

duly organized and established upon a firm, and it is to be hoped an enduring basis.

The excursionists, with their insignia of ribbons and rosettes, were soon to be seen in all parts of the town, and among the extensive workshops of the Railroad Company, evidently delighted, and somewhat astonished to find themselves, after a week's journeying westward from New York, still among people of wealth, refinement, and enterprise.

The ball in the evening, however, was perhaps the greatest surprise. The presence of General Philip St. George Cooke, commanding the Department, with his staff; Governor Saunders, Chief-Justice Kellogg, Secretary Paddock, Senators Thayer and Tipton, all of Nebraska; together with the city authorities, and the wealthy, enterprising, business and professional men of Omaha, with their families, all conduced to make it an entertainment which would have done credit to any gathering of a similar character in Chicago, Washington, or New York.

The dance, alternating with the promenade, and a judicious sprinkling of excellent and substantial refreshments, occupied the time most pleasantly till the small morning hours, when all separated in the best of spirits, ready for the new and exciting scenes which were to open upon them on the morrow.

Here we will leave them for the present, and be prepared to accompany them many hundred miles farther westward, towards the never-setting Star of Empire.