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## Burning of the Steamer Bostona No. 3

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### Burning of the Steamer Bostona No. 3— Loss \$160,000—Interesting Details.

The Cincinnati papers of the 10th inst., furnish the following particulars relative to the burning of passenger packet-steamer *Bostona*, on Wednesday evening, already alluded to by telegraph:

The *Bostona No. 3* was a regular packet between Maysville and Cincinnati, was valued at \$100,000, and insured for \$80,000. She was owned by DAVID GIBSON & Co., of Cincinnati, Capt. PRES. LEDWICK, her commander, and MOORE & Co., of Portsmouth, Ohio.

The steamer had just rounded out from her landing at Maysville, at 9 o'clock, and was getting under way, when the fire was discovered aft the wheel-houses. The boat was instantly headed for the Ohio shore, and with a full head of steam ran upon the beach at the "bend" opposite the city, making a fortunate landing in shoal water, enabling her passengers and crew to escape from the burning mass with safety. There was a large lot of live stock on board, shipped at Maysville, which was mostly burned or drowned. A portion of the cattle saved themselves by taking to the water. One of the watchmen had occasion to fill his lamp, and while he was doing so it was overturned by a sheep and broken, setting fire to the boat. The freight on board amounted to about \$60,000. Mr. S. B. RIGGS, the Chief Clerk, saved his books and papers. The safe has been recovered and the contents taken out, damaged only by water. The baggage of the passengers was mostly saved. The crew lost most of their clothing.

Among those who were scalded and otherwise injured was Mrs. SPILLMAN, the estimable wife of Rev. J. E. SPILLMAN, of Maysville. Her injuries are serious, she being scalded in the face and hands. Pilot BOUGHNER had one of his hands badly burned. Clerk MITCHELL had his feet and hands hurt in coming down the derricks. Many narrow escapes were made, and in the midst of the greatest confusion it is a wonder that more were not injured. BEN. WOODWORTH, the mate, was conspicuous for his courage, giving orders calmly and judiciously. Mrs. SPILLMAN and several others were rescued by him from a terrible death. Mr. SMITH, barkeeper at the Hill House, boarded the boat and rescued two children by jumping into the river with them. Great praise is due the crew for their efforts in saving the lives and property of the passengers, unmindful of their own danger. The steamers *Gleaner* and *Magnolia* rendered all the assistance practicable.

Only a few weeks since the *Bostona No. 2* was burned above Memphis, and all that now remains of the favorite *No. 3* is her smouldering ash. This is the third steamer lost during the week, viz.: the *Gen. Lytle*, on Tuesday night, exploded twenty-five miles below Madison; the *Madison*, burned at New-Orleans, and the *Bostona No. 3*, burned on Wednesday.

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