

The Palermo Minstrels gave a benefit last night to the Invalidos. The performance was expected to be excellent, but we confess to feeling surprised that the Minstrels did not give their benefit to aid either the British Hospital or that under the charge of the Irish Sisters of Charity, which virtue is generally supposed to begin at home.

ENGLISHMEN IN THE PLATE.

London, March 30th 1870. To the Editors of the STANDARD Gentlemen,

I am a Briton, and therefore take an interest in everything British. I spent a part of an otherwise uninteresting life in La Plata, and brought back from thence to my native land a crop of happy remembrances of good deeds done to me both by my own countrymen and 'los hijos del pais.'

I have frequently hobbled with you Mr. Editor, always (of course) in a becoming manner. I have eaten 'carne con cuero' and slept on a 'recado,' have enjoyed myself at many 'tertulias' and social gatherings in city and in camp.

I was, not very long ago, a resident in your favored land, a humble yet gentle shepherd, watching my flocks and herds after the orthodox manner prescribed by Ovid and later writers on agriculture. So Sir, having used the first person singular in the endeavour to make myself sufficiently explicit and recognisable, I will, without further prologue, enter upon what really impels me to address you. It would require reasoning more powerful than the logic of a Stuart Mill or a Whately, to demonstrate that the life of an 'estanciero' in La Plata, from its purely bucolic nature, must be a perfectly peaceable one, and especially if perchance he dwelleth on the more lovely, (though generally turbulent) side of the river. No, to the least reflective mind, the fallacy conceived in such an attempt would be at once apparent.

But if some fine morning whilst seated at your breakfast table, in the act of sipping your richly flavoured Mocha, one of the largest sized Paraguayan shells, which I remember to have seen gracefully displayed in the STANDARD museum, were to enter by the window, pass suddenly under your nose, dashing the Editorial cup from your lips without doing any damage to your corpus; would you not immediately apply all the fertile reasoning of your powerful intellect to discover how you had managed to escape so easily? Would you not within a space of five minutes, have endeavoured to solve 50 most intricate problems, and finally, being unable to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion, would not you Oh! most patient and persevering of Editors, at least loudly suggest 'that something had gone wrong.'

Such an effect was lately produced upon my mind, but by a totally different cause. When perusing the Standard (London) a few days ago, I found at the head of a column a long manifesto, published with the sanction of the English Government. The entire purport of said announcement being to dissuade Englishmen from emigrating to the Argentine States or to the Bauda Oriental, as those countries are in a frightfully unsettled state, several British subjects having been murdered; and our authorities feel that they cannot sufficiently protect those who go to your highly dangerous region. The foregoing is the true condensed meaning of the bulletin.

Upon reading this, Mr. Editor, I tried to recount the instances within my own ken, when, under what circumstances, and in what part of La Plata had the great power of England interfered to rescue any individual Englishman from an ignominious death. I harked back to the days of the Flores revolt, when Paysandu was taken, Montevideo threatened, and the whole country in a state of turmoil and dissension. I remembered that then many gallant countrymen were in danger, but I could not recollect one single instance of a man from the camp going to the English ships of war, asking the assistance which they were bound to give, and which in such an event, officers and men would have only too gladly rendered. True it is that some few panic-stricken individuals from the city 'left' on board, but they were not legion. I know from experience, and every naval officer who served on the station will bear me out in the statement that, whenever an attack of the old chronic revolutionary disease manifested itself, the people to crowd on board our several ships of war are not Englishmen, but cowardly agitators,

who call themselves patriots and who, with much greater propriety, might be designated political perjurers.

But queries naturally suggest themselves. Are these countries in a state of glaring insecurity? Is life worth so little under the glorious blue canopy which covers you? (We have no sky here, so pardon the outburst). What has the STANDARD been doing in the meantime? Have the Argus eyes of that champion of truth and unmasker of inconsistencies been closed? Does the editor indulge in longer 'siestas' than he was wont to do, and is he profoundly ignorant of the great events happening around him? Has the compositor become subject to frequent fits of incubation? or worse still; has the 'devil's stick' for an increase of wages?

If these suppositions are true, O miser! cives, que insaniam tanta! Trusting as I have ever done, with blind confidence, to the news printed in your columns, can you wonder, Mr. Editor, that this official document caused me no little astonishment? Perhaps the miserable cheese paring policy of the present government is to blame; the same spirit which prompts a great reduction of the navy on foreign stations would gladly see its obligations decreased, in order to have some slight pretext for such a course of action. But if the Government and its sometimes zealous, though too often ignorant officials, will leave matters which they do not understand to rectify themselves, it will be found that, in no country in the world do Englishmen call less upon their Government to defend them; that nowhere is the honor and dignity of England in better keeping than in the hands of our liberal and large-hearted merchants and jolly chivalrous countrymen who dwell in the city and camps of the Argentine States and in the Banda Oriental del Uruguay.

I for one do not believe this document, but, coming as it does from the highest source in the land, bearing upon its surface what by Englishmen is always regarded as a guarantee of good faith, viz: the impress of authority, it must exercise a great influence upon those who were previously willing to go and try their luck in your (to them at least) unknown region. This influence is manifestly prejudicial to La Plata; and if, by means of an unjust or untrue publication, one pair of willing hands, one active energetic brain, or one pound sterling of money has been prevented from going or being circulated there, a grievous wrong has been done to those countries, a wrong against which I feel confident the English press of Buenos Ayres will emphatically protest.

If, on the other hand, this statement be true, some person or some party is highly culpable. Let the guilty be pointed out and punished. Let the press, with all the weight of its great talent, backed by the sacredness of public trust, demand that this, the foulest imputation that can be cast upon any civilized community, shall be removed, and that the life and property of the sojourner within their gates shall be deemed of equal importance with the lives and property of their own sons.

I am, Sir, Melius est petere fontes, quam sectari rivulos.

ON CHANGE.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Onces, Sovereigns, Patentes, and National Bonds.

National Bonds sold very firm to-day, although in the morning there was an evident effort to depress the market; there were no sales at cash. For to-morrow, Saturday, 20,000 sold at cash.

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to pay to Hector Varela the sum of \$100,000 mts. to write the life of Madame Lynch, in 2 volumes, original, to be written in two months.

Mr. T. Fallon sold to-day 30,000 sheepskins (matadero lana extra), from the River Parana, at reserved price.

In the Plaza nothing but mud, and produce business dull.

An early hour to-day all sorts of rumors from Entre Rios were current on 'Change, and, owing to the order of the War Minister about army correspondents, many were inclined to believe that there was some foundation for such reports. This course of the Minister is now admitted by all to be every way unnecessary, since all the papers in Buenos Ayres were in favor of the National Government, and opposed to Lopez Jordan. No bulletins; no army letters; and yet steamers arriving strengthened the supposition that there was something wrong, although Mr. Edward Malero states that so late as yesterday he received letters from Colonel Coues, announcing that everything went on well. We also received letters yesterday from Gueyguichu, but, owing to the War Minister's fiat, refused to publish them, when, in fact, if they had been published, it would have dispelled all those lazy reports, which everybody leans but no one can substantiate.

The proposed deal about the proposal made by Don Pedro T. de Rosas, on behalf of Dixon & Co. of London, for the whole of the Provincial Loans at 8%, with a commission of 2% per cent. Of course, now that the Government has thought proper to send Sr. Dominguez to Europe to negotiate the loan, the proposal cannot be entertained, but still to think it a most favorable proposal, and difficult for the Loan Commissioner to improve.

The quarantine on the Douro ceases to-night, and the passengers may be expected on shore at an early hour in the morning. The Naposta will leave the mole head at 1 p.m. on Sunday, and will take off passengers and mails.

The Paxon has left Captain Maiton's Dock, refitted and repaired at cost of 2,100 pesos.

Captain Lowry has been named to the command of the Argentine steamer General Brown, which will be once sent up in commission.

Railways and Tramways in the Province of Buenos Ayres: Western Railway: miles. Trunk line..... 99.440

Merlo and Lobos line (will be opened on 17th Sept.)..... 42.470

11 de Setiembre to Colon..... 2.252

To Barracas..... 4.039

Southern Railway..... 149.190

Northern..... 75.

Boas, Barracas and Esmeraldas..... 3.875

Tramways: Southern Railway..... 1.870

Lecocor..... 3.729

Rodriguez y Ca..... 2.98

Northern Railway..... 1.125

Billinghurst..... 3.578

There are 32 1/2 miles of Tramways conceded to date, and several more in demand.

ARRIVALS. May 13. Oriental steamer America, from Montevideo.

Italian Larque Carlos M. from Guayaquil, Pigeotti.

An eric ship Wasp, from Montevideo. English steamer Naposta, from Colon.

REDUCTION IN FARES LIVERPOOL, BRAZIL, AND RIVER PLATE MAIL STEAMERS.

Table with 4 columns: Ship, Tons, Ships, Tons. Lists various ships like Kepler, Galileo, etc.

The S.S. SALADIN, 510 Tons, Due in Montevideo on the 21st, will be despatched for Rio de Janeiro, Havre, or ANTWERP and LIVERPOOL.

Freight on 'Spice'—One-half per Cent. Freight on 'Sugar'—One-half per Cent. Freight on 'Wool'—One-half per Cent.

REDUCTION IN RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY: First-class from Buenos Ayres to Liverpool..... £ 3ster.

Do. Havre and Antwerp..... 35

Do. Rosario..... 37 10

Do. Liverpool..... 37 10

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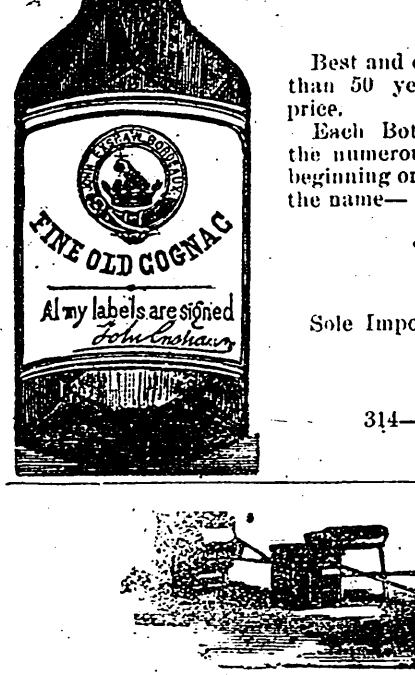
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NOTICE. THE AUTUMN MEETING OF THE ATHLETIC SOCIETY. Will take place at Palermo, on Wednesday May 25th, 1876.

NOTICE TO SHIPOWNERS AND SHIPMASTERS. The Marine Railway at Colonia being completed, particular attention is called to the following Railway of Charge...

VENETIAN COLLEGE. 485-CALLE PERU-485. BRANCHES TAUGHT: English and Spanish, Grammar, History, Geography, Arithmetic, and Catechism.

ST. BRENDAN'S COLLEGE. GENERAL PROGRAMME. The object of this College is to give a liberal commercial education, based on religious principles.

ATHLETIC SPORTS. HANDBICAP RACE. Intending Competitors are requested to take Notice, that the entry for the above event will close positively on Tuesday, May 10.

NEW ENGLISH STORE. (No. 195 CALLE PIEDAD). Will be opened on or about the 7th of MAY, chiefly for the sale of Ladies' and Children's Boots, and of Suits for Boys, under eleven years of age.

THE FAMILY GROCERY STORE. 60-CALLE SAN MARTIN-60. The greater part of our Stock is renewed semi-monthly by importations, direct per Steamer, especially for this Establishment.

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MERCHANT TAILOR. 338-RIVADAVIA-338. Just received, from the best European Manufacturers a large and varied assortment of Fancy Cloths, specially adapted to the coming season.

DO NOT forget the magic Number 118. FAMILIES MOVING. Will please observe that the best Spring Vans in town are to be had from their most obedient and humble servant.

CORNELIUS LANGAN, 118—ESMERALDA—118. Orders of Admission, under the regulations of the Committee for the present year, will be granted by F. N. Getting, No. 66 Calle Defensa.

LANDS OF THE CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY COMPANY. The Company are prepared to offer on advantageous terms to settlers, either as tenants or purchasers, parcels of land lying along the line of the Railway...

READY-MADE CLOTHING FOR GENTLEMEN. Whole Suits, £300, £400, £500. Ladies' Cloths, £230, £260. Hats, £100, £120, £150, £180, £200, £250, £300, £350, £400, £450, £500, £550, £600, £650, £700, £750, £800, £850, £900, £950, £1,000.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATES. Old persons and young, rich and poor, children, men and women, and every one who is suffering from indigestion, debility, sickness, or from similar causes, are recommended to read the Almanac gratis, containing "certificates of the principal Doctors of this City," recommending the use of "Fishing's Extract of Meat."

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