At Eleven o'clock we came in sight of Fort Snelling and
in half an hour more we were landed and on the way
up the hill to the fort we were received with cheers
from or cornets of the first Regt who were congregated
on the Bastions, walls and house tops. We were marched
to front of the men quarters where the clergy reported
us to the Col. After a little delay we were taken onto
inside of the fort to the former quarters. They looked rather
different. To oblige they did what we left them in about
3 weeks before. The chances that we had erected had
been torn and every piece of board that could be
held of had been removed; and the barn used for nothint
had been designed. "a stable". We stacked arms in
it, and very soon made up our minds that we would
rather camp outdoors. As soon as dismissed whoever
I see but some of my friends from Stillwater that
came over to see us before we left and from there
then a good deal for us in the shape of Co. E's & F's
etc., before going to Fort Ridgely were more quarters
in side the garrison. Some were but four in
size. The Barracks were in camped outside and
the very few of visitors were quite lively in
the hour a and a half were called into line. When
a photograph was taken of the Regt in line 30
in column then our Co was ordered to camp
at the landing which place suited us first
rate. As soon as it was necessary tents were formed
etc. and set them up to camp in during the night
then had a chance to see our friends, for a short
rime. At second dawn Co D had dress parade, stones
inside the fort, and our orders were read for us to be up
by two o'clock and the bivouac. So as to have our break-
fast and have them ready to leave by four. We
then were at the service at 10 after 3 and march off at first to Mo-
more rather in barb on the boats.
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For some, did not sleep any during the night as I had some writing to do, after which I had to down as short time but had not slept when Kevill head from the top of one of the Bastions, everything was bustle and excitement. We left Fort St. Philip in time to arrive in St. Paul by seven o'clock. The Regiment with the exception of Co. H., who had not yet arrived from Fort Ridgely, was divided into two detachments. Companies B, C, D, and E, under Lieut. Col. Miller, embarked on the Wau Eagle for practice on the chins and the remaining five Co. under Col. Bonner on the Northern Belle, for the chase to meet again in Chicago. After landing in St. Paul at the Wharf, the regiment marched through the city to the lower town, "never stopping a moment to bid adieu to our friends" and were embarked again, and left with the cheers from thousands. The Wau Eagle left the wharf and in a hour or two landed at Hastings, in a few moments the Northern Belle rounded to and the car belonging there and en the grand town. They were completely hemmed in from where we stood it seemed as though the trains would be broken up by the rush of excited friends upon them.
while gazing at them our attention was attracted by Bob Berman sailing our boat off immediately, and giving Bob Miller peremptory orders not to let the boat land again until we arrived at prairie de chien. This disappointed the boys of our company, as we had been in hopes of meeting some of our Stillwater friends on the boat who were unable to get to St. Paul's on the short notice that they had of our arrival from the river. We would be at present in possession of the boat just came in to shore and but before the wife of one of our men and backed out as quickly a possible and even going time to land her baggage. In the course of the afternoon, we passed several boats bound up river, those on board always showing us hearty cheers, to which and boys always responded, at all the town that we passed there were crowds gathered to give us a farewell salute. In the evening, the head of each mess went to the cookhouse to fill the boys canteens. I had 8 to fill with hot coffee and in the operation I seared my fingers nicely. Our supper we eat down on the lower deck, which was eaten a good while having had nothing to eat since we had in the morning. We were allowed one side of the boiler and hurricane decks, the cabin being reserved for the officers.