

## ONE HUNDREDTH MERIDIAN.

The train was halted for nearly an hour directly opposite the monument designating the point where the line of the road crosses the one hundredth meridian of longitude, for the purpose of enabling Professor Carbutt to photograph some views representing the excursion train, with groupings of Government officers, members of Congress, Directors of the road, and excursionists, coming to this point *from the west*.

This being accomplished, and the train which had been placed at the disposal of the Government Commissioners having been attached, the excursion train sped onward again at the rate of thirty miles an hour, stopping only for wood and water, until it reached a point about four miles below Kearny.

## PRAIRIE-DOG CITY.

Here the train halted for nearly two hours, for the purpose of enabling the excursionists to pay their respects to the inhabitants of by far the largest town through which they had passed since leaving Chicago. This pleasing duty had been in contemplation as the train passed westward two days previously, and was prevented only by the lateness of the hour.

This town occupies an area of about twenty-five square miles, and the railroad track passes through its centre. The visit was evidently a surprise to the vast number of its quiet and peaceful inhabitants, and no preparations had therefore been made, as at Omaha, for the reception of their distinguished guests.

Their native politeness and curiosity, however, induced many of them, soon after the arrival of the train, to peep