FEATHER RIVER

**Business Car – Stabled at Council Bluffs**

The *Feather River* was built by Pullman Standard as five-bedroom lounge car *Boise*, in 1956. In 1963, this car was converted to business car No. 114.

El Rio de las Plumas (Feather River), so named by Don Luis Arguello in 1820, created a magnificent canyon through the Sierra Nevada Mountains of northern California. When the Western Pacific Railroad constructed its line from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Oakland, Calif., in 1905, it chose the Feather River route.

Passengers riding the Royal Gorge, a train operated by Missouri Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific, were treated to this breath-taking scenery. Stopover arrangements could be made at the Feather River Inn, a charming, rustic hotel that offered hiking and horseback riding through the beautiful trees and wildflowers. After World War II, the Royal Gorge was replaced by the California Zephyr, a vista-dome train that made the canyon famous.