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LOCAL DEPARTMENT

We solicit Communications and Local News from every portion of Scioto and adjoining Counties.

RIVER NEWS.—The river has dropped down very nearly to zero within the past week, and boats for the most part are not quite sure whether they are land or water craft. The bar below the mouth of the Scioto is now a successful rival of Four Mile, in the way of holding on to boats. Two upward bound tow-boats tried it Monday morning, but gave up in despair, dropping back into deeper water, where they are now anchored, waiting a rise. A sunken boat in the channel makes this place worse than it otherwise would be.

The *Anna*, due on Tuesday, did not make her appearance, but Wednesday morning, bright and early, she was seen trying to work her way over the Scioto bar. She made the riffle about nine o'clock, re-shipped her up-river freight and returned to Cincinnati.

The *Mountain Belle* lost one trip, and the *Huntington* was belated several hours Wednesday night.

The *Andes* came up about one o'clock Wednesday, but did not get over the bar until about four o'clock. She was full of people. She is the Queen of the low water packets.

The "Indian Head," on the Kentucky shore, above Springville, is out of water. This piece of workmanship is never visible except in extreme low water.