



"Last Spike" Ceremony — Gold Creek, Montana Territory — September 8, 1883

The year 1963 marks the 80th anniversary of the completion of Northern Pacific's main line forging the first rail link between the Great Lakes and the North Pacific Coast. This illustration is a reproduction of a painting based on actual photographs made at the time. General Ulysses S. Grant is shown holding the spike mallet. At his left is Henry Villard, then president of the Northern Pacific. Special trains brought many prominent people to this historic event, including business and civic leaders, government officials and foreign dignitaries.



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