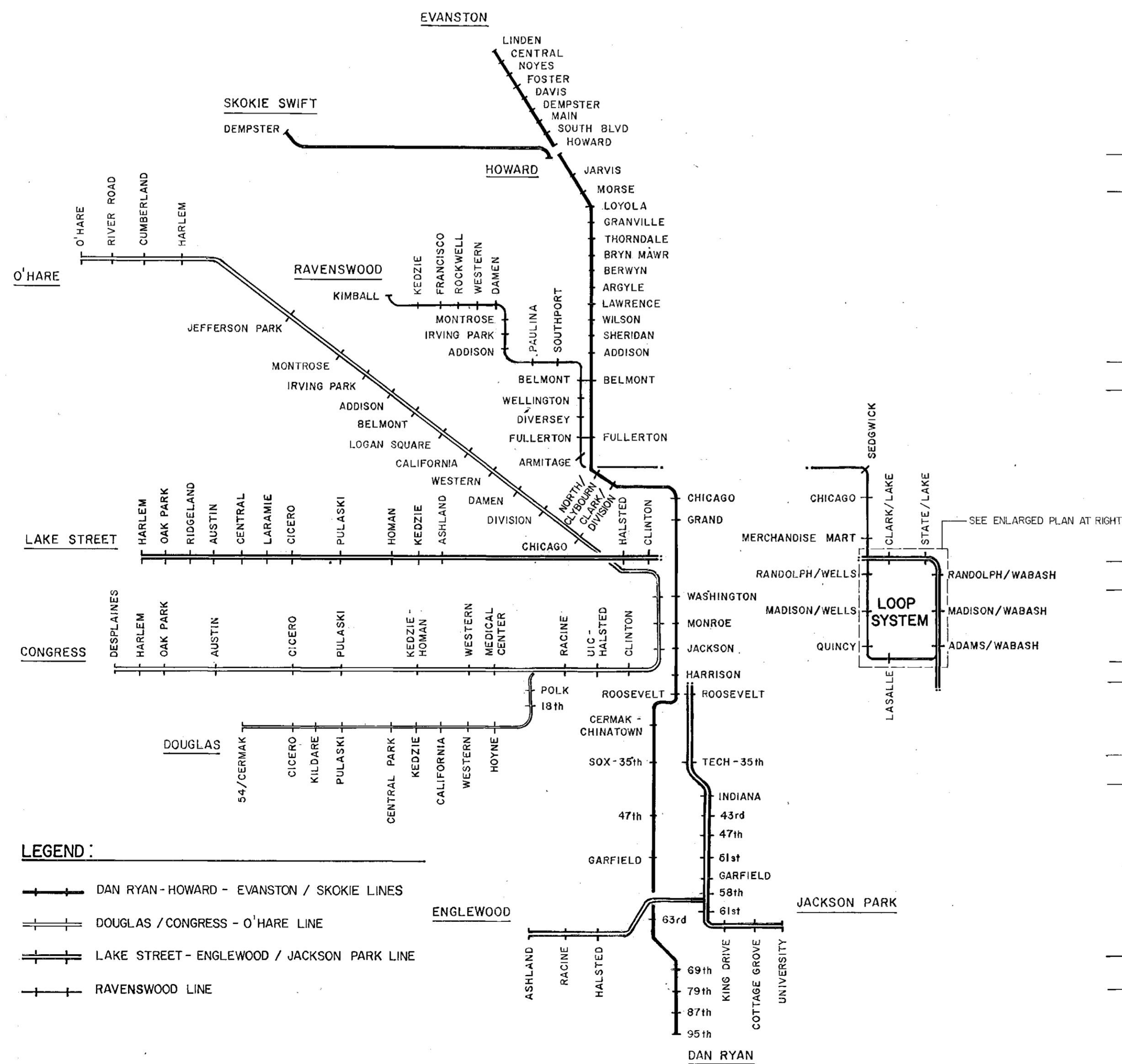


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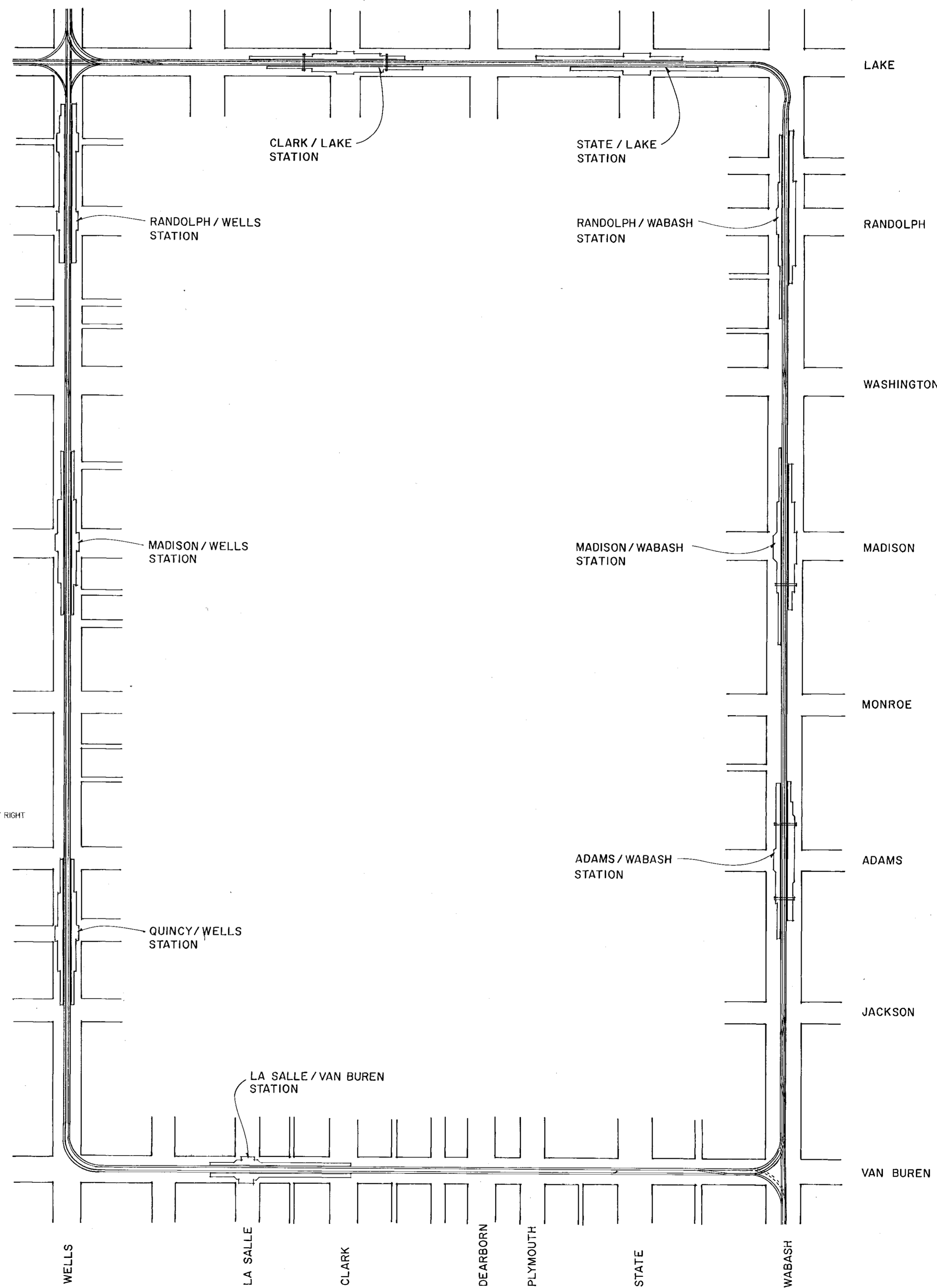
THE UNION ELEVATED RAILROAD IS CREDITED TO CHARLES T. YERKES, JR., WHO CAME TO CHICAGO IN 1882 AND FORMED SEVERAL CORPORATIONS THAT BOUGHT OR BUILT RAILWAY LINES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THE UNION ELEVATED RAILROAD WAS INCORPORATED IN 1896, AND CONNECTED ELEVATED PASSENGER LINES THAT RAN INTO DOWNTOWN CHICAGO. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT BECAME KNOWN AS THE "LOOP," BECAUSE THE ELEVATED LINES ENCIRCLED ITS PERIMETER. THE LINE OPERATED BY THE UNION ELEVATED RAILROAD WAS POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE "LOOP L."

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RAIL SYSTEM PLAN

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LOOP SYSTEM MAP

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