

Goods from Chicago

Activity using the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago RR

In 1836, the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad (C&CU) was the first railroad built out of Chicago. “The Pioneer,” now housed at the Chicago History Museum, was the first locomotive on the railroad on October 25, 1848. By the mid-20th century, the Chicago Loop contained six major railway terminals servicing over thirty different railways.

Activity setup:

Each person at the table selects one of the following companies to operate with \$25 in the bank:

- Dearborn Marine
- Johnson & Co. Mercantile
- Pierson Timber
- Chicago Dry Goods

Ship goods:

1. Roll to select an item from your company:

Roll	Dearborn Marine	Johnson & Co	Pierson Timber	Chicago Dry Goods
1	Fresh Fish	Vinegar	Cabinets	Dry Goods
2 / 5	Boxed Herring	Bread	Mahogany Logs	Hemp
3 / 6	Salted Fish	Bags of Sugar	Barrel of Dye Wood	Rope
4	Boxed Sardines	Boxed Coffee	Dye Wood Sticks	Salt

2. Roll to see which city you must send 100lbs of goods to:

Roll	City
1	St. Louis, MO
2	Cincinnati, OH
3	Indianapolis, IN
4	Pittsburgh, PA
5	Columbus, OH
6	Louisville, KY

3. Using the Rates & Classification guide, determine if your item is First, Second, Third, or Fourth Class.

4. Using the Rates & Classification guide, determine how much it would cost to ship to your destination city. NOTE: rates are given in dollars and cents, but lack a decimal point. Thus, sending a 1st Class item to Alliance, Ohio, would cost \$1.31 (listed as “131”). Also note, assume the table is for shipping goods out of Chicago, not New York City as labeled.

5. Using the Ledger, deduct the total cost of shipping from your bank funds.

6. Move your token/train one city (waypoint) toward your destination (hub). This is the end of your turn.

7. Continue moving your token/train one city per turn until you reach your destination.

8. Once you reach your destination city, collect the appropriate profit from selling your goods, tracking it in your Ledger:

City	Profit
St. Louis, MO	\$5
Cincinnati, OH	\$2.50
Indianapolis, IN	\$2
Pittsburgh, PA	\$4.50
Columbus, OH	\$3
Louisville, KY	\$3

9. Move your token one city per turn back to Chicago.

10. Once you return to Chicago, return to step 1—roll again to determine your next item and destination.

Winning: To be the first player to reach \$50 (double your initial value).

Example: Sam picks Dearborn Marine, rolls a 2 to send Boxed Herring, and rolls a 1 to ship to St. Louis. He pays the cost (\$1.35) and begins moving his token. Five turns later, he reaches St. Louis, collects his profit, and begins heading back to Chicago. Upon reaching Chicago, he rolls for a new good/destination.

Ledger for:

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