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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 22, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver, at Fargo, D. T., on August 6, 1886, viz: Ole S. Moen, for the n-e 1/4 sec. 10, twp. 147, r. 59. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: John Foshold, Andrew Mikkelson, Edward Ireland, Torlie Foshold, all of Cooperstown, D. T. HORACE AUSTIN, Register, Iver Jacobson atty.

THE AMERICAN RHINE. DOWN THE OHIO RIVER FROM PITTSBURG TO POKOPOLIS.

Pen Notes and Pencil Sketches—Three Days on a Back Wheeler—A Village Afloat—The Harmonite and the Hoop Pole District—Ohio Grape Growers.



LEFT PITTSBURG early in the evening amid a cloud of dense smoke. It is rather an uncommon occurrence to arrive in or depart from that city under any other circumstances.

At about the big wharves, where it is usual for them to stop in the steamboats, were puffing out volumes of black smoke from a veritable forest of tall smokestacks. The condition of affairs upon land was similar.

The great furnaces along the base of Mount Washington vied with each other in power to emit the greater amount of smoke, and from their long line of chimneys, as soon as when taken to the summit of Mount Washington and down what could be seen of the burg, truly said, "It looks like hell when the lid is off."

We had taken passage upon one of the largest of the river steamboats that ply between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. As we swung into the middle of the stream we had an excellent view of the bridge connecting Pittsburgh with Birmingham. Mount Washington with its bright green summit, could be plainly seen looming up above the rolling clouds of sulphurous smoke, and up and down the inclined plane the little cars were slowly carrying their loads of human life from and to sunshine or vice versa.

Obnoxious to the ringing bell and call of the mate to step up to the captain's cabin and settle, we were all at our stations in a few moments and were soon out on deck again.

While we were being loaded, the big wheel had started the engine to move the boat down the Ohio river, and we rapidly took sight of Pittsburgh.

When we did catch a final glimpse of the few miles further down the river, it looked much like an enormous ball of black wood, into which, by some unaccountable accident, church spires and chimneys were strangely entangled.

Dimont is the name given to the locality where the asylum for the insane of Pennsylvania is situated, upon the slope of the mountain that rises abruptly from the water's edge. It was the first place of the great conflagration, and directly after we had sight of the great conflagration tower and long cluster of white buildings branched on all sides from the main building, we were called in to supper by the steward's bell.

It has always been a matter for wonder to the writer that these river lines of wood should not more frequently used by those who, by the nature of the business upon which they are bound, find time no object.

The saloon of the steamer was fitted out in such cozy style that when lit up by a dimly swinging chandelier it had a charm that was irresistible. Up through the middle of the saloon the supper table was ranged, and their snowy linen and shining silver served with the all-pervading aroma of coffee, served to give an appetite to those who had it, and that was never the fate of a newspaper man.

We so greatly relished the nicely cooked waffles and chicken, and when supper was ended wandered back upon deck.

The first object that attracted the attention was an enormous blazing light some four miles

below upon the right bank of the river. Upon inquiring of one of the officers of the boat we learned that we were approaching the settlement of the Economites, a community with rather quaint notions of life; and the manner in which they have established themselves at this place, which is called Economy, proves that they thoroughly believe in what they preach. The light which had so suddenly attracted our attention was the flame from a natural gas well upon their property and so near the landing stage that it was unnecessary to use other means to obtain light to load or unload boats at night.

The most singular thing about these quaint people and their still more quaint methods, is absence of a single door upon the front of any building in the town, whether the building be used for a dwelling or a shop.

The Economites first settled in this vicinity under one named Phillips, who was in a manner their ruler, at some distance down the river from Economy, and the place was known as Phillipsburg. It was finally abandoned to form another colony, with a new leader named Ralph, at a place called Harmony. They became known as the Harmonites. This settlement was also abandoned, and they moved up the stream to their present location. They are industrious and enterprising, and carry on all the various branches of trade that are found in other places. The essential rule is to make a common pool of all material raised or manufactured, and after it is sold to divide equally the proceeds of the sale. Marriages and the injury that from Holy Writ "earnestness and multiply" is discouraged, if not entirely prohibited.

While in West Virginia, we passed in the middle of the night and during a heavy rain. When the curtains of the cozy little stateroom were drawn aside the next day the sun had not yet made his appearance, and the river was clothed in darkness and mist. It was about 4 o'clock, and we had stopped at a small town on the Ohio shore to leave some freight. It was too dark for the colored rousters



about to see to do their work, and the old-style torch was brought into play. This is the perfect use of a wicker basket. It is made of iron, and has a circular bottom into which hot coals from the furnace under the boiler are placed. The basket is held in the hand, and the light is thrown upon the work.

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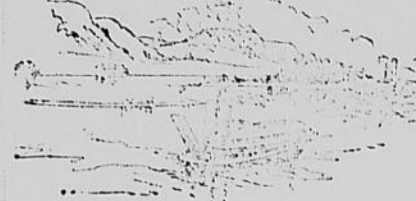
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the river are being cultivated for grape raising, and as we proceeded further on the slopes were dotted with vine trimmers who were taking advantage of the pleasant weather to get ready for a crop.

There has been so much written about the wine making and grape growing industry along this river that it is almost impossible to say anything that has not already been said.

Shortly after leaving Catlettsburg we passed Ashland, one of the many pretty places along the river, and about ten miles below we ran into Houston, Ohio, with its great farms, which are the largest in the world, and one of these farms is so immense that it has never worked entirely as the demand could be easily supplied with one-half its capacity. Marietta, Ohio, with its grand gravel bars and high sloping river banks, is the oldest settlement in Ohio, and is at the mouth of the Muskegon river.



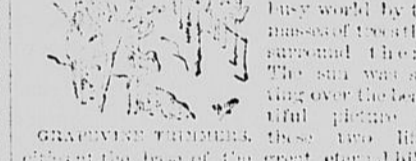
THE GOVERNMENT DUNE ABOVE MARIETTA. Just above Marietta we passed the long sweeping wall of the government dune, which has been built by the department of navigation of rivers and harbors on one side of the river. If it were not for this the Ohio would be practically closed at this point for even flat baronied boats.

The river is full of salmon, pike and bass, and the long stone wall was crowded with fishermen. Many of these were amateur anglers from the eastern states.

Maysville, with its great tobacco warehouses and great hills, was the next town passed on the Kentucky shore, and just above it we stopped long enough to get a glimpse at all that remains of the once famous city of Augusta, which before the war was the wealthiest place in the state of Kentucky.

It was the summer resort for the aristocracy of Kentucky, and figured high in the history of the state. It was completely destroyed by fire during the war, and has never been rebuilt.

There was a powerful, shady look about its long water front, and the few old-time houses that have survived these past stirring events are nearly torn up from the ruins of the city world by the masses of trees that surround them. The sun was shining over the beautiful picture of



GRAVELLY WHARVES, these two little edifices at the base of the great eternal hills. One of the hills, steeply and wealth. The other is a hill deserted of all its wealth and mark.

A few hours later we arrived in Cincinnati, amid the like clouds of soot and smoke that we had seen upon leaving Pittsburgh. We alighted from the boat and found ourselves upon the great and famous Terminal Island, which is a small island in the river, and is the best place to visit in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati is crowded with an atmosphere mainly composed of soot and whirling clouds of smoke that have her most beautiful buildings covered with a misty black substance that is anything but inviting to the eye. The old-fashioned buildings of the city are generally on elevated hills overlooking the city and the river, and are surrounded on all sides by the great mounds of earth, which have a most beautiful appearance from the city.

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