

Company, Col. N. A. Gestner and Mr. E. Simmonds, from the New York office.

DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK.

The party, consisting of about one hundred persons, fully supplied with everything that could be improvised or thought of for its comfort and enjoyment, left New York on Monday evening, October 15th, by way of the New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Central Railroads, to Pittsburgh; and the Pittsburgh Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad to Chicago, where they arrived in high spirits on the following Wednesday evening.

Considerable accessions of invited guests were made to the party on the way to, and at, Chicago. Messrs. Springer Harbaugh, of Pittsburgh, and Jesse L. Williams, of Fort Wayne, Government Directors of the road, accompanied the excursion to Chicago; but, as both these gentlemen had just returned from a somewhat extended inspection of the road, they were very reluctantly excused from proceeding farther with the party.

Several of the excursionists preferred to remain a day or two at Chicago; and then proceed over the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, in company with the officers of that Road, to Dennison; and from thence to Omaha by stage. But by far the largest portion, accompanied by the Great Western Light Guard Band, started from Chicago on Thursday morning, October 18th, by way of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy, and the Hannibal and Saint Joseph Railroads, and arrived at St. Joseph on the following Friday evening.

Here they were met by Mr. H. M. Hoxie, the General Western Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad, to whose