

tages of your location ; and what I have seen to-day convinces me that you will not be slow to appropriate all the advantages you possess. No people of this country have more of intelligence, more of enterprise, more of the American Yankee go-ahead-activeness than the people of Chicago. [Applause.] I say again, there are but two cities on this continent that can compete with you and your posterity for the palm of greatness.

“ And now, as to the excursion. I have said before, and I repeat it here, that it was on the most comprehensive scale of magnificence that I have ever seen. The Company have stopped at nothing that would promote our happiness or bring within our grasp all the intelligence we could possibly acquire on this subject. They stopped at nothing, and there is not a member of that excursion party who would not admit the perfect organization that was brought about by the managers of the excursion. It was thoroughly organized—and, traversing this continent more than fifteen hundred miles, having to use different modes of conveyance, transporting this great company from one point to another without the least confusion or the least delay, was a work that required brains as well as generosity. Their arrangements were all perfect, and the enjoyment of the excursionists was as great as it was possible that it could be made by all that human ingenuity could give, and I believe there is not a man among them but feels to-day, in his heart, gratitude for the opportunities it gave him to be acquainted with our great country. Here I may also say, sir, that we took away out there, among the Pawnees, and brought face to face with barbarism, almost the entire instrumentalities of our highest civilization. We had there a printing-press; a morning paper was printed in the Platte Valley, beyond the hundredth meridian, and while the Pawnees were dancing their wild dances, the printers were working off a description of the scene. The spectacle was a novel and a gratifying one, and I doubt if, in the history of these times, which amaze and surprise men, there has been anything more surprising than took place on those remote plains. With the printing-press we had the telegraph, that