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14/ In addition to the prodigious building programs

of the Mormons and the highly organized and duly

constituted civic, school and church programs they established, the Mormons engineered what was to be-

come the primary trade and emigration route into the American West. The impact was far greater in SW Iowa than in Nebraska because all territory west of the

Missouri River was then officially designated by

Congress as Indian Territory. Therefore, most of

the towns and duly organized government were on the

Iowa side of the river. But those served as launching