

PRR CHRONOLOGY
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- by 1848** Little Miami Railroad extends from Pendleton to new Cincinnati station at E. Front & Kilgore Streets. (Condit - verify)
- Jan. 1, 1848** Maryland resumes interest payments.
- Jan. 1, 1848** Cunard Line establishes direct liner service between New York and Liverpool with departure of *Hibernia*; Cunard docks are in Jersey City just south of New Jersey Railroad terminal.
- Jan. 7, 1848** New York & Erie Railroad opens to Port Jervis. (Minor)
- Jan. 8, 1848** Pres. Merrick confers with Thomas P. Cope and showing him correspondence between himself and J. Edgar Thomson; charges Thomson with insubordination, making contracts on own authority, etc.; claims directors Toland, Wright and McGee are plotting behind his back to make Toland president; Cope urges patience and conciliation, as and controversy will hurt company. (Cope Diary)
- Jan. 10, 1848** William G. Alexander elected Pres. of Philadelphia & Trenton Railroad, replacing John R. Thomson, resigned; Thomson remains as Treasurer; Charles Macalester and William H. Gatzmer elected directors. (MB)
- Jan. 12, 1848** Canal Commissioners permit D. Leech & Co. and Steel & Co. to attach one box car for express on Night Line train from Philadelphia. (CC)
- Jan. 12, 1848** PRR Board appoints Herman Haupt as Principal Assistant Engineer replacing Hother Hagé resigned; J. Edgar Thomson promoted Haupt after examining one of his bridge models and sounding out his knowledge of bridge design; after relocating the section between Millerstown and Lewistown, Haupt is placed in charge of Rockville Bridge and entire line from Harrisburg to Millerstown . (MB, Wilson, Haupt)
- Jan. 13, 1848** New Brunswick Steam Boat & Canal Navigation Company settles out of court with dissident stockholder John D. Hager by purchasing his shares, originally worth \$2,918 for \$16,863. (Thompson)
- Jan. 1848** Chicago Board of Trade established; becomes world center of grain trade; Chicago is largest corn market in U.S. in 1851 and largest wheat market by 1854. (Cronon says 3/48)

- Jan. 21, 1848** Whig economist Henry C. Carey, writing as "A Citizen of Burlington," in the *Burlington Gazette* issues first in series of 16 letters attacking the Camden & Amboy Monopoly, charging the directors with cheating the state of transit duties, stifling trade, etc.; continues in newspapers and pamphlets into mid-1850s. (Pam, Lane)
- Jan. 24, 1848** William Marshall discovers gold at Sutter's Mill on the American River in California; combines with famine and revolution in Europe to restore prosperity in U.S.; many railroad projects revived and new ones launched, particularly in Midwest. (EAH)
- Jan. 26, 1848** Cape Cod Branch Railroad opens between Middleboro and Wareham, Mass. (NH)
- Jan. 31, 1848** Canal Commissioners authorize contract with John A. Roebling for wire rope for Belmont Plane. (CC)
- Jan. 31, 1848** Cape Cod Branch Railroad opens between Wareham and Agawam, Mass. (NH)
- Early 1848** PW&B completes 122-foot diameter roundhouse at Wilmington. (AR)
- Feb. 2, 1848** Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo ends Mexican War; Mexico recognizes Texas as U.S. state and cedes California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona and parts of Colorado and Wyoming to the U.S. in return for \$18.25 million. (EAH)
- Feb. 2, 1848** Great Western Railroad inc. in (Ind?) to build on a direct route towards Omaha, bypassing Chicago. (O&I MB)
- Feb. 4, 1848** Charter supplement authorizes New Jersey Railroad to issue additional \$500,00 in stock. (Digest)
- Feb. 4, 1848** Charter supplement authorizes Columbus & Xenia Railroad to build branch to Delaware, Ohio. (Church)
- Feb. 7, 1848** Maryland & New York Iron & Coal Company reorganized as Mount Savage Iron Company at Mount Savage, Md. (RRH)
- Feb. 8, 1848** PW&B Board authorizes sale of property at rear of B&O depot at Camden Street. (MB)
- Feb. 11, 1848** Burlington & Mount Holly Railroad & Transportation Company incorporated in N.J. (Val)

- Feb. 11, 1848** **Pennsylvania passes General Railroad Law. (Watkins - verify)**
- Feb. 11, 1848** **Ohio passes General Railroad Law; requires all new railroads in state to be 4'-10" gauge; must organize within three years and build 10 miles within seven years of special act incorporating a company. (Minor, Digest)**
- Feb. 14, 1848** **Dayton, Lebanon & Deerfield Railroad renamed Dayton, Springboro, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad. (Church)**
- Feb. 14, 1848** **Wicomico & Pocomoke Railroad incorporated in Md.; no action until after Civil War. (Val)**
- Feb. 14, 1848** **Ohio & Mississippi Railroad incorporated in Indiana to build part of straight line from Cincinnati to St. Louis. (Smith)**
- Feb. 15, 1848** **Pa. act authorizes Cumberland Valley Railroad to issue \$450,000 in new stock to pay for relaying with T-rail. (Digest)**
- Feb. 16, 1848** **Indiana act separates authorizes stockholders of portion of Terre Haute & Richmond Railroad east of Indianapolis to elect directors and spend money exclusively on that portion of the road. (Church)**
- Feb. 16, 1848** **New Castle & Richmond Railroad Company incorporated in Indiana to build from Richmond to New Castle via Hagerstown and Washington. (Church)**
- Feb. 17, 1848** **Albany & Schenectady Railroad buys all the baggage, mail and emigrant cars of the other lines between Albany and Buffalo for the purpose of operating a through service. (Stevens)**
- Feb. 22, 1848** **Cleveland & Mahoning Railroad incorporated in Ohio to build from Cleveland to Pennsylvania state line; later part of Erie system. (Minor)**
- Feb. 23, 1848** **Maryland act requires that all arrearages of interest on bonds issued to Baltimore & Susquehanna Railroad be funded upon its making a connection with the PRR at Harrisburg. (Digest)**
- Feb. 24, 1848** **Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad incorporated in Ohio. (AR)**
- Feb. 24, 1848** **Great Western Railroad incorporated in Ohio to build from Mansfield through Marion and Kenton to Indiana state line. (Church)**
- Feb. 24, 1848** **Steubenville & Indiana Railroad Company incorporated in Ohio to build from Steubenville via Mt. Vernon to Indiana state line between Wilshire and Fort Recovery. (Church)**

- Feb. 24, 1848** **Louis Philippe (1773-1850), King of the French, abdicates after uprising in Paris sparked by unemployment; Second Republic proclaimed; ignites a series of revolutions across Europe.**
- Feb. 28, 1848** **New Jersey authorizes Joint Companies to subscribe for 10,000 shares of Belvidere-Delaware Railroad. (PL)**
- Mar. 1, 1848** **Telegraph line completed between Buffalo and Detroit. (Vexler)**
- Mar. 6, 1848** **New PRR engineering corps begins location of Western Division between Conemaugh River and Greensburg. (PubLdgr)**
- Mar. 7, 1848** **Body of ex-Pres. John Quincy Adams (1767-1848), who had suffered a fatal stroke on the floor of the House on Feb. 21, is carried from Washington to Baltimore on B&O train. (Withers)**
- Mar. 7, 1848** **Body of ex-Pres. Adams carried in special train over PW&B to Philadelphia; arrives at PW&B South Street 4:00 PM and carried to lying in state at Independence Hall. (PubLdgr)**
- Mar. 8, 1848** **Body of ex-Pres. Adams leaves Philadelphia for New York via Kensington depot. (PubLdgr)**
- Mar. 9, 1848** **New Jersey requires state directors of Joint Companies to make annual reports to the Governor; forces Joint Companies to make regular annual reports for the first time. (PL)**
- Mar. 10, 1848** **Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad orders additional surveys between Hudson and Cleveland. (MB)**
- Mar 13, 1848** **PRR directors hold informal meeting at home of Thomas P. Cope; supplement sanctioning municipal subscriptions is stalled legislature; hint that directors may have to grease some palms troubles the scrupulous Cope. (Cope Diary)**
- Mar. 13, 1848** **Demonstrations in Vienna force resignation of arch-conservative Chancellor Prince Klemens von Metternich (1773-1859), as revolutions spread to Habsburg lands.**
- Mar. 14, 1848** **PW&B Board refuses to cut fare to \$3.00 for summer season as in past years. (MB)**
- Mar. 16, 1848** **Public meeting held in Steubenville, Ohio, for railroad toward Chicago. (S&I MB)**

- Mar. 17, 1848** New York & New Haven Railroad obtains trackage rights over New York & Harlem Railroad between Woodlawn Jct. and Canal Street in lower Manhattan. (NH)
- Mar. 17, 1848** Ohio & Indianapolis Railroad Company organized in Indiana to build to Jeffersonville; William G. Armstrong, Pres. and Benjamin F. Marsh, Chief Engineer. (Church, C&C)
- Mar. 17, 1848** Revolution spreads to Berlin, leading King Frederick William of Prussia (1795-1861) to proclaim a liberal constitution on Mar. 21.
- Mar. 21, 1848** PRR Board orders making arrangements with Eagle Line for through railroad service. (MB)
- Mar. 21, 1848** PW&B institutes spring schedule: two round trips Philadelphia-Baltimore; two round trips Philadelphia-Wilmington locals; one round trip via NC&F; one freight train between Philadelphia and Wilmington. (MB)
- Mar. 21, 1848** Public meeting held at Muncie, Ind., in favor of Indianapolis & Bellefontaine Railroad. (Daniels)
- Mar. 1848** New Brunswick Steam Boat & Canal Transportation Company steamboat *Raritan* burns approaching New York and is beached on Bedloes Island, a total loss; replaced by *Saint Nicholas* leased from Camden & Amboy. (Thompson)
- Mar. 1848** Albany & Schenectady Railroad buys all the regular passenger cars of the Utica & Schenectady Railroad for through service between Albany and Buffalo; circumvents 1847 court ruling requiring Utica & Schenectady Railroad to provide cars equally to Albany & Schenectady and Schenectady & Troy. (Stevens)
- Mar. 27, 1848** PRR charter supplement; tonnage tax revised from 5 mills for Mar.-Dec. to a flat 3 mills per ton mile collected all year at PRR request to simplify bookkeeping; PRR wanted 2.5 mills; also authorizes PRR to borrow money; authorizes subscriptions to PRR by Cities of Allegheny and Pittsburgh, the County of Allegheny, and all municipalities in Philadelphia County; cities with more than 10,000 shares may elect one PRR director (outside normal election by all stockholders) for each 10,000 shares up to a maximum of 3; public directors to constitute no more than 49% of total board; also permits PRR to pay 6% interest on their subscriptions to stockholders in lieu of dividends during construction; charter had permitted only 5% dividends and only until 50 miles open at each end. (PL)

- Mar. 27, 1848** Chemung Railroad Company organized at Jefferson, now Watkins, N.Y. (Val)
- Mar. 27, 1848** Test of steam propeller *Dupont* of William M. Baird & Company's Delaware & Raritan Canal Line held in Delaware River; had been rebuilt with one Loper propeller replacing two original ones and boiler capacity reduced by half; to go in service to Hartford on Mar. 30. (PubLdgr)
- Mar. 1848** Group of Philadelphia merchants meets at Board of Trade to prepare protest to Congress against Camden & Amboy Monopoly, high rates and transit duties. (Lane)
- Mar. 1848** Philadelphians form new line of propellers to operate to Baltimore via Chesapeake & Delaware Canal; contract with R.F. Loper for three boats. (PubLdgr)
- Spring 1848** New Jersey Assembly calls for investigation of Carey's charges against the Joint Companies, but Joint Companies are allowed to name committee: ex-Gov. William Pennington, Charles Parker and James G. King. (Lane)
- Apr. 3, 1845** To entice new subscriptions to finish Baltimore & Susquehanna Railroad, Baltimore ordinance appropriates any dividends that may be paid on its \$950,000 in stock for 15 years to dividends to be paid to new subscribers. (Digest)
- Apr. 5, 1848** PRR Board approves purchase of 75 freight cars and 6 passenger cars; appoints committee to negotiate connection with Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mountjoy & Lancaster Railroad. (MB)
- Apr. 6, 1848** Pa. act authorizes Philadelphia & Trenton Railroad to purchase wharf property between Walnut & Dock Streets in Philadelphia and alter its line in Morrisville near the Delaware River Bridge. (Digest)
- Apr. 10, 1848** Charles River Branch Railroad opens from Brookline Jct. on Boston & Worcester to Brookline. (Humphrey)
- Apr. 10, 1848** Chartist leaders call off mass march on Parliament in face of threats from police and army; their monster petition asking for the People's Charter is delivered, but Chartism is a spent force in England; many Chartists emigrate to the U.S.
- Apr. 11, 1848** West Chester & Philadelphia Railroad incorporated to build on southern route through Media. (Val)
- Apr. 11, 1848** PW&B Board authorizes through ticketing between Baltimore and New

London, Conn., via New Jersey Railroad. (MB)

- Apr. 11, 1848** **Pennsylvania authorizes \$149,838 6% loan to refund relief notes. (PL)**
- Apr. 11, 1848** **Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad incorporated in Pennsylvania. (Church, AR)**
- Apr. 11, 1848** **Arsonist destroys Allegheny Aqueduct at Freeport on Western Division, severing Main Line.**
- Apr. 12, 1848** **Western Union Telegraph Company incorporated in New York.**
- Apr. 14, 1848** **PRR stockholders accept charter supplement of Mar. 27; agree to pay 6% dividend on stock (called "interest") during construction; thus begins the PRR's fabled 122(?) -year dividend run. (AR)**
- Apr. 1848** **B&O begins new surveys from Cumberland to Wheeling; line, which skirts border of Pa., burdens B&O with heavier grades and two summits as compared to direct route to Pittsburgh. (Dilts)**
- Apr. 19, 1848** **Illinois & Michigan Canal opens between Chicago and La Salle, Ill., uniting Lake Michigan with Mississippi River system; contributes to rise of Chicago; first boat to make complete transit arrives in Chicago on Apr. 23.**
- Apr. 23, 1848** **Michigan Central Railroad completed from Detroit to New Buffalo on Lake Michigan. (AR)**
- Apr. 24, 1848** **Jeremiah Morrow resigns as Pres. and director of Little Miami Railroad because of failing health effective June 1. (, MB)**
- Apr. 25, 1848** **Resignation of Samuel H. Kneass as Principal Assistant Engineer presented to PRR Road Committee; Alexander Worrall promoted to replace Kneass, and T.G. Pomeroy promoted to Assistant Engineer in place of Worrall; Committee orders Pres. Merrick to reply to letter of O'Connor & Co. that PRR's policy towards transporting companies is not yet settled. (MB)**
- Apr. 28, 1848** **Thomas P. Cope resigns as PRR director, having seen company established. (MB, Cope Diary has 4/26)**
- Apr. 28, 1848** **Camden & Amboy Railroad stockholders approve subscription to Belvidere Delaware Railroad. (MB)**
- Apr. 29, 1848** **Henry C. Carey publishes 16th and last of his "Citizen of Burlington" letters attacking the Camden & Amboy Railroad; later collected and**

published as a pamphlet, *Letters to the People of New Jersey: On the Frauds, Extortions and Oppressions of the Railroad Monopoly*. (Pam)

- Spring 1848** Outlet locks and cable ferry open effecting a connection between the Delaware Division Canal at New Hope, Pa. and the Delaware & Raritan at Lambertville, N.J.
- Spring 1848** Reeves, Abbott & Co. establish Safe Harbor Iron Works to supply PRR and other Pennsylvania railroads with rails. (check Phoenix inventory?)
- Spring 1848** City of Cleveland approves its \$200,000 subscription to Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad and \$100,000 to Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad. (Marvin)
- May 1, 1848** James McCrea (1848-1913), eighth Pres. of PRR, born in Philadelphia. (B&K)
- May 1, 1848** Books opened for Indianapolis & Bellefontaine Railroad in Indianapolis; main speech by ex-Sen. and future I&B Pres. O.H. Smith. (Daniels)
- May 8, 1848** Canal Commissioners approve contract with J.W. Funk to operate pleasure cars over Columbia Railroad at Philadelphia. (probably to Fairmount Park) (CC)
- May 9, 1848** PW&B Board authorizes report on building main depots served by locomotives in Philadelphia and Baltimore. (MB)
- May 12, 1848** PRR Road Committee again authorizes purchase of depot site at Pittsburgh. (MB)
- May 17, 1848** Remainder of PRR between Lewistown and Huntingdon placed under contract. (AR - is closing date for bids)
- May 17, 1848** Mentally incompetent and epileptic Austrian Emperor Ferdinand I flees Vienna.
- May 19, 1848** Railroad meeting held at Coshocton, Ohio, to choose between Steubenville & Indiana Railroad, Central Ohio Railroad or one of three other east-west lines. (Marvin)
- May 28, 1848** Michigan Central Railroad places steamboat *Mayflower* with accommodations for 300 cabin passengers in service between Detroit and Buffalo. (AR)
- May 29, 1848** Cape Cod Branch Railroad opens between Agawam and Sandwich, Mass. (NH)

- May 30, 1848** Burlington & Mount Holly Railroad & Transportation Company organized at Mount Holly. (Val)
- May 31, 1848** Public meeting of citizens of Allegheny County recommends county subscription for 20,000 shares (\$1 million) of PRR; County Commissioners make contingent upon PRR establishing its western terminus within the city limits of Pittsburgh. (Digest, MB)
- June 1, 1848** Jacob Strader (1795-1860) elected Pres. of Little Miami Railroad, replacing Jeremiah Morrow, resigned. (MB)
- June 4, 1848** Allegheny County subscribes \$1 million to PRR; paid for in county bonds; money to be used for Western Division. (Watkins)
- June 4, 1848** Thomas P. Cope calls at PRR office; Merrick in Pittsburgh to collect Allegheny County subscription; notes quarrels between Merrick on the one hand and Toland and James Magee on other. (Cope Diary)
- June 5, 1848** Canal Commissioners order W. Milnor Roberts to make new survey to avoid Belmont Plane. (CC)
- June 7, 1848** Southwark Railroad Board declines proposition of J.H. Williams to operate "pleasure cars" to Fairmount and orders company to buy more horses and operate own cars to Grays Ferry. (MB)
- June 12, 1848** J. Edgar Thomson makes first report as Chief Engineer; has selected low-grade line up the Juniata and Little Juniata to the foot of Allegheny Mountain, concentrating the high grade on a short run up the east slope, on which trains are to be double-headed; in contrast, Charles L. Schlatter, following the practice of the 1830s, adopted a uniform low grade by beginning the ascent much farther east but requiring many sharp curves and fills as it hugged the side of the mountain; Thomson also selects Sugar Run Gap as the best crossing of the summit and rejects alternate routes via the West Branch or Bedford; total estimated cost \$8.96 million. (Rept.)
- June 13, 1848** John A. Brown resigns as PW&B director. (MB)
- June 15, 1848** City of Pittsburgh ordinance grants PRR right to run down Ferguson Street, curving onto Liberty Street and down Liberty Street to river; can operate with steam but not over 4 MPH; grants PRR use of city property along the Allegheny River at The Point, from Water Street to the river, 200 x 900. (Digest)
- June 15, 1848** Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad Company organized at Canton; William

Robinson, Jr. (1785-1868), of Pittsburgh elected Pres. pro-tem. (MB, AR)

- June 1848** **Joint Companies issue *Address to the People of New Jersey* defending their actions against charges of "A Citizen of Burlington" in very general terms and appealing to state patriotism; Carey then publishes a scathing reply. (Lane)**
- June 1848** **Transporters operating from Cumberland to Pittsburgh and Wheeling remove stages and express wagons to Somerset and Pennsylvania Turnpikes because of poor state of National Road. (PhPrCrnt)**
- June 1848** **Ross Winans places first "Camel" locomotive in service on B&O; has coal-burning firebox fed from above by "firing chutes" and cab mounted on top of boiler; Camels enjoy a brief popularity as heavy drag freight engines and are adopted by other roads, including the PRR and the Reading; the type is generally abandoned by the mid-1860s. (Dilts,)**
- June 1848** **Construction begins on Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad.**
- June 17, 1848** **Eaton & Hamilton Railroad organized. (Church)**
- June 27, 1848** **New Freeport Aqueduct opens on Western Division Canal.**
- June 27, 1848** **Canal Commissioners permit Lykens Valley Railroad & Coal Company to ship a locomotive and train of cars from Philadelphia to Wiconisco free of toll. (CC)**
- June 28, 1848** **PRR accepts subscription of Allegheny County; to be expended on Western Division.**
- June 28, 1848** **PRR appoints Oliver W. Barnes (-) Draftsman on Western Division.**
- July 3, 1848** **J.A. Anderson (-), later first Superintendent of Voluntary Relief Dept., first joins engineer corps of Belvidere-Delaware Railroad under C.E. Ashbel Welch and Assistant Engineer Martin Coryell (1815-1886). (Lee)**
- July 9, 1848** **Mortally ill, Francis R. Shunk (Democrat) resigns as Governor of Pennsylvania; under the constitution, is succeeded by William F. Johnston (1808-1872), the speaker of the Senate and a Whig.**
- July 11, 1848** **PW&B Board refuses to accept resignation of Pres. Edward C. Dale. (MB)**
- July 11, 1848** **Solomon White Roberts (1811-1882) begins surveys for Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad at mouth of Beaver River. (AR)**

- July 1848** Dayton & Western Railroad begins construction. (Church)
- July 22, 1848** Belvidere Delaware Railroad Board holds first meeting since Oct. 1838. (MB)
- July 26, 1848** Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad adopts route between Cleveland and Hudson. (MB)
- Aug. 8, 1848** Edmund Dwight (1780-1849) of Chicopee Falls, Mass., elected to represent New England stockholders of PW&B; first non-local director; because of charter, most directors continue to come from Philadelphia or Baltimore. (MB)
- Aug. 8, 1848** Steubenville & Indiana Railroad holds first meeting. (MB - check Church)
- Aug. 9, 1848** Thomas T. Firth elected PRR Secretary, replacing Oliver Fuller, resigned. (MB)
- Aug. 1848** John Brough (1811-1865), Jacksonian politician and editor of *Cincinnati Enquirer*, replaces Samuel Merrill as Pres. of Madison & Indianapolis Railroad. (Anderson)
- Aug. 22, 1848** PRR Road Committee orders J. Edgar Thomson to contract for remaining heavy work between Huntingdon and Hollidaysburg. (MB)
- Aug. 23, 1848** PRR Board authorizes Pres. Merrick to arrange sale of city and county bonds given PRR in payment of stock subscriptions on London market. (MB)
- Aug. 25, 1848** Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad appoints Solomon White Roberts as Chief Engineer at \$3,300 per year and Jesse R. Straughn as Principal Assistant Engineer; order location through Mansfield to Bucyrus. (MB)
- Sep. 1, 1848** Bald Eagle & Spring Creek Navigation opens from Milesburg to Bellefonte, completing line. (CnlCrnts)
- Sep. 2, 1848** Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad opens between Sandusky and Springfield, Ohio; with Little Miami Railroad forms first through line between Lake Erie and the Ohio River. (SpringfldDir, RRH)
- Sep. 4, 1848** York & Cumberland Railroad receives letters patent. (Val)
- Sep. 13, 1848** Louis McLane resigns as Pres. of B&O. (Dilts)
- Sep. 13, 1848** In a freak blasting accident, Phineas Gage, a foreman of a contractor's

gang on the Rutland & Burlington Railroad at Cavendish, Vt., has a three-foot tamping iron shot clean through his skull; first doctor to treat him is Edward H. Williams, future General Superintendent of PRR and partner in Baldwin Locomotive Works; Gage survives, but his personality is maimed by the frontal lobe damage; case becomes a landmark in brain science. (Restak)

- Sep. 22, 1848 York & Cumberland Railroad organized. (Poor)
- Sep. 25, 1848 Camden & Amboy Railroad establishes Morning Accommodation Line from Philadelphia to New York via Camden, Trenton and Jersey City. (AR)
- Sep. 25, 1848 Ross Winans renews his 1834 patent on the 8-wheel, swivel-truck car for 14 years. (Stevens)
- Sep. 27, 1848 Little Miami Railroad Engineer Erasmus Gest presents survey to Greene County line to meet Columbus & Xenia Railroad. (MB)
- Oct. 2, 1848 Members of Legislative Committee investigating charges against the Camden & Amboy Railroad invite Henry C. Carey to meet them at Bordentown next Thursday or Friday to prove charges. (Pam)
- Oct. 3, 1848 Henry C. Carey declines to meet Investigating Committee on grounds defendants are acting as their own judges. (Pam)
- Oct. 10, 1848 Whig William F. Johnston narrowly defeats Democrat Morris Longstreth for Governor of Pennsylvania; Democrat Israel Painter defeats Whig Ner Middleswarth for Canal Commissioner over Middleswarth's opposition to 10-hour law; Whigs retain control of State Senate.
- Oct. 10, 1848 PW&B Board reports having arranged for a through ticket between New York and Charleston, S.C., for \$20.00, of which PW&B gets \$2.85; PW&B agrees to concede one-seventh of this if Joint Companies will consent to \$2.50 for portion between New York and Philadelphia. (MB)
- Oct. 11, 1848 Thomas Swann (1805-1883) elected Pres. of B&O, replacing Louis McLane, resigned, at \$3,000 per year, half of McLane's salary. (Dilts)
- Oct. 13, 1848 New York & Erie Railroad leases Chemung Railroad. (Val)
- Oct. 13, 1848 City of Jeffersonville grants Ohio & Indianapolis Railroad a depot and wharf lot, providing no locomotive be run over track on Wall Street between main depot and Ohio River. (Church)
- Oct. 1848 PRR places order for first three locomotives with Baldwin Locomotive

Works @ \$3,900 each. (first is Dauphin - when delivered?)

- Oct. 1848** Ohio & Indianapolis Railroad lets contract for 27 miles between Jeffersonville and Vienna, Ind.
- Oct. 1848** Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad contracted to Harbach, Stone & Witt. (Marvin)
- Oct. 19, 1848** Paterson & Ramapo Railroad opens between Paterson, N.J., and the New York & Erie Railroad at Suffern, N.Y.; with Paterson & Hudson River and New Jersey Railroads, provides a shortcut between the Erie main line and Jersey City, saving the long steamboat run between New York and Piermont; however, no through tickets offered until 1851. (Lucas)
- Oct. 30, 1848** Canal Commissioners permit D. Leech & Co. to operate a freight and express car on the afternoon line from Philadelphia. (CC)
- Oct. 31, 1848** Austrian army retakes Vienna and crushes revolution.
- Nov. 1, 1848** PRR approves contract for operating Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mountjoy & Lancaster Railroad; is to replace all strap rail and respace tracks for wide cars and build double-track branch to Columbia. (MB)
- Nov. 1, 1848** Lykens Valley Railroad & Coal Company railroad reopened with T-rail and locomotives. (Val)
- Nov. 1, 1848** Cog rail placed in service on Madison Incline and use of horses abandoned; first rack locomotive *M.G. Bright* (0-8-0) is designed by Andrew Cathcart, the company's machinist and built by Baldwin; one set of cylinders drives regular wheels while a second set mounted vertically drives cog wheel engaging a rack rail in the center of the track. (AR)
- Nov. 1848** Meeting of representatives of West Chester Railroad and West Chester & Philadelphia Railroad fail to reach agreement for merging the two companies. (Moore)
- Nov. 20, 1848** *Pioneer*, first locomotive at Chicago, first operates on Galena & Chicago Union Railroad. (C&NW - AAR has 10/25)
- Nov. 25, 1848** Col. William Robinson, Jr., elected Pres. of Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad; principal offices established at Salem, Ohio, and Pittsburgh. (MB)
- Nov. 27, 1848** Pope Pius IX (1792-1878) flees Rome in disguise.
- Dec. 2, 1848** Austrian Emperor Ferdinand I abdicates in favor of nephew Franz Josef

(1830-1916), who reigns until World War I.

- Dec. 4, 1848** At annual meeting, PRR stockholders are urged to work for subscriptions by individuals and by unincorporated districts of Philadelphia County, as further monies from city unlikely, (MB)
- Dec. 5, 1848** Pres. James K. Polk, in annual message to Congress, confirms discovery of gold in California, touching off Gold Rush of the following year. (EAH)
- Dec. 5, 1848** King Frederick William IV of Prussia dissolves national assembly, having suppressed the revolution; with the failure of revolution in Central Europe, many liberal Germans emigrate to the U.S.; many settle in the far Midwest in such cities as Milwaukee, Chicago and St. Louis.
- Dec. 1848** Committee of New Jersey Legislature appointed to investigate Carey's charges against the Joint Companies reports no wrongdoing; members Samuel Mairs, Charles Parker, James G. King and William Pennington, were handpicked by Camden & Amboy and investigation managed by Joseph P. Bradley, the Joint Companies' chief lawyer. (Lane, Pam)
- Dec. 9, 1848** Canal Commissioners permit two PRR locomotives from Baldwin to pass over Columbia Railroad to Dillerville free of toll. (CC)
- Dec. 9, 1848** Civil engineer George R. Eichbaum reports on survey of Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad. (Rept)
- Dec. 12, 1848** PW&B reports that all of new \$350,000 stock issue has been taken. (MB)
- Dec. 14, 1848** NC&F writes off \$20,000 investment in Maryland & Virginia Steamboat Company, \$15,000 in Atlantic Steam Packet Company, \$1,000 in Baltimore & Wheeling Transportation Company, and \$5,000 in Salem, Delaware & Philadelphia Steamboat Company. (MB)
- Dec. 15, 1848** Galena & Chicago Union Railroad opens for 10 miles between Chicago and Harlem (Oak Park) near Des Plaines River; first railroad leading west from Chicago and oldest part of Chicago & North Western system; Baldwin locomotive *Pioneer* is first to run west of Chicago. (C&NW)
- Dec. 16, 1848** W. Milnor Roberts reports on surveys to avoid Belmont Plane; after reviewing all previous surveys and routes, recommends route from one mile west of plane to Market Street via Georges Run as most economical. (CC)
- Dec. 20, 1848** Indianapolis City Council authorizes formation of a union depot company. (Hertherington)

- Dec. 20, 1848** Terre Haute & Richmond Railroad makes contract for building 20 miles between Terre Haute and Greencastle.
- Dec. 27, 1848** New York & Erie Railroad opens to Binghamton in upper Susquehanna Valley. (ARJ)
- Dec. 27, 1848** New York & New Haven Railroad opens between Woodlawn Jct. and New Haven, completing the first all-rail line between New York and Boston via Springfield; renders LIRR route non-competitive (NH); first tt. dated 12/29; first New York passenger station is at 29 Canal Street with locomotives attached at 32nd Street; first freight station is on Centre Street near Canal. (RRH) note was gap between excursion and revenue in 1/49
- Dec. 27, 1848** Alphonso Taft (1810-1891) of Cincinnati, founder of an Ohio political dynasty, elected a director of Little Miami Railroad. (MB)
- Dec. 29, 1848** Canal Commissioners permit attaching as many box cars for express on the afternoon line from Philadelphia as possible. (CC)
- Dec. 30, 1848** First mass meeting at Mount Holly in favor of a new railroad across New Jersey running east of the Camden & Amboy; seven-year campaign to secure a charter is blocked by Camden & Amboy's control of the State Senate.
- Dec. 31, 1848** New York & Harlem Railroad opens between Croton Falls and Dover Plains. (GrnBk)
- 1848** Edward F. Gay makes first survey for West Chester & Philadelphia Railroad.
- 1848** PW&B raised above highest flood tide through Shellpot Meadows south of Wilmington. (AR)
- 1848** Pennsylvania Legislature retroactively legalizes municipal subscriptions to railroad companies. (check)
- 1848** Erie & Ohio Railroad incorporated in Pa. by Erie interests to build along lake shore, but bill is not returned by Gov. ___. (Mott - verify)
- 1848** Andrew Carnegie settles in Pittsburgh. (Vexler - verify)
- 1848** Grading on Western Division of PRR abandoned by contractors because of low prices; company concentrates work on Eastern Division. (AR)
- 1848** Pendleton Shops and 10-stall roundhouse open at Cincinnati on Little

Miami Railroad.

- 1848** Chief Engineer Thomas A. Morris surveys three routes to avoid Madison Plane, two up valley of Clifty Creek and one up Crooked Creek. (Anderson)
- 1848** Rushville & Shelbyville Railroad begins construction in Indiana. (Church)
- 1848** Wabash & Erie Canal opens between Lafayette and Terre Haute, Ind.
- 1848** Telegraph reaches from New York to Chicago. (check)
- 1848** New York, Providence & Boston Railroad extended to new Union Station in Providence, permitting through rail service between Boston and steamboat landing at Stonington. (Humphrey)
- 1848** Coal overtakes flour as chief commodity transported on B&O. (Dilts)