

of Indian fights and war-dances; adventures with the Elkhorns; camping-out on the great plains almost in sight of the Rocky Mountains; living on buffalo and antelope meat; prairie-dog towns; fire on the prairies in the night time, etc., etc.

DEPARTURE OF EXCURSIONISTS EASTWARD.

On the following morning the continuity of the party was broken, after many hearty hand-shakings, and affectionate adieus, by the departure of a large number *via* the overland route, by stage and rail, for Chicago and the East, under the charge of Mr. C. A. Lambard, one of the managing Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad. These were met at the western end of the railroad track by the officers of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, and a delegation from the Elkhorn Club, who accompanied them to Chicago, and entertained them on the way in the most princely style.

The balance of the party remained at Omaha till Sunday morning, and then left by the steamer Denver for St. Joseph, in charge of Mr. Hoxie and Mr. Simmonds.

Before starting, however, the crowd was called to the land side of the boat by Mr. John V. Ayer of Chicago, and invited to unite in three rousing *Elkhorn* cheers for Mr. Durant, who was just retiring from the boat, after having bid adieu to the excursionists. These were given with a hearty good will, in *loudly suppressed silence*, thus: H—sh! H—sh!! H—sh!!! *Tiger*, H—sh!!!! and then the steamer rounded to, and moved majestically down the river.

Mr. Durant remained at Omaha, and on the line of the road, several days after the departure of the excursionists; during which time he received frequent dis-