half-price; under 4 years, passage free; over 14 years full price. Tickets must be procured at this Office, or through some authorized Agent of the Company, and they should be obtained when practicable, the day previous to departure. Those who may join a Party on the line of route beyond the limits of this State, will in most cases be furnished with Tickets at the regular railroad offices.

Meals and Lodging.—These on board the Missouri river Boats, are included in the price above stated; but both are extra charges prior to reaching St. Louis,* if a Boat be there taken, or Jefferson City, if that be

the point of embarkation.

Diet.—Persons cannot be too cautious in regard to this, more especially whilst on the Boats of the Western Rivers. The style of living differs so essentially from that to which most have been accustomed, and there is so much to tempt and pamper the appetite, that very few can indulge freely, without suffering some inconvenience, and often very serious consequences. The only prudent, as well as the safest course, is to select the plainest food, cooked in the simplest manner.

ROUTES, TARRYING PLACES, &c.—The Parties, unless they prefer continuous travel, will spend the first night at Springfield, if the Western route,—at Rutland, if the Fitchburg route,—is taken; lodging and breakfast 75 cents. If the New York and Erie Railroad route is selected, the first night may be spent on board of a Sound Steam Boat, which will afford an opportunity

^{*} On this part of the route, regular meals, as at hetels, cannot be had, and should not be expected; as on all other railroad routes, at way stations, persons have an opportunity of taking a lunch, or of purchasing various articles of food; so that the cost need not average more than 25 cts. the meal, and the whole expense to St. Louis ought not to exceed \$5.00. Persons having families with them can materially lessen their expenses, by taking along in a tin can, a boiled ham, or some corned beef, crackers and cheese, &c. They should by all means carry, or procure at St. Louis, a canteen, gourd, leather tank, or other water holder, that may be readily handled, and not easily broken. With a little trouble, this may be replenished with fresh spring water, at most of the boat landings. Thus supplied, there will be no necessity for drinking the Missouri river water, a too free indulgence in which, is one great cause, of the prevalence of bowel complaints among travellers in that region.