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Chicago & Northwestern Railway (C&NW)
Steel Sheathed Wooden Day Coach Built 1884



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Car #1886 was built at St. Louis Car Company in 1884 as part of an order for 10 short 60-foot coaches for services on the so-called "Cowboy Line" of the C&NW being built at the time through Douglas to Lander, Wyo.



The car was rebuilt in 1915 by American Car and Foundry Company at Jeffersonville, Ind., at which time the car had steel sheathing installed over the wooden siding and electric lights installed inside the gas lights. These fixtures were removed in 1948 and the car was displayed at the Chicago Railroad Fair, presented at the current site of McCormick Place on the lake front in downtown Chicago.

The coach operated in many famous North Western passenger train assignments from 1915 to 1931, such as the North Western Ltd., Victory, Corn King, Viking and Black Hills Express. In 1932, it was assigned to suburban service in the Chicago area where it continued in operation until 1961.

The car was donated to the State of Wyoming in 1962 and acquired by the City of Douglas in 1993.

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