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The boom of the cannon of the Wyoming battery awoke Camp Abe Lincoln to the duties of the day this morning. Just as the sun came up and tipped the tops of the tents with gold. The battery came in during the night and pitched its tents on the left side of the cavalry troop. They had made the march overland, and every man, horse and mule was white with dust and half dead with the heat. The cavalry troop had been expecting them and warmed them up with a hot cup of coffee and a good square meal. A plump in the lake did the rest, and this morning they are as fresh as babies.

At 8 o'clock the drill for regimental, troop and battery guard mount was sounded and this, one of the prettiest of the ceremonies of all, was satisfactorily performed. At 9 o'clock the infantry drilled by battalions and at 10 o'clock there was a drill of the troops of the cavalry.

All the tents are now in position and all the flags are flying. Brigadier General Colby has arrived in the camp and is established in his headquarters with his staff. The general headquarters are on the peninsula, some little distance from the troops, but beautifully situated where the waters of the lake are within easy reach of the officers to sleep at night and all the movements in the busy camp are within view.

There has been some delay in getting the commissary department in shape, but things are now beginning to move smoothly to the relief of the hungry bivouac.

The staff officers quartered on the peninsula are: Adjutant General Gage; Colonel G. E. Jenkins, quartermaster and commissary general; Colonel E. Emme, chief surgeon; Lieutenant Colonel Harry S. Hotchkiss, inspector general, and the aids. Most of them are gorgeously uniformed, and all are very competent.

The two regimental bands are in tents adjoining the tents of the colonels of the regiments. Both of them are down for a couple of days after the parade, and the evolutions of the troops they are furnishing excellent music. There are a couple of mandolin clubs also in camp, and the Omaha Guards have a band of their own.

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All the boys are pleased with the camp grounds, and they have reason to be, for it would be hard to find a more suitable spot. The camp faces the west, and the view is a semi-circle of low hills covered with fields of ripening grain. The camp is arranged in the regular military style, with the Second regiment on the right and the First on the left. Back of each regiment are the quarters of the regimental officers, and back of the center of the camp are the quarters of Colonel Colby and his staff.

The trouble at South Omaha somewhat interfered with the work of preparing the grounds, and it was not until yesterday, but a small army of men has been at work, and a wonderful transformation has been effected. The Lincoln and Salt Lake companies have been the first to arrive, and the Omaha Guards with 25 men, the Gatling section being still at South Omaha, all of the Second regiment, A. of York, with 40 men, and nine men in the signal corps, including four men of Lincoln's; I. of Bennett, with 28 men; D. of Lincoln, with 42 men; G. of Omaha, with 38 men; H. of Lincoln, with 36 men; B. of Fullerton, with 34 men who were on duty in South Omaha until time to take the train for the camp; L. of Omaha, with 50 men, all of the First Company II of the Second of Fairbury, the holders of the cup, and three other companies, arrived later in the evening. When the cavalry troop, make the total now here sixteen companies, besides the staff officers and camp followers.

The regular work of the encampment began yesterday morning with the guard mount, and from now on the greater part of the field exercises will look more and more like a drill, especially to those who are attending their first encampment. The first meal taken on the grounds was at noon yesterday, and as the commissary department is now in a bryonic condition the rations consisted of dry bread and canned beef, but it was all taken as part of soldier life, and everybody was good natured about it. Today the boys were given regulation fare, even to the beans. There have been comparatively few visitors so far, but the stream of wagons and express wagons to and from the city has been a continuous one.

Two objects of interest were on view today. The first was the big silver trophy proudly carried by Fairbury men as a token that they have grounds for their pretensions to being the crack company of the state, and the second, which was seen by only a privileged few, is a very handsome gold medal which will be presented to the best drilled unit in the brigade and there are a good many men who have made up their minds that they will wear it. Several of the officers and privates could have done better, but this additional interest is given to the gathering.

CAVALRYMEN MAKE THEIR MARK. One of the events of yesterday was the arrival of the cavalry troop from Milledgeville. The company is made up of men who got their hard muscles and bronzed faces while following the plow and harrow, but they are every inch soldiers, and came to the encampment for work and a very little play.

They marched to the camp at an early hour in the morning, with one wagon and an ambulance, and in about ten minutes after being assigned to their quarters they had their tents up and the horses picketed. No troop of old campaigners could have done quicker or better work. Troop A was organized on July 22, 1887. It has never seen active service, but is proud of the fact that it is always ready. It was called into quarters during the Indian troubles, but while awaiting orders the war came to an end. At one time the troop owned an

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There will be some good corn on the Indian reservation, about ten miles north of town. Frank Cole has 250 bushels, which he says will average over fifty bushels to the acre.

Rev. Mr. Findlay of Orville, O., has been engaged to preach for the Presbyterians in the coming year.

Mr. Lee B. Calk and Mrs. Ella June Meade Calk rendered an interesting program at the Presbyterian church last evening.

Whipped His Boss and Defied the Sheriff. AUBURN, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Henry Rohr is the foreman of a stone quarry located about five miles west of Auburn and Lee Young has been working for him. This morning they got into a dispute about wages, which resulted in a broken head for Rohr and Young becoming a fugitive. The beating was done with a billy and the butt of a revolver. Rohr's wounds are very severe, but not dangerous.

At last accounts Young had returned to his home, barricaded the doors and windows and defied arrest. The sheriff and his deputy arrived in the evening and Young, a desperate man more blood may be shed before he is arrested.

Left Home and Many Creditors. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A number of