

and in relation to the great enterprise which we have been more than seven hundred miles west of your city to celebrate its partial completion, I will say, it is an enterprise more grand in its conception than any which has yet been completed or conjectured. I do not propose to make any very serious remarks in behalf of the excursionists, but let me say they never will forget your city of Chicago, and the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, and its gentlemanly officers; we will never forget the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. They will never forget you, Pullman, and you, Kinsley. (Great applause.) These excursionists, Mr. Mayor, consisting, as they do, of gentlemen from almost every State of the Union, men of all professions, men holding high positions in the gift of the Government, men and women of judgment, will carry back to their homes new ideas of the greatness and the magnificence of this section of our country. Such excursions cannot but be beneficial in their influence upon us all. Let me again, sir, thank you for these pleasant hospitalities, and give way to other speakers."

SPEECH OF HON. B. F. WADE.

The Chairman then introduced Honorable B. F. Wade of Ohio, as a gentleman who had seen the country over which the party had travelled and would tell them what he thought about it.

Mr. WADE, on being introduced to the audience was received with loud and long continued applause, and upon its subsidence spoke as follows:

"MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

"I feel entirely inadequate to express to this assemblage the feelings which I entertain upon the subject under consideration. I have looked over the map of the whole country for a good many years, and at an early period of my study of the geography of our country and its history I was impressed deeply with the importance of this location, Chicago—and about thirty-two years ago I visited this city, or the site where the city now stands, for