

THE RIVER

RIVER BULLETIN.

United States Weather Bureau, Wednesday, March 23, 1904.—Stages of water in the rivers, with changes in the last twenty-four hours, in feet and tenths. (Readings made at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time.)

Stations.	Bank		—Change—	
	stage.	line.	Height.	Rise, Fall.
Davenport	10	15	0.4	0.0
St. Louis	82	80	15.2	2.0
Memphis	82	88	28.5	0.0
Helena	44	42	85.1	0.2
Natchez	44	45	88.4	0.0
Natchez	..	..	81.8	0.7
Baton Rouge	..	..	21.8	0.6
New Orleans	9	10	10.2	0.8
Mobile	..	..	81	26.7
Kansas City	..	..	21	8.7
Pittsburg	80	22	0.0	1.9
Cincinnati	45	50	27.8	8.1
Louisville	..	..	28	10.0
Evansville	..	..	35	21.5
Cairo	..	..	44	82.8
Nashville	..	..	40	21.4
Chattanooga	88	88	12.0	5.5
Fort Smith	..	..	23	2.4
Little Rock	..	..	23	9.1
Arthur City	..	..	27	8.5
Fulton	20	28	18.8	2.8
Shreveport	21	29	6.8	2.2
Alexandria	82	82	2.9	0.1
Camden	20	80	28.8	0.0

RIVER FORECAST.

The Mississippi below Vicksburg and the Atchafalaya will rise slowly. The Red south of Shreveport and the Ouachita will rise during the next forty-eight hours.

THURSDAY, March 24, 1904.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY.

Grover Cleveland, City of Camden, Gem, Natchez.

DEPARTURE THIS DAY.

(See Advertisement.)

Bayou Sara—St. James, Whitlow, 5 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO-MORROW.

Lower Coast—Grover Cleveland, Kouss, 11 a.m.

Upper Coast to McManor—Lafourche, Charlet, 1 p.m.

DEPARTURES SATURDAY.

Red River—Red River, Scovell, 5 p.m.

Ouachita and Black Rivers—Bob Blanks, Brunner, 5 p.m.

Harwood and Bends—America, Rea, 5 p.m.

JACKSTAFFS.

Business was rather active yesterday on the levee, and all the packets received liberally, the departures being the Grover Cleveland, for the Lower Coast; City of Camden, for Ouachita River; Gem, for Atchafalaya River, and Natchez, for Vicksburg and Bends.

The only boat billed to leave to-day is the Mississippi Packet Company's Bayou Sara packet St. James which was due last night.

Captain F. A. Charlet's reliable Upper Coast packet Lafourche will be found at the lower wharf this morning receiving to leave to-morrow at 1 p.m. for McManor, Donaldsonville and all way landings.

The Lower Coast Packet Company's steamer Grover Cleveland will be back to leave again to-morrow morning for the Forts, Oakville and all way landings.

The Red River Line's steamer Red River, Captain Frank E. Scovell, will arrive to leave on Saturday for Shreveport and all way landings.

The Parker Line's splendid new Ouachita and Black Rivers packet Bob Blanks, Captain L. Brunner, will leave on Saturday for Monroe and all way landings. Agent B. Strauss yesterday received a telegram from Captain Brunner stating that the Blanks passed Columbia at 10 a.m. and would arrive here to-night.

The elegant steamer America, which is representing Captain E. O. Rea's steamer Chalmette, will arrive to leave on Saturday for Harwood, Vicksburg and all way landings.

Mate John Cox went out on the Natchez last evening in place of Mate Joe Duke, who resigned his position.

Mr. William B. Foulke is making another trip in the office of the City of Camden for Mr. M. B. Fahy, who remained in the city on account of the illness of Mrs. Fahy.

The river is gradually getting up on the apron of the wharf, and there is more heavy drift in the harbor here than has been seen since the last flood.

MARY B. CHALLENGED TO RACE THE VIRGIE.

Burnside, La., March 22, 1904.

River Editor Picayune: There was an exciting steamboat race yesterday between this point and Donaldsonville. The towboat Mary B. happened along just as the new Virgie, the regular packet between Burnside and Donaldsonville, was about to leave Burnside. The Mary B., with fully half a mile start, was overtaken and passed by the Virgie before reaching Hermitage Point, a distance of three miles. Captain Bisso, of the Mary B., warned me not long ago that his boat would lead ours to Donaldsonville at the first opportunity and said he would bet \$50 on the Mary B. I now ask that you challenge the Captain to put up his \$50 against \$100 that I will put up that the Virgie will lead one mile ahead out of the five and a half miles, the distance between Burnside and Donaldsonville.

HENRY C. BRAUD,

President Burnside and Donaldsonville Packet Company.

CHANGES IN POST LIGHTS.

The following changes have been made in post lights on the Mississippi between St. Louis and Cairo: Head Scudder, day mark discontinued; above Brewer's Point, day mark established; Dog Tooth, lower, moved down 600 yards; opposite Standard Field, barrel buoy established; East Cape Girardeau, new light; above, moved down 200 yards; Swift Sure, moved down 150 yards; Poe's Landing, moved down 100 yards; foot tiamburg tow-head, day mark discontinued; opposite Olivers, barrel buoy discontinued; opposite Crawfords, day mark discontinued; Shueman, barrel buoy discontinued; Tower Island Bond, discontinued; above Birmingham, new light established; below Dryden, moved up one-fourth of a mile; Fountain Bluff, moved down 800 yards; Gill's Point, moved up 500 yards; below Seventy-six, discontinued; Horschen Landing, new light established; Hamilton Landing, moved up 300 yards; Liberty Island, moved down 200 yards; below Bishop, new light established; Anchor Landing, discontinued; above Bishop, new light established; Water's Point, discontinued; Mansker, moved down one-fourth of a mile; below Mary's Rover, moved up 800 yards; below Okaw Crossing, moved down one-fourth of a mile; below Sand Depot, moved down 150 yards; Morrison Hollow, moved up one-half of a mile; Kidd Landing, discontinued; Salt Lake towhead, moved down 200 yards; Dauby, moved down 500 yards; Durfee, discontinued; Perry towhead, moved down 20 yards; Osborn towhead, day mark discontinued; below Selma, moved down one-fourth of a mile; St. Nicholas Rock, moved down 500 yards; opposite Selma, day mark discontinued; foot Calico Island, new light established; Crystal City, moved down one-fourth of a mile; Lucas Bluff, moved down one-fourth of a mile; Merames Island, moved down 800 yards; above mouth of Meramec, new light established; Pull Tight, moved down 500 yards; Pull Tight (upper), new light established; Quarantine (lower), discontinued.

The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune of Tuesday says: "Captain S. O. McIntire will leave to-day for Natchez, where he has accepted a position as Captain of the Betsy Ann. Captain .. was the captain of the ill-fated Sunshine, burned at Tiptonville, Tenn., two weeks ago."

The Louisville Herald of Tuesday says: "Captain W. H. Crump, Master of Transportation for the Monongahela Coal and Coke Company, left yesterday for Pittsburg. Captain Gus Jute went to Memphis to look out for the big tows on the way South, and Captain John Oase has gone to Paducah and later will go to St. Louis to superintend the unloading of 250 coalboats for the St. Louis Gas Company."

Columbia, La., March 23.—To B. Strauss, Agent: Steamer Bob Blanks down at 10 a.m.; will arrive Thursday night and leave Saturday at 5 p.m. L. BRUNNER, Master.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

[Special to the Picayune.]

Bayou Sara, La., March 23.—River 28.8, a rise of .8 in twenty-four hours. Departed down: St. James, 8:45 a.m.; Harry Brown and tow, 4:30 p.m. Up: Betsy Ann, 8:30 a.m.; Robert Dodds, 11 a.m.

Natchez, Miss., March 23.—Gauge reads 81.0, a rise of .7 in twenty-four hours. Local boats Borealis Rox and Little Rufus cleared for the Atchafalaya. The Petrie and Mary B. passed up this morning. Weather clear and warm.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 23.—The gauge to-night showed 88.4, a rise of .9. The Belle of the Bends is due up. The Senator Cordill was delayed in arriving to-day. The America is due down. The Wheeling is in port. The American cleared for Greenville.

Greenville, Miss., March 23.—The river is 80.5; rising. No boats.

Memphis, Tenn., March 23.—River 26.5, a fall of .2 in twenty-four hours. The Joseph B. Williams is reported a few miles north of Memphis and will be here to-morrow. The tug Ida, with an empty barge in tow, struck a pier of the bridge and went down in fifty feet of water. She was valued at \$15,000, and is a total wreck, with no insurance. Six or eight men were on board at the time of the accident, but all escaped.

Cairo, Ill., March 23.—River 82.8, a fall of .8. Weather fair and warmer. The Alice Brown passed from Louisville to New Orleans at 7 a.m. with a tow of coal. The Oakland passed from New Orleans to Louisville at 6 a.m. with a tow of empty coal barges. The Stacker Lee arrived from St. Louis at 6 p.m. and will clear for Memphis to-night. The City of Memphis departed this afternoon for Tennessee River landings.

Evansville, Ind., March 23.—River 23.8; rising. Clear and warmer.

Louisville, Ky., March 23.—River rising; in the canal 10.5, on the falls 8.8, at foot of the locks 20.4. Clear and cool. Business good. Indiana to Cincinnati, Helen M. Gould to Carrollton, Tell City to Evansville.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 23.—River 28.2; rising; a rise of .5 since last night, a rise of .4 since morning. Four departures. Clear and warmer. The rivers of Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky are on the boom, owing to the heavy rains. The E. D. Wood departed for Pittsburg with empties. The Jack Frost arrived from Pomeroy with coal. The Doug-

las Hall arrived from Louisville with empties.

Pittsburg, March 23.—The river stages to-night are: Monongahela wharf, 14.2, rising; Davis Island, 18.4, rising; Herrs Island, 14.7, rising. Weather clear and warm.

Alexandria, La., March 23.—River 4.8, a rise of 1.5. Weather cloudy and warm. Heavy rain last night. The rainfall was 2.5 inches.