

more private quarters assigned to them; and after the establishment of a telegraph, and printing office, by means of which to communicate with the outer world, the encampment soon became as still as solitude itself, except the measured tramp of the guard or distant sentinel, whose duty it was to see that we were not molested either by friends within or foes from without.

#### MORNING EXERCISES.

On the following morning the camp showed signs of early life. Individuals and parties were to be seen looking about for the means of ablution and renovation.

The famous Elkhorn Club formed in line in front of their quarters, with President Dunlap and Vice-President Smith at its head, and followed in proper order by its professional *speechists*, *singists*, *cheerists*, *punists*, *jokeists*, *eatists*, *drinkists*, etc., etc., marched in a body to the banks of the Platte River, where each member underwent the pleasant operation of a wholesome *outward* application of an element to which the inner man had, from the force of circumstances, become a comparative stranger during the few preceding days.

After a hearty breakfast, the inquiry became quite general as to the programme of operations for the day. A bulletin board was therefore placed in front of headquarters, upon which the following printed announcements and orders were soon posted for general information:—

CAMP No. 2, U. P. R. R., BUFFALO Co., NEB.,  
*Thursday, October 25, 1866.* }

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

“Colonel N. A. Gestner is announced as Officer-of-the-Day. Office at headquarters tent.

Chiefs of all working and fatigue parties will immediately report to him for orders.”

By Order.