



This painting of the driving of the Golden Spike on September 8, 1883, is a composite, in Currier & Ives style, of an actual photograph of the historic engine and a mural now decorating the Montana State Capitol in Helena.

WRITING NEW RAILROAD HISTORY

Sun glinting on yellow metal marked a great moment in railroad history that day in September, 1883. At Gold Creek, Montana, General U. S. Grant drove home a golden spike — and the Northern Pacific, first of the northern transcontinental railroads, was completed.

Shortly after, a special train puffed over the spot, carrying officials and distinguished guests from the East and Europe, on the

first through train trip from St. Paul to Portland, Oregon.

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