

~ A CHAMPION STORY ~

ARRIVAL OF THE RAILROAD

SHELBY ~ The Fastest Growing City in the United States

That's what the Great Northern Railway was touting in its public notice to encourage passenger travel to the infamous World Heavyweight Championship Fight of 1923. Special passenger trains were dispatched from Montana points; the Shelby station was extended 112 feet and three additional stations were constructed; additional side track was constructed in anticipation of all the incoming trains as well as create space for the city of sleeping cars that would be available to accommodate fight goers. Immediately after the fight, special trains were then dispatched from the various stations not



less than 30 minutes apart, and it was expected that all special trains will have left town by midnight. Train service from Chicago to Shelby was afforded by the Great Northern Railway's steel "Oriental Limited" Pullman. "The Glacier Park Limited", another steel Pullman equipped flyer was dispatched daily from St. Paul, Minneapolis and the "Burlington-Great Northern" left St. Louis, Missouri daily.



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