THE OMAHA DAILY BEE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 1881

HISTORIC SPOTS.

The Battlefield at Yorktown During the Centennial. -----

Where the Regulars Will Camp - The National Monument.

Tents for Thousands of Men The **Buildings** in Course of Erection.

centennial commission" for an officer riders, while on the Pasco everything of the engineer corps to aid them in is too much in initation of what realthe work necessary for a proper na-tional observance of the one-hun-tral Park. The horses walk or pace; construction and erection of the mon- clusion seems to exist yet in the sociemeasure upon the assured convalestional fact that the amount-\$20,000 cient to meet expenses absolutely necessary to be incurred.

bluff and gradually dimmishing until it reaches the level plain, distant a few hundred feet, intervening. Fac-and piazzas of Naples and Palermo. few hundred feet, intervening. Facing the river, and looking to the right, eastwardly, the view is unobstructed to the Capes of Virginia, distant about twenty-eight miles. In front, northwardly, the view is directly across the river to Gloucester Point and over society, as officers, business men or Gloucester county. To the left, northwardly, up the broad river in a gentlemen, when crossing the streets, direct line to West Point, is the junction of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers, which form the York. The other view, southward, will overlook the plains of Yorktown. When erected, the monument will be distintly visiblefrom all vessels passing up and down Chesapeake Bay. The land purchased by the government for \$1,000 empointed out as foreigners. braces six acres and lies just within what were the British lines. The foundations for the base of the monument has been dug and filled in with granite concrete. The cornerstone of granite, taken from the Richmond quarries, the same from which the stone used for the state, war and navy department buildings at Washington was taken, is on the ground, ready to be lowered in position for Masonic ceremonies.

FEDERAL AND STATE TROOPS.

The encampment of United States previous night, on their way all comers, but is in effect for the ex-troops and State military and Mason- to the city. Passing the front clucive benefit of those who own its

with the view of locating the entrance of their branch road. At present the only way of reaching Yorktown from temperate clime, are to be seen lying this city is by way of the York-river together with the golden orange, the line of steamers. It was expected yellow lemon, bananas, mangoes, that forty-eight engineer soldiers and the delicious chirimoya, producfifty enlisted men, ordered from Wil-lett's Point and West Point by the Secretary of War, would arrive at Yorktown to-day and report to Colo-water stands, where inoffensive mixtures of water and ananas, lemon nel Craighill.

and other juices are served to the caller for two conts a glass. While Street Sketches in Mexico. sipping our nectar we notice two of Mexico Correspondence of The New York three old Indian women, half naked,

Next to his comfortable home and who press with a round stone the the churches, the Mexican is proudest juice out of the fruit. Chocolate and of his "Pascos" and the "Alameda." cocoa are served as well at the stands. Correspondence Philade'phia Press. Colonel William P. Craighill, Uni-ted States engineer, returned from Yorktown, Va, this morning, where Yorktown, Va., this morning, where much in common with the monotony yet a foreigner would scarcely be he has been looking after the progress of Prado at Madrid, with the exception pleased with the acid Spanish pippin of arrangements for the contennial that on the Prado in Madrid we see or the baked sweet potatoes and other celebration at that place. At the re-quest of the congressional "Yorktown carriages, splendid horses and time with a good deal of dirt,

The place of wine at these outdoor meals is taken by the national bever-age, "pulque," that is served by small boys and girls in earthen verdredth anniversary of the surrender, Colonel Craighill was named and de-tailed by the secretary of war for that purpose, and also to superintend the quantities. The "pulquerias"ument provided for by congress. Up ty of the capital of the republic. places where the nectar is served-to this time progress in the work has Only a few pedestrians are to be seen are mostly taverns accessible by two not been advanced rapidly, owing to the fact of a general impression that the display and observances of the by Mexican society. occasion would depend in a great Outdoor life in the city presents the liquid is taken out of the open bar mark of idleness, as loafers and loun- rela with vessels containing from two cence of the president and the addi- gers outnumber those passing along to five gallons. In some quarters of the street that are bound on some er- the town nearly every fourth house -appropriated by congress was insuffi- rand or engaged in any serious affairs. contains a pulqueria, and the places The famous Lazzaroni of Naples and are constantly patronized by a most imposing number of customers, who THE SIGHT SELECTED. Work is now progressing more expeditiously and satisfactorily. The sight selected is on a bluff overlook-ing the river, adjoining and below the happy and thoughtless character which may witness every day some bloody village boundary line, only a deep ra-vine, extending from the foot of the reconcile the traveler with the vices hight, or when going home by twilight

The goggle-eyed, gape-mouthed fel-lows adorning the streets of the Mexis walking a police officer, and when is watking a ponce officer, and inquiring what has happened you will hear that the body is the corpse of a murdered man who has yet enjoyed ican capital are marked with the expression of stupidity or maliciousness, the pernicious liquid an hour ago. frequently combining both traits. Yet persons belonging to the better

Taxation of Church Property. Y. Hera'd.

do scarcely give a brighter color to the The church property of the United outdoor pictures, as most of them States amounts to about four hundred walk very slowly or are fond of standmillion dollars in value. With slight ing for hours about the corners. Matexceptions it has always been exemptrons and young ladies walk as slowly ed from taxation. But of late there as possible, as they consider the slowest has been a growing disposition to inway of moving requisite for good manquire whether this exemption is not ners. Those who set off at a good wrong in principle and is not a source round pace are severely criticised and of abuse. If the property is not taxed because the church renders the public The dense population that is pressed a great and educational service as an together in the valley of Mexico, and institution of religious worship, why, a great and educational service as an the country-like character peculiar to it is asked, should not a like exception many parts of the capital, bring al- be made in favor of certain other

ways crowds of boorish people into Mexico's thoroughfares. Indians of pure blood, looking like disfigured welfare, but is neverless taxed? If Gypsies, are constantly seen roving about. Husband, wife and child are trotting the same slow pace, stooping to the very ground and frequently car-many churches are not private charirying heavy loads, or the straw mat-tresses on which they have passed the at all? When a church is not free to



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te societies will be on the Temple of some ancient church farm, about a mile and a half distant decaying convent, we see the grades open to question whether it is any from the monument site. It is an crowded with ugly looking Indian more of a public institution than a open field, nearly level, but with suf- women nursing their dirty little ur- private school, a subscribtion library ficient undulation for proper drainage chins. In the shade of some building or a social club -whether, in fact, it and well adapted to army encamp-ment. In position, the regulars will frugal meal, consisting of "tortillas" when a congregation lavishes money ment. In position, the regulars will occupy the right of the field, and Gen-eral Hancock's headquarters will be here. The same ground was occupied to be seen indulting in the lawyers. here. The same ground was occupied even be seen indulging in the luxury nificant sums in works of benevolence, by Washington's line one hundred of "trijolas" (reed beans), the nation- the claum of the church to being conyears ago, and by General McClellan's al dish of the Mexicans; not very far sidered a charity is notrather feeble. army in 1862. On this field from from the happy "at home" we notice a 1,200 to 1,500 tents, each sheltering crowd of shabby-looking young men fifteen men, and furnished by the lying on the ground smoking and gam-War Department, will be creeted. Fresh water in ample quantity will be supplied from Wormley creek. It will be raised into tanks by two engines of thirty-horse power each and drowsy companions. distributed throughout the camp, for which purpose ten thousand feet of brimmed sombrero on their dust-covpipe will be used. It is estimated ered heads are leaning against the that about 25,000 military and 5,000 walls of some "fonda" (inn); they are Masons will be in tents. For the ac-commodation of the executive officers brought cattle and goods from the in-

of the Government, members of the terior and who are gazing at all the Cabinet, the Congressional Commis- splendors of the capital and beholding sion, and distinguished guests, a re-ception building 100 feet long and 60 ing looking fellows clad m dirty linen feet wide is being built. It will con-tain a room for the Commission, one which they draw closely around their for the Secretary of State, one for la- neck and head when the wind begins so is the amount of money which it dies, but a large part of the space will to blow, so that there is little to be be taken up for purposes of entertain-ment. This building is only a few pockets and thieves, wearing a mixfeet from the site.

FRENCH GUESTS AND THE OLD NELSON

able to their profession. HOUSE. In addition the Commission has rented the old Nelson House, which is undergoing thorough repair and is said to be intended for the French guests. Work is all going forward under the personal superintendence of Major L. C. Forsyth of the Quartermaster's department, who has taken up his quarters at Yorktown. In addition to these preparations by the Congressional Commission, the Yorktown Centennial Association, composed of well-known citizens of the thirteen original states, of which Hon. John Goode of Virginia is chairman and Col. Peyton of New Jersey Gen-eral Superintendent, is also aiding the Commission. As heretofore announc ed, they have purchased the Temple farm and tendered its use for camping-ground. They have also renovated and repaired from cellar to garret the Moore House, which is on the Temple farm. It will be han dsomely carpeted and papered by New York and Philadelphia merchants and tendered to the Congressional Commission for use by its guests. It was in this house the articles of capitulation were considered and agreed to. The Association is also about erecting a building 260 by 64 for hotel purposes, designed to accommodate 1,000 persons, with beds.

WHAT THE NATIVES HAVE DONE.

On the part of the people of York-For flowers the Mexican has a well town absolutely no preparations are pleasing weakness, and the love of being made. A little wooden shanty flowers is one of the qualities that the with the words "Opoll Opera House" Spaniard has inherited from his Moor-over the entrance and a half-dozen ish conquerors and has brought with more board huts for dispensing "Cool him to Mexico. Old matrons and Lager" have been nailed up and seem to have exhausted the, enterprise of the natives. Engineers Braxton and dress adorned with fresh flowers.

Webb of the Chespeake and Ohio road met Col. Craighill at Yorktown play of his stock on the ground or in yesterday and went over the ground his primitive shop. Apples, pears,

or a pews and pay for its privileges, it is TO ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS Another serious objection to the exemption enjoyed by religious organizations, and one which, in fact, often worth fifty thousand. The congregation of the former does no more public good or no greater work of charity that that of the latter, but it holds free from tax a property twenty

times as great, The Rev. Edward Everett Hale maintains that the church has no claim to exemption from taxation except on the ground that it is a public charity and to the extent that it is a public charity His test of whether any church is public charity and to what extent it is expends in charity-poor relief, hospitals, asylums, &c. -outside its own congregation. He would take all ture of national and foreign garb, are churches in form and exempt those seen spying out an opportunity favorwhich proved their right to exemp tion. This suggestion is worthy of Men and women of all ages and

consideration. But we think that complexions, boys and girls, besiege every church should have due credit the coffee houses, annoying the pedesfor charitable work done among its trian with their shrill voices, pressing him to buy a lottery ticket and gain the five or ten thousand "piros" that are drawn on the coming mora; venders of matches and other trifles follow you step by step till you get rid

of them by spending a copper piece or two, but only to be annoyed by Wm. McCartney, 88 Lloyd street Buffa-lo, N. Y., fell and sprained his ankle. His employer, H. Anderson, 94 Main street, procured some of Thomas' Electric others who have watched your weakness and are anxious to have their turn also. More pleasant than these Oil, and he says that a few application enabled him to go to work as usual. match and ticket sellers are those who offer for sale small objects of art, as sep5eod1w

waxen fruits of great beauty, artificial DYING BY INCHES. flowers and wooden and charcoal fig-Very often we see a person suffer-ing from some form of kidney com-plaint and is gradually dying by inches. This no longer need to be so, ures of perfect workmanship; tiny little figures representing scenes of every day life; beautitul birds on cardboard and different kinds of feather work are to be obtained at very low prices. for Electric Bitters will positively A charming picture are the flowercure Bright's disease, or any disease of girls, who are busy composing their the kidneys or uriniary organs. They abundant stock of 'the finest flowers are especially adapted to this class of into tasteful nosegays, in which we diseases, acting directly on the find a great variety of roses and the Stomach and Liver at the same time, and will speedily cure where every other remedy has failed. Sold at ladies' favorite, the dark blue violetflowers that nature offers us all the year round. Tasteful garlands, flower fifty cents a bottle, by Ish & Mc baskets that would make the New York Mahon. (3 florist rave charm the buyer's eyes; nose-

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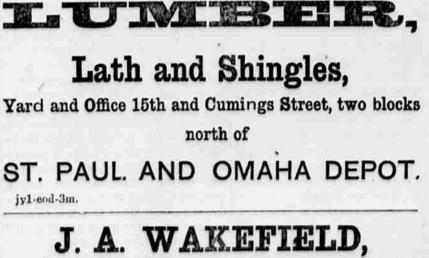
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