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Map: CB&Q map of Chicago, 1880

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1880 map of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

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The 1880 map shows Chicago as a crossroads of transportation, with rail lines radiating out in all directions except where Lake Michigan represents its shipping lanes. The map depicts the early heart of the CB&Q, from northern Illinois through southern Iowa and northern Missouri, with Chicago at the center of the map.

—Eric D. Olmanson

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