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THE WAR EAGLE

Makes Her Maiden Trip.

Some Three Hundred Cape Girardeau People Make the Trip to Commerce on the New Boat.

The new and elegant steamer War Eagle came down Saturday on her maiden trip and by special invitation of the officers of the boat about three hundred people from this city and vicinity enjoyed a trip to Commerce on the new boat. The officers had prepared to accommodate a large crowd on the first trip of the boat, and they were not disappointed in the crowd, for when the boat landed here the people were waiting for her.

The new boat has a full length and spacious cabin, sixty-eight state rooms, and all her furnishings and upholstery are brand new and of the most modern type. Captain Henry Leyhe, general manager of the Eagle Packet Company and the designer of the boat, has observed that excursionists usually travel in pairs, quarters or some multiple of two, and that they object to a stranger being assigned to the same room. Therefore, he has arranged the rooms to accommodate two persons and no more. An innovation on steamboats is that each room is fitted with a stationary washstand, and the boat is supplied with sanitary closets. She has a spacious kitchen, bake room and pantry, and superb silverware and other table furnishings. She was built expressly for the trade at a cost of \$75,000 at Madison, Ind., under the supervision of Commodore Henry Leyhe. Her outfit and equipment is of St. Louis home manufacture and of the very finest. Her dimensions are: Length, 265 feet; 28-foot beam; 6-foot hold; four boilers 20 feet long; engines, 22 inches diameter and 6 feet 8 1-2 inches stroke, and she draws less than 30 inches light tonnage, 747 tons. The cabin is roomy and the ladies' cabin is fitted with a velvet carpet and handsome furniture. She is electric lighted throughout and modern in every particular. She will carry 250 passengers comfortably and 500 tons of water. Capt. H. W. Leyhe is her master, Capt. Wm. Massie and George Keith, pilots; Owen C. Cates, chief clerk; Pell Thomas, second clerk; Clint Humphreys, third clerk; Joseph Shultz, bill clerk; Frank Miller, chief engineer; Louis Kendall, second engineer; Richard Barker, mate, and Worley, caterer. On each of the wheel houses of the boat is painted an immense War Eagle, with spreading pinions, but balance on a solitary rock is the ocean. The painting was done by Mulien & Hoppius.

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