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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, December 12, 1866.

The New York stock quotations to-day, as reported by Robinson, McGlean & Co., were as follows: Gold, 138; Silver, 128; 1881 bonds, 112¾; Five Twenties, old, 107½; Five Twenties, '65, 108; Five Twenties, new, 108½; Ten Forties, 102¾; Seven Thirties, 109¾; 10 second and third issue, 109¾; Michigan Southern & R. R. 80¾; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 69¼; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 105¾; Chicago & Rock Island, 105¾; Reading, 109; Erie, 73¾; Western Union Telegraph Company, 45¾; Chicago and North Western R. R., 54¼.

—On the 15th of this month the interest will be due upon the second series of seven-thirties. The amount of these notes outstanding, three hundred millions. They are dated June 15, 1865, payable in three years from date, with interest at the rate of seven and three tenths per annum, payable in currency. The interest upon the first series, or old seven-thirties, is due August 15 and February 15, and the notes are dated August 15, 1864. The third series of seven-thirties bear date of July 15, 1865, and their interest is payable July 15 and January 15. These last bear upon their face the option of the Government to pay interest in gold at 6 per cent. There is no immediate prospect of the treasurer's availing himself of this privilege, since one must sink to the vicinity of 120 to make the operation profitable to the United States.

—The complaint of dullness in business seem to be rather on the increase. For many months the markets have been in a state of utter stagnation, and hopes of revival have been so long unrealized that business men have begun to despair of experiencing a shadow of the activity which usefully prevails at this season of the year. There are many causes assigned for this state of things, the prominent of which are these three: First, the languor resulting from the over-excitement at and speculative inflation incident to our redundant currency, which has been subject to sudden and great fluctuations in value. Secondly, the depression caused by heavy and injudiciously-distributed taxes, chiefly those of the internal revenue. Thirdly, the incertitude and superlocution resulting from the talk about speedy resumption of specie payments. This suspense checks enterprise, and by impairing credits is paralyzing and inflicting mischief on those forces by which our material wealth and national prosperity are developed. The policy of Congress regarding the currency is one of wholesome, gradual, safe contractions, and was settled by the law of the 12th of April. It is the fear lest this policy will be changed which, with the other causes we have adverted to, appears to have the most influence on business at present.

—The argument of the Comptroller of the Currency in favor of the proposed increase of currency to supply the South, is briefly this: that it is important to all sections, particularly the North, that the Southern States should be supplied with all the facilities necessary for the production of the great staples of that section, because the export of those staples would reduce the exportation of gold, that the supply now available from capitalists and individuals is not sufficient, and that the demand will be supplied by foreign capitalists, whose influence will have undue weight and give them control of a large share of the valuable products, and finally that prosperous industry is the most speedy and certain remedy for the existing evils in the Southern States. This is all very true, but, while there is still an excessive redundancy of the paper circulating medium, the idea of any measure in the direction suggested is unpalatable. Much more ought to be accomplished in the way of greenback reduction than has been before, more national bank issues are thought fit. The plan of equalization of currency already issued is dismissed by the Comptroller in few words as being impracticable in the first place, and if attempted, in violation pro-silly of the vested rights of the banking concerns. The proposition, however, to increase the issue of currency is advocated by the Comptroller because he thinks the objection to inflation could be obviated by proper care in so adjusting the increase that it shall not stay time, or in any month, exceed the amount by which legal tender notes are diminished. This would keep up expansion, at least, for the time being.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12, 1866.

The produce markets present no new features worthy of special notice. There is no special improvement to note in the demand for any of the leading commodities, and as buyers seem disposed to buy very sparingly, we have but comparatively few round lot operations to report. As regards values, there are no changes worthy of special notice.

GRAIN—There seems to be no demand for Wheat, and in the absence of sales, we quote it at $2.50 to $2.55 for No. 1 Spring. Barley is quiet and unchanged; we can report a car load of prime Spring at $1.90, and half a car load at $1.05. Oats dull but not quotably lower; may be quoted at 45 to 50, on track, and usual allowance for small lots in store. Sale of 50 bushels Ear Corn at 75, and 1 car prime old shelled at $1—delivered. Rye is reported steady, at previous quotations.

FLOUR—is a little more active, though there is still plenty of room for improvement. We can report sales in round lots of 200 bbls Spring at $11.50; 75 do do (choice) at $12; 50 bbls Winter Wheat at $13, and 20 bbls "Pacific," a fancy St. Louis brand, at $13. Rye Flour is selling at $8¾ per bbl, and Buckwheat at $4½ per cwt.

HAY—Continues to meet with a good demand, and as the supply is light, prices are well sustained. We can report sales of 16 tons prime baled, on wharf, at $30. It is but proper to remark, however, that these prices would hardly stand long under the influence of heavy arrivals.

PROVISIONS—There is next to nothing doing in Bacon or Mess Pork, while Lard is dull and unchanged at 13, for prime kettle rendered.

APPLES—In fair demand and steady with regular sales in store at $2½ to $2½ per bbl, for common to choice.

POTATOES—The demand apparently is less active, but prices are maintained; regular sales in store at $1 per bush, and $4 per bbl.

EGGS—Quiet and unchanged—the demand at present prices is light. We continue to quote at 25 to 30 for limed, and 27 to 28 for fresh packed.

BUTTER—Continues to arrive pretty freely and at present the supply is considerably in excess of the demand. Prime Roll is selling in a regular way at 28 to 30.

SEEDS—We can report a continued steady demand for Flaxseed at $3 to $3.10, while in Clover or Timothy Seeds, there is scarcely enough doing to establish quotations.

BEANS—The stock of new crop in this market is very limited, and prime small white, sell readily at $2.75 per bushel.

HOMINY—Steady with regular sales at 3¼.

OIL—Lard Oil has still further declined and we now quote at $1.25 to $1.28 for No. 1 and 95 for No. 2.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, December 12, 1866.

CRUDE—The market for crude presents no new feature worthy of special notice. There is a firmer feeling, owing mainly to the prospect of navigation being restricted, if not entirely suspended, but there is no improvement in the demand, and while some holders are endeavoring to establish an advance, there are no buyers, as yet, at anything over eight and a half cents, and but few at that. We can report a sale of 500 bbls, in bulk, (43 gravity) at 8½; 500 at 10¼, packages included, free on board cars, and 30 bbls same terms and price. Thus far, the improved character of the foreign newsdy cables, has had no other effect on the eastern markets than producing a little firmer feeling, and until there is an improvement at the seaboard, no improvement can reasonably be expected here, and it is hardly probable that there will be any material change in Europe for the better until stocks are considerably reduced, and the supply is reduced down so as not to exceed the demand.

REFINED—There is rather more inquiry and a little firmer feeling in the market for bonded oil; apparently, but as yet, there is no improvement in prices. We can report sales of 500 bbls for December delivery, in Philadelphia, at 29; 1000, in lots of 500 each, for January, at 30¼ and 500 for February, at 31. Like crude, the improved tone in the foreign news, has had no other effect than that of producing a little more inquiry, buyers do not seem disposed to do anything at an advance. The impression seems to prevail among refiners that at last the bottom has been reached, and consequently, there is not the same disposition, apparently, to sell, that there was a few days ago, preferring rather to hold in anticipation of a stronger market and better prices. Free oil may be quoted at 40 to 41 for standard brands.

ARTICLES—The following arrivals were reported to-day:

Fisher & Bro	1000	Alantic Oil Co	4050
Jackson & Bro	1200	W. Haldeman	2500
J. C. Young	500	Brown & Sutton	1500
Total			10,600

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial Matters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—Money steady at 5@7 per cent. Gold opened at 138, advanced to 138¾, and closed at 137¾. Governments lower. Freights to Liverpool steady; 6 pence for Barley. Stocks steady, but dull. Fort Wayne, 105; Wabash & Western, 43½; Rock Island, 105; 105; Northwestern preferred, 74½; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 69¼; Illinois Central, 124¼; New York Central, 103¼; Michigan Southern, 81¾.

The prices of mining stocks bid in Boston today are as follows: Canada, 65; Copper Falls, 40; Franklin, 42½; Hancock, 13½; Huron, 37; Minnesota, 14½; Quincy, 38; Cary Improvement, 11¾; Water Power, 20¾.

LATEST.

The money market is growing easier, and six per cent. is going to be the general rate on stock collaterals, with increasing business, at 5 per cent. on governments. Prime discounts, 8@10. Gold fell off to 137¾@137¾ at the close. Foreign exchange quiet. Prime bankers' sterling, 109¼ for sixty days, and 110¼ for short sight. Government securities dull and heavy. The closing prices were: 6's, coupons, of '81, 108¾@108¾; coupons, of '62, 106¾@106¾; 10's, registered, of '52, 109¾@109¾; 5's, coupons, of '65, January 2-5's, of '65, 105¾@105¾; 10-40's, registered, 99½@99¾ and July, 105¼@105¾; 10-40's, coupons, 99½@100.

The stocks closed to-day with the following quotations: New York Central, 103¾; Erie, 73¾; Hudson River, 120¾; Reading, 110¼; Michigan Central, 112; Michigan Southern, 81¾; Illinois Central, 124; Pittsburgh, 80¾; Northwestern Central, 124; Fort Wayne, 105; Northwestern preferred, 74½; Toledo, 105¾; Rhode Island, 107; Fort Wayne, 99¾; Ohio & Mississippi Certificates, 29¾; Cumberland, 57. Petroleum and Mining affairs rather more doling in mining shares to-day, but the market is generally quiet. Petroleum stocks—Central, 105; Bennehoff Run, 175; Brooklyn, 35. Mining stocks—American Flag, 189; Benton, 105; Columbia Gold and Silver, 175; Consolidated Gregg Gold, 265; Wall Kill Lead, 125; Kipp & Buell, 90; Ayers M. & M., 490; American Exchange, 79; Holman Gold, 29; Grisions Silver, 7; Montana, 48; Quartz Hill, 250; Davidson Copper, 64.

New York Cattle Market.

NEW YORK, December 11.—The following are the current prices for the week:

Beef Cattle, first quality, per cwt, $17; inferior, $11@11.50; cows and calves, extra, per head, $100@110; first quality, $80@85; inferior, $45@50. Veal calves, first quality, per pound, 12@13c; inferior, 8@10c. Sheep and Lambs, extras per head, $9@9; prime, $7@8; inferior, $4@5@6.75. Swine heavy, corn-fed, 6½@6¾; and medium, 6¾@6¾c. Beef Cattle have been more active, and holders of extra grades obtained an advance of fully ½ closing firm; extra grades command 17c; common, 12@13c. Sheep and Lambs declined somewhat under the heavy receipts and over stocked meat market. At the close there was rather more business manifested on the parts of holders. Sheep, 4½@6c; lambs, 6@8c; veal calves, steady and firm at 13@13½c for prime. Hogs are heavy throughout, the week, under heavy receipts, and closed rather firmer, though prices were not quotably higher; heavy prime corn-fed, 6¾@7c. The total receipts were: Beeves, 5503; cows, 313; veal, calves, 903; sheep and lambs, 23,011; swine, 3,417.

New York Cattle Market.

NEW YORK, December 12.—In the cattle market to-day, there was an advance of ½ to ¾ per pound, though business is not especially active nearly all offered were sold. The total receipts are 123 car loads, but only five owners actually offered for sale. The receipts for sheep are light, only 10,000 being offered today, and prices ½c higher; sales at 6¾@7c for good to prime, and 5¾c for common. Live hogs ¾c to $ for good to prime, and ½c advanced. The receipts for to-day are 3000. In the Washington market to-day, beef was firm at one one cent advance, and mutton ½c advance; the latter, which on Saturday was 6c by each, was 9¾@10c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, December 12.—The dry goods market for a still very limited range of shows, to a continued heavy downward tendency, notwithstanding the firmer and more steady market for the raw materials. There is, however, a much larger business doing than during this month in former times. The following are the quotations of leading goods in Jobbers' hands: Brown Sheetings—Atlantic, A, 21; Atlantic, Lard, 21; Atlantic, Fruit, 19; Pacific, A, 21; Indian Orchard, A, 23½; Lawrence, C, 21; Pacific, A, 21; Pepperell, O, 23½. Brown Sheetings and Shirtings—New York Mills, 42½; Wamsutta, H, 32½; Burlington, 27½; Jamestown Mills, 22½; Pepperell, O, 23. Brown Drills—American, 17½; Amoskeag, 16½; Merrimac, D, 17½; Merrimac, W, 19. Brown Drills—Lacona, 21; Stark, 23; Globe, 20.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, December 12.—Flour steady and more doing at $9@9½. Wheat—Prime Spring, $2.50@2.60. Corn dull at 65@66. Oats dull at 38 in bond. Hogs active and higher, and the demand exceeds the supply; sales of 3,600 at $7.50 $7.75; at the close holders asked 25c higher; receipts 4,000 head. The *Price Current* gives the total receipts this season at 31,000 against 187,000 last year. Pork firm, at $25. Lard firmer; holders ask 12c. Green Meats sold at 6, 8 and 10c. To be delivered the last week of this month, but at the close held at 6¾@6¾c, 8@8½c, and 10@10½c on the spot. There is nothing done in Bulk Meats. Cotton buoyant, Middling 31½@32c, and but little offering. Money market close at 6@12. Gold 138.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, December 12.—Money active; eastern exchange firm. Flour quiet and holders firmer; at 9¾@10¼ for Spring extras. There is some speculative demand for wheat, but at higher; closing price $2.05@2.15½. Corn firm, at 71½; slight sales at 70½@71½, and 74@75 for January. Oats in fair demand and higher; sales Oats quiet at 43, and nominal. There is a better feeling in Provisions; Mess pork 26@26c higher. Lard 10@20c higher. Green meats higher; sales of Mess pork at 18@18½c for present and future delivery. New lard, 11½@12c. Cash lard, 12c. Green hams, 7@8¾. Dressed hogs scarce and 50c higher, at 7@7½; live quiet at 5.50@6.15; common to good, heavy.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 12.—Tobacco improving; sales of 105 hhds. Flour quiet, at $9@10.50 for superfine. Wheat lower, Red $2.50@2.60. New Corn in bulk, 55@60c in car. Oats, 36@38c. Corn in demand; sales of 74 cars of new at 60c, closing at 60½@62c. Pork firm, at 26@26½c; receipts, 300 bbls; sales of 1,000 bbls at 26c. Mess Pork, $26.50; sales of 300 bbls; sales of 300 bbls; cash 12½ for prime. Bacon nominal; green shoulders, 6c; Hams, 10c. New Orleans Sugar, 12½c for prime raw. Whisky, $2.26. Molasses in fair demand; sales of 12,000 lbs at 1c. Hay—Prairie from Georgia in 200 bale lots, $30. Seed—Flaxseed, 95 bales low Mutto, 3 bales Millo cotton sold at auction at 31c. Tobacco ranged from $1.90 to $17.25 per 100 lbs.

New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, December 12.—Cotton buoyant. Flour, at $9.65@10.20 for extra State; $9.95@11 for round hoop Ohio. Wheat, at $2.45@2.70 for No. 2 Milwaukee. Corn, 1@2c better, closing very quiet, at $1.08@1.10. Oats less active and unchanged. Pork firmer, at $21.25@21.75 for new; $21.25@21.50 for old; closing at $21.00 cash, and $21.00@18 for prime. Bacon quiet. Dressed Hogs firmer, at 9@10c for western. Cut Meats heavy, at 9@10c for shoulders, and 10@12 for hams. Lard firmer, at 12@12½c. Wool in moderate request. Petroleum dull, at 19@19½c for crude, and 30½@31½c for refined in bond.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, December 12.—Cotton stiffer; sales 7,500 bales; low middling, 29½@30½; middling, 31½; receipts, 4,127 bales; exports, 3,036 bales. Sugar lower; fair, 9¾@9¾c. Molasses; inferior, 60c; prime, 86@90c. Flour in active demand; superfine, $11@9; extra, $11@12.50. Corn weaker, at $1.05@1.07½. Oats firm at 75c. Hay, Ohio River, $27.50. Pork inactive at $21 @22. Bacon in fair demand at 12¾; sides, 13¼@13½c. Lard quiet at 13@13½. Whisky steady at $2.40. Gold, 137¾; sterling, 109@110; 109½ New York Exchange, ¼@¾ discount.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Tobacco nominally lower; sales of 100 hhds; lugs, $3@6.10; leaf, $15.50. Cotton better at 30c. Flour more active and unchanged. Wheat firm at $2.50 for spring; prime, $2.80 for choice white, and red $2.55. The City Mills have stopped. The amount in the elevator and warehouses is estimated at a quarter million bushels. Corn higher at 90@92 for new, and 93@94c for old. Oats advanced at 62@72. The Government took 18,000 bushels yesterday at 64@65c. Provisions unchanged. Whisky dull at $2.22. Hogs active at $6.50@6.75.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Wheat firm, but the receipts are small. Corn active and 2@3c higher; receipts 55,000 bush. Oats steady. Rye firm, at $1.25@1.30. Flour very quiet and heavy; grades firm. Seeds dull. Provisions inactive. Groceries very dull. Rio Coffee, at 19@19½c. Whisky dull.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.—Flour quiet; choice spring extra, $9. Wheat firmer; No. 1 at $2.70@2.72. Oats dull at 44c for No. 2. Dressed hogs 25@50c higher; live hogs firm at $6.50.

Buffalo Market.

BUFFALO, December 12.—Flour—All for No. 1 spring. Wheat, per sample, $2 for Chicago spring. Corn—$1 for car lots. Oats nominal at 50c for Toledo spring.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R. December 12—10 bbls oil, H L Fahnestock & co; 10 bbls whisky, J Adler & co; 1 bbl tobacco, A Schaub; 76 doz brooms, Hugh Coover; 2 cars oil bbls, Jas Wilkins; 3 bxs butter, W J Steel & Bro; 8 kegs lard, 3 pkgs eggs, Blair & Woods; 10 bbls honey, J B Candland & Sons; 2 bbls butter, Haworth, McDonald & co; 28 bbls nuts, Voigt & co; 4 cars metal, John Mondfield; 7 do do, James Wood & Son; 30 dl. zen brooms, Smith, Johnston & Colvin; 7 do do, Jas Mills & Son; 103 sks oats, 57 do barley, H Rea; 22 bxs cheese, H Hildig; 217 do do, Voigt & co; 1 bbl butter, John Flegal & co; 3 bbls oil, sellers, Canfield & co; 40 bundles broom handles, Wm Mardorf & co; 1 car barley, D B Galway; 1 cars metal, Bryan & Caughey.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.—December 12.—651 bars iron, Nimick & co; 8 bbls potash, H A Fahnestock, Son & co; 150 do pearl ash, Colhoun & Edwards; 104 do do, J B Canfield; 67 cks do, W Lippincott; 181 bbls do, McKee & Bro; 20 bbls dry peaches, L H Voigt & co; 30 bxs cheese, M W Bankin; 101 bgs wool J S Liggett; 20 mauses copper, T M Howe; 149 bbls potatoes, Cook, Bro & co; 10 cars iron ore, Shoentberger & Blair; 283 sks barley, Spence & McKay, 123 sks 100 bbls potatoes, Voigt & co; 1 car kegs, J J Bender; 1 do do, J Glenn; 12 bbls corner, Goe & co; 14 bgs rye, J Hoenan; 12 bbls eggs, Graff & Keller; 2 cars wheat, R T Kennedy & Bro; 2 bbls nuts, 1 keg butter, 1 sk rags, D Houstont; 31 sks scraps, W Fiaccus; 7 bbls butter, 2 sks rags, 1 kg eggs, H Peet.

ALLEGHENY STATION, December 11—car flaxseed, M S Snyder; 90 bgs dried apples, H Hespenheide; lot sundries, P Peterson; 11 pkgs produce, J M Boyd; 202 sacks flaxseed, Henry Herman; 11 bbls apples, A Krault; 1 car staves, C Lutz; 1 do wheat, Coy, Noble & co; 6 bxs butter, 1 do eggs, Dundinger & Bro; 12 do cheese, C Oatman; 4 bbls hominy, 5 barrels meal, A Kirk; 10 do do, Kohen & Bro; 6 do do, H G Palmer; 6 do do, R P Getty; 1 car oats, H Strong; 21 bbls onions, R & A Carson; 40 bags sugar wheat, Bown Jos Galig; 10 doz brooms, J Scott; 5 bbls cider, J Culp; 1 dry apples, Hahn & Eddie.

PITTSBURGH, COLUMBUS & CINCINNATI R. R. December 12—100 bbls flour, J H Haines; 4 sks meal, J Dorrington; 45 bgs oats, M Jackson; 1 car bill iron, J J Dorrington; 1 bbl. oil, Lilo sand, E M Johnston.

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RIVER NEWS.

The river fell rapidly at this point during the twenty-four hours ending last evening, at which time the marks indicated but seven feet. There was considerable floating ice in the Allegheny river, but as the weather has moderated somewhat, no serious apprehension is entertained in regard to navigation being obstructed from this cause for a few weeks yet. For several years past the Ohio has been navigable until about the first of January, though it is no unusual thing for the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers to be closed up before Christmas.

There has not been a single arrival from below since our last report. The Rob. Moore, from Portsmouth, and the New York, from Cincinnati, are due here to-day.

The Grey Eagle cleared for Parkersburg on time, and the Bayard, Capt. Moore, is the regular packet for that point to-day, leaving promptly at noon, and passengers and shippers should bear this fact in mind.

The Arcoxy left for Cincinnati yesterday with a fair freight list and a large number of passengers. The Maggie Hays, Capt. Henderickson, is the regular Saturday packet for that point.

The Ezra Porter, from St. Louis, is about due and may possibly be found in port this morning.

The Lorena, Capt. J. B. Conway, with Capt. Chas. Wilkins in the office, will positively leave for St. Louis to-day. The Arabian is next in turn for St. Louis after the Lorena.

The Ida Rees, Capt. Joe Brown, is filling up steadily for Cincinnati and Louisville, and will soon be ready to take her departure.

The Kate Robinson, Capt. Robinson, and the Leonidas, Capt. A. H. Metcovan, are both announced for New Orleans.

The Allegheny river packets have all, with one exception, been laid up, and navigation on that stream for the present at least, may be considered at an end. A telegram from Oil City yesterday forenoon reported the weather very cold, river falling rapidly, and full of floating ice. It is probable that a number of oil boats will be frozen up at different points, and for them to freeze up is almost certain destruction.

There was rather more activity manifested at the levee yesterday, although there is still plenty of room for improvement. The Argosy got considerable freight, including some red-dogs," and the Kate Robinson received quite a large number of plows, destined for New Orleans. The cold weather, and indications of an early freeze up, has a tendency to stir up shippers.

The Belle of Pike left St. Louis for Pittsburgh on Saturday; the Emma No. 5 left on Sunday, and the Grenadier was expected to follow on Monday. The steamer Benton was sold at St. Louis on Saturday last to Capt. Joseph Stetler, President of the Phœnix Insurance Co., for $7,000.

The Importer and Maggie Hays arrived at Cincinnati on Monday, and the latter boat was advertised to leave again for Pittsburgh on Tuesday. The Importer, Capt. Jas. Hurd, left St. Louis for Pittsburgh, were at Evansville on Monday, as was also the Cincinnati, enroute for Louisville. The Minnie and Friendship passed Louisville on Monday, both bound for Pittsburgh. The *Commercial* of Tuesday says:

It is our painful duty to record the death of James Rees, Esq., the clerk of the Cincinnati *Gazette*. Mr. Locke was out on Monday last, and complained of feeling unwell. He was confined to his room on Tuesday, with chills, which changed into typhoid fever on Wednesday, and he died on Thursday night at 12 o'clock. He leaves an interesting family to mourn his loss. The deceased was universally respected by all who knew him, either professionally or socially.

JAYNE'S EXPEDITION, Dec. December 9—7 P. M.—Weather cloudy. There is nine feet in the pass over the falls, and seven and a half feet over the rocks. Nothing else stirring. The river is on a stand this evening. The Robert Burns and the 500 bales of cotton, left the river has been waiting for the past two days, and a coal-boat containing 20,000 bushels of coal, on our way thus far, has been swamped at the foot of the falls. One hundred and forty-nine boats and barges of coal passed over the falls during the last three days, making near two million bushels. There is a number to go over yet.

The Louisville *Courier* of Monday, has the following:

The towboats have not yet made up their tows of coal for the South, though we think the greater number will be off by this evening. The Grand Lake, the new towboat, was busy yesterday towing her barges over the falls, and had made four trips. The Hornet and Baltic has also arrived and were preparing to start South. A number of the barges belonging to C. Miller & Co., in tow of the Dart was sunk on the falls and broke to pieces and the whole was a total loss. We also learn that the towboat Eagle ran on one of the rocks in the channel, filled with water, and was run to the shore below New Albany. The steamer Belle of Pike passed down from New Albany to catch a burnt boiler. We fear the storm that prevailed along the Cumberland river will be disastrous to the coal fleet. The storm was very severe at Cincinnati, where it unroofed several houses. It has not been here, though doing no damage.

The new low-pressure steamer Richmond, on the route to Madison, had a slight shock of the high wind, but escaped all damage. A portion of the after part of the hurricane roof, in an unfinished condition, was slightly loosened from the standard, and it will give the builders an hour or two's trouble to readjust. It was a portion of the roof provided for protection after dark. The Richmond is well fully roofed in and the texas built, and she is as fine a boat as any of the steys on the first high tide.

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