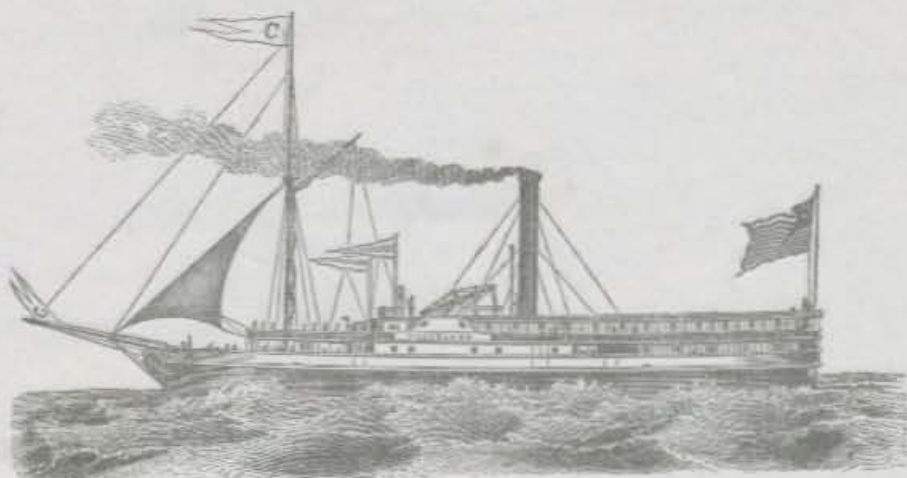


BUFFALO & CHICAGO STEAM-PACKET



Capt. A. E. HART.

Cleveland March 14th 1845

Messrs Messrs H. Brown

Gents

Your favor of the 8th ult came duly to hand in my absence to Cincinnati and in reply would say that I intend to be at your place in the first of April - and also that no correspondence or papers between Messrs and myself in relation to the case now pending. All the evidence they have to bring against
as I have

CLEVELAND. Side-wheeler of 579 tons. Built at Huron, Ohio in 1837 for the Great Lakes trade. Lost in 1854. Cover is postmarked at Cleveland, Ohio on March 16, 1845.

at the time of trial if it would do any good. but my faith in the matter is small.

Respectfully
Yours Oth. Serbs

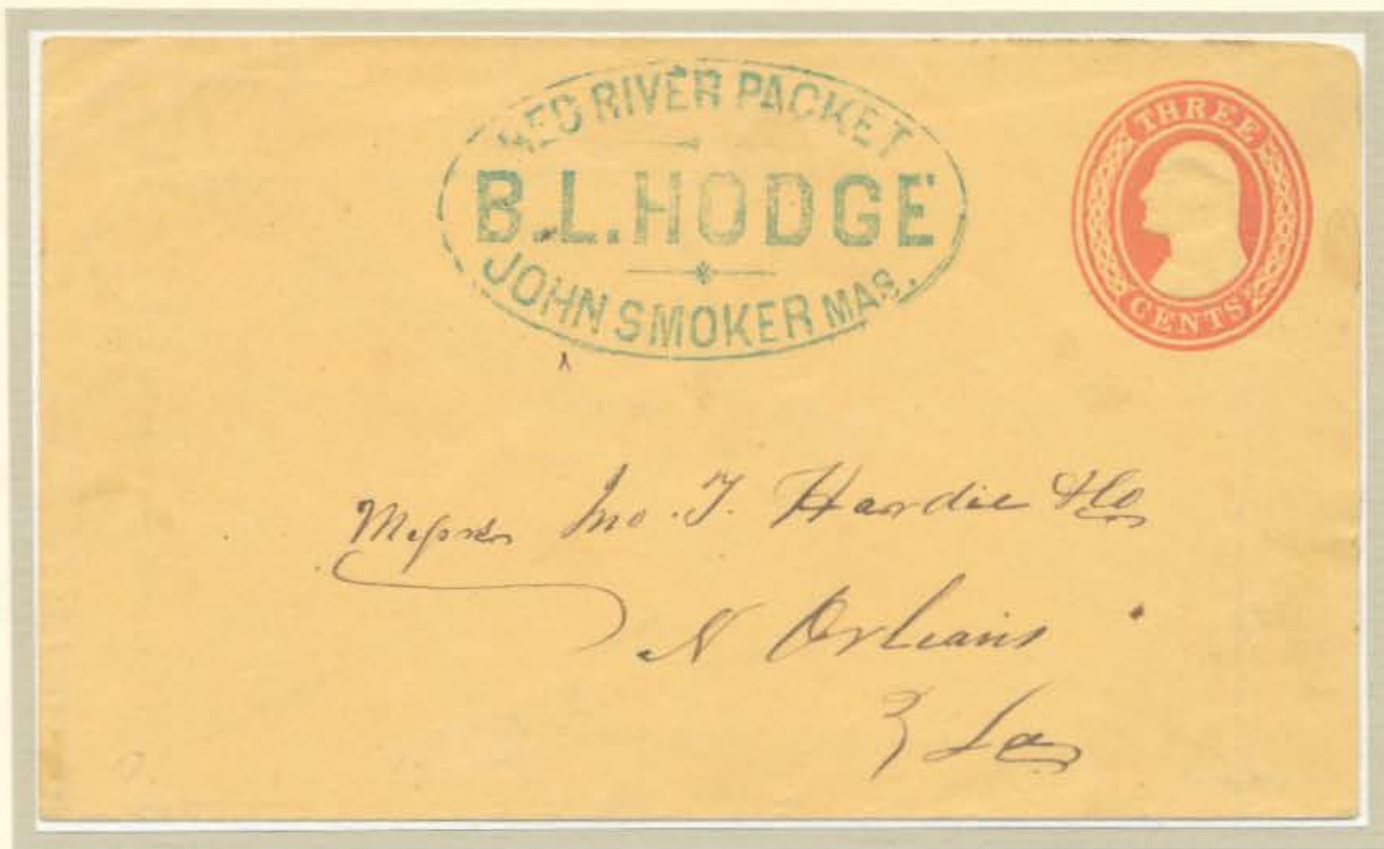
Saml. Hastings

OVER

RED RIVER



HECLA. Side-wheeler of 285 tons. Built at New Albany, Indiana in 1847. Operated in the New Orleans trade until abandoned in 1857. Cover was carried from Alexandria, Louisiana on the Red River to New Orleans December 31, 1850.



B.L.HODGE. Side-wheeler of 289 tons. Built at New Albany, Indiana in 1857 for the New Orleans-Red River trade. She was lost in 1868.

THE WESTERN MAILS

[Faint handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper]

W. S. Wachusett

Off Callao, Peru,

15th August 1880.

My dear Mother,

Last Monday I went to Lima in the Huelock train and returned at 2 P.M. While there I had my picture taken and a few purchases and a R. Road for



U. S. Steamer Wachusett,



MRS. H. H. WHITE,

1816 Wallace Street,

PHILADELPHIA,

PENNA.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1880-0881

GEORGE H. WHITE, Chief Engineer, U.S. Steamer WACHUSETT, writes a long letter describing his train ride over the CALLAO, LIMA, AND OROYA RAILROAD, one of the highest railroads in the world. Cover was probably carried by a naval ship to New York where it entered the mails on AUG 12 "DUE 5 CENTS" At Philadelphia a postage due stamp was added and 5 cents collected on delivery. SEE content of letter on the following pages.

THE WESTERN MAILS

CALLAO, LIMA; And Oroya Railroad.		
DISTANCE FROM CALLAO IN MILES.	STATIONS.	ELEVATION IN FEET.
0	Callao.....	0
7 1/2	Lima.....	448
18 1/2	Santa Clara.....	1312
23 1/2	Chosica [Hotel].....	2800
41 1/2	Cocshacra.....	4758
46 1/2	San Bartolome.....	4905
51 1/2	Viaducto Agua de Veirugas.....	5840
55 1/2	Surco.....	6655
62 1/2	Matucana.....	7788
69	Tambo de Viso.....	8870
74 1/2	Tamboraque.....	9643
77 1/2	San Mateo.....	10530
79 1/2	Puente del Infiernillo.....	10923
81 1/2	Puente de Anchi.....	11200
83	Rio Blanco.....	11543
86 1/2	Chicla.....	12220
104 1/2	Summit Tunnel.....	15645
119	Yauli.....	18420
136	Oroya.....	12188

and has a very picturesque look, on all sides rise the mountains while all around the place are cultivated fields and pastures green, the Rimac tumbling over its rocky bed winds through the place scattering its fertilizing influence on every hand; the sides of the mountain are terraced for some distance up and small fields are laid off with fences, at this season of the year the lower ones are cultivated the others being dry and barren, as the rains come on they are planted, and the place furnishes continuous crops of potatoes and other vegetables for the Lima market. There is no attempt at architecture at any of these places, the houses consisting of four walls of sun dried brick (adobe) laid in mud and a thick straw roof, the inevitable church aspires to more style being larger with a more peaked gable and a bell tower. We are now persueing a most serpentine course and shoot through tunnels every few minutes, at Puente del Infiernillo (Bridge off the little Hell) you come out of a tunnel directly onto a bridge over a deep chasm and at its other

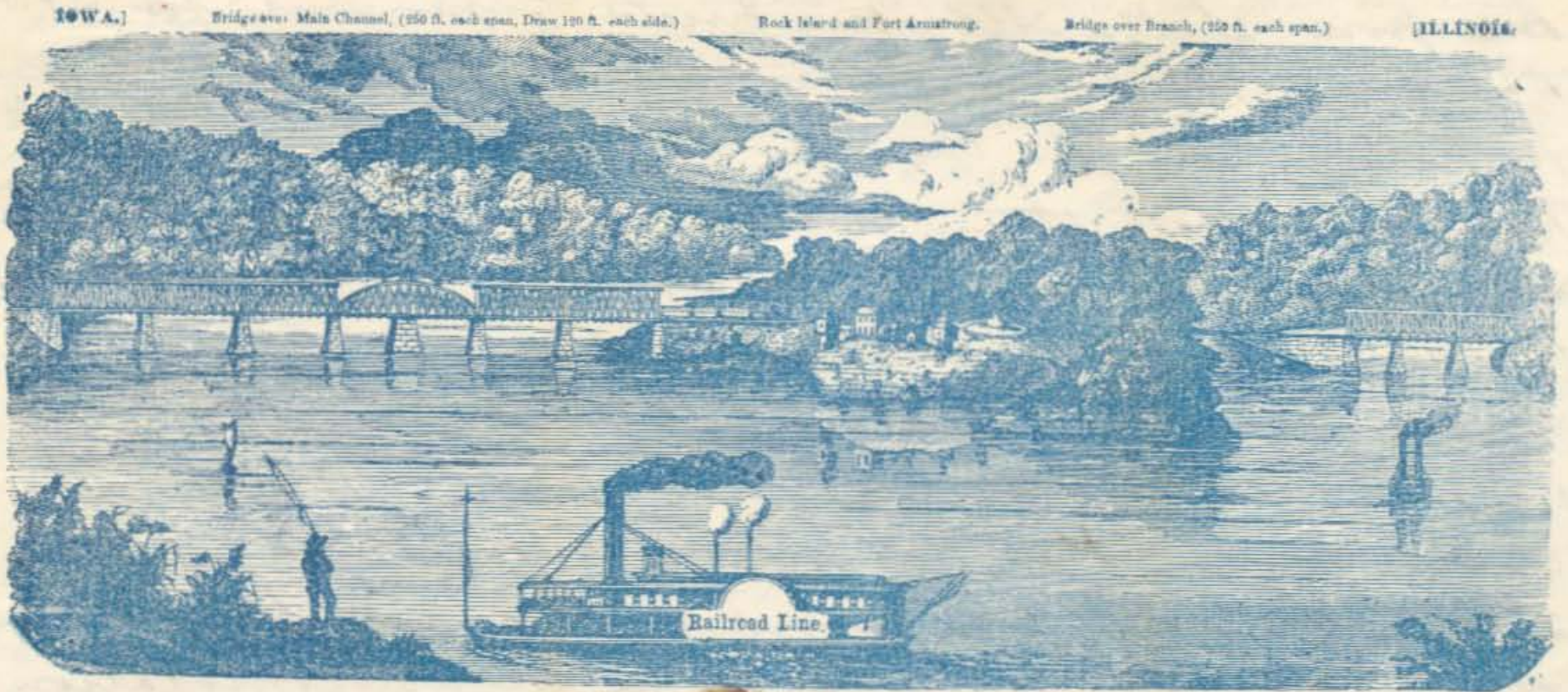
end dive into another hole, just a dash of light and all is dark again. At Puente de Anchi (Bridge of the Ranch of the horse) you enter a tunnel about 1/2 a mile long and makes a complete curve the shape of a U. Rio Blanco (White River) is only a station where goods are received and delivered from and for the interior towns - the carrying be done with pack donkeys and Lamas or South American Camel. At 1:10 we arrive at Chicla having traveled 86 1/2 miles by the road and assending 12220 feet, at this point the road stops, from here to Oroya the road bed is nearly graded and ready for the rails, the tunnels are cut and only a comparatively small amount is needed to finish it, but Peru is short of cash and her credit is poor so the work is stopped. The rarified air at this elevation has an unpleasant effect on some persons causing head ache, palpitation of the heart and shortness of breath. Soroche it is called, one of our party had a little trouble but the rest of us got along all right, here we have sandwiches and then walk through the Indian town. The Indian women of Peru have a curious custom of still wearing mourning for Atahaulpa the last of the Incas, who was strangled by Pazarro after he had filled the room with silver in 1535, it consists of a kind of black apron worn on the left side and is an indispensable part of the full dress toilet. There is not much to see, so we return to the station, take another look at the pack donkeys and start on our return at 2:10. Now when one thinks of the decent that is to be made he is apt to feel a little uneasy and our engineer has examined the brakes before starting, but after the start you soon get over it and enjoy the motion and changing scene, no steam is used except to control the brakes, on you go dashing around curves and skimming along the edges of precipices hundreds of feet high, a projecting rock is seen, a corner is turned and into a tunnel we dive and in a few seconds dash over a bridge. At Tamboraque the train of 5 cars that left Lima at 8:40 passes us, the engine is from Patterson N.J. and has a hard pull to get up. They burn 12 tons of coal going up and 1 ton going down. We stop several times to examine the various points of interest as we go along, at several places we look down on three lines of track and in one place you go through two tunnels the one nearly over the other, you see the ends of both as you come down, the road follows the valley of the Rimac which tumbles over its rocky bed till it is all of a foam, the mountains are vast piles of rock, bare of vegetation of all kinds and devoid of intrest save for vastness. After leav-

THE WESTERN MAILS

ing Chosica we come to a straighter road and dash along at the rate of nearly a mile a minute. I never went faster, even with steam or horse power. at 5:55 we reach Lima just about the time the up train arrives at Chicla. The construction of this road is one of the most wonderful pieces of Engineering in the world, between Lima and Chicla there are 40 tunnels and nearly as many bridges, whole sides of the mountain has been cut away and the road is but a shelf on the side of a precipice 600 feet high, all the iron and wood had to be imported, (fire wood is worth a cent per lb, in Lima) in order to bridge many of the chasms the work during construction had to be suspended from wire cables, the lines by which they were hauled across having been fired across from a mortar; at one place a tunnel has been cut through the mountain for the river to run through the road taking a part of the old bed. The head spirit of this gigantic enterprise was Henry Meiggs an American who contracted with the government for its construction and through whose energy the necessary funds were raised, had he lived there is no doubt but what the road would have been completed, he died 3 years ago, the preliminary surveys were made by a Polish Engineer in the employ of the government but the laying out and construction was done by Americans. As thee looks at the card I enclose and recalls the discription of the place thee will no doubt wonder wherein consisted the necessity for such a road, the main idea is to develop a belt of very fertile country some 300 miles wide laying beyond Oroya, there are also silver mines on the other slope of the Andies and eventually to connect with the water of the Amazon [river] thus connecting Peru with a wooded country. I donot know when I have spent a more enjoyable day, going up I sat in the Engineers seat and could see ahead and all around, coming back I stood up nearly all the way so as to miss nothing, we were tired out on our return and three of us went to bed in one room at 10 oclock, we sprinkled the sheets with flea powder but I very much doubt if we would have been disturbed by them. The next morning we arrived on board [ship] at 11:30 just as breakfast is ready, having had a good time from the start and at a total cost of \$2.70 each. I am up early to write this as we are under orders to go some where, but not even the Captain knows our destination. I suppose we are waiting orders from our Minister at Lima, steam is up and we are all ready, we had expected to go to Chimbote on friday, but something else seems to be in the wind. I am quite well and hope to hear the same good report from you all in a day or two. With much love..Geo.H.White" 2 P.M. We are expecting to start in about an hour, but dont know where we are going and shall leave our mail on board the Lackawana. Good by."

At the time of Geo. White's train ride the railroad had not been completed. Later it was completed to Oroya, crossing the the Western Cordillera of the Andes at 15,800 feet. It is the highest standard-guage railway in the world. In 1532 Francisco Pizarro conquered the Incas and after the emperor, Atahualpa, declined to accept Spanish domination and the Christian religion he was seized. Although a fabulous ransom in gold and silver was paid for his freedom, he was executed by strangulation on Aug. 29, 1533. Although Atahualpa did accept the Catholic faith through baptism, after being promised that his body would not be burned, it was burned, to prevent it from becoming a shrine to the natives. Today Peru is over 90 percent Roman Catholic in spite of the ruthless treatment by the Spaniards and as stated in White's letter the people still mourn the memory of Atahualpa!

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RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE MISSISSIPPI, CONNECTING ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, WITH DAVENPORT, IOWA.

SOLD AT INLAND CITY BOOK STORE
 Dubuque
 (City of Rock Island) June 5th 1856

My precious wife

Here I am all alone at the Julien House Dubuque, the rest of the party have started out in a hack for see the lead mines & smelting of lead, but I concluded to forgo the pleasure to have a few lonely moments with thee, I last wrote from Davenport, since then we have been to Iowa City & back same day, but crossed over the Miss. to ~~Dubuque~~ Rock Island where we remained until next day, took boat for Galena we had a very pleasant but tedious trip of 100 miles in 24 hours, we were very anxious to get to Dubuque for here we expected to get lots of letters & papers, but I must confess I was disappointed & have been a little cross ever since, I found on my arrival that 3 letters of mine were advertised I was in high glee, but upon getting them ^{Charles} ~~there~~ was for
 without

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

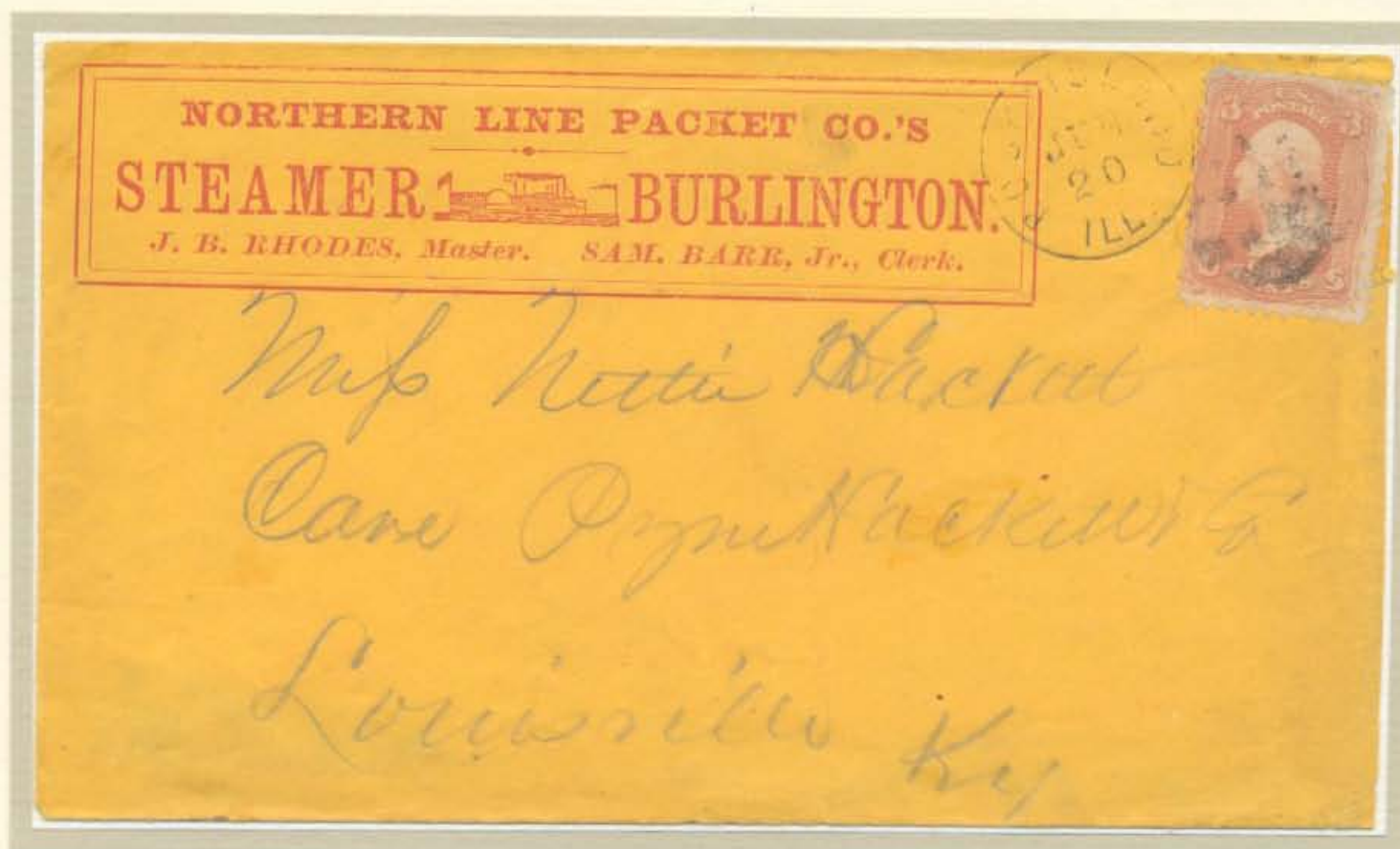


HARRY JOHNSON. Side-wheeler of about 800 tons. She was a sister boat to the ANDY JOHNSON. Operated in the Upper Mississippi trade for the Keokuk Packet Company. Cover was postmarked at Hanbal, Missouri, on the Mississippi, on October 3, 1868.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER



BURLINGTON. Side-wheeler of 359 tons. Built at Cincinnati in 1864 for the Northern Line Packet Company. Sank one mile above Wabasha after hitting a snag on September 7, 1867. Both covers are postmarked at towns on the Mississippi - La Crosse Wis. and Rock Island, Illinois.



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Cover above probably originated onboard the Steamboat MILWAUKEE and entered the U.S. mails, as per postmark, at "HANNIBAL MO JUL 6" (1869). Hannibal is 144 miles up river from St. Louis.

NORTHWESTERN UNION LINE.

J. Brown *St. Louis* *Ill* *1871*

To Steamer MILWAUKEE, Dr.

MARKS.	TO FREIGHT ON	Boat's Freight.	Back Charges.	TOTAL
	<i>5 Cases Cut Tobacco</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>371</i>	<i>560</i>

ST. LOUIS, KEOKUK, DAVENPORT, DUBUQUE AND ST. PAUL.

NORTH WESTERN UNION PACKET CO.

MILWAUKEE,

W. H. LAUGHTON, Master. C. T. SPENCER,)
F. A. BRISON,) Clerks.

For Freight or Passage apply on Board. AGENT.

B B Co

MAIL AND EXPRESS PACKET.

MILWAUKEE. Side-wheeler of 402 tons. Built at Cincinnati in 1857 for the Upper Mississippi trade. Operated by the Northwestern Union Packet Company until abandoned in 1874.

REGULAR SATURDAY EVENING INDEPENDENT PACKET.

Wm J Seay

July 3 1872



To Steamer **PRAIRIE STATE**, Dr.

FRANK STONE, Captain; WOODDIE STONE, Clerk.

	1 Axes	50	
	1 Bundle	50	
	3 Boxes	3	4.00
<i>3# Paid M M May</i>			
<i>by Mr J Seay 6th Feb 1872</i>			

PASSENGER STEAMER,



REINDEER,
Capt. J H STONE, Master,
Capt. TIM. MATHEWS, Clerk.

July 23 1872

Mr B. J. Harrison gm Dr.

To Steamer **REINDEER**, Dr.

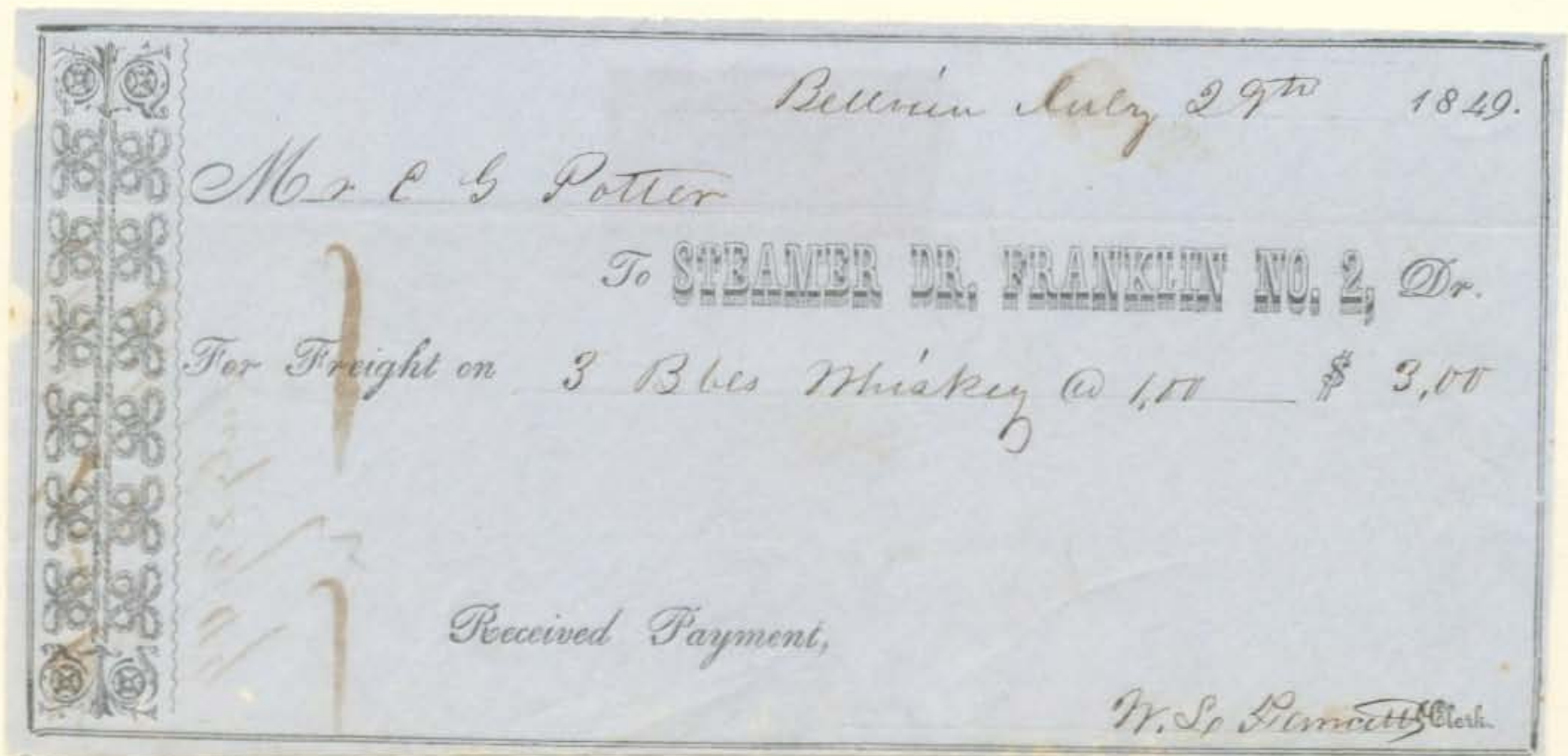
Trip No. *W*

To Freight on	1 Doz Hams	2 00	
	1 Keg Butter	60	
	1 Doz Molasses	1 50	
<i>Mch 8th 1872</i>	<i>Paid</i>		<i>4 00</i>
	<i>H. S. Cowles</i>		

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Dr. FRANKLIN No. 2. A side-wheeler of 189 tons. Built at Wheeling, West Virginia in 1848 and sold to Captain D. Smith Harris for the Upper Mississippi trade. Lost August 22, 1852 with the loss of 32 passengers. The cover shown above was carried by the boat from St. Louis on May 23, 1849 to Bloomington, Iowa, where it was placed in the Post Office and forwarded on May 28th to Iowa City.



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UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

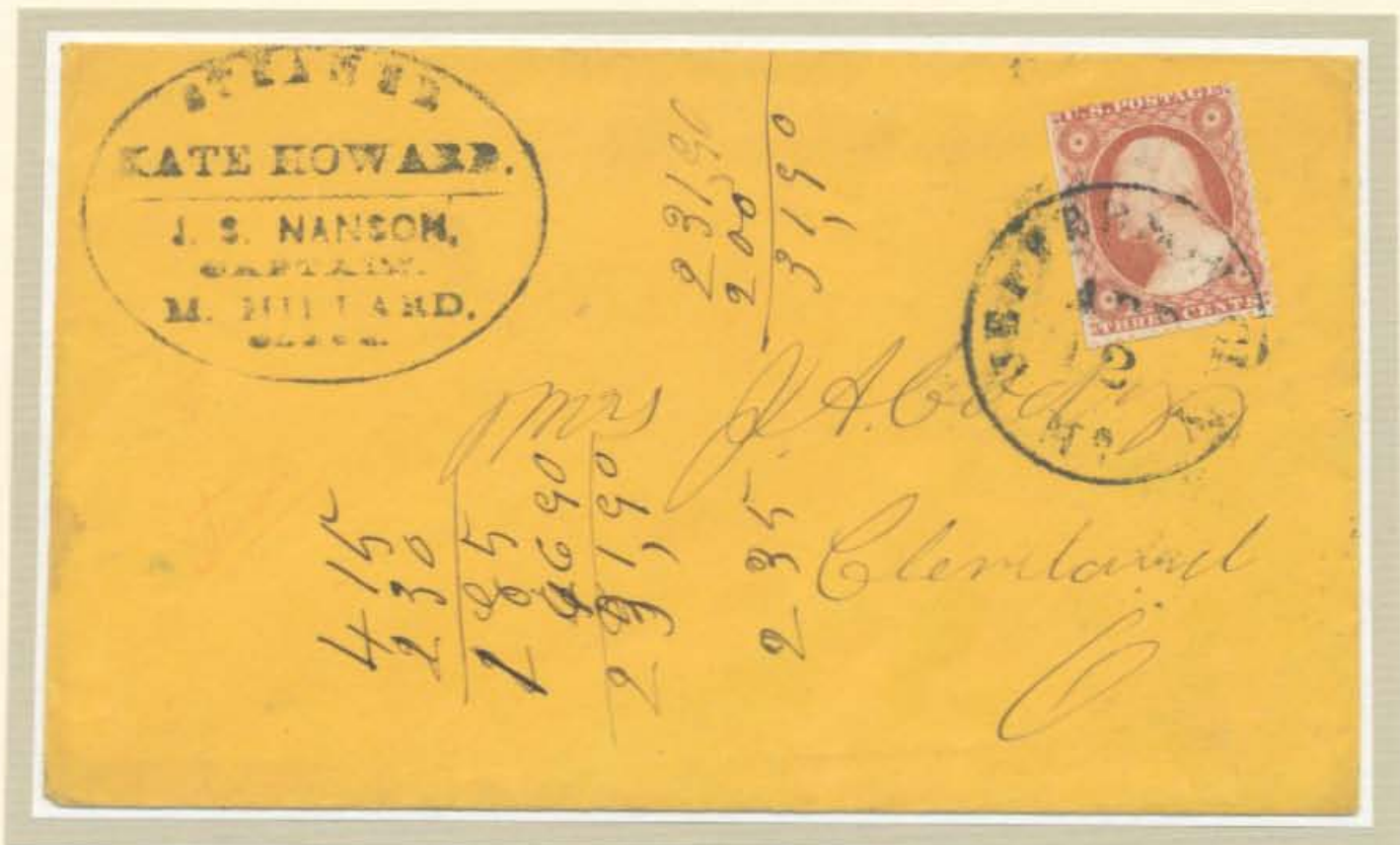
PHIL SHERIDAN. Side-wheeler of 700 tons. Built at Cincinnati in 1866 for the Ohio River trade. Later, the same year, she was sold to the Northwestern Union Packet Company to operate in the Upper Mississippi trade. She sank at La Crosse in 1876. Cover is postmarked at Minneapolis, Minnesota September 29 in the early 1870's.

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DUNCAN S. CARTER. Side wheeler of 428 tons, built at St. Louis in 1858. Operated on the Missouri River until she was lost in 1859.

KATE HOWARD. Sidewheeler of 504 tons, built at Jeffersonville, Indiana in 1857. Operated on the Missouri until lost in 1859. Letter placed in the Post Office at JEFFERSON CITY MO / APR 12. No year date on cover. J. S. Nanson was captain and M. Millard the clerk.



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B.L.HODGE NO.2. Sidewheeler of 700 tons, built at Louisville, Ky. in 1867 for the New Orleans trade. Rebuilt as the SOUTHERN BELLE in 1876. Destroyed by fire the same year on October 12th.

CHAS.MORGAN. Sidewheeler built at Cincinnati in 1873 and burned at the levee at Cincinnati Dec. 4, 1886. No tonnage give but was a very large boat.



WHOLESALE GROCERS, COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANTS,
NO. 20 WATER STREET, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Shipped, IN GOOD ORDER AND WELL CONDITIONED, BY **HELFENSTEIN & GORE**, on account and risk of whom it may concern, on board the good steamboat called the Timour #2 whereof



Dix is Master for the present voyage, now lying at the Port of ST. LOUIS, and bound for Fort Leavenworth the following packages or articles, marked or numbered as

below, which are to be delivered, without delay, in like good order, at the said Port, (unavoidable dangers of the river and fire, only, excepted,) unto Am Rich or to his assigns, ~~he~~ they paying freight for said goods at the rate of 40 cts per 100 lb net 136 1.00 Helfenstins Molasses

62 1/2 cts — Sack Salt 60 cts
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Owner, Master, or Clerk of said Steamboat hath affirmed to 3 Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished the others to stand void. Dated at St. Louis, this 25th day of Aug 1852

MARKS.	ARTICLES.	W'T.
	22 Boxes Smoky Tobacco	748
	6 " Sealfulutte	180
	8 Helfenstins Syrup Molasses	3 "
<u>J. H. Laramie</u>	1 Box. Tal	220
	1/2 Sacks G. A. Salt	4 boxes Ink
	1/2 Cask Porter	636
	1 Case Sunon	15 Bds Paper
	5 Boxes Tobacco	753
		12 Boxes Tobacco
		694
		1/2 Pbl Branony
		70
		260
		355

Am Rich Esq
J. H. Laramie
Timour #2
1852

8 Boxes Soap	360	72 lb Casting	
6 " Galacratu	504	1 " E of Steel	
12 " Lem Syrup	39	1 " C. do	365
10 " Mo. Tobacco	1100	1 " Spring D	
2 " do do		8 P. Pins Roots & Shes	720



TIMOUR No 2. "The Lytle List" of steamboats records only one boat with the name TIMOUR, a side wheeler of 232 tons, built at Saint Louis in 1849 and lost in 1854. Lloyds steamboat Directory list of steamboats destroyed in the great steamboat fire of 1849, includes the steamboat TIMOUR. Milgram states it was badly damaged and rebuilt and probably named TIMOUR NO 2. So only one boat!

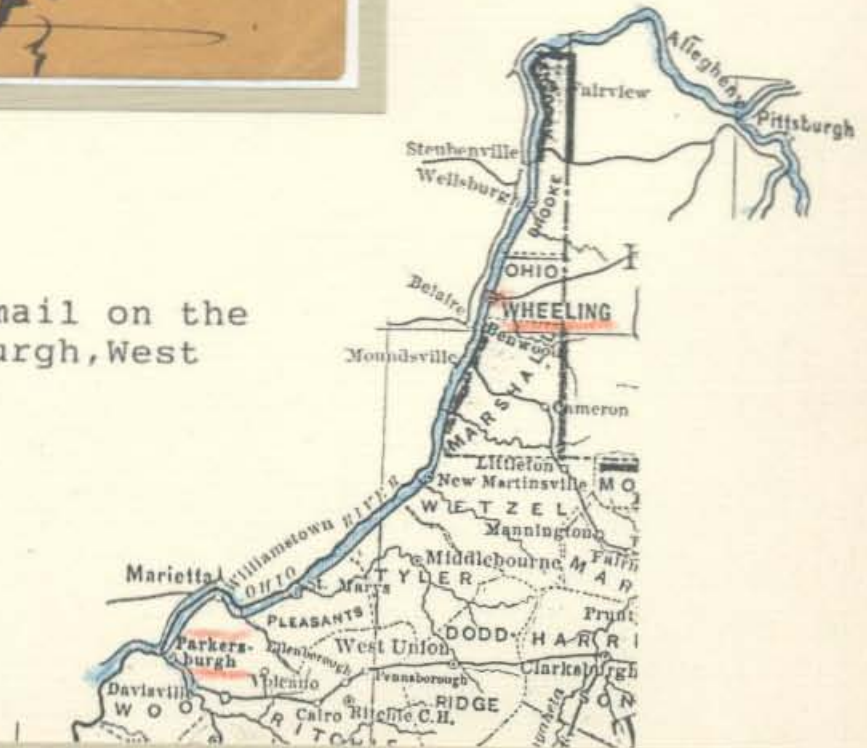
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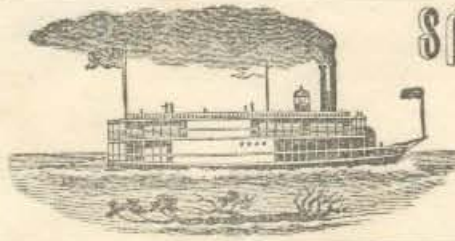


ROUTE AGENTS POSTMARKS used on steamboat mail on the Ohio River between Wheeling and Parkersburgh, West Virginia in the 1850's. See map for route.

WHEELING & PARK RIVER MAIL.



C. W. GROZIER,
 COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANT, — LOUISVILLE, KY.



SHIPPED IN GOOD ORDER AND WELL CONDITIONED,
 BY **C. W. GROZIER,**

on account and risk of whom it may concern, on board the good Steam ^{Kel}
 Boat, called the *Laurens* — whereof *Elliott*
 is Master for the present voyage, now lying in the Ohio River, and bound for *St Louis*
 the following packages or articles, being Marked and Numbered as below; and are to be delivered, without
 delay, in like good order and condition, at the Port of *St Louis* — (the
 dangers of the River and unavoidable accidents only excepted,) unto *Henry Chouteau* or to his
 assigns; he or they paying freight on the same, at the rate of $1 \frac{25}{100}$ per 100 ^{lbs} ^{privilege} of
 shipping on said goods *St Louis* at mouth of Ohio & charges $25 \frac{66}{100}$

In witness whereof, the Master or Clerk of said Steam Boat, hath affirmed to 3 Bills of
 Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to be void.
 Dated at Louisville, this 9 day of November — 1839

MARKS:		
<i>Mr. P. Revelley</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 casks m d w	620
<i>La Grange</i>		630
<i>Mr</i>		590
		235
		440
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Bbl Leaf Sugar	361
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Bbl Sundries	108
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Boxes m d w	188
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Keg m d w	379
		376
		25
		<hr/> 3952

For *George Elliott*
B. M. Tolson

3952
 98
 494.66
 25.66
 75.00



Ms. A. Noel Post Plains

Louisiana by

M. A. Beachy, 1854

Nov 18 54

Mrs. Jimmy Chatham

St. Louis, Mo

1854



MISSISSIPPI RIVER



J.M.RELF. Side-wheeler of 157 tons. Built at Louisville in 1851 for the New Orleans trade. Abandoned in 1855. Cover above was carried by the Relf to New Orleans where it was placed in the mails on March 22, 1859.

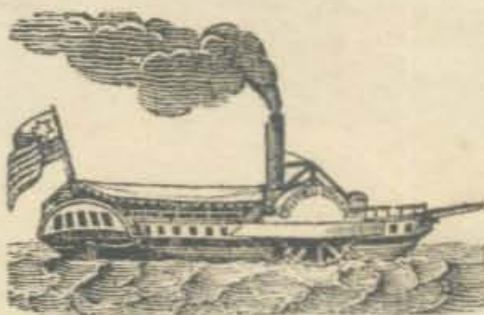


R.W. Mc REA. Side-wheeler of 323 tons. Built at Louisville in 1853 for the New Orleans trade. Passed to Confederate control in 1861.

MISSOURI RIVER



MIAMI PACKET COMPANY. Operated the five boats listed on on this cover between Saint Louis and Kansas City. Cover from St. Louis in the 1870 period.



PACKAGE.

WEIGHTS.

SHIPPED IN GOOD ORDER, BY

James Hicks Jr
For account and risk of *the Consignee*
in and upon the good *Steam Boat*
called the *New Companion* whereof is Master for
the present voyage,
in the *Ohio* River, and bound for *Kaskaskia*
TO SAY

M & V.
10 Bbls whiskey

Ten Barrel whiskey
[Handwritten scribbles]

Being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered, without delay, in like good order and well conditioned, (the dangers of the Rivers and unavoidable accidents only excepted,) at the port of *Kaskaskia* *Mo* unto *Malnard & Volz* or to *their* assigns, he or they paying freight for the said goods at the rate of *one Dollar per Barrel*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Clerk of the said *Steam Boat* hath affirmed to *three* bills of lading, all of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at *Cincinnati* the *26th* day of *June* 1834
J. D. Edwards

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NEW COMPANION. No listing for this steamboat. The Bill of lading is dated at Cincinnati the 26th of June 1834. It is for a consignment of 10 barrels of whiskey - one of the staples of frontier American - for delivery at Kaskaskia, Illinois on the Mississippi.

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JNO.W.THOMPSON No data on this boat but it operated on the Atlantic coast. Stamp is tied by the handstamp of the boat - STEAMER/JUL 22 1878/JNO.W.THOMPSON.

NEW MARY HOUSTON Sidewheeler built at Jeffersonville, Indiana in 1877. Operated on the Ohio River and was damaged in the ice at Cincinnati in January of 1893. The same year she was dismantled and converted into a barge. Cover postmarked at LOUISVILLE, KY in early 1880's.



NASHVILLE AND EVANSVILLE PASSENGER PACKET,

Leaves Nashville Wednesday at 12 M.



Leaves Evansville Saturday at 4 P.M.

W. H. CHERRY,

JOLLY HARD, Clerk.

FRANC. CARELL, MASTER.

DAVE ATCHISON, 2d Clerk.

Feb'y 9th 1885.

On Cumberland River, Ky.

Dear Goodness
and Goodies: We will arrive at Dover, Penn.,
at about supper time where we will remain until
the cherry returns from Nashville. We had in-
tended to go to N., then stop on our return
boats without
ng. We will
and if the
ably work up
I have to post-
day evening if
prevents. The

Nashville, Paducah and Cairo U. S. Mail Steamer.

Leaves Nashville Tuesday at 4 P. M.
Leaves Paducah Every Saturday at 10 A. M.
Leaves Cairo Friday at 10 A. M.

STEAMER W. H. CHERRY,

WILLIAM STRONG, MASTER. FELIX GRASTY, CLERK.

Mrs. W. H. Bates,
Lock Box 154
Pekin,
Tazewell County, Ills.

steamer are not quite as large as the Gil-
bert, but accommodations about the same.
Will bring home all the mementoes I can
secure

Yours affectionately,

P.S. - This will be mailed from Nashville.
W. H. Bates.

New Orleans & Vicksburg

Regular Tuesday Packet

Steamer Katie,

WM. CAMPBELL, Commander.

A. McVAY, Clerk.

HOURS FOR MEALS:
Breakfast, 7 to 10. Dinner at 2. Tea 7 o'clock

Wednesday, February 26, 1873.

Soup.

Ox-Tail, a la Jardiniere

Fish.

Barbecued Snapper, Bordelaise Sauce

Boiled Sheephead, Sauce Aurora

Boiled.

Leg of Mutton, Capers Sauce
Tongue

Corned Beef
Ham

Roast.

Beef

Mutton

Pork

Turkey

~~Pig~~

Relishes.

Olives
Cold Slaughter
Horse Radish

Mushroom Catsup

Red Currant Jelly

French Mustard

Walnut Catsup

Cheese

Assorted Sauces

Tomato Catsup

Pickles

Entrees.

Calf's Feet, Fried with Italian Sauce

Currie of Giblets, with Rice

Braised Hog's Head, Sauce Piquant

Macaroni au Gratin, with Cream

Vegetables.

Mashed Potatoes

Sweet Potatoes

Cabbage

Beets

Rice

Hominy

Tomatoes

Pudding.

Pound, Brandy Sauce

Tapioca Souffle, Lemon Sauce

Pies and Tarts.

Apple

Peach

Whortleberry

Strawberry Puffs

Pastry Turnovers

Cakes.

Pound

Fruit

Lady

Jelly

Cocoanut Macarons

Chocolate Biscuit

Almond Goffers

Egg Kisses

Creams and Jellies.

Vanilla Cream

English Cream

Anisette and Maraschino Jelly

Miscellaneous.

Napolitan Cake, a la Chantilly

Almond Nougat

Vol au Vent of Strawberry a la Cream

Fruits.

Cream Nuts

Figs

Filberts

Prunes

Oranges

Almonds

Bananas

Raisins

Pecans

Pineapples

COFFEE.

Superior Wines and Liquors to be had at the Bar

THE WESTERN MAILS

The World Renowned Champion.

New Orleans, Natchez and Vicksburg Packet.

WEEKLY PASSENGER STEAMER

ROB'T E. LEE,

WM. CAMPBELL, COMMANDER
A. McVAY, CLERK

Vicksburg February 28¹⁸⁷³

Mr Thomas Hughes

REGULAR TUESDAY
PACKET
KATIE
WM. CAMPBELL, MASTER.
New Orleans and Vicksburg



Mr Thomas Hughes
attorney at Law
42 St Paul Street
Baltimore Md

Campbell, Wm
March 5, 1873

of 19th Feb
your
your letter
out so
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the in the
Estate left
Swanna and her sister to appear they have

The Robert E. Lee & The Katie

The ROBERT E. LEE was the first of five steamboats to bear the name. She was built in 1866 at New Albany, Indiana and was abandoned in 1876. The LEE was a large sidewheeler of 1,467 tons. She was the boat that ran the race with the NATCHEZ, which is immortalized in steamboat history.

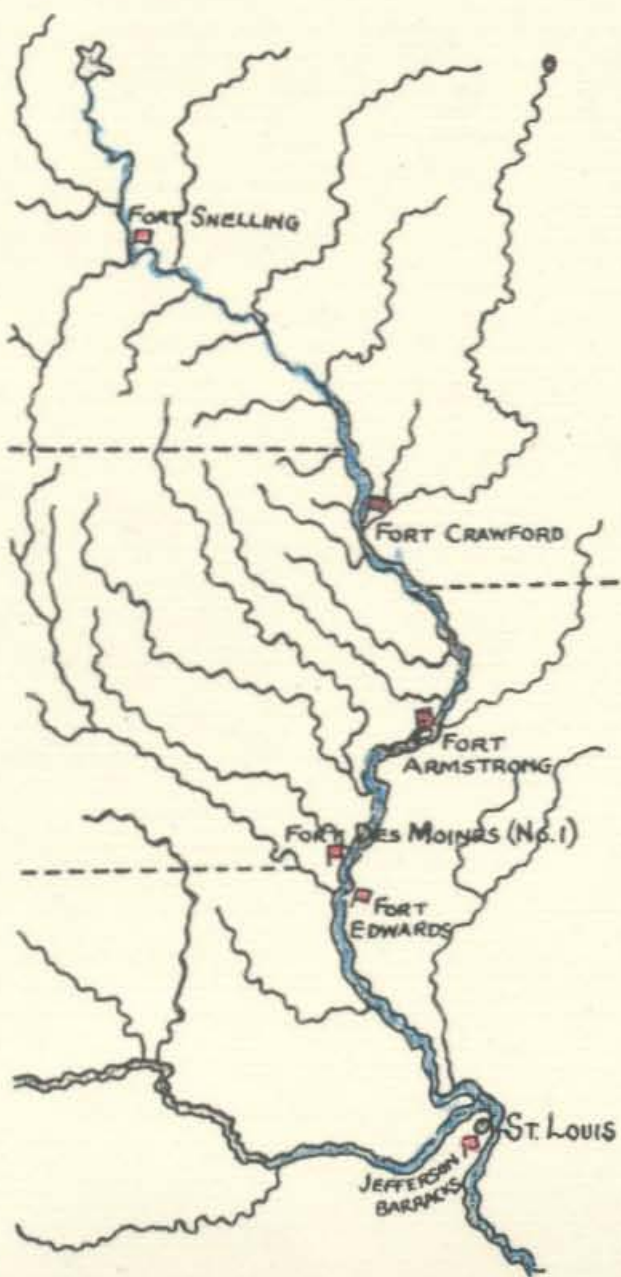
The KATIE was also a large sidewheeler built in 1871 at Jeffersonville, Indiana and dismantled in 1878.

The above is an unusual combination of the letterhead of the LEE and the envelope of the KATIE. It was written by Captain Wm. Campbell, the commander listed on both the cover and the letter. Cover is postmarked at Vicksburg, February 28, 1873. See also the menu of the KATIE in this exhibit.

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THE WESTERN MAILS

EARLY STEAMBOAT MAIL

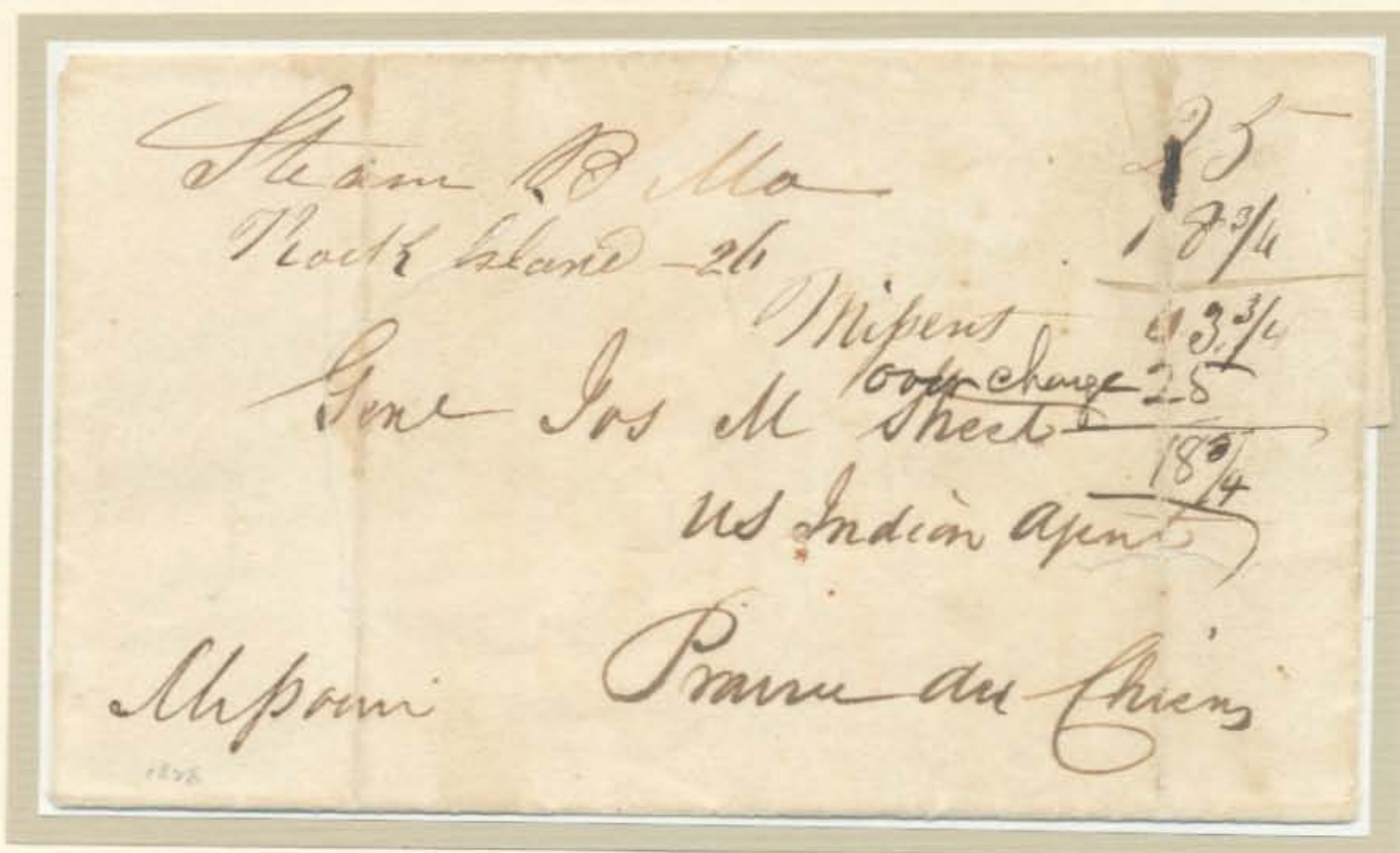


Rivers have always been important arteries for transportation in the development of a country. The steamboat was a potent factor in the conquest of the Mississippi valley.

The "Virginia" was the first steamer to stem the Upper Mississippi, reaching Fort Snelling on May 10, 1823. This voyage established the practicability of navigating this river above the rapids near Keokuk. After this the government did not hesitate to utilize this quicker and more reliable way of moving troops and supplies. Huge quantities of lead and furs were shipped, down to St. Louis, and great waves of immigrants moved steadily northward.

This letter was posted June 27, 1828 on the "Steamboat Missouri" bound for Prairie du Chien, among the earliest steamer-mail on the Upper Mississippi. The writer refers to "ready communications" between St. Louis and "the prairie" and of his proposed visit at the "mines" in the Summer.

Note cancellation by the Rock Island P. M. "Missent" and final corrections of the postage rates by the Prairie du Chien P. M.



RED RIVER OF THE SOUTH

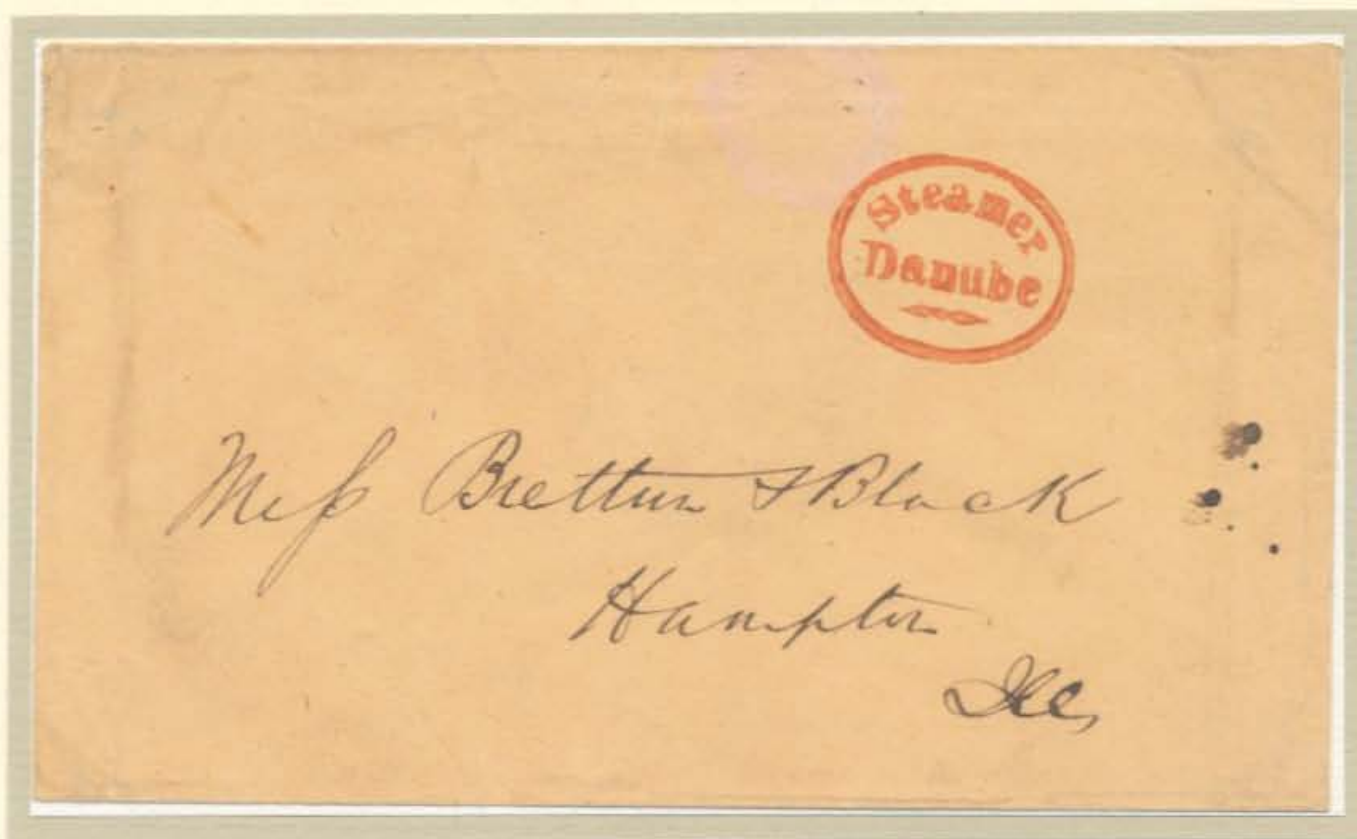


D.R.CARROLL. Side-wheeler of 300 tons. Built at Louisville in 1858 for the New Orleans-Red River trade. She passed to Confederate control in 1861.



COMPROMISE. Side-wheeler of 270 tons. Built at Monongahela, Pennsylvania in 1851. Operated in the New Orleans-Red River trade until she was abandoned in 1860.

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DANUBE Sidewheel steamboat of 156 tons. Built at Brownsville, Pennsylvania in 1847. She operated on the Upper Mississippi River until she was lost in 1852.



NEW BOSTON A stern-wheeler of 234 tons, built at Port Byron, Illinois in 1864, for the Northern Line Packet Company. The boat was abandoned in 1873. The cover probably originated on the NEW BOSTON and placed in the mails as per postmark at BURLINGTON, Iowa - No year date but 1860's. Not clover leaf cancel tying the 3¢ 1861 stamp.

OHIO RIVER



UNITED STATES. Side-wheeler built at Cincinnati for the U.S. Mail Line Company in 1865. She was rammed in a collision with the Steamboat AMERICA on the night of December 4, 1868, with the loss of both boats and 74 lives. A second UNITED STATES was built on the salvaged hull of the first.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER



NATCHEZ. Side-wheeler of 700 tons. Built at Cincinnati in 1854 for Captain Thomas P. Leathers. This was the 4th boat to bear the name of several that were owned and operated by Leathers. It was the 6th boat of the series that lost the race with the ROB'T E. LEE.

The NATCHEZ was awarded the U.S. Mail contract for Route 7309. This contract called for three deliveries a week from New Orleans to Vicksburg at \$40,000 annually. She was lost in 1863.



Duplicate

NEW ORLEANS & MEMPHIS PACKET
VICKSBURG
J.P. BIRD BAKER E.M. AYLS CLEVER

TRUE DELTA.

WATER STREET.

TERMS--TEN DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

VENING, FEBRUARY 6, 1862.

relations and malignity as anything more serious than electioneering trickery and humbug. cannot, however, discuss this subject, and reprobating the London Times for its mess and vulgarity, without again expressing the doubts within us of the decency or prudence of making offensive appointments to high governments; and while far from satisfied of the necessity, utility or policy of such appointments, as those of Messrs. Mason and Slidell, yet if party exigencies compel them, in the name of everything honored and patriotic, next to the best and really capable men for the posts.

Southern Intelligence.

THE BATTLE OF MILL SPRINGS—The Cause of Defeat.—A correspondent of the Nashville Banner, connected with Gen. Crittenden's command, writes a letter to that paper, from which we extract the following: "to the cause of the defeat, I can assign the enemy having a superior force, and led their own ground, and were fresh, our men were unacquainted with the ground, numbers, etc., etc., were very much fatigued, having marched all night through mud and rain. The loss of the Mississippi Regiment is estimated at near 200. Col. Huger's about

Northern Intelligence.

READY TO SUBMIT TO ANYTHING.—The New York Tribune, commenting on the late foreign news, says:

There is a report afloat from Washington that Great Britain is not so particular about Mason and Slidell's surrender, but wants the north-east corner of Maine ceded to her, in order that she may construct through it a great military railroad from Halifax to the Canadas. This is sensible and practical. We do not care to prompt her, but if there is any thing else that she would like—say Nantucket, Key West or Washington Territory—now is her time to make the suggestion. She has us at a disadvantage, and may not in half a century find another so good an opportunity for having her own way. If her modesty does not stand in the way, she may drive a good business with us for the next few weeks, for if she is refused anything she pleases to demand, it will not be our fault. We propose to give her full swing.

And now, if we still have statesmen or generals who fancy that we can afford to let this civil war run on through a year or two longer, we shall not attempt to set them right. "If they be persuaded through one rose from the dead."

WE MUST TAX.—Yes, must tax! MUST tax! "To put down slavery," which, before the Tribune started or fostered Abolitionism, was pouring its commissioned wealth into our coffers—affording employment for our spindles.

Telegraphed to the True Delta.

From Nashville.
NASHVILLE, Feb. 5.—A private dispatch from Fort Henry to-day says the enemy fired about forty shots, but no damage resulted.

From Knoxville.
KNOXVILLE, Feb. 5.—On Sunday last Lieut. Col. White's Tennessee cavalry encountered a body of Lincoln infantry, in Morgan county, Tennessee, estimated at from 100 to 300 strong, on a mountain side. Colonel White charged the enemy, throwing them into disorder. Capt. Duncan, of the Unionists, rallied his men twice, when he was shot through the head and killed, (by J. Roberts, a lad 15 years old, whose brother had been recently killed by a Kentucky Unionist,) and the enemy, completely routed, fled in confusion. Seven dead Lincolnites were found on the field, and one prisoner was captured.

A free negro attached to Capt. McCleary's company killed one of the Lincolnites.

Home Department.

Died of His Wounds.
We learn that James McCallough, one of the parties to the shooting and stabbing affair

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

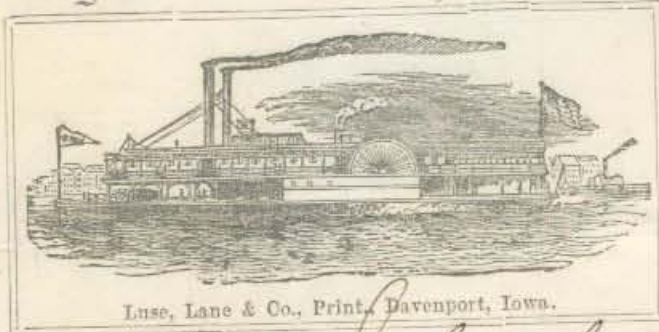
VICKSBURG. Side-wheeler of 635 tons. Built at New Albany, Indiana in 1857 for the New Orleans-Memphis trade. Lost in 1863. Original copy of The Evening True Delta, of New Orleans, under date of February 6, 1862. New Orleans was still in Confederate hands and did not fall to the Federals until April 24, 1862. This copy was for the use of the passengers and bears the handstamp of the boat. Besides war reports the paper contains Steamboat & River News.

visiting certain politicians who had been arrested in connection with the secession, he had gone to Norfolk to design to cross over the bay to the Virginia shore, then and still in the undisputed possession of the enemy. Upon these representations, he was detained a day or two at Norfolk. He was, however, General Huger, it is reported, was directed to permit him to pass. Upon landing on the other side of the bay, we speak now from unquestionable information—whilst the persons accompanying him made their escape, CUSTIS led directly to General Lockwood's quarters, and signified his submission to the Federal government. The Yankee general received him cordially, furnished him with a passport to his home, and facilitated the recovery of some of Custis' property in

the Herald mean? The sentence is liable to two constructions. The Herald is either preparing the minds of its readers for the recognition of the Confederacy which cannot long be delayed, and advising the Federal government to prepare for a war with the European powers in consequence; or it is advising the government to preclude the necessity of another showdown by recognizing the Confederacy and raising the blockade before England and France can do so. We think that the former opinion will prove to be the correct one.

The Savannah Republican also refers to this matter. It says: The proposition of the New York Herald to anticipate England and France by raising the blockade is worthy of the intention

MADE, In good order and condition, by W B Baker, Ag. on board
 the good Steamboat Keithsburg whereof



is Master,
 now lying at Davenport the following
 Articles, to be delivered in like good order at
 the Port of Burlington

unavoidable damages of the River and Tice only
 excepted, unto John G. Foste or assigns, he or they paying
 freight for the same at the rate of _____
 with privilege of lighting, towing, and re-shipping.

In Testimony Whereof, The Owner, Master, or Clerk of said Boat hath affirmed to three Bills of
 Lading of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.
 Dated at Davenport this 12 day of November 1864

MARKS.	ARTICLES.	WEIGHT.	CHARGES.
(F)	148 Boxes Austrian Rifles		405 00
	78 " Accoutrements		162 43
	1 " Appurtenances		1 43
	50 " Cartridges		41 00
			<u>609 85</u>
	277		
	Rec'd for above		
	John G. Foste		

