THE WEDDING OF THE RAILS

It happened on the tenth of May in eighteen sixty nine,
One was push-ing from the east, the other from the west,
When the race was o-ver great ex-ci-ment filled the air,
Their

wed-ding sealed with gold and sil-ver nails,
loc-a-tives chug-gin' right be-hind,
Ju-pi-ter fac-ed Ro-gers cross the track,

place was Pro-mon-to-ry and the sun be-gan to shine,
Tam-pers 'n the lay-ers 'n the spi-kers 'n the rest,
Crowd was push-ing to the front, they came from ev'-ry where,
For

set-ting of the Wed-ding of the Rails.
hardest work-in' men you'd ev'er find.
it was migh-ty hard to keep them back.

hug-gin' and a chug-gin' down their trails.
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join-in' the trans-con-tin-ental rails.

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President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act into law on July 2, 1862. The act gave two companies, the Union Pacific Railroad and the Central Pacific Railroad, responsibility for completing the transcontinental railroad. The Union Pacific was laying track westward from a point near Omaha, Nebraska; the Central Pacific was building eastward from Sacramento, California. Chinese immigrants were brought in as laborers due to the Civil War taking American men as soldiers. Agreement was made to join the tracks at Promontory Summit (Promontory Point, Utah). The actual “wedding of the rails” took place on May 10, 1869.