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| FROM OUR PRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT IN THE WEST. <br> Monmouth, Ile., Nov. 19th. |  |  |  |  |
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| Dear Ebiror:-Traveling on the Father of |  |  |  |  |
| ting space," when the river is low. I weat on |  |  |  |  |
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| board on Tuesday fvening. We started on Wednesday afternoon, and reached Burlington, Iowa, |  |  |  |  |
| nesday afternoon, and reached Burlington, Lowa on Friday afternoon, a distance of 245 miles, 25 of which, from Keokuk to Fort Madison, was by |  |  |  |  |
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| of which, from Keokuk to Fort Madison, was by the Keokuk and St. Paul Railroad. We ran aground about onee every half hour, and in one |  |  |  |  |
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| place, the crew had to cut down trees along the bank to enable us to "hug:" the land, and so keep in the deep water. The reason for this de- |  |  |  |  |
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|  | $\mathbf{o}_{1}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ree } \\ & \text { th } \end{aligned}$ | Atnight,completely exhausted, but thank God for the preciuus opportunities of this day. Could |
| keep in the deep water. The reason for this de- |  |  |  |  |
| lay, was the effect produced upon the river by thelong continued drought. While est of the Alleghanies the windows of heaven hare been opened upon you", and you have-had the early and the |  |  |  |  |
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| here in the West there has been nothing of this, Since Jure; there have been only a few unsatis- |  |  |  |  |
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| barely wetting the surface of the soil. Tnstead of rain-storms, there have been duststorins, dark-eving the lioht of the 'aun with their eontinued ening the light or the sun with their continuedviolence, and peazetrating every nook and corner |  |  |  |  |
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| in spite of the housckeepers' care. Rasidents of Egypt-the literal, original one, over |  |  |  |  |
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| which Ali Pusha reigns,-say that even in the far Ease they saw nothing to saitpass these. Thec:steiny in which'the rain-witer is canght from the tops of the houses, are aluost dry, and the |  |  |  |  |
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| hard limestone-water or go without: In some places it seens like trespassing on hospitality to wash one's face: Yevetation is everywhere burnt |  |  |  |  |
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| up to a dun, ashy color. The trees do not redden into, their wonted glory of autum, but the leaves |  |  |  |  |
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| a thing of the past, and only: weeds flourish over the wide prairie fietds. The roads are a mass of |  |  |  |  |
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| hard ruts owerlaid with dust, that every touch raises in dense clouds. The streams have become |  |  |  |  |
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| a string of disconnected pools of mad, such as travellers in Australia tell of, and Campbellites are sore beset to find a creek deep enough for |  |  |  |  |
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| "the ordinance." The cattle roam through the timber after water, and suck at every damp place in a way that explains why the Sucker State was so called. The tires trundle of the wheels loosened by the shriaking of the felloes, and many a traveller has to add a heayy hammer to his wagongear. |  |  |  |  |
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| merous. Turnips are " no whar." Fruit is abuadant in spite of the neglected, unpruned; wormeaten state of the orchards. Fall wheat-the |  |  |  |  |
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| st:iple crip in Egypt-is not coming up well for want of rain; though a few recent showers have helped it greatly. Nore, however, will be needed |  |  |  |  |
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| to give it a good start before the heary frosts |  |  |  |  |
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| from the scatreity of water and comparatively of corn. This is a great staple of the country apparently. When Kane in his journal up in Arctic |  |  |  |  |
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| latitudes, spoke of the seals as being as numerous as "hogs in an lllinois oak-opening", he touched off a feature of the natural scenery |  |  |  |  |
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| here very graphically. You may ride fur |  |  |  |  |
| through the densely wooded river bottoms, without seeing a house but not without seeing hogs. <br> A long-legged <br> ungainly <br> grunter |  |  |  |  |
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| scuffles off out of every hazel bush, or snorts with terror at jour coming at every corner of the road. They seem to be rapidly exterminating |  |  |  |  |
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| ligent raisers of this stock are rapidly introducing our own Chester county and other approved species. So long as agriculture is the main em- |  |  |  |  |
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| handiest shape for exporting corn to the East. |  |  |  |  |
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| will |  |  |  |  |
| become sceptical as to all signs of enming showers, so often have these failed them in the past. On dozens of occasions the sky has lowered, the |  |  |  |  |
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| clouds gathered;":the thunders rolled, and yet it has passed overer our heads and left us dry as |  |  |  |  |
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| was said "we must wait. Oatober is a bad month for rain, but dreary November will bring the showers." But November is here and almost over and is still as dry as August, much drier thặ our last Philidelphia August, unless my menory de- |  |  |  |  |
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| ly, but for our own part, by dint of "backing out" when we were manifestly "in for it," and of pushing on by might and main where the wa- |  |  |  |  |
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| ter was not too shallow, the good packet Sucker |  |  |  |  |
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| scenery up to this point was of low laud coveredesting. It consisted mainly of with forest trees the water marks upon whose | ${ }_{\text {a }}$ | ehes had several: Let us pray God to prosper us so much that we shail need, not tix́o but ten |  |  |
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| trunks showed how far the river had fillen. The |  |  |  |  |
| dall, daad, dry , iness of the leaves made these woodsanything but atrrative.The torns strewed |  |  |  | When over eight copies to one address are taken, one ecent firi ezeh paper. No subseription received for less than three.months. Subseribers for the Monthly, whose terms do not $\mathrm{em}^{1}$ with the year 1867 , can hare the Somi-Monthly sent to thew by paying the dificrence. Orders ind money s. <br> Orders ind miney should be addressed to PETER WALKER, s21 Chestnut St., Philadelphta. |
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