

A CLOSED RIVER.

The Ice Gorged at Buckhill Bar Below Proctor Yesterday.

IS AN UNUSUALLY EARLY TIME

For the River to Close—The Low Water and a Protruding Bar Caused the Gorge. The Liberty to Try and Break Through and Reach Wheeling This Morning. The Ice in the River Getting Pretty Heavy—Navigation is Uncertain.

An ice closed river before Christmas is very unusual on the upper Ohio, although once in the history of the Ohio ice closed as early as November 21. This was in 1859, fifteen years ago, when a gorge formed at Georgetown, Pa., below Pittsburgh. Yesterday morning the news reached the city in the shape of a telegram from the captain of the Lexington to Captain J. F. Cline, that the river had closed at Buckhill bar, between Hannibal and Proctor. The Lexington, added the telegram, had laid up below the gorge and awaited orders. Captain Cline left for Proctor on the afternoon Ohio River train with the intention of getting through to Wheeling to-night or early in the morning, if possible.

Later in the day it was learned that the Liberty was also below the gorge, and Captain Booth intended to try and break up the ice so that his boat could get through to Wheeling. The Lexington, having just been provided with an ice shield on her bows, should be able to shove her nose through the ice, which is reported as being rather thin and soft. The gorge would never have occurred had the river been higher, the channel at Buckhill at low water being too narrow to negotiate the big cakes. The ice at this port was heavier yesterday and the cakes were very large, but it is hoped that a day of warmer weather will come in time to melt the ice and send the snow that covers the ground to the rivers, with the effect of bringing the river up to a coal boating stage.

BEN HUR IN TROUBLE.

She Went Aground at Glasshouse—A Deckhand Drowned.

The low condition of the Ohio river was the cause of a deck-hand being drowned off the Wheeling packet, H. K. Bedford, Capt. Gordon Green, at Glasshouse, about 2 a. m. yesterday. The body had not been recovered at 12 o'clock. The Bedford left the wharf at 8 a. m., says the Chronicle Telegraph, owing to the low condition of the water in the harbor and the Ohio, which is falling rapidly, and the name of the drowned man could not be learned.

The Ben Hur should have reached the wharf before noon Thursday, but on account of the low water and ice she made slow progress up the Ohio. All went well until she reached the Glasshouse, where she ran aground, and at last accounts was still there. The Bedford steamed up the river shortly after midnight, and the Ben Hur being in distress, the Bedford went to her assistance. When the Bedford struck against the boat one of Captain Green's deck crew fell overboard, and although every effort was made to rescue him he went down for the last time before a line or boat could reach him. It is said that none of the crew knew the man's name and that he had only been on the boat for a trip.

The Bedford took off the cargo of the Ben Hur and brought it to the Pittsburgh wharf, and it is likely that the stranded boat will be compelled to remain where she is until there is a rise in the river. She is not thought to be in a bad condition, but there is no telling what will happen to her. The channel at Glasshouse was dredged out by the government a year or more ago, but notwithstanding this fact the boats have had considerable trouble there. The Ben Hur is a fine steamer and is well known all along the river. She is owned by Parkersburg people.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interests.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Jewel, Clarinton, 4 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Liberty, Parkersburg, 11 a. m. (probable).

Lexington, Matamoras, 11 a. m. (probable).

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Lorenz, Zanesville, 5 a. m.

Ruth, Pittsburgh, 6 a. m.

H. K. Bedford, Pittsburgh, 5 a. m.

Keystone State, Pittsburgh, 5 a. m.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 4 feet full and falling. This is a fall of 6 inches in twenty-four hours. Weather cloudy and cold.

The coal flat left aground at Culom's during the late coal run is causing the packet pilots considerable trouble, as it is near the main channel.

At 3 o'clock this morning neither the Lexington or Liberty had been from below and it is probable that the attempt to break the Buckhill gorge proved a failure.

The pilots of the Hudson complain of a sunken barge at the foot of Brown's Island, which is directly in the channel, and necessitates great caution in passing.

Twenty-one merchants have joined the Ohio River Improvement Association from Gallipolis. Other river towns will respond soon. The membership is open to all who are in favor of an increase of traffic on the river, a betterment of its facilities and for its improvement. The annual dues are but \$5.

The ice and low water combine to make navigation uncertain. To-day there will be three departures providing the gorge at Buckhill is broken. Otherwise the Jewel will be the only boat departing, and the ice may be too heavy for her. Sunday's scheduled boats are given above, but not one of the lot is certain unless there is a radical change in weather conditions to-day.

The H. K. Bedford was due from Pittsburgh at 10 o'clock last night, but had not arrived at an early hour this morning. She was scheduled to go through to Newport, but Captain Green had not notified the wharfbote men whether he would go through. In fact, it is probable he would turn back for Pittsburgh or await developments to-day.

Hon. John L. Vance, president of the Ohio River Improvement Association, was in Cincinnati on business connected with the improvement of the Ohio river. "The association is growing in a very satisfactory way," said he. "There will be a meeting of the executive council in Cincinnati, on Friday, December 27, and then one of the ablest most likely to shape up a plan of action and take our first steps in regard to getting properly before Congress."

Barrett's Charlie McDonald will soon take an immense fleet of produce boats to the southern markets from points down the river between Parkersburg and Huntington. They are Willow Grove, W. W. Hayman, two boats, 3,800 barrels of potatoes and 100 barrels apples; A. & E. Douglas, three landing boats, 1,500 barrels potatoes, 1,200 barrels apples; Peter Bents, Letart, one boat, 2,000 barrels potatoes; Al. Alexander, Letart, one boat, 1,000 barrels potatoes; E. Billee, Apple Grove, two boats, 3,500 barrels potatoes; John Alexander, Letart, one boat of crockery. This is said to be one of the largest produce fleets that ever went out of the Ohio. Except the Letart produce, all is from West Virginia farms. The tow is made up of nine boats carrying 14,500 barrels of apples and potatoes, or nearly 42,000 bushels, 2,432,000 pounds. It would require a train of 90 cars to

carry this cargo by rail, but the cost of transportation via water is only one-fourth that by rail—another argument for a river navigable the year around.

Major W. R. Lowe, chief clerk at the new Ohio river dam, at the mouth of Haccoon creek, states that work has been discontinued until next spring. Comparatively little headway was made during the summer, although low stage of water was favorable. Last winter plans for the summer's work were prepared and sent to the war department for approval, but no action was taken by that department, owing to the shortage of money in the treasury. Plans will again be submitted for next season's work.

Pittsburgh—River 3.2 feet and falling at the dam. Weather clear and cool.

Parkersburg—River 5.1 feet and falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

Cincinnati—River 3.8 feet and falling. Weather, snowing.

Louisville—River 5.3 feet and stationary. Weather, cloudy and cold.

Cairo—River 4.1 feet and rising. Weather, clear and cold.

Greensboro—River 7 feet 3 inches and stationary. Weather fair and cold.

Oil City—River 1 foot 3 inches and falling. Weather clear and cold.

Warren—River 1 foot 1 inch and stationary. Weather clear and cold.

Morgantown—River 6 feet 10 inches and stationary. Weather clear and cold.

Steubenville—River 3 feet 2 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Miss Rhea and companion are at the McClure.

Alex. Sweeney, of Steubenville, is visiting Wheeling friends.

Mr. S. B. Brubaker is making a visit to his old home, Mansfield, O.

Miss Todd Baird has returned from a visit to friends at Washington, Pa.

J. Carl Vance, of Clarksburg, was in Wheeling on a business visit yesterday.

Charles A. Gossett, one of the "Lorillard plug" travelers, is a McClure arrival.

W. A. Cruise and George H. H. Kunst, of Grafton, autographed at the McClure.

Hon. J. B. Floyd, of Charleston, one of the editors of the Charleston Mail, is at the McClure.

Mrs. I. Epplshelmer, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. Frank H. Stamm, at the Stamm House.

Mr. Beardsley and daughter, Mrs. C. D. Oldham, of Wheeling, are visiting friends in the city.—Steubenville Herald.

Clint Moore, of Sistersville, superintendent of the Eureka pipe line, was a figure in the McClure lobby last evening.

Mrs. R. M. Cummins and Miss Cummins, of New Brunswick, and Mrs. C. K. Lamb, of Pittsburgh, were guests at the McClure.

Bert Lowther, of Wheeling, who has been visiting friends in this city for several days, returned home to-day.—Steubenville Herald.

M. B. Cutter, superintendent of the Pittsburgh and Cumberland divisions of the Baltimore & Ohio, was here yesterday on a business trip.

Last evening Miss Blanche Lane, of the Island, entertained the "Cray Night" club at her home and all present had an exceedingly enjoyable time.

Mrs. Will Hague, of East Wheeling, has returned from a visit to the Atlanta exposition, accompanied by her sister, Miss Mary Colpitts, of Barnesville, O.

Mr. George Cook, of Martin's Ferry, who has had charge of the city engineering for some time, since Mr. Millar left, has completed his work and left this morning for home.—Sistersville Review.

The many Wheeling friends of Mr. Edmund T. Bullock, of Parkersburg, were pained to hear of his death there on Thursday. He spent his early life here, and was warmly remembered by the friends of his boyhood days.

G. M. Gardner, of Sistersville; G. C. Carner, of Sistersville; George W. Ross, of Belmont; J. T. Callaman, of Butler, Pa.; J. G. Jennings, A. A. Bott and J. B. Samuels, of Pittsburgh, formed the old men's colony at the McClure last evening.

Mrs. Walker Frissell gave a progressive euchre party at her home on Fourteenth street Friday afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss Beall, of Brooke county. It was a delightful entertainment, and will long be pleasantly remembered by all present.

Mr. Philip Maurer returned yesterday from an extended western and southwestern trip. He spent five weeks at Los Angeles, visiting his sister, and did Texas, New and Old Mexico and Colorado. He reports a very enjoyable trip. He saw W. W. Whitmyer at El Paso, where he is connected with the Times, and he reports "Whitmy" much improved in health.

RHEA AS "NELL GWYNNE"

A Charming Comedy-Drama Presented at the Opera House.

Last night Miss Rhea and an excellent, even company, presented "Nell Gwynne" at the Opera House, its first performance in Wheeling. There was a large and fine audience, and a more appreciative one could not be desired. The charming star appears to excellent advantage in the title role. The comedy is just suited to her, and there is enough earnest work to serve as a foil for the playful spirit which prevails. Mr. Adams as the king, Mr. Wells as Lord Jeffreys, and especially Mr. O'Meara as Sir Roger Fairfax were especially strong, while the whole large cast was all that could be desired.

The care taken to make the costume picturesquely and historically correct is praiseworthy. Taken altogether the play was one of the most delightful in which Miss Rhea has ever appeared. It will be repeated this evening. At the matinee this afternoon, "Josephine, Empress of the French," will be the play, each performance should be greeted by a crowded house.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

Matinees at both theatres to-day.

The Grand this evening—"Miss Harum Scaram."

Opera House this evening—Rhea as "Nell Gwynne."

The hardware dealers have brought out their stock of skates and polished them up.

The men's meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian Association hall will be addressed by A. J. Clarke, esq.

Last night was the coldest of the season so far. The thermometer at Schenck's drugstore at 1 o'clock this morning registered 12.

The recently organized bona harbor union will meet again to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Henthorn's barber shop, just south of the Market street bridge.

The Steubenville Gazette says: There is a good demand for cut nails. Steubenville carpenters are using them for nearly all purposes when they can get them.

A few sleighs were out yesterday, but there was little sport in it. The coasting tracks are unusually fine, and the boys are making the most of them while the snow lasts.

Several people have experienced bad falls since the present spell of snow and ice set in, but fortunately nobody has been badly hurt. The snow ordinance ought to be rigidly enforced.

The Steubenville Herald says that John Dugan, the Pan Handle brakeman who was seriously hurt by falling over a trestle at Wheeling several weeks ago, is able to be out.

One of the most unsafe places for pedestrians in Wheeling is on the north side of Sixteenth street from the post-office to Chapline street. The sidewalk should be cleaned or ashes put on it.

The new safe for the Exchange bank arrived yesterday and was hauled to the bank. It is a tremendous affair as well as a handsome one, and attracted much attention from passers-by.

At the A. O. U. W. hall at 3 o'clock this afternoon the second musicale of the Women's Musical club will be given. A very attractive programme has been arranged and the artistic success of the concert is assured.

Clerk Hook yesterday admitted to record a deed made December 13 by Charles Landmeyer and wife to Otto Commeyre, for \$25, lot 3 of Landmeyer's addition to Wheeling, at the hill-top on the National road.

The Ladies' Aid Society and the King's Daughters of the Second Presbyterian church are making extensive preparations for the Christmas market, to be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 24, at the church.

James Geraghty, the well known foreman at the Wheeling steel plant at Benwood, was painfully burned about the arms, shoulders and chest by a splash of molten steel. His injuries are not dangerous, but will lay him up for some time.

About 7:30 last night a slight fire broke out among the rafters of Mrs. Maggie Adolph's restaurant at the west end of the Bridgeport bridge. The chemical engine responded to a telephone call and extinguished the flames without much trouble. The blaze was caused by a defective flue; loss about \$15.

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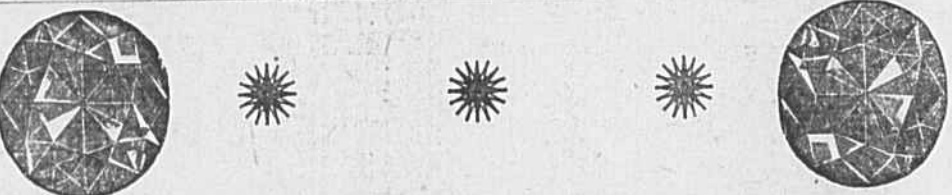
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