

PITTSBURG TO GULE.

A Shanty-Boatman's Feary Journey Through the Bayous.

LOTS OF QUEER THINGS AFLOAT.

Money Made Catching Mud Turtles and Muskrats.

VENISON, WILD TURKEY AND HOE CAKE

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

CINCINNATI, April 20.—A rough pine box, 30 feet long by 11 feet wide and 7 feet high, secured upon the bottom of a home-made raft, came up the river in some mysterious way last night, and this morning was seen to a peg driven in the sand at Shanty-Boat Town, on the Kentucky shore, opposite Cincinnati.

It was the home of Captain Silas Withers, and in about 30 days, by easy stages, will have completed its journey, and be nose as a Pittsburg wharf.

The tide of travel among the shanty-boatmen is slowly retreating northward, and by the 1st of June all of that leisure class who follow the warm weather into the bayous, and come back with it to the North, will be tied up at their summer quarters, or will be well on their way to the head of navigation on the Mississippi, whence many of them start in September for their winter haunts.

Among them Captain Withers is known as a regular and a pioneer.

"There is plenty of money afloat in the river north of Cairo," said he this morning. "Plenty of it; but further south—in the bayous and along the Gulf coast—it can be taken up in seconds. Alligators, oysters, sea beans, sharks, pelicans, wild ducks, jack fish, tarpon and sea trout swarm in those waters, and everyone of them can be sold for good money. The gators, sharks and pelicans in the Northern markets and the others, which have to be specially packed for transportation, at New Orleans.

CHEAP LIVING.

"But we don't need much money—we river people—about \$100 will cost us that every year to be expended to Pittsburg—is my biggest item of expense, and that of course I might avoid by staying in the South. Ten dollars will buy a whole year's clothing; tobacco can be had all along the Kentucky shore for the asking; and as for food—it is not necessary to go half a mile from the bayou at any time to shoot deer, turkeys, squirrels, possums, and water fowl. Palmetto buds make as good cabbage as is ever grown in a field, and a bushel of oysters can be traded at any time for a peck of corn meal to make hoe cakes."

"But the oysters? what do you trade for them?" "I shovel them. Near the coast line, every little bayou in Louisiana is an oyster bed. It is only necessary to wade out into the shallow water and scoop up the shell fish with a shovel or fork. Of course, like all the gulf oysters, they are fat; but there are none in the world more delicious to the palate, the Bayou Cook oyster, which can only be procured in New Orleans, being famous in this respect. The oysters are the sweetest lump of slipperiness that can slide down a man's throat. But in my mind all the gulf oysters are equally fine flavored, the Bayou Cook oyster being the best of the others because of the pinkish tinge, which makes it distinctive.

"But don't think that all the wild game is found in the South. Come in and see the prizes that I caught yesterday."

A NOMAD'S HOME.

He led the way up the gang-plank, through the low doorway into his castle. A bunk, two chairs, a table and a stove completed the furnishing. A short plank on the right made a triangular pen in one corner, and about a dozen of the ugliest, slimmest, muddiest snapping turtles that ever came out of water were resting behind it. Their bright eyes watched every motion of a willow twig in the Captain's hand, and when he carried its end within three inches of the largest turtle's nose the head shot forward with a slight hiss and the twig was caught between jaws as unrelaxing as a bull dog's.

"All's fish that comes to my net," said the captain, "and that little bunch of fish—worth all of which I caught yesterday—is worth about \$5, and will be sold for that sum in Cincinnati before the day is out. There are 13 turtles in the lot, running about five pounds to the turtle, which will make 65 pounds, at 8 cents a pound, giving me \$5 20 for my day's work.

"There is scarcely a pond or a creek in this latitude which is not stocked with mud turtles, to a greater or less extent, and every one of snapper variety has a market value—shell and all—of about 8 cents per pound. They make the turtle soup which decorates the free-lunch counter in saloons, and figures on the bill of fare of many pretentious restaurants. The beast has a habit of sunning himself on logs projecting over the water. Upon the approach of the hunter they slip from their perch, and go splash into the depths.

CATCHING MUD TURTLES. "With a long-handled scoop the hunter searches the bottom of the pond at that spot until he feels the creature's hard back; then with a quick sweep of his arm he brings up scoop and turtle, sending the brute head over heels through the air to the shore, where it is picked up and popped into the boat, or into a leather bag, if the trip be made afoot.

"Another species for game common to this latitude, which often furnishes the shanty boatman all the money he needs in a season, is the muskrat. Two seasons ago I started North earlier than usual, and reached a muskrat town I knew of in a swampy bend of the Big Miami before they had broken camp and left their printer quarters. Did you ever see a muskrat town? No? Well, you have a pretty clear idea as to what a beaver house is—a dome of mud and sticks rising out of a marsh, with the entrance under water. Group about a dozen of these mud huts—most of them five feet high and four feet across at the bottom—in a swampy grove, and you have a muskrat town. I did not propose to waste much time on a venture of this kind. So I borrowed an empty potato barrel from a farmer, and sunk it in about two feet of water on the outskirts of the town.

CATCHING MUSKRATS. "I floated a few lines of apple peelings from the water into the barrel, and put a few apples to bobbing on the surface of the water in the barrel. The next morning five muskrats were trying to get out of the barrel into which they had jumped after the apple. And in two days I had taken 33 of them.

"It takes about ten minutes to strip the pelt from a muskrat, to rub the inside with a little salt, and to dry it, and to store it away ready for the dealer. They average about 20 cents apiece, and I got \$6 60 for my 33 pelts.

But taken altogether, the shanty-boatman who knows how to warp his way through the bayous to the Gulf can do much better on the coast than he can anywhere else. I take my experience last winter. I went down the Bayou La Fourche and tied up in Terrebonne Parish, about ten miles from the coast. Game, oysters and fish were plenty as blackberries in August all around me, and whenever I felt in the humor for work I would take my plow and go up the bayou for a few days' plowing, or down to the coast and fish for pelicans. Alligators' hides and teeth will keep through the season readily and, besides, they are portable and can be easily carried to market.

As the only part of the pelican that has a market value are a few of the wing feathers, the same statements apply to it. So you see, when my cargo was to be pelican feathers and alligator hides and teeth, I could make

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Navigation on the St. Lawrence river will open to-morrow, a fortnight earlier than last year.

Princess Victoria, the Crown Princess of Sweden, has given birth to another son. This makes three children, all sons, born to Crown Prince Gustaf.

E. G. Rathbone, of Ohio, yesterday took the prescribed oath of office and entered upon the discharge of his duties as Chief Inspector of the Postoffice Department.

Dr. Peters, who has arrived at Zanzibar, reports that the people of the Somali ports refused to give the steamer on which he traveled any cargo, and notified him by letter that if he landed he would be killed.

The British Government has issued a proclamation forbidding the holding of a National League meeting which had been announced to take place at Brown, County Kilkeny, today. Messrs. Davitt and Ciancy were to have addressed the meeting.

The Minneapolis street car company made an attempt to start the steam motor line yesterday, but when the new men came to fire up the engines the motors had all been "blest" by the boilers were full of soap suds and vitriol. It took all day to put them in shape.

Reuben Darden and Thomas Dancy, two of the men convicted by the United States Circuit Court at Little Rock, Ark., for violating the election laws of that State, last November, have been sentenced by Judge Brewer, the first named to five years in the penitentiary, and the last to a fine of \$500.

As Mrs. A. H. Lucas, of Carthage, Mo., accompanied by her two daughters and a hired man, was attempting to ford a swollen creek, two miles below that city, a wagon laden with provisions, and the horses, were swept down the raging stream, and all the people, as well as the horses, were drowned. None of the bodies had been recovered at last accounts.

The family trade supplied with choice old wines and liquors at G. W. Schmidt's, 95 and 97 Fifth avenue, city.

Excitement at El Paso, Tex., over the city government is still running high, and an indiscreet word or action may lead to bloodshed. Krasner, the Republican contestant who took charge of the City Hall Thursday evening, was arrested by the sheriff yesterday for contempt of court in refusing to discontinue the publication of the city safe, the combination of which he said he had changed while in possession of the City Hall. His trial was postponed until the 25th inst. and he is crowded with hundreds of excited men. If he is sent to jail trouble is anticipated.

The newspaper publishes a forecast of the probable State vote on the Constitutional amendment to-morrow, compiled from estimates made by the chairman of the State city and town committees and town clerks. The record says that the result in 100 cities and towns would be in favor of the amendment by a margin of 55 to 45.

The striking miners of the Snow suit, disclaiming the combination of the Snow suit, which has been generally supposed to be especially strong, weak, and in some cases likely to be defeated.

It is reported on good authority, and the story is credited by some of his personal friends, that the Hon. John L. Alley has satisfied the last judgment in favor of Chester Snow of Harwich, Mass., and this celebratory and what looked to be for some time an interminable case, is thus closed. It is also stated that the other possible legal combination of a like character that have been held in abeyance awaiting the final outcome of the Snow suit, have been compromised, and that Mr. Alley will shortly return to his native country. The settlements made have been made by his son-in-law, who recently started for Europe to join Mr. Alley.

The production of anthracite coal has been reduced to the smallest amount known for years, not over 2,000,000 tons a month, yet the consumption seems to be shrinking just as much. The output last week was 484,000 tons, and for the year to date 3,642,000 tons, against 7,710,000 tons for the same period of last year, showing a decrease of 671,000 tons, yet the stock on hand at sidewater points is fully 600,000 tons greater than one year ago. There are no comparative statistics of stocks at Western points, but reports agree that the quantity stored at Buffalo, Chicago and Duluth is very much larger than it was a year ago. The decreased production and the increased stocks indicate that the consumption so far this year, or at least the quantity delivered to consumers, is less by at least 1,000,000 tons than it was one year ago.

BRECHMANN'S PILLS act like magic on a weak stomach.

LA MATTILE imported cigars from \$10 to \$40 per hundred. G. W. SCHMIDT, 95 and 97 Fifth Ave.

REMEMBER Pearson's Nox, are 96 Fifth Ave. and 43 Federal street, Allegheny. Call for leaflet free of charge.

BIG INCREASE IN POPULATION.

Diffenbacher, of the City Directory, on the Growth of Pittsburg.

The canvass for names for the new city directory was completed yesterday, and the first copy for the book will go to the printer to-morrow. It is believed that a number of names have not been secured owing to removal during the past two weeks.

If any person is anxious to have his name in the directory and has moved since the canvass began, he will be accommodated if he calls at the office within the next two days.

Publisher Diffenbacher said yesterday that the work of collecting the names had taken more time this year than ever before. He cannot make an estimate of the population of the two cities at present, but says that from the number of names he can safely say the population has increased more than during any previous year.

The compiling of the names will require about four weeks' time, and the book will not be issued for about six weeks.

Moving Boats. The water is falling rapidly and has dwindled down to five feet. The Fred Wilson and Bonanza got in yesterday morning, and the J. C. Bisher was due last night. The Bonanza is a large packet boat, and left for Cincinnati in the afternoon.

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Harry Williams' Academy.

Monday Evening, April 22.

Matinees: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.

LEAVITT'S FOLLY AND BURLESQUE COMPANY.

And the Great Burlesque, Monte Cristo, Jr.

DORCAS SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY

MUSICAL AND TABLEAU

Thursday Evg, April 25, 1889.

Masonic Hall, cor. Washington street and Madison avenue, Allegheny. Call for light effects by Church, Gerbert & Guenther orchestra, tickets, \$1.

F. G. REINEMAN—22 AND 51 SIXTH STREET. Headquarters for Costumes of all descriptions, made at reasonable prices. mh17-86-8a F. G. REINEMAN

First Annual Reception OF THE JAS. G. WYMAN CLUB, on Thursday evening, April 25, 1889. Music, Mozart Orchestra, Harp and Chimes. Admission, 50c. April 14

STEAMER MAYFLOWER—EXCURSION TO-DAY Down the river to a market, with the entrance under water. Group about a dozen of these mud huts—most of them five feet high and four feet across at the bottom—in a swampy grove, and you have a muskrat town. I did not propose to waste much time on a venture of this kind. So I borrowed an empty potato barrel from a farmer, and sunk it in about two feet of water on the outskirts of the town.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MAY INAUGURATION OF THE NEW EXPOSITION BUILDING

MUSIC FESTIVAL

FIVE EVENING AND TWO AFTERNOON CONCERTS

BEGINNING TUESDAY EVENING, -- MAY 21 --

Musical Director, HERR ANTON SEIDL.

SOPRANOS—Mme. LILLI LEHMANN-KALISCH, Mme. TERESA HEIBERT-POBERGER, MISS AGNES YOGEL and MISS EMMA JUCH.

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TENORS—HERR PAUL KALISCH, MR. JAMES H. RICKERTSON, and SIGNORE JULES PEROTTI.

BASSO—HERR EMIL FISCHER.

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SOLO VIOLINIST—MR. MAX BENDIX.

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The Exposition Building will be transformed into a great Amphitheatrical Music Hall, with one hundred private boxes, and seats for five thousand people. An immense sounding board is now in course of construction, which will be placed behind and over the chorus and orchestra, thus insuring perfect acoustics in every part of the auditorium.

PRICES. Ticket for Single Concerts, \$3 00, \$2 00, \$1 00 and 50c, according to location. Season Tickets, \$12 50, \$8 00 and \$5 00, according to location. Private Boxes, seating six, \$100 for the season.

SALE OF HAMILTON'S MUSIC STORE. SEASON TICKETS. OLD CITY HALL, Wednesday & Thursday, May 15 & 16

THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, 60 PERFORMERS. WILHELM GERIQUE, Conductor.

AND THE MOZART CLUB, 10 VOICES. JAR. P. MCCOLLUM, Conductor.

2 GRAND CONCERTS, 2. Wednesday, May 15—"ELIJAH." Thursday, May 16—"SYMPHONY CONCERT."

SOLOISTS—Mr. and Mrs. George Henschel, Dr. Carl Martin, Miss Adelaide Foreman and Paul Zimmerman.

Box seats open THURSDAY, MAY 9, at Melior & Hoehn's, 77 Fifth avenue, 9 A. M. Admission, \$1. Reserved seats, \$1 50 and \$1 25.

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PRICES FOR MATINEE—Admission, 75c; Reserved Chair, \$1; Children, admission, 50c.

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PRICES, 25, 35 AND 50 CENTS. April 21-27

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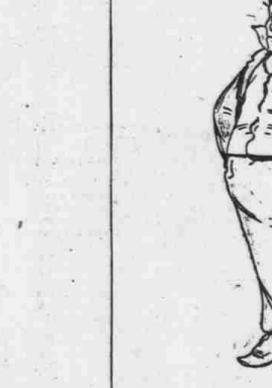
Yet many of the best dressed men in Pittsburg wear ready-made clothes, having learned where to go for the right sort.

There are but about 13 of the Clothing manufacturers of this country whom we deem strictly first-class and as such worthy of our patronage.

From these we exact a guarantee that what we buy shall be the best of its kind, subject to a cancellation of our order if goods do not come up to sample.

We know that for gentlemen the most stylishly cut and handsomely trimmed garments it is possible to get are imperatively demanded. With them everything must be precise and exact to a point of perfection and nicety. We can give what is wanted to a certainty. The goods we offer are perfect fitting and of superior material and workmanship—made from the best of domestic and finest imported materials and in every minute detail the greatest care is exercised to make them absolutely faultless.

THE OLD FOGY.



Always had his clothes made to order and is so far behind the times that he isn't aware that ready-made garments can now be purchased that are faultless in style, cut and fit—if one only goes to the right source for them.

One of the brightest business men of our acquaintance sends us the following:

"I have a confession to make to you. I reluctantly yielded to the logic of your advertisements of the advantages of rightly made clothing over the try-for-it-so-called custom clothing. My first purchase made me a convert, and all subsequent purchases have deepened the conversion."

"But as to hats and shoes I was still skeptical that you might be mistaken. I tried both, and now the regret is mine that my conversion to coming to you for all I must wear did not have an earlier start."

This gentleman buys the best goods we have in our store and a better dressed man does not walk Fifth avenue. We seek to interest more of his class by inviting a critical test of the spring Suits and Overcoats we sell at \$15 to \$30.

Who shall say that at any price between the two mentioned a gentleman ought not to obtain either a Suit or Overcoat to please him in every respect?

Experience, taste, sense—a very necessary triumvirate—had a hand in the production and selection of the elegant Clothing we offer. Let it be understood that there is not a single fashionable style or cut of clothing but what we have.

THE "BEAT."



Rather beat his tailor out of a bill than pay cash, as he would have to in a first-class clothing store.

It is rather galling to a man who pays his bills to realize that, unavoidably, his tailor's prices must cover losses from bad debts. As fast as the merits of such garments as we offer are comprehended there is a double attraction about our cash prices. \$15 to \$30 for a first-class spring Suit or Overcoat means that the purchasing power of every dollar goes into the clothes and the buyer is the gainer.

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