

## "Railroad Jubilee at Rock Island," February 24, 1854

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Rock Island, Feb. 23.

Yesterday Was A Gala Day At This City. The Chicago And Rock Island Railroad Was Opened To Rock Island, With Imposing Ceremonies. About Ten Thousand Persons Were Present. The Cars Arrived In The City, For The First Time, At 5 O'clock P. M., Amid The Shouts Of The Multitude And The Thunder Of Artillery, Making The Very Heavens Tremble. A Free Collation Was Prepared By The City For The Guests, And Every House Thrown Open For Their Reception. Eleven Passenger Cars Came In Literally Crammed With People Eager To Participate In The Enjoyment Of The Occasion. Col. N.B. Buford, Of This City, Preside At Their Reception, And The Procession Which Followed. Speeches Were Made, Toasts Offered, And Every One Cheered. In The Evening The Cities Of Rock Island And Davenport Were Illuminated. Taking It All Together, It Was One Of The Finest Affairs Of The Kind Ever Got Up. Every Thing Passed Off Pleasantly And In Order.

Speeches By Gov. Bobb, Of Rock Island; Judge Williams, Of Chicago; Judge Beardsley, Of Rock Island, And Other Preminent [Sic] Citizens, Besides Mr. Farnam, Of The Firm Of Farnam & Sheffield, The Builders Of The Road.