

RECEPTION AND BALL AT OMAHA.

The authorities of Omaha were on the alert at an early hour for the purpose of welcoming and entertaining the distinguished party. Governor Saunders, Secretary Paddock, Mayor Miller, and Vice-President Patrick, of the Board of Trade, soon made their appearance upon the steamers, and welcomed the excursionists in appropriate speeches, tendering them the freedom of the City and Territory; and inviting them to a reception ball at the Hernden in the evening; all which were duly responded to and accepted by Senator Patterson, Government Director Sherman, and others of the party.

Carriages were in waiting, to convey such of the number as desired to leave the boats, either about the town, to the hotels, or to the residences of several of the private families, which had been most liberally thrown open for the occasion.

That portion of the party which had crossed the State of Iowa by land, including Mr. Perry H. Smith, the Vice-President, and Mr. George L. Dunlap, the General Superintendent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, Messrs. Turner, Ayer, Bowen, Crerer, and several others from Chicago, with the most important addition of Professor Kinsley, the justly celebrated *caterist* of Chicago, and a strong detachment of his assistants, having re-joined the party in the morning, were assigned to quarters on the Railroad Company's steamer *Elkhorn*, which lay at the landing immediately across the bows of the steamer *Denver*.

It should here be recorded for the benefit of all future historians, as well as the "rest of mankind," that, on this memorable day, and upon this veritable steamer *Elkhorn*, the famous, and never-to-be-forgotten *Elkhorn Club* was