

Miscellaneous Items.

Captain Jno. M. Bofinger and lady returned from a protracted visit East yesterday. . . . The Andy Johnson was let off the sectional docks yesterday and the tug Alma taken out. . . . The Thompeon Dean is out on the Hamilton ways, and will be ready to leave for the South to enter the Memphis trade in ten days. Geo. Miltenberger, her clerk is still here. . . . T. G. Doone and E. W. Metcalf are the Spread Eagle's pilots. . . . Capt. Hunter Ben Jenkins the popular agent of the Eagle packet company returned yesterday from a visit to the old folks in Lexington Mo. He also called on his old friend Capt. George Keith who owns a fine farm a few miles above Lexington, and found him prospering. During fair week the Eagle company will run two boats. The DeSmet will ply through to Grafton, and the Spread Eagle will run to Alton. . . .

Capt. Alf Grissom, clerk, and part owner of the new steamer Mary Bell, "shied his castor" into the office of W. P. Mull & Co. on Olive street yesterday afternoon, and announced that the great steamboat would be in the ring to-day. Capt. Grissom left her at Grand Tower Monday night, and came up by rail to procure a landing for the new craft. He selected a place near the foot of Miller street. During the afternoon Capt. Grissom called upon the Rohan Bros., who are making the steel boilers, and found them all ready to be placed in position. He also visited Collins & Holiday, who supply the five fronts, etc., and learned that this firm had everything in readiness. W. P. Mullen & Co. who do the painting say they can get through in two weeks after the carpenters are out of their way. The boat owners desire to have her completed and ready to leave for New Orleans about the tenth of October. It will be remembered that the Mary Bell is the largest boat that was ever constructed in the West, and when she is completed, no doubt thousands of people will visit her.

General Items.

Nearly all of our river men will remember John E. Rowland, who was, previous to the war, clerk on the New Orleans and Vicksburg packets Princess, Charmer and Magenta. During the war he was on the G. W. Graham, Belle Memphis and Ira T. Swift. Well, he became tired of the river business and went to Chicago, and is now junior proprietor of the Metropolitan hotel, corner of State and Washington streets, the most centrally located hotel in the city. His partner is Ira T. Swift, the well known railroad conductor who took the last train out of the Crescent City, as the Federal fleet approached. They are always pleased to see river men, and extend a genial welcome to every one. The house contains over one hundred and twenty-five rooms, and street cars run past the door to every part of the city. . . . M. L. Virden, Esq., late chief

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