

A TRIP ON THE ST. LOUIS.—Yesterday afternoon we made our first trip on the yacht *St. Louis*, which sails on the 4th lake. We found her a snug and graceful looking craft, completely and handsomely found in rigging and every necessary fitting and capable of carrying in comfort and safety over a hundred people.

When we got aboard, with two friends, there was a fresh breeze and when Captain HULL and his man set sail, we noticed that both sails had a single reef. The Captain took the helm, handling it and the sheets like the thorough and experienced sailor that he is, and the *St. Louis* was soon foaming through the sparkling waters of Mendota at the rate of 13 miles per hour. There is an exhilaration in sailing at such a speed in such a boat that is especially delightful. The boat rushing through the waves and gently heaving with power and grace as she feels the breeze; the expanse of white canvass, blue sky and ever changing water, and the green and picturesque banks, some marked and near and others dark and indistinct in the distance, afford an inspiration that refreshes every quality of the soul and body.

In about 14 minutes from leaving her landing at Briggs' mill, the *St. Louis* was moored at her landing at Pic Nic Point, where Mr. BOERINGER, the capable and enterprising owner of the yacht, the point and adjoining land was waiting to duly receive and attend to any company that might come along.

On this narrow point, which appears so beautifully jutting into the lake, Mr. BOERINGER has built a comfortable refreshment and dancing hall, where pleasure parties can be completely accommodated. The invalid can here procure the genuine red wine of Missouri and all other wholesome stimulants necessary to invigorate and impart tone to a jaded frame. After satisfactorily testing the refreshments supplied here and walking on the greensward that covers the point to its end, we gazed on as fine a scene of surrounding wood and water as ever greeted mortal's eye, and then got aboard again. A quick run brought us to Madison again, where another party, containing some appreciative ladies, embarked, and the pleasures of the first trip were repeated.

All agreed that the yacht and the conveniences at the point are fully capable of placing within the reach of citizens, and visitors to Madison, a safe and suggestive nautical trip that all can enjoy with benefit to their health and feelings, and also that Mr. BOERINGER's costly speculation is of much account to the city and worthy of ample encouragement. We are glad to know that several large parties have lately enjoyed trips to the point, and a large one on last Monday evening dined in the hall and sailed in the yacht till an early hour. From what participants say and our own experience, we are confidently prepared to place Madison, as a place for wholesome and elegant recreation, in the front rank of summer resorts.