

HANDSOMEST STATION IN OKLAHOMA TO BE OPENED TO PUBLIC THIS EVENING

Many of The High Officials of the Road will be Present at the Opening in the Assembly Hall Tonight. Big Program Arranged.--Conductors Entertain Officials with Dinner at the Webb.

Tonight the Frisco railroad will open the handsomest passenger station in Oklahoma to the traveling public. The Hugo station is not only the handsomest station in Oklahoma, but is the handsomest and most modern station on the Frisco lines between St. Louis and Dallas.

Ever since Hugo became a town the Frisco has taken a partial interest in the city. Now that Hugo has become one of the most metropolitan and cosmopolitan cities in the Southwest, the Frisco still maintains her partiality, and the station to be opened tonight will stand as a monument of the Frisco's faith in Hugo as a coming city.

And the Frisco has cause for all this. Hugo is the only station on the Frisco lines between St. Louis and Dallas that continually year by year shows gains in the receipts of the station. We do not know what the receipts of the station are now, but two years ago a high official stated that the receipts of Hugo station for that year was considerably more than a million dollars.

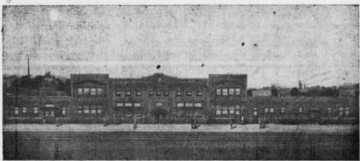
Recently a high official, speaking of Hugo, stated in the presence of the writer that Hugo sold more Frisco tickets than Paris, Fort Smith or Springfield. That shows Hugo to be a town of some importance to the Frisco, hence the Frisco's fatherly care of Hugo.

And Hugo people are just as proud of the Frisco

of the company can be handled with the least possible delay and the public may have the benefit of the best that can be had in travel. On the second floor is a huge assembly hall, which will be used by superintendents and employes, and there will also be the rooms of the chief dispatcher, and his corps of employes—the men who hold the wires of life and death of every passenger and the destiny of every employe and of all equipment. This department is equipped with the very latest in telegraphy, and a system only recently adopted by the road has been installed in Hugo, the first station in the southwest to get new equipment.

The contractors worked until late last night, making the large building ready for the opening tonight and it is desired that every person in Hugo visit the station some time during the evening and meet the officials. They will enjoy meeting you and it will do you good to meet the men who are doing so much for Hugo.

At the Webb Hotel there will be spread a sumptuous six o'clock dinner, given by the local conductors to the officials who will be present at the opening. At this dinner "Dad" Wilkerson has reserved the right to invite ten of his friends, and these will be the only outsiders present, except a few to be invited by the conductors. The dinner will be in keeping with the event, and in all the



Hugo's \$100,000 Passenger Station Opened to the Public Today.

as the Frisco is of Hugo. Not a business man in Hugo but realizes the Frisco and its army of employes in Hugo is the one solid standby of the city. Not a business man in Hugo but knows that without the Frisco and her influence Hugo would not be the city she is.

The good feeling is mutual, and the two, the Frisco and Hugo, work on a mutual agreement, understood, that what is to the interest of one is to the interest of the other.

That's why Hugo people will attend the opening of the fine station tonight and help the officers of the road in celebrating an event in the history of both.

Many of the higher-up officials of the road will attend the opening tonight, and it is hoped that the general manager, Mr. Levy, will be able to attend. It had been arranged for him and several of the superintendent's to attend, but the disarrangement of all plans by the present high water will likely prevent some of them attending, as every department is taxed to its capacity at this moment to overcome the disasters which have occurred within the past two or three days. The condition of the roadbeds at this time require the most careful attention of all superintendents and transportation employes, and it may be that some of them will be detained.

The new station, which is shown here, is the most commodious on the system. On the first floor it will have the white and colored waiting rooms, the ticket offices, the baggage room, the Harvey news stand and the Harvey lunch room and the express office. Every department is complete in itself, and so arranged that the business

style Mr. Wilkerson can summon, and for which the Webb is famous all over the Southwest. At the dinner the officials and the citizens will exchange views on Hugo and the future, and it will be a veritable love feast.

The following program will be given for the entertainment of the visitors in the assembly hall of the new depot, beginning at eight o'clock:

- C. G. SHULL—Toasmaster.
- Welcome Address—W. W. Armstrong.
- Response—Superintendent Chandler.
- Progress of Hugo Today—R. L. Jones.
- Address—General Manager E. L. Levy.
- Good Roads—W. Y. Webb.
- Address—J. A. Frates.
- Diversification and Relations to Business—R. L. Wilbor.
- Address—T. B. Coppage.
- Legislation—W. C. McAlester.
- Address—G. E. Whitelaw.
- Hugo and the Frisco—B. D. Fallon.
- Address—Jack Daggrell.
- Hugo in the Past—W. H. Darrough.

It is probable that besides those mentioned above there will be several called upon who are not on the program, and those who have not been assigned a subject are officials of the road, and will be asked to choose their own subject.

At the six o'clock dinner at the Webb it is not likely there will be any special program, but it will run wild with good things for the employes and their officials. It is to be hoped that every official can attend, as the conductors issued invitations to every official of the road.