FINANCE AND TRADE.

THE financial situation yesterday was without change so far as the supply of currency was concerned, though bankers generally experienced better deposits on account of the retail trade, which, as usual at the approach of the holidays, is now quite active; some dealers in that line reporting heavier sales than at this time last year. It is not likely there will be any material relaxation in finances until after the holidays, and much will then depend on the cotton market, which, however favorable it may be for clean and bright descriptions, is now very dull for inferior. Exchange is plentiful, with bankers asking par for checks on New York and New Orleans, but discounting commercial bills on the former ¼ and on the latter ½ per cent. In New York the price of gold declined to 114, and dealers here were not inclined to exceed 113 in buying. Stocks and bonds were lifeless, and there was but little movement for scrip—prices of which were unchanged.

THE COTTON MARKET yesterday, as is usual on Saturdays, was quiet; prices were steady and unchanged. New York closed easier, while futures were weak; Liverpool arrivals were lower. There was a fair inquiry in our market for the better grades, which continue in decided request and are firmly held. For lower grades the demand was moderate; the best quality of dusty, and also of stained, quote a fit le higher. Yesterday the quotations of the Memphis cotton exchange were as follows:

	Yesterday	Day before.
Ordinary	10 @10¼	10 @10⅛
Good ordinary	11¼@11½	11⅛@11¼
Low middling	12½@12¾	12½@12¾
Middling	— @12⅝	— @12⅝
Good middling	13¼@13½	13⅛@13½
Middling fair	— @14	— @14
Fair	— @14¾	— @14¾

The market closed firm, quiet and steady; sales were 2500 bales, of all which spinners took 1500 bales, exporters 900 bales, and speculators 200 bales. Dusty cottons quote 7@10c; stained, 10@12c.

COTTON STATEMENT.

	1875-6.	1874-5.	1873-4.
Received yesterday	3 288	3,829	4,016
Received previously	238,430	.....	.....
Total	241,718	188,459	180,312
Shipped yesterday	2,560	2,220	3,456
Shipped previously	185,559	.....	.....
Total	187,609	143,289	131,108
Stock	56,629	62,992	52,709

Imports.—M. & C. R. R., 676; M. & T. R. R., 652; L. & N. G. S. R. R., 525; P. & M. R. R., 126; M. & L. R. R. W., 412; steamers, 395.

Exports.—M. & C. R. R., 1058; L. & N. G. S. R. R., 1242; by rail north, 2300.

The following are the official telegrams of the condition of the domestic markets as received at the cotton exchange:

Latest Telegrams.	State of Market.	Receipts.	Sales.	Price Middling.
Galveston	Dull.	2,651	.....	12¾
New Orl'ns	Steady.	7,793	.....	12¾
Mobile	Quiet.	4 276	.....	12¾@12⅞
Savannah	Lower.	4,730	.....	12⅞
Charleston	Quiet.	3 150	.....	13¼
Wilmingt'n	Quiet.	821	.....	12¾
Norfolk	Quiet.	2,478	.....	12⅞
Baltimore	Quiet.	.....	.....	12⅞@13
New York	Easier.	1,605	.....	13 5-16
Boston	Quiet.	311	.....	13¾
Phila'delphia	.....	416	.....	.....
St. Louis	Steady.	487	.....	12¾
Augusta	Steady	1,614	.....	12¾@12⅞

Yesterday's New York closing telegram reports: Ordinary, 10 11-16c; good ordinary, 12¼c; low middling, 12½c; middling, 13 5-16c; sales, 597 bales. Opened steady; closed easier.

The following are the closing rates in New York futures for yesterday and the day before:

MONTHS.	YESTERDAY.	DAY BEFORE.
January	13 5-32@13 3-16	13⅛@13 5-16
February	13 11-32@13⅝	13 7-16@13 ½
March	13 19-32@13⅞	13 11-16@13¾
April	13 27-32@	13 15-16@14
May	14 1-32@14 1-16	14 3-16@14¼
June	14 ⅛@	14 5-16@14 7-16
July	14 15-32@14 7-16	14 ½@14 9-16
August	14 15-32@14 17-32	14 11-16@14¾
September	— @	— @
October	— @	— @
November	— @	— @
December	13⅞@	13 3-16@13⅜

Sales, 15,300 bales; opened weak; closed weak.

Yesterday's Liverpool closing telegram reports: Uplands, 7d; Orleans, 7½d; sales, 7000 bales, of which 3400 were American. The market closed quiet.

Liverpool arrivals were 1-32d lower.

Gold in New York closed at 114¼.

The movement at all the ports was reported as follows:

	This Week.	Last Week.	Same Time Last Year.
Rec'ts since F'y	38 282	20,671	27,559
Exp'ts G. Britain	9,916	5,154	10,593
Exp'ts Contin't	11,650	3,641	2,058
Stock	918,435	661,112	762,422

THERE was a fair attendance at the meeting of the produce exchange, with considerable demand for some articles, especially corn, of which the market was bare, and on account of continued cold weather, holding was as high as to restrict business in other articles. Hay was more noticed, and western mixed sold at $10 50 for inferior to $18 for prime. Bran was readily taken at $17 50 and tended upward at the close. No oats of desirable quality were offered, but inferior received no attention; No. 2 mixed to arrive, 47@48c was asked. Meal was firm at $2 50 per bbl, with little offering. No Ohio river peachblow or russet potatoes were to be had under $1 50, and $2 was asked for New York early rose. Eggs held generally at 28c for lots, demand being light. For small chickens the market remained dull, but all choice poultry was in demand, and dressed command better prices.

FLOUR—Superfine, $4 50@5; double extra $5 25@5 75; treble extra, $6@6 50; choice, $7 25@7 75; family, $8@8 50 per bbl.

CORNMEAL—Kiln-dried, $2 60@2 65 per bbl.

CORN—Active; mixed, 64@65c; white, 66@67c per bush.

OATS—Scarce; mixed, 48@50c; white, 51@52c; seed, 53@55c per bush.

HAY—Dull; choice western, $20@30; prairie, $12@13; mixed, $17@22 per ton.

BACON—Breakfast, 15¼@16c; sugar-cured hams, 16@18c (packed).

PORK—Mess, $21 75@22.

BULK MEAT—Shoulders, 8¾@8⅞c; long clear sides, 10¼@10½c; clear rib sides, 11@11½c; clear sides, 11¼@11½c; hams, 11@11¼c (packed); loose and green, ¾@¼c lower.

LARD—In tierces, 13¼@13½c; in kegs, 14@14½; refined, 10¼@10½c.

FIGS FREIGHT—Per ton, $2 25.

BALING STUFF—Bagging, 2 and 2¼ lb., 12¼@13c; baling twine, 14@14½c; iron ties, 5¼@5½c; hoop iron, 3¾@4c; nails, $3 50.

MACKEREL—Half bbls., No. 1, $8 50@8 75; half bbls., No. 2, $7 25@8; half bbls., No. 3, $6 75@7; kits, No. 1, $1 75@1 85; kits, No. 2, $1 60; kits, No. 3, $1 25.

WHITE FISH—Half bbls., $5 50@6 75.

NUTS—Brazil, 10@12c; filberts, 14@15c; pecans, 14@15c; almonds, 21@22c; cocoanuts, $6.

COFFEE—Rio, 22@26c; Java, 35@36c.

SUGAR LOUISIANA—Firmer; open kettle, 7¼@8¼c; yellow clarified, 9¼@10c; white clarified, 10¼@10¾c per lb.

SUGAR REFINED—Standard A, 10¾@11c; crushed and powdered, 11¼@12¼c; granulated, 11¼@12¼c per lb.

MOLASSES—Common to choice, 60@60c per gal.

SYRUPS—Common to fancy, 40c@$1 per gal.

CHEESE—Western, 13¾@14c per lb.

RICE—Ordinary to choice, 7@8¾c per lb.

SALT—Coarse and common fine, $1 75@1 85; dairy, in bbls, $2 75@3; Liverpool, common sacks, $1 50@1 60; Liverpool fine, sacks, $1 65@1 75 per bbl.

SODA—Resin and German, 5@6¾c per lb.

CANDLES—Boxes, full weight, 16¾@17c; half box, full weight, 17@17½c; quarter box, full weight, 17¾@18c per lb.

STARCH, 5@6½c per lb.

WHISKY—$1 00@$4 per gal.

LIME—$1 35@1 50 per bbl.

CEMENT—$2 25@2 75 per bbl.

ESCULENTS AND FRUITS—Apples, per bbl, $1 50@5; lemons, per box, $4@4 50; oranges, per box $3 50@4 50; potatoes—Peachblows, per bbl, $1 70@1 80; Early Rose, $2@2 25; L. L., $2 25@2 50; russets, $1 60@1 70; Pinkeyes, $2; cabbage, per head, 10@14c; onions, $2@2 25; kraut, barrels, $5 75@6 25; kraut, half barrels, $3 25@3 50; beans, per bushel, $1 85@2 25; dried apples, 9@10c; dried peaches, 10@11c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Nails, per keg, $3 20@3 30; vinegar, per gallon, 18@25c; tobacco, per lb, 38@81; raisins, $1 25@3 50; sardines, $15 50@18; oysters, 1 lb, 50@90c; oysters, 2 lbs, $1 50@1 70; croons, $2 50@3 50; buckets, $1 90@2; tubs, per dozen, $7@8; matches, $7@7 50; selves, $1 75@2 25; washboards, $1@2 25; cotton rope, 2½@3c; grass rope, 12½@14c; powder, Kegs, $5 75; shot, patent, $2 40@2 50; soda, kegs, 5@5½c; soda, cases, 6@6½c.

MONEY MARKETS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Money, 4@7 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6@8 per cent. The assistant treasurer disbursed $460,000. Clearings, $28,000,000. Gold opened at 114¼, fell off to 114¼ and closed at 114¼. Carrying rates, 1, 1¼, 2, 4@5 per cent. Loans also made flat. There were some sales of long gold to-day and a disposition among the room speculators to sell the market in anticipation of the January disbursements, before the weakness. The failure of Greene & Cranston, of Providence, attracted some attention, as the firm stood high. The immediate cause of the failure is attributed to advances made to an arms manufacturing company, although it is believed that the firm was previously weakened by the failure of Sprague and Duncan, Sherman & Co. Government bonds closed firm. Railroad bonds quiet. In late afternoon dealings Central Pacific rose to 107¼; Western Pacific brought 100, and Milwaukee and St. Paul consolidated funds at 82. The stock market opened quiet with a downward tendency, and by afternoon prices had declined from ¼ to 1 per cent. Toward the close the market became firmer, and at the close was active and steady. Lake Shore advanced to 61¼, and closed at 61¼@61½; Northwestern common recovered to 39, and Northwestern preferred to 55; Michigan Central to 59¾; Western Union to 76½; Union Pacific to 75½; St. Paul common to 35½, and preferred to 65¾; Pacific Mail rallied to 39¼, but closed at 39¼@39½; other changes were slight. Transactions on stock exchange aggregated 95,000 shares, of which 84,000 were Erie, 3740 Lake Shore, 4300 Northwestern common, 2200 Northwestern1, 6,000 Pacific Mail, 10 500 Western Union, 2840 Union Pacific, and 2600 Michigan Central.

DRY GOODS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, December 18.—The package trade continued quiet, except in brown sheetings, plaid prints and low grade cotton flannels, which were fairly active and steady. Shirtings, prints and cambrics in fair demand. Cassimeres and shirtings were taken by clothiers in moderate amounts. Worsted coatings quiet. Holiday handkerchiefs, embroidered, etc, in fair request.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LOUISVILLE, December 18.—Flour and wheat quiet. Corn active and firm, 43@56c. Oats quiet but steady, 38@42c. Rye dull, 78@80c. Hay quiet but firm, $10@18. Provisions easier, but not quotably lower. Pork, $21 50. Bacon—clear ribs, 13½c. Bulk meats, 7½@7¾, 10½@10¾. 10½@10¾c, loose. Lard—tierce, 14¼; keg, 14½@15c. Whisky, $1 11. Bagging quiet.

ST. LOUIS, December 18.—Flour quiet. Wheat dull and drooping; No. 2 red fall, $1 40@1 41; No. 3 red fall, $1 27. Corn is in good demand at full prices; No. 2 mixed, 42½ cash; 42½@42¾ December. Oats dull and lower; No. 2, 35c cash. Barley, nothing doing. Rye steady at 66½@67c. Pork dull at $19 75. Lard firm at 12¾c here and up the country. Bulk meats—demand light but holders are firm, business was very small. Green meats are steady. Bacon is dull; only small jobbing sales. Hams in pickle, 11c up country. Whisky is nominal.

CINCINNATI, December 18.—Flour quiet. Wheat steady; No. 2 red, $1 28@1 30. Corn—fair demand and firm, 48@49c. Oats quiet and steady, 35@42c. Barley quiet. Rye dull, 78@80c. Pork inactive, $20 25. Lard steady and firm; steam, 12 50c spot; 13¼c buyer March; kettle, 13¼@13½c. Bulk meats and bacon quiet. Green meats quiet but firm—shoulders, 7c; sides, 10c; hams, 10½@10¾c. Hogs quiet but firm; common light, $6 50@6 90; fair to good packing $7@7 30; choice heavy, $7 55; receipts, 6842 head; shipments, 136 head. Whisky in air demand and firm, $1 11. Butter dull.

CHICAGO, December 18.—Flour dull; western extras, $4@4 25; family, $4 75@5 50; Minnesota, $5@6 25. Wheat excited, and so unsettled that accurate quotations can hardly be given; No. 1 Chicago spring, $1 03; No. 2 Chicago spring, 97c spot; 97½c January; sales at 98c@$1 February; No. 3 Chicago spring, 79½c; rejected, 64@65½c. Corn active but a shade lower; No. 2, 49½ spot; 48½c bid December; 44½c bid January; old, rejected, 43c; new, 35c. Oats—unsettled, but generally higher; No. 2, 30½c spot; 30½c January. Rye steady. Barley in fair demand but at lower rates; 86½c spot; 84½c January. Pork dull and lower at $19 40@19 42½ February; $19 70 March. Lard quiet but steady at 12.32½c; spot 12½@12.52½c. Bulk meats steady. Whisky in fair demand and firm, $1 10.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18.—Sugar—common, 5¾@6½c; low fair to fully fair, 6½@7c; prime, 7¼@7½c; strictly prime to choice, 7⅝@7¾c; choice yellow clarified, 8½c. Molasses—cistern bottom, 38c; centrifugal, 25@38c; common, 30@38c; fair, 40@42c; prime, 43@45c; strictly prime to choice, 47@52c. Flour—superfine, $4 25; double extra, $4 25; treble extra, $4 50@5; choice and family, $6@6 50. Cornmeal stronger, $2 70@2 75.—Corn, 60@63c. Oats, 45@54c. Bran, 90c. Hay in good supply, dull; sales prime, $22. Pork—new mess, $22. Dry salt meat—no shoulders; clear ribsides, 10½@10¾c; clear sides, 11c. Bacon—no shoulders on hand; clear rib sides and clear, 13½c. Hams—choice sugar-cured, 17½@18c; inferior, 15@16c. Lard—tierce, packers, 12¾c; refined, 13c; keg, 13½c. Coffee dull; ordinary 17¾@18½c; fair 17½@17¾c; good to prime, 20@20½c. Whisky—rectified, $1 12@1 15.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Flour in very moderate export and home trade demand; superfine State and western, $4 50@4 75; common to good extra, $5@5 50; good to choice, $5 55@6; white wheat extra, $6 05@7 75; extra Ohio, $5 10@7 40; St. Louis, $5 25@9; Minnesota patent process, $6 75@9. Rye flour, $4 25@5 40. Cornmeal steady; western, $3 35@3 70. Wheat opened a shade firmer and closed quiet; rejected spring, $1; ungraded spring, $1 02@1 15; No. 2 Chicago spring, $1 18; No. 1 Minnesota, afloat, $1 32; winter red western, new, $1 23@1 29½; white western, $1 38@1 45; No. 3 Chicago spring, $1 09; amber Michigan, 85c; No. 3 amber Michigan, $1 11; No. 1 Minnesota, Milwaukee and Sheboygen, $1 31@1 33. Rye is quiet; western, 88@90c; State, 93@95c; Canadian bond, 90c. Barley dull. Malt quiet. Corn quiet but steady; western mixed, sail, 76½c; high mixed yellow western, 77c; old western mixed, inferior, afloat, 74½c; bright, 72c; white western, new, common, 66c. Oats steady; mixed western State, 44@50c; white western, 46@52c. Hay firm; shipping, $80. Hops steady. Rio coffee quiet. Sugar quiet. Rice quiet. Molasses quiet. Petroleum quiet but steady; crude, 7½c; refined, 12½c. Eggs firm; western, 28½@30c. Bacon steady. Pork dull; new mess jobbing, $21. Beef quiet. Middles quiet; western long clear, 10½c. Lard dull but easier; prime steam, 13@13 1-16c; January, 13½c. Butter—choice steady and others heavy; western, 16@25c. Whisky lower, $1 15. Cheese quiet, 6@12½c.

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RIVER CHRONICLE.

Weather and Rivers.

The weather yesterday morning was bright and pleasant, but toward the shank of the evening the atmosphere became hazy, almost to the condition of cloudy, and a gradual uppercess of the temperature rather tended to an early change to rain or snow. The thermometrical register was 41°. Beyond the telegrams announcing the closing of navigation to St. Louis, we have nothing of moment from the rivers at all points except what may be gleaned from the official table and Associated Press dispatches below:

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. ARMY, MEMPHIS, TENN., December 18, 1875.

River & Rmks.	Above low water. Feet.	In's.	Changes. Rise. Ft.	In.	Fall Ft.	In.
Cairo	19	5	.....	.....	.....	4
Cincinnati	17	9	.....	.....	2	.....
Davenport	6	3	.....	.....	2	5
Dubuque	6	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Evansville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keokuk	1	9	.....	.....	1	.....
Leavenworth	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Rock	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Memphis	15	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nashville	10	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
*New Orleans	11	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Pittsburg	4	6	.....	.....	.....	5
Shreveport	5	1	.....	.....	.....	1
St. Louis	5	1	.....	.....	.....	6
Vicksburg	21	10	.....	.....	.....	2

*Below bench-mark.

H. M. LUDWIG, Sergeant.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NASHVILLE, December 18.—River is falling, with 6 feet on the shoals.

PITTSBURG, December 18.—River 4 feet 4 inches, and falling. Weather clear and very cold.

VICKSBURG, December 18.—River fell 2 inches. Up: Mitchell, Thompson Dean, James Howard and Colorado.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18.—Arrived: Bismarck, St. Louis. Departed: Louisville, J. W. Garrett and barges, Ohio river; Belle of Shreveport, St. Louis.

LOUISVILLE, December 18.—River falling, with 8 feet 11 inches in the canal and 6 feet 11 inches on the falls. Weather clear and cold. Departed: Mary Houston, New Orleans.

CINCINNATI, December 18.—River 17 feet and falling. Weather clear and moderating. Arrived: Minnesla, Memphis. Departed: Vint Shinkle, Memphis; Golden Rule, New Orleans.

EVANSVILLE, December 18.—Weather clear until this afternoon, but now cloudy and cold. Mercury 11° to 31°; now 21° and falling. River 18 feet and 4-10 inches, and falling. Port-List—Up: H. S. Turner, 3 a.m.; Andy Baum, 1 p.m.

CAIRO, December 18.—Noon.—No arrivals. Departed last night: Belle St. Louis, St. Louis, 10 p.m. Weather clear and cold but moderating.....Night—Arrived: Ste. Genevieve, Memphis, 2 p.m.; Glencoe, St. Louis, 3 p.m; Colossal, Vicksburg, 5 p.m; Charles B. Church, New Orleans, 5 p.m.; Cons Millar, Cincinnati, 6 p.m. Departed: Charles B. Church, Cincinnati, p.m. River 19 feet 5 inches, and falling. Weather cloudy but moderating. Mercury, 32°.

Movements at the Levee.

ARRIVALS.

Idlewild, Evansville, Osceola, St. Francis river; Tidal Wave, St. Louis; Belle Memphis, St. Louis.

DEPARTURES.

Ruth, White river; Nellie Peck, Arkansas river; James D. Parker, Cincinnati; Idlewild, Napoleon; Tidal Wave, Vicksburg.

IN PORT.

Osceola, Quickstep.

BOATS DUE.

Phil Allin, George W. Cheek, Susie Silver, Fort Gibson, Osceola Belle, Joe Kinney, John F. Tolle, Fannie Tatum, Cons. Millar, Thompson Dean, James Howard, Illinois.

BOATS LEAVING SUNDAY.

ST. LOUIS—Belle Memphis, Crane, master, ten a.m.

BOATS LEAVING MONDAY.

FRIARS POINT—Phil Allin, James Lee, sr., master, five p.m.

HELENA—G. W. Cheek, Nat. Green, master, five p.m.

NAPOLEON—A. J. White, George Malone, master, five p.m.

ASHPORT—Osceola Belle, O. P. Joplin, master, five p.m.

ST. FRANCIS RIVER—Osceola, Bowman, master; five p.m.

ARKANSAS RIVER—Fort Gibson, Nowland, master; five p.m.

Receipts Yesterday.

Osceola—Brought out of St. Francis river 319 bales cotton, 2043 sacks cottonseed, 54 dray hides, 2000 fish and a lot of sundries.

Idlewild—42 bales cotton, 550 sacks bran, 285 bales hay and a large lot of sundries.

Levee Dots.

Quite pleasant on the levee yesterday.

The Andrews-Joplin upper bend line is doing a heavy business in passengers.

Milt Harry is in town, but nobody knows how he got here or where he is stopping.

St. Louis bound steamers become icebound steamers at Cairo where they will remain until the cold snap is over.

The Commonwealth was to have left St Louis, bound south, yesterday evening, but it may be the ice prevented her.

A man had to be as smart as a mustard-plaster to torture an interesting column of news out of Saturday's events in these parts.

The St. Francis Belle passed Devalls Bluff yesterday with 340 bales cotton. She will be here in time to leave on her regular day—Tuesday.

Albert Lieben, at 298 Main street, has all the late magazines and river papers, besides all manner of literature suitable to the tastes of the marines.

All the marines in port will attend services at the various churches this morning, and among all the worshippers none will be more devout.

We met Mr. Brazee, one of the pilots of the Kittie Heigler yesterday. The Kittie lies here awaiting a heavy dew in Arkansas river.

Captain Stack Lee was about the proudest man on the levee yesterday, and will walk the roof of the Idlewild like a prince—a marine prince, you know.

Everybody, and marines in particular, is congratulating the farmer on the beautiful weather, affording such excellent opportunity to pick the last lock of the staple.

The John M. Chambers was advertised to leave for St. Louis yesterday, for Vicksburg, in command of Captain La Barge. Henry Semmes and Jesse Jamison are her star searchers.

Captain Harpmann, inspector of hulls, went through the Idlewild yesterday, giving her a scrutinizing inspection, pronouncing her thoroughly sound and in every respect seaworthy.

The James D. Parker left last evening for Cincinnati with 258 bales cotton, 215 barrels oil, 50 bales rags, 8 tons scrap iron, 75 packages sundries, a good lot of way freight and 40 cabin passengers.

Mr. Ed. Thomas, her former chief clerk, is retained in the office of the Idlewild. Harry Bateman, formerly chief clerk of the Quickstep, taking the second clerkship of the Idlewild.

We are authorized to state that the Fort Gibson was detained up Arkansas river by low water, but will leave here at five o'clock Monday evening for all points on Arkansas river as high as Pine Bluff.

Save the discharging of freights from one or two packets yesterday, business was awful dull, and crowds of rousters were standing around with their arms folded, Micawber-like, waiting for something to turn up.

About thirty ladies and gentlemen are making the present round trip from Pittsburg to New Orleans and back on the John L. Rhoads. The majority of the party is composed of young ladies, among them a daughter of Captain Vandegrift.

The Ruth, Captain Ed Postal, left for White river yesterday evening with a splendid trip of freight and people. Ed Crowell wore smiles as broad as the universe and as numerous as fleas on a ganger pup. He had on his Sunday clothes, you know.

The hull of the "Grand Republic" was launched at St. Louis yesterday. Captain Throwleigan will be congratulated on the success of his new enterprise, which is said to be the grandest marine achievement on record, of the fresh water persuasion.

The Idlewild took out a large number of colored citizens from Evansville, Wednesday, who go to seek work in the cotton-fields of the south, where they are assured that by industry they can make from two dollars and fifty cents to four dollars a day picking cotton. Captain James Lee, jr., gave them assurance that he would secure them honest and humane employment.

The Osceola, coming out of St. Francis river, had 319 bales of cotton, and 2043 sacks of seed, besides a large lot of sundries. This is perhaps the biggest load brought out of that stream this season, and is positive evidence of the popularity of the Osceola and her officers with the people all along St. Francis and L'Anguille rivers. She returns Monday evening, and will give dispatch to all business entrusted to her.

Hundreds of people visited Captain Stack Lee's new boat, the pretty Idlewild, yesterday, and all came away expressing admiration of her proportions and appointments. Captain Jack Grammer, her former commander, speaks in highest commendation of the Idlewild, and we feel assured that with her and the Phil Allin, the Lee line will be able to cater to the demands of the trade in which these two packets will run the season through.

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