

Coloring Book of the OVERLAND ROUTE

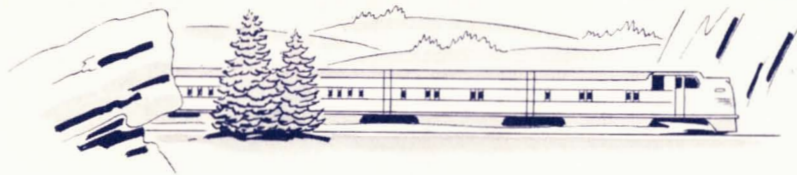




(Front Cover) The San Francisco skyline, framed by the mighty towers of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.



The "OVERLAND ROUTE"



The transcontinental Overland Route follows the historic "Overland Trail." This trail was first blazed by fur-bearing animal trappers way back in the early 1800's. That's about 150 years ago.

Then came the covered wagons of adventurous pioneer families looking for land . . . for a new country in which to build homes. The sturdy Mormons followed the same trail. So did the "Forty-Niners" seeking gold in California, and the daring "Pony Express" riders.

Several years later, President Abraham Lincoln supported the building of a railroad, following the Overland Trail, to connect the East with the growing West.

So, in 1863, starting from Council Bluffs, Iowa, the Union Pacific started laying rail westward and the Central Pacific—later known as the Southern Pacific—began the work of building a rail line to the East. In May, 1869, the track laying crews of the two railroads met at Promontory, Utah, and this historic event was celebrated by the driving of the last spike—the famous "Golden Spike." By 1867, the Chicago and North Western—a third railroad—had completed its track from Chicago to Council Bluffs. Thus was built a continuous steel highway from Chicago to San Francisco.

So, due to the work accomplished by three great railroads; the Chicago and North Western . . . Union Pacific . . . and Southern Pacific, you now roll swiftly along the old "Overland Trail," traveling in comfort over what is now known as the OVERLAND ROUTE—2256 miles of gleaming track and one of America's smoothest roadbeds.

We're mighty glad to have you with us and hope you enjoy your trip.



California

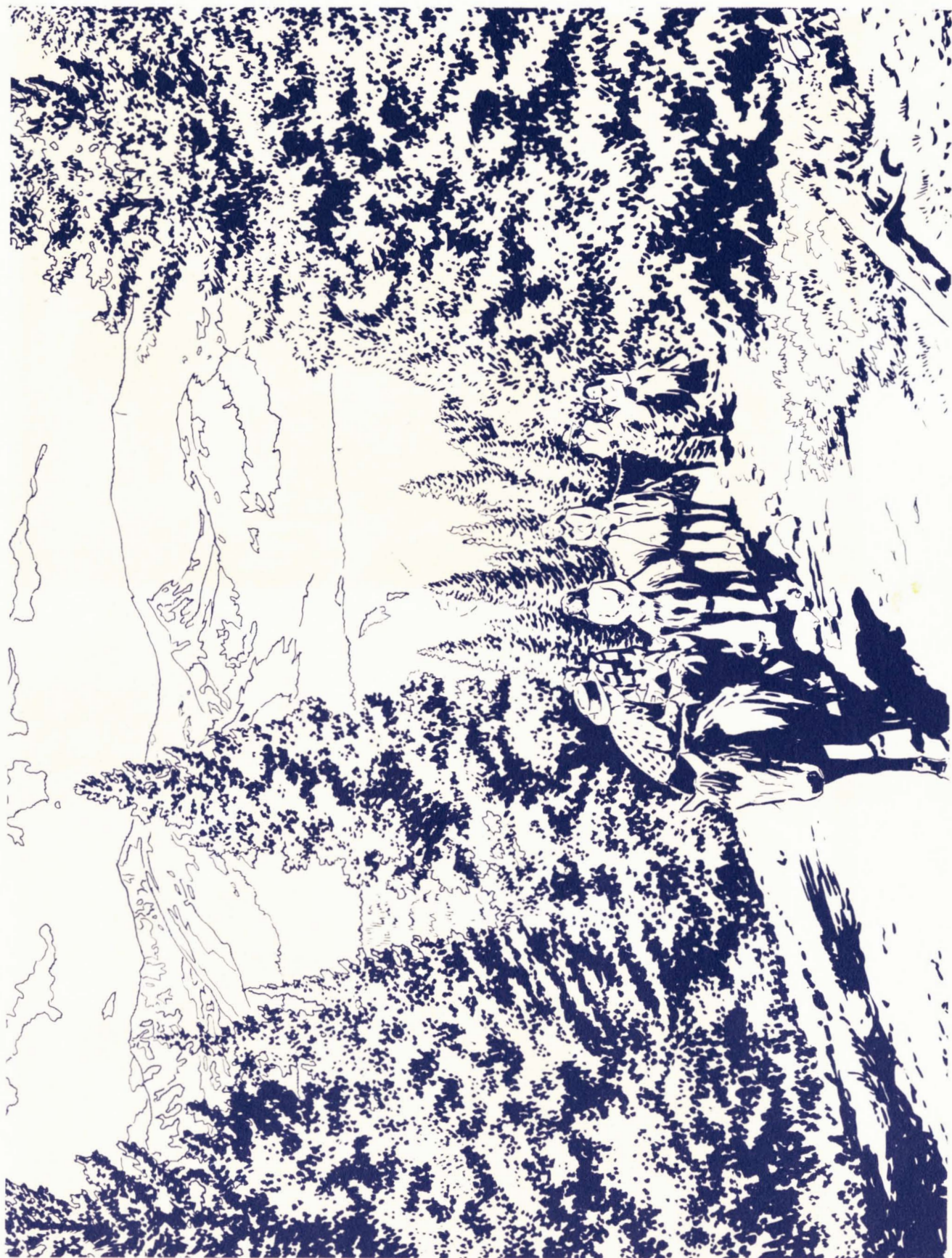
This is one of the few places in the world where one can see both oranges on trees, and snow on the mountains, at the same time. The oranges are growing near Redlands, California, and the snow is on top of San Geronio Mountain.





This cowboy leader knows all the mountain trails. He shows people who visit at his ranch the beautiful scenery, the big trees, many flowers, birds and animals. These western horses are gentle but very strong to carry you and your friends all day long.

Western Dude Ranch





Milk Cows in Pasture

The delicious milk that children like comes from cows like these. You will see many cows eating grass on farm pastures, as you ride on Overland Route trains. Maybe you'll see some little calves, too. These black and white cows are called "Holsteins."





Cowboy and Cattle

Taking care of cattle is the regular job of the cowboy. He has on work clothes and has his lariat tied to his saddle, wears chaps to protect his legs from sharp branches of trees and shrubs. He only wears fancy clothes when he dresses up. You'll see cowboys in the cattle country along the Overland Route.





Buffalo Herd

These wild creatures have sharp horns, big hairy heads and shoulders. Many years ago all the western plains had buffalo living on them. Now you'll see them in the big parks and zoos in the cities you visit. Here are buffalo standing in the desert plains with sage brush all around.

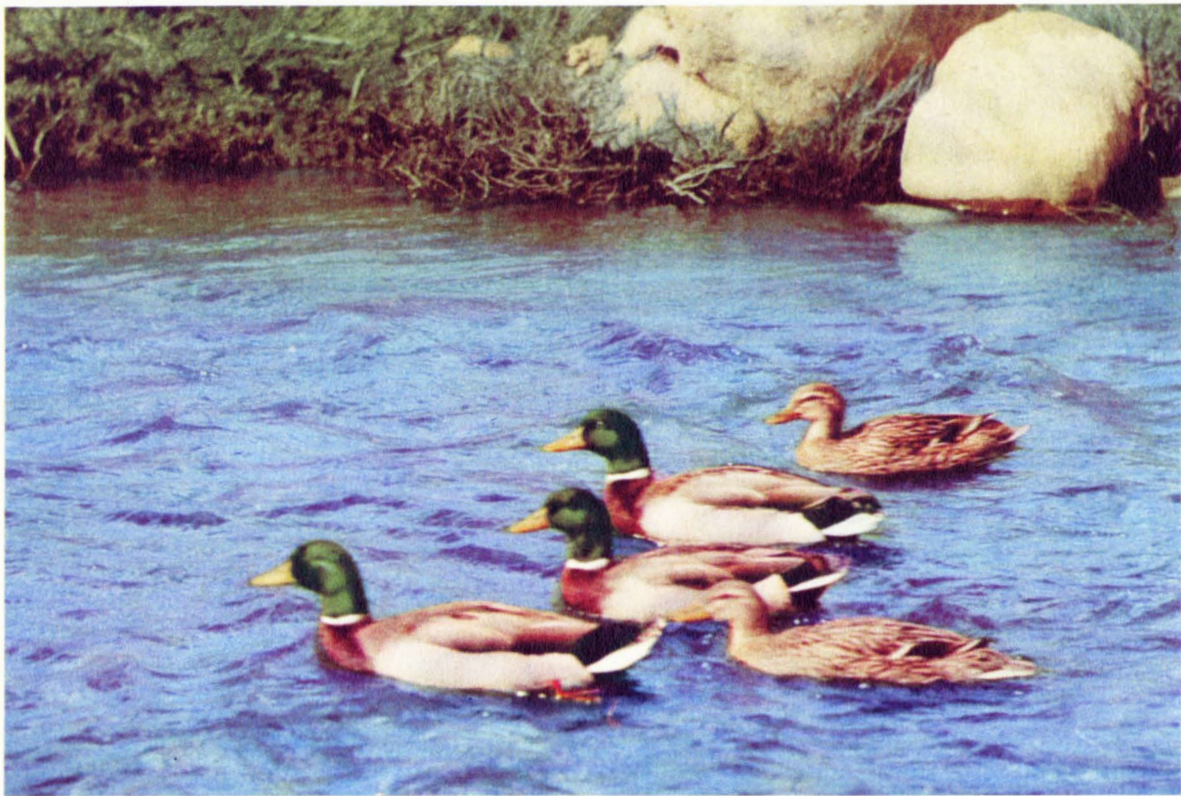




Western Antelope

As you travel across the wide grassy plains, you should watch for the herds of prong-horn antelope, like small slender deer with two sharp horns. Here is a picture of an antelope which is growing new horns.





Wild Ducks

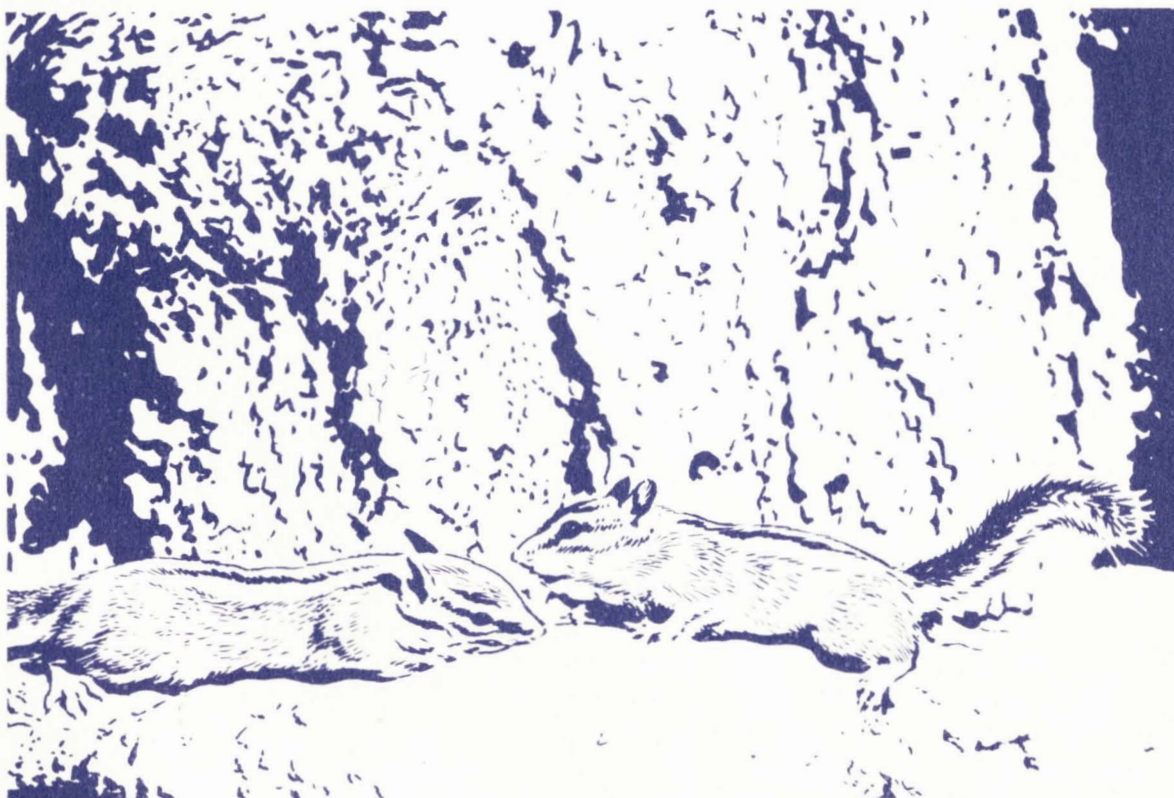
Along the tracks of your Overland Route train, you may see wild ducks in the rivers and ponds. Here are Mallard ducks, and the ones with the green heads are male ducks. When they fly, their wings go fast, and their necks stretch out.





Chipmunks

These quick little animals are very playful and curious. In the woods and rocky places where you may travel, you can hear their short whistle, and you might see them fill their cheeks with bits of food you toss to them. Then they run away to store the food for the winter.





Black Bears

When you visit Western National Parks, you can see bears like this one. Sometimes there will be bear cubs walking around with their mother, looking under rocks and old logs for little animals and insects which are their food. They look awkward, but they can run fast and climb trees easily.





Streamliner

"CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO" is the name of this famous Streamliner. When you travel on this train, the fastest between Chicago and San Francisco, you go across Great Salt Lake on the Lucin Causeway, like a bridge, shown here.





Chicago's famous Michigan Avenue, from the steps of the Art Institute.