

During the first week in August, 2012, a private contractor began removing rails and ties of the Union Pacific "River Line" (ex-C&NW) in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The former C&NW river trackage ran from a switch, off the double-track main, just east of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and then traveled west to just past 35<sup>th</sup> Street (a distance of almost two miles, running between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and West Broadway Street, to the north). At one time this track connected to the Douglas Street line, after spanning the Missouri River into Omaha, NE. The last remaining customer on the "River Line" were two grain elevators owned and operated by Bunge Corporation.

The fall of 2011 saw the last rail traffic move over this historic route, before abandonment took place shortly thereafter. All photos from Darrell D. Wendt.



13<sup>th</sup> Street crossing facing west.



12<sup>th</sup> Street crossing looking east.





A CN local passes near the old diamond location heading south. The removed ex-C&NW/IC diamond is lying to the right of the approaching CN locomotive (ex-IC #1025 / SD70).

A Canadian National (ex-IC) local passing over the former C&NW/IC diamond site, between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street (just north of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave). The diamond was removed in early January of 2012 by CN Railway and replacing it with straight rail.

