

WRECK OF THE MONTANA.

**The Boat Strikes the St. Charles Bridge—
Loss and Insurance.**

The steamer Montana, which left St. Louis late Saturday night, bound for Kansas City, struck the bridge at St. Charles yesterday morning, knocking a large hole in the hull. She floated about 300 yards and sunk on the Brotherton side, with fifteen feet of water on the outside. Capt. Geo. Keith arrived at the wreck last evening, and telegraphed Capt. Hunter Ben Jenkins that he thought she would prove a total loss. The boat was built at Pittsburg, and turned her wheel for the first time May 6, 1879. She was built for the mountain trade, but like her mate, the Dakota, proved too large to be profitable. She afterward ran in the Ohio River, but has been moving between St. Louis and Kansas City for two seasons. She originally cost, \$47,000, and was placed at \$22,000, before the accident occurred. She is insured for \$15,000 in Pittsburg and Cincinnati companies. For a stern-wheel boat her power could not be surpassed, and in fact she was about the best steamboat ever run on the Missouri. She had about 500 tons of heavy freight and groceries aboard, considerable of which will be saved. She is owned in equal shares by Nick Bueson, E. A. Phillips and Mrs. Emma Jenkins. Capt. Bill Massie, an old Missouri navigator, was in command of the boat at the time, and he says it was miraculous that none of the crew were injured. The Dakota will take the Montana's place, leaving Saturday, July 5.

Something that Seldom Happens.

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