminal Co.

Capital stock: \$1,000,000; par \$100. Owned equally by C., R. I. & Pcf. Ry. and Chicago & Alton R. R.

Bonded debt: \$944,000 first 4s; due Jan. 1, 1937; int. J. & J. First lien on entire property. Callable after 1916 at 102½ and int. Guar., prin. and int., jointly and severally by C., R. I. & Pef. Ry. and Chicago & Alton R. R. Legal for Savings Banks in Maine and N. H. Net Rating,

\$280,000 second 5s; due Apr. 1, 2007; int. A. & O. Jointly guaranteed by above two companies.

(The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway also owns all the stock and bonds of the Rock Island, Arkansas & Louisiana R. R., operating about 446 miles in Arkansas and Louisiana.)



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### TABLE D.—Bond Record and Ratings (Based on 10-Year Results, Per Mile of Road).

Note.—The figures indicating available income, interest required per mile, etc., are all approximations based on the principle of ten-year averages, and are not the actual figures for any one year, the purpose being to show the position in the results of the decade. With this fact kept in view, the conservative basis of the ratings should be apparent. Many issues have a join lien on available income, and the interest requirement is figured on the mileage basis of the system. See explanatory chapters.

	Inter- est Pay- able.	Matur-	Lien on Miles.	Outstand- ing Per Mile.	Average	Interest R'q'r'd per Mile of System.	Factor of Safety.	Basis for Rating		Net Rat-
NAME OF ISSUE.		ity.			Income Available.			Security.	Sal'bility.	ing.
1. Chic., R. I. & Pcf. Rail-										
way first 6s	J&J	Jl 1917	(1st) 764	\$16,360	<b>\$</b> 2,420	\$93	96%	Very high	Very high	Aaa.
2. Chic., R. I. & Pcf. Rail-			l							
way general 4s	J&J	Ja 1988	(1st) 2393							١.
			764 }	19,000	2,327	308	87%	" " ·	" "	Aaa.
		ļ	(coll) 93							l
3. Bur. C. R. & Nor. cons.										١
first 5s	A&O	Ap 1934	(1st) 1000	8,530	lf i	68	87%	" "		Aaa.
			(2d) 292		11 1	1 1				ł
4. Cedar R. I. Falls & N. W. first 5s	A&O	O 1921	(1st) 292	6,530	!!		87%			Aaa.
5. Minn. & St. L. first 7s	J&D	O 1921 Je 1927		.,	ll · I	12 2			" "	Aaa.
6. Rock Ild. & Peoria con .	العدا	Je 1927	(1st) 12	12,500		2	87%			Aaa.
first 6s	J&J	Jl 1925	(1st) 113	4,000	11 1	4	87%		High	Aaa.
7. Choctaw, Okla. & Gulf	363	31 1925	(181) 113	4,000	11 1	*	81%		Trigit	Aaa.
first 5s	J&J	O 1919	(1st) 378	14,550	2,019	32	87%	High		As.
8. Choctaw & Memph. first 5s	J&J	Ja 1949		12,700	11 1	22	87%	Tilgii	"	Aa.
9. Little Rock Bridge first 6s	J&J		(1st) 2o2	,	il I	3	87%	"		Aa.
0. Choctaw, Okla. & Gulf	300	11 1919	(1st) Dage		!	"	81%			Aa.
consol. 5s	M&N	My 1952	(1st) 335)		]]	38	87%	"	"	Aa.
consor. os	Maci	My 1002	(2d) 660	5,440		30	0170			A.
1. Chic., R.I. & Pcf. Railway		Seri'lly to	(20) 000)		[] [					[
gold 4s, series F to P	M&N	My 1918	(eth coll)	Ì		67	87%	"	Good	Α.
2. Chic., R.I. & Pcf. Railway	nia.	My 1010	(SUE COII)		J (	0'	0170		1,000	Α.
first and refunding 4s	A&O	An 1934	(1st coll.)			415	76%	Good	Very high	Α.
mov and retunding 19111.	nac	1101	1148	11,000	1	110	10%	Good	very nigh	Δ.
		j	(gen) 5649	11,000	li i					1
3. Chic. & R. I. Ele. first 5s.	A&O	O 1924				8	76%	"	Fair	Δ.
4. Cons. Indiana Coal first			,,,,,		1,776		• • 70		1 411	<u> </u>
s.f. 5s	J&D	Je 1935	(coal lands)			18	76%	"	"	A.
5. Keokuk & DesM. first 5s	A&O		(1st) 162	17,000		19	76%	. "	Good	A.
6. Chic., R.I. & Pcf. Railroad			102	1.,,,,,,,	lı ı	"	. 570		3300	l
coll. trust 4s	M&N	N 2002	(stk. coll)		۱ ر	365	68%	"	Very high	Ba.
7. Equip. oblig. See text	Var.	Var.			1,324	58	/-	"	" "	A.

For Key to Bond Ratings, see page 19.

#### REFERENCE NOTES ON BOND ISSUES.

- 1. First lien, about 764 miles, including main lines Chicago to Council Bluffs, Davenport to Knoxville, etc. Bonds underlie No. 2, below. Legal for S. B. in Maine, N. H., Conn.
- 2. Follows No. 1, and a first lien on about 2,393 miles additional; also by pledge of collateral, etc., and leasehold interest in Keokuk & Des Moines and Peoria & Bureau Valley R. Rs. Closed mortgage; underlie the refunding 4s of 1934. Legal for S. 9. in Maine, N. H., and Conn.
- 3. First lien on about 1,000 miles of former Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Ry., and second lien on 292 miles, following No. 4. Legal for S. B. in N. H.
- 4. First lien, 292 miles, Holland, Ia., to Worthington, Minn., and to Estherville, Ia. Underlie No. 3. Legal for S. B. in Maine and N. H.
- 5. First lien, 12 miles, Albert Lea to Iowa State line. This is part of an issue created by the Minn. & St. Louis R. R. of \$1,000,000, of which this \$150,000 have been assumed by the C. R. I. & Pcf. Ry., and upon their payment the mileage hereunder will become the property of the latter.
  - 6. First lien, 113 miles, Rock Island to Peoria and branches. Underlie No. 12. Legal for S. B. in N. H.
  - 7. First lien, about 378 miles, in Oklahoma and also on coal property. Underlie No. 10.
  - 8. First lien, about 282 miles in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Underlie No. 10.
  - 9. First lien on bridge over Arkansas River at Little Rock, Ark. Underlie No. 10.
  - 10. First lien on 335 miles, and follow Nos. 7, 8 and 9. Issue is provided for by C. R. I. & Pcf. in refunding mtge. (No. 12).



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## **Bond ratings**

- 11. Secured by pledge of preferred and common stock of Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R. In several series, maturing \$1,494,000 annually to May 1, 1918. Callable at 101½ and interest on 60 days' notice. Underlie No. 12.
- 12. First lien on about 1,148 miles, and on all property of the company subject to foregoing prior liens, for which full provision is made at or before maturity. Callable until April 1, 1911, at 105 and interest. Legal for S. B. in Me., N. H., and N. Y.
- First lien on realty, docks and grain elevators at Chicago. Guar., prin. and int., by C. R. I. & Pcf. Ry. Callable at par, and mature annually until 1924.
- 14. First lien on about 22,000 acres of coal lands in Ind., Ill., and Ia. Sinking fund, 5 cents per ton, draws bonds at 110 per cent if not purchasable. Of total issue of \$2,700,000, \$2,500,000 are guaranteed as to int., by C. R. I. & Pcf. Ry.
  - 15. First lien, 162 miles, Keokuk to Des Moines, Ia. Int. guar. by C. R. I. & Pcf. Ry.
  - 16. Secured by pledge of \$70,386,700 capital stock of C. R. I. & Pcf. Railway.
- 17. In several series: Equipment Notes, of 1907, \$4,550,000 4½s, due \$325,000 semi-annually to Feb., 1917; Series B, \$380,000 6s, due semi-annually to Apr., 1913; Series C. \$5,035,000 4½s, due semi-annually to Oct., 1919.

Note: In addition to the foregoing, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway guarantees, jointly, by endorsement, with the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, \$3,000,000 first mortgage 5s, due Jan., 1927, of the Rock Island-Frisco Terminal Co., and also the first and second mortgage bonds of the Peoria Railway Terminal Co., the latter being the successor of the Peoria & Pekin Terminal Co.

TABLE E.—Stock Record and Ratings (Based on 10-Year Results, Per Mile of Road).

	Rate and	Amount Outstand-	Average Income	Dividend Required	Factor	Basis for Rating.		Net Rating.
NAME AND DETAILS OF ISSUE.	Date Dividends.	ing Per Mile.	Available	Per Mile of System.	of Safety.	Equity.	Salability.	Rating
1. Peoria & Bureau Valley R. R. stock	8% F&A		\$901	\$13		High	High	As.
2. Rock Island Company preferred stock			888	270*		Fair	"	B.
Par \$100. Outstanding, \$54,000,000.  3. Rock Island Company common stock Par \$100. Outstanding, \$96,000,000.			618				"	Ø.

For Key to Stock Ratings, see page 20.

\*To Pay 4%.

#### REFERENCE NOTES ON STOCK ISSUES.

- 1. Road leased in perpetuity to C. R. I. & Pcf. Ry. at rental of \$125,000 per annum, equalling 8% on stock.
- Preference as to assets and non-cumulative dividends at 4 per cent to June 30, 1909, 5% to June 30, 1916, and 6% thereafter. Preferred stockholders are entitled to elect a majority of the board of directors. Last dividend paid Nov., 1905.
  - 3. Entitled to surplus earnings after provision for preferred dividends as above.

Note: Up to December, 1909, the Rock Island Company owned \$28,940,000 out of \$29,000,000 common stock of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, which was pledged under its collateral trust 5% mortgage of \$17,364,180. The latter was paid off at the redemption price of 1024% on March 1, 1910, and the St. Louis & San Francisco stock released. The latter stock was then sold for \$10,852,612, the remainder of the purchase price being provided for by the issue of \$7,500,000 new 5s, due Sept., 1915, which are still (April 1, 1910) held in the treasury of the Railroad Co. The sale as above has resulted in a net reduction in the funded debt of the system of about \$9,865,000 and a saving in charges of about \$493,000.

Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway: Operates about 421 miles, Cleburne to near Houston, Texas, with various branches. Road is jointly owned by the Rock Island Company and the Colorado & Southern Railway.

Capital Stock: \$600,000; par \$100. Practically all owned by the Colorado & Southern Railway and the Rock Island Co., the Rock Island's interest being subject to the Col. & So. mortgages.

Bonded debt: \$8,760,000 first 4s; due July 1, 1935. Entire issue pledged under Col. & So., refunding mtge., but the C. R. I. & Pcf. Ry. is pledged to pay one-half the principal of the issue at maturity.

\$350,000 equipment trust 5s; due semi-annually to April, 1917. Guar., prin. and int. jointly, by Colorado & Southern & C. R. I. & Pcf. Ry. companies. Net Rating,

White & Black River Valley Railway: Operates 62 miles, Brinkley to Jacksonport, Ark., and branches. Leased to Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R. until 1980, at rental equalling interest on bonds.

Capital stock: \$500,000; par \$100. No dividends.

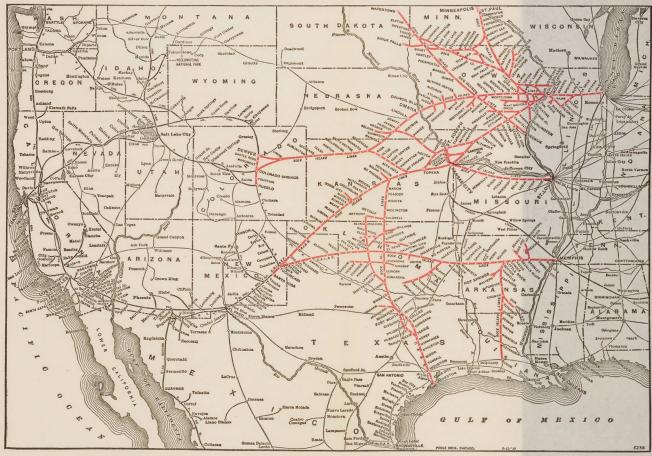
Bonded debt: \$600,000 first 5s; due June 1, 1980; int. J. & J. First lien on entire property. Int. guar. by Choc., Oklahoma & Gulf Ry. Net Rating,



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# Stock ratings, and Moody even provides ...

### THE ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM



Explanation: Total mileage of Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, and other controlled lines of the Rock Island system, June 30, 1909, 8,118 miles. This mileage does

not include the St. Louis & San Francisco Lines, formerly controlled, but now separated. For information as to lien of bond issues, etc., see pages 514, 515 and 516.



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# Moody's ratings and analyses

Fathomable and significant.

## They offer:

- 1. regularized and logical data compilation/organization.
- 2. systematic analyses and summary rating of each security,
- 3. a lower price.

Perhaps this is a significant step up the quality ladder of a continuum of screening innovations.

# "Modesty" of estimates and relevance

- One view of the paper:
  - It analyzes "one of the most important financial innovations in U.S. history"
  - Which had "modest" effects
  - > Even an enormous innovation had a small effect.

# "Modesty" of estimates and relevance

- Another view of the estimates:
  - It **precisely** identifies one in a sequence of screening innovations.
  - Even this one screening innovation had appreciable effects
  - The cumulative process of such screening innovations is essential for long-run prosperity.
- Another view of relevance for today
  - Perhaps, the lesson is less about fostering credit rating agencies in developing countries today.
  - Perhaps the lesson is more about stressing the centrality of understanding which underlying features of the U.S. have fostered continual improvements in screening technologies.

## Bottomline

- This is excellent research that taught me a lot.
- I hope my comments might help highlight its contributions.