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The Neo-Classical Revival style influenced the design of the old Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad depot in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Single story wings run along the north and south walls of the one and one-half story rectangular brick building. The flat-roofed wings are decorated with cut stone quoins, lintels above rectangular windows and keystones on arched openings.

The center section of the building has a medium pitch red tile roof with a ridge running from east to west. Brick pilasters with modified Corinthian capitals support the brick architrave. Three round headed arches with keystones are interspersed between the pilasters. Egg and dart moulding surrounds the pediments and runs beneath the cornice.

Except for a circular window with four keystones in the east and west pediments, all of the windows have been boarded up, but not destroyed. A one story bay window decorates the south wall, where a new entrance has been installed. All of the modern alterations can be easily removed, and the depot's original appearance restored.

The brick railroad platform remains in place and is used as a parking lot for the Station House, a bar which presently occupies the building. The depot and its surrounding property have been well maintained. Even the old M and St.L. tracks are still in place.

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This Neo-Classical Revival style depot, built around the turn of the century, is the only one of its kind in South Dakota. Other Neo-Classical depots dot the state, but none used the combination of building materials and stylistic elements that the former Milwaukee and St. Louis depot incorporated. Many South Dakota depots were constructed of wood, cut stone, or a combination of the two; others used a rough reddish brick different from the smooth, purplish variety seen on this depot.

The Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad began laying tracks into Aberdeen in 1906, and by the summer of 1907 the route was completed. The first Milwaukee and St. Louis passenger train, the <u>Aberdeen Limited</u>, arrived in 1908. The Milwaukee and St. Louis was one of four major railroad lines serving Aberdeen, which, because of its transportation facilities, became a center for wholesale houses in the state.

An adaptive use was found for the depot. Today it houses a thriving night club.

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