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For destroying all kinds of Flies, Wasps, Ants, and Mosquitoes.
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Sundry articles in carved wood.
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This is the best Insect-destroying Powder.
The only effective Preparation for the extermination of Flies, Mosquitoes, Cockroaches, Crickets, and Beetles.

NOTICE

British Consulate, Buenos Ayres, December 20, 1871.
THE Second General Meeting of the Subscribers to the English Episcopal Church will be held at this Consulate on THURSDAY, 28th inst., at Twelve o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving Accounts and Report of the Treasurer and Trustees for the present year, and other business connected with the Church.

AVISO A LOS ACCIONISTAS DEL FERRO-CARRIL DEL SUD

La Comision Directiva del Ferro-Carril del Sud participa a los accionistas de dicha Empresa, insertos en Buenos Aires, que con motivo de la prolongacion de la linea al Sud del Rio Salado se han emitido para Londres, en el mes de Agosto diez y seis mil (16,000) nuevas acciones de diez, 10 libras esterlinas cada una de conformidad con las resoluciones tomadas en las asambleas generales de accionistas, celebradas en Londres en fecha 1.º y 16 de Junio de 1870.

The Standard

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22, 1871.
AN EXHIBITION FOR BUENOS AYRES.
Before the Cordoba Exhibition is broken up and scattered to the winds, after so much labor, trouble, and expense, it may be well to consider seriously the project of Mr. Balbin to get up an Exhibition at Buenos Ayres.

NOTICE

SCOTCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
British Consulate, Buenos Ayres, Dec. 20, 1871.
The Second General Annual Meeting of the Scotch Presbyterian Church will be held at this Consulate on Thursday, the 28th inst., at 2 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the accounts and report of the Treasurer and Trustees for the present year, and other business connected with the Church.

a couple of years ago, with a nominal capital of 2,000,000, or £50,000 sterling, but which has long since been regarded as dead; it was styled 'Buenos Ayres Universal Exhibition Co.,' and Mr. Berheim was understood to have gone to Europe as special commissioner, till subsequent accounts represented that gentleman as a Garde Mobile, fighting in defence of Paris.

Small-pox continue to rage in the province of Cuzco. The number of cases in the city of Serena is very considerable, and there are several streets in which there is scarcely a house without one or more patients. The epidemic has committed such ravages in Ovalle, and the village of Oro, that the inhabitants are flying as if from a plague; the latter place is completely depopulated.

Figures, it is said, can be made to prove anything. We have seen sundry wild-goose enterprises started in this country with a prospectus of cent. per cent. per annum, ending in wholesale ruin. In fact, as a rule, when large profits are offered, beware of the investment. But it cannot be denied that Mr. Zimmermann's figures are worthy of some consideration, when he encourages Mr. Balbin to go on with his project, and although we are inclined to cut down the estimated receipts by one-half, and to double the working expenses, it would still leave a dividend of 10 or 12 p. cent. per annum to the share holders.

Moreover if you take the returns of our Cordoba Exhibition for a guide, as compared with your own population, you will see how profitable the returns would be. Our books show an average of 200 visitors daily; say for your city 2,000; if you charge 10¢ per admission this would give 600,000¢ m. (£5,000) sterling per month. Our working expenses here are £500 a month, which you may double for B. Ayres. This leaves you a nett profit of \$175,000 (£1,000 stg.) per month, without counting the rent for refreshment stalls, &c.

Notwithstanding the fine speeches and demonstrations of the Exhibition now drawing to a close we cannot resist the prevalent impression that the result was unsatisfactory, and if any good is to be drawn from an effort that cost so much money and labor it can only be in the way indicated. By this means the rich and varied products of the Provinces would be exhibited to some purpose, for there are 199,000 inhabitants in this city to whom a trip to Cordoba was impossible, although they had the privilege of mainly supplying 'President Sarmiento with the funds for' his 'idea'.

WEST COAST MAILS.

The W. C. Mail of Valparaiso (2nd inst) contains the following—
The medical question is in a greater mess than ever. It was believed that the differences between the profession and the Intendente would be amicably adjusted. Drs. Aguirre, Thevenot, and Murillo, of Santiago, having arrived expressly from that city, by order of the President, to mediate between the contending parties. Meantime the Municipality have voted \$2,000 to bring out doctors from Europe.

LATEST FROM PARAGUAY.

Asuncion, Dec. 16, 1871.
You can contradict any rumour that may have reached you respecting the disturbed state of Paraguay. I assure you the revolution has been nothing but a farce. The Argentines greatly exaggerated the bad state of affairs here, as it suits their purpose to do so. Asuncion is quite gay. President Rivarola left this morning in a special train for Cerro Leon to recuperate; Baron de Cotegipe and Marshal Gurmáines accompanied him to the railway station with a band of music.

George Leopold Martin, civil engineer, a native of England, has presented a petition addressed to the Minister of the Interior, asking for an exclusive privilege for a process designed to destroy the deleterious principles emanating from the refuse of the killing-grounds, and to take from excrementitious and other waste matters those noxious properties which render them so injurious to public health. The solicitant desires that the term of the privilege may be extended to the longest period that the law allows, and twelve months extra for establishing the process, the invention having for its object the employment of the deodorizing and disinfectant compound.

An exclusive privilege for six years has been granted to Klein, Bros., for the manufacture and sale in the country of a machine of their invention for uprooting trunks of trees of all dimensions.
The resolution of the municipality of Santiago to raise a loan of \$150,000, for the re-construction of the theatre, has been sanctioned by the Government. The maximum rate of interest is fixed at 8 per cent. per annum, and the yearly amortization at 2 per cent. The repayment of the loan will be guaranteed by the income derived from the theatre itself, and by all the resources of municipal revenue generally.

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Business at this port, just now, is measurably dull; yet hope of an early revival is not lost. The general health is excellent, and, if we escape in the approaching summer the ghastly epidemic scourges that have more recently afflicted other lands, the measure of our thankfulness will be complete.

DEATH OF DR. PRIESTLEY.

Our country readers will be pained to hear that this esteemed and kind-hearted gentleman breathed his last on the 30th ult. at San José, in the Banda Oriental, whither he had removed three years ago for his health, which has long been most precarious. Henry Priestley was born in Dublin about the year of Catholic Emancipation, and had barely reached the meridian of life when cut off by the long and painful illness, enlargement of the heart, which led him to an early grave.

His medical studies were pursued, we believe, partly in Ireland, partly in Pennsylvania, and he came to South America while yet very young. In Captain Page's work on the Argentine Republic he makes flattering mention of Dr. Priestley, then resident (1853) at Tucuman. He came down to Buenos Ayres in 1858, and was befriended by the late Dr. Brown, by whose advice he went out to practise in the camp, and settled at Capilla del Señor. Among natives, as well as among the Irish residents, he was held in the highest esteem, and his practice was so extensive that he would have made a fortune if he were not so disinterested, especially visiting the poor, and often supplying them with medicines.

Since 1868 he has resided at San José, with a constitution visibly breaking down, but enjoying every attendance from his sister, to whom he has left whatever he possessed. His brother, Captain Priestley, was some time ago stationed at Plymouth. We are not aware that he had any other relatives.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

The camp fires at San Vicente and other places, reported in this paper on Tuesday, have proved more serious and destructive than at first supposed. A subscriber sends us an account of the conflagration at Las Heras, which will be found in another column.
We received yesterday a copy of a new English paper just started in Lima, the Callao and Lima Gazette, which we cordially salute on its debut, wishing it every success. Our new colleague starts with the following pithy programme:—"A newspaper is always better known by what it is than what it promises to be; hence we shall enter upon our task with the sole determination of meriting the good will and confidence of intelligent people everywhere."

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THE BRITISH HOSPITAL.

In consequence of what occurred at the meeting of subscribers to the British Hospital, held in the Scotch Synagogue, Buenos Ayres, last, I feel myself bound, through the medium of your columns, to place myself right before the general British public, and at the same time to call attention to the spirit which influences a few minds in matters relating to the common weal of the British residents.

At the above-mentioned meeting two schemes were placed before the subscribers for discussion, each of a distinct nature, one utterly at variance with all professional ideas on such subjects, and of a dangerous tendency; the other a simple outline of general principles admitted and acted upon in the vast majority of all hospitals. The decision involved deeply affected the institution here. In the discussion which ensued, I rose for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the gravity of the question under consideration, and the care which ought to be exercised in choosing that most conducive to the general good. On doing so, the Chairman of the late Special Committee (Mr. Green) objected to my right to speak, as being a non-subscriber, and referred the question to the chair. Not wishing to provoke any altercation, or in any way disturb the harmony so essential to the discussion of the matter before the meeting, I did not wait for the determination of the point in dispute, but at once retired.

I will now, however, state that my right to be present at the meeting was not a self-assumed role, but one forced upon me by the Hospital authorities: inasmuch as the Special Committee had addressed to me a letter asking for my advice. In consequence of the nature of the reply which I made to those gentlemen, which they affected to treat in the light of an address to the subscribers, and intimated their intention of bringing it before the public meeting soon to be held, I felt it to be incumbent upon me, in justice to myself and by way of explanation to the subscribers, to be present at the said meeting; also, because the Committee had, in a special letter addressed to me some time ago, appointed me as a consulting officer to the institution known as the British Hospital. On those grounds solely, I based and maintained my right to be present; for, although my contribution was not of a pecuniary character—the only one, apparently, able to be understood by

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Mr. Green—nevertheless, if the services of professional men in behalf of distress are to be taken into consideration here as elsewhere, the few thousand paper dollars contributed by an ordinary subscriber will appear to small advantage against the daily assistance afforded in the routine of professional life.

I may be allowed to say that, inasmuch as the Special Committee have publicly stated that the funds were misappropriated, the public charity abused, and the Hospital on the high road to ruin; that they had failed to find the weak point, and could find no salvation for the unfortunate institution, unless through the vague, obscure, and little-known way lately discovered and tried in Valparaiso, I had some right to presume that my presence at the meeting would have been respected, and that where a case of great public interest, connected with my profession, was under discussion, I might have lent my help to save the sinking ship.

The Special Committee, in their conduct towards me, allowed themselves to be carried away by animus, and seemed quite unable to appreciate the mission of enquiry entrusted to them by the British community. Personally, I have little feeling in the matter; and having thus explained myself, I will proceed briefly to discuss through the wide medium of your columns the points I intended to have introduced to the notice of the subscribers when I was offensively and injudiciously interrupted.

Ist. The scheme of the Special Committee, after five months' throes of painful labor over what was supposed to be a mountain, only produced a mole hill, and that was a deformity. It had apparently merited neither preparation nor digestion. It had nothing whatever to recommend it to public taste; nor was it one which, from its dangerous tendencies, could be thought of for one moment. The scheme of the Special Committee is, in my estimation, utterly unworthy of consideration, and could only have emanated from men who, however well meaning, were at sea regarding the practice and literature of hospital management. If adopted here, it must end in grief. The amendment was not without its faults; but in recommending the adoption of the principles involved in the subscribers, I feel confident that it contains within it the essence of all accepted hospital experience.

In fact, it is the old scheme reconstructed, avoiding the stumbling blocks which led to the series of grievances, which have so vexed and annoyed the public spirit, in the management of the Hospital as this at present exists. The original principles on which the Hospital first started were excellent in spirit, but marred and deliberately blotted in practice, inasmuch as the principles themselves, with the rules and constitution, were never committed to writing and formally approved of, as a guidance for future government.

2ndly. Because it dealt liberally with the medical profession, who were alone able to take the helm and stand by the charitable barque until it had gained the haven of Public Estimation and Confidence.

3rdly. By the ill-judged and impolitic act of introducing a "Plebiscite" to the scheme for electing their first medical officer; by so doing they excited and wounded the "amour propre" of all the other medical men, leaving the Hospital isolated. They finally ended by upsetting the internal organization of the institution, and that against the advice of medical administrators, clergymen, and Consul. Thus revolutionized, the Committee proceeded to govern the institution as appeared best in their own eyes. Such a policy could have no other result than blank disappointment, constant jarings, and ill-will, finally terminating in the present Committee of Enquiry.

It will thus be apparent to all that the original constitution is not that which calls for public condemnation; but the revolutionized institution of successive Committees, each trying their best to fixer and patch up a deformity which ought to have been strangled at its birth.

Amongst the incongruities developed, we may note the exceedingly anomalous and peculiar position of the late chairman of the last two General Committees, and more lately of the Special Committee. This gentleman occupied the chair during the two years wherein the figures largely attained, and when the results were so satisfactory as to provoke universal approval; and yet he accepted office as chairman of a Committee of Enquiry to examine into the abuses which by his own admission occurred only while he was chairman. He has the unashamed coolness to assume this post, and come before us, in face of his self-acknowledged inability, to discover wherein during his administration he has failed to do what others did before him, namely, conduct the Hospital on a less extravagant scale. He recommends the public to adopt as a national cure a scheme completely unknown to persons of experience, and perfectly unintelligible to men to himself; at the same time repeating with determination that he failed to excite attention; an outline of principles which to all experienced, well-thinking minds, if carefully practised and generously supported, with an absence of all factions spirit, will undoubtedly give to the community what they have long sought and labored for, namely, a scheme practical and comprehensive, which will merit their hearty approbation.

I regret having so far encroached on your valuable space. The subject is one, however, which has always deeply interested me, and if I have sacrificed much of the patience of my readers, I have done so to vindicate the right cause, and in order to vindicate my position by making plain to the narrow and illiberal spirit which unfortunately met me in the current of British opinion in Buenos Ayres.

I remain, gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
JOHN ALSTON, M.D.

B. AVES, Dec. 21, 1871.  
To the Editors of the STANDARD.  
Gentlemen,  
The only resolution that was carried after being properly and formally put to the subscribers, and formally put to the subscribers, was one entrusting the elaboration of a new scheme to a Special Committee of five members.

It is, therefore, with considerable surprise that I observe the following paragraph in your report of the proceedings:—  
"It was then proposed by Mr. Barclay, seconded by Mr. Bantfield, and carried nem. con., that the members of the present committee of management be nominated to form the Special Committee required by Mr. Isaac's resolutions."

The above transaction is perfectly imaginary, and I venture to assert that no such resolution was proposed by Barclay, seconded by anyone or even formally put up to the meeting by the Chairman, and much less carried nem. con., whilst I, for one, was in the room.

I believe the members of the present Committee of management, of which the Chairman of Tuesday's meeting is one, are more or less agreed in their support of the scheme which saw light for the first time the day before the meeting.

Mr. Isaac's resolution, which was carried properly, signified that the subscribers wished that all schemes which were presented within a given time should be impartially considered by a special committee of five members, and a plan then worked out by these gentlemen to be presented to the next meeting.

I, therefore, protest against the unceremonious manner in which it is evidently intended to shelve the scheme of the special committee, the only one so far that has cost any serious amount of time or study. I would also point out the advisability in future meetings held under the provisions of an act of Parliament, that the chairman on opening the proceedings should clearly explain to those present the real qualifications of a voter under the act, for I think that I observed more than one present who voted, and yet scarcely came under the description of a voter according to the act of Parliament. One, indeed, to whom I mentioned the fact this morning admitted the circumstance, but said he was not aware that his subscription did not entitle him to vote.

I am,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
FREDERICK NEILD.

JUSTICES OF PEACE FOR 1871  
City.

Catedral al Norte, D. Francisco Lallana.  
Catedral al Sud, D. Mariano Viver.  
San Miguel, D. Euliojio Cuevas.  
San Nicolas, D. Justo Piñero.  
Piedad, D. Jose Maria Inchaurregui.  
Socorro, D. Juan Lagos (padre).  
Pilar, D. Francisco Obarrío.  
Balvanera, D. Isaac Diaz.  
Monserrat, D. Carlos Ort.  
Concepcion, D. Eladio Gancedo.  
San Telmo, D. Mariano B. Echezagua.

San Cristobal, D. Juan Aldao.  
Santa Lucia, D. Jose T. Herrera.  
San Juan Evangelista, D. Juan Temperley.  
Ajo, D. Manuel Campos.  
Alvear, D. Meliton Ruiz.  
Arenales, D. Manuel Martinez.  
Arrediles, Dr. D. Antonio Diaz.  
Azul, D. Rafael Guedes Carballo.  
Bahia Blanca, D. Mauricio Diaz.  
Bálcara, D. Pedro Bouchez.  
Baradero, D. Francisco Lynch.  
Belgrano, D. Policarpo Moim.  
Bragado, D. Pedro Costa.  
Barracas al Sud, Dr. D. Mannel J. Ocañas.

Catufelas, D. Maximo Fernandez.  
Carmen de Arceco, D. Bernardino Almirante.  
Castelli, D. Ezequiel Martinez.  
Chacabuco, D. Celedonio Rosa.  
Chascomus, D. Pedro Roca.  
Chivilcoy, D. Federico Suarez.  
Dolores, D. Lino Lagos.  
Esenadala, D. Tomas Garcia.  
Exaltacion de la Cruz, D. Jose Silveira Morales.  
Juarez, D. Pedro A. Rodriguez.  
Junin, D. Luis Alberto Mohr.  
Las Conchas, D. Manuel Dolz.  
Las Heras, D. Anastasio C. Marquez.  
Las Flores, D. Ramon Dumont.  
Loteria, D. Angel Olmos.  
Tobos, D. Benigno J. del Carril.  
Lomas de Zamorra, D. Francisco Portela.

Mar Chiquita, D. Teofilo Ezeiza.  
Magdalena, D. Vicente Mignens.  
Matanzas, D. Justo Villegas.  
Mercedes, Dr. D. José Higinio Solveyra.  
Merlo, D. Angel M. Rodriguez.  
Moreno, D. Adolfo Rojas.  
Moron, D. S. P. Villegas.  
Monsalvo, D. Matias Ramos Mejias.  
Monte, D. Julian Gonzalez Videla.  
Navarro, D. Valerio Galaree.  
Necochea, D. Manuel Olivera.  
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San Fernando, D. Juan Silveira.  
San Isidro, D. Juan Martin.  
San José de Flores, D. Angel Juli Blanco.

San Martín, D. Luis Naon.  
San Nicolas de los Arroyos, D. Pedro Llover.  
San Pedro, D. Fernando Quiroga.  
San Vicente, D. Ramon Botelo.  
Tandil, D. Juan Figuerola.  
Tapalque, D. José María Jurado.  
Tordillo, D. Mariano Mendiburu.  
Tres Arroyos, D. Antonio Atacubia.  
Vecino, D. Juan Vitor.  
Vicente y Cinco de Mayo, D. Victorino Abrego.  
Villa de Lujan, D. Andres Lezcano.  
Zarate, D. Miguel Covian.  
COMANDANTES.  
Areeces, D. Luis Escobar.  
Azul, D. Celestino Muñoz.  
Arenales and Ayacucho, D. José Benito Vasquez.  
Ajo, D. Mariano Cobo.  
Ajo, D. Mariano Medrano.  
Belgrano, D. Antonio Carranza.  
Bragado, D. Isidro Godoy.  
Barracas al Sud—D. Gabino Echealuce.  
Bálcara, D. Floribelo Acosta.  
Carmen de Arceco, D. Cruz Bustamante.  
Catufelas, D. Emilio Villegas.  
Conchas, D. José María Romero.  
Chacabuco, D. Gregorio Quiroga.  
Chivilcoy, D. Luis Salvadorés.  
Chascomus, D. Enrique Thwaites.  
Dolores, D. Juvenal Rivo.  
Exaltacion de la Cruz, D. Jose Sosa.  
Esenadala, D. Martín Iraola.  
General Alvear, D. Juan Rojas.  
Junin, D. Atalvia Roca.  
Juarez, D. Nazario Franco.  
Las Heras, D. Manuel R. Senas.  
Lobos, D. Manuel J. Arivaldo.  
Las Flores, D. Estevan Villanueva.

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Luberria, D. Cándido Vasquez.  
Moron, D. Santiago Amador.  
Merlo, D. Juan Dillon.  
Moreno, D. Santiago Aleorta.  
Mercedes and Suipacha, D. Carlos Pacheco.  
Matanzas, D. Hilario Shaw.  
Monte, D. Isidoro Videla Dorna.  
Magdalena, D. Diego Baylo.  
Monsalvo and Tuyú, D. Nicolás Herrera.  
Mar Chiquita, D. Felix Bernal.  
Nueve de Julio, D. Juan E. Trejo.  
Navarro, D. Tomás Lopez.  
Necochea, D. Victorio de la Canal.  
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Villa de Lujan, D. Daniel Ulrich.  
Veinticinco de Mayo, D. Marcelino Dayel.  
Vecino, D. Enrique Lagos.  
Zarate, D. Juan Palacios.

ON CHANGE.  
Dec. 21st.  
Onces, 122 1/2  
Sovereigns, 122 1/2  
National Bonds, 25  
The Bond and Exchange markets were completely paralyzed today. Everyone expecting the French packet, of which no tidings yet.

The Don Diego has just made another splendid run; she left Liverpool a few days before the mail steamer Nevada did Southampton, and arrived at Rio Janeiro before the latter, in 28 days, probably the quickest trip of a sailing vessel on record, at that point. She arrived here yesterday, 42 days from England.  
Advices are reported to-day of the conclusion of the Transatlantic Telegraph works as far as Mendoza, and to-morrow the clerks and personnel of the various offices embark for Rosario, to open up the line to Mendoza. Fifty shares are said to have been sold to-day at par.  
The German corvette Vineta, 410 men, arrived at Montevideo.  
Popular Argentina tickets are selling actively these days.  
Exchange is quoted 51 1/2 on England, and 5.68 on France.  
Motivator telegram—Paper-money, 43 dis; sovereigns 1/2 prom., drawers, 53, takers 43; Light mestiza 3/4 paper, market improving, but everywhere waiting for packed news.  
The sales in the north wool plaza were as follows:—  
4,000 ar. of good wool at \$82.  
1,500 do 87.  
2,000 do 84.  
1,000 do 78.  
1,800 do 77.  
1,000 do 72.  
2,000 do 71 to 76.  
The National Government received yesterday the first instalment of a loan with the Provincial Bank for four millions of hard dollars, on the following terms:  
1. The Government is to pay 7 per cent., or whatever the Bank rate may be, and take the money in instalments of \$100,000, per month.  
2. After receipt of the first instalment, the Government shall begin to pay off this debt in monthly sums of \$100,000.  
3. Accounts shall be liquidated and interest capitalised every three months.  
4. The National Government shall continue to discount its Custom-house bills in the Provincial Bank, and receive the Bank's specie notes all over the Republic.  
The above is counter-signed (19th) by Mariano Saavedra, chairman of the Bank, and by Pres. Sarmiento and the Finance Minister Dominguez.  
Much discontent prevails in commercial circles with the proceeding of Minister Dominguez in over-ruling the valuation of produce agreed on by the valuers appointed. Mr. Dominguez publishes a decree by which he orders that whenever his accepted, and then issues his Tarifa de Avaluos with an excessive valuation, which he might be supposed a typographical error, but that the Minister of Finance has decided to permit no any serious mistake of this kind. It is to be regretted that he insists on the objectionable high rates.

It is stated on reliable authority that Colonel Victoria is now responsible for the neglected state of the frontiers, but is one of the best served in the employ of government. It is suggested that if he had charge of the frontier for six months the Indians would give little trouble.  
The new Agricultural Department, under Mr. Oldendorf, will be opened on New Year's Day, at 41, Calle Belgrano.  
The new Railway Law, promulgated by Governor Castro, stipulates that no fresh concessions can be given in the city until 200 yards (2 blocks) from a parallel line. The cars must not go faster than six miles an hour, and if found a nuisance the company must take up the rails without compensation; this only affects future concessions.  
Another branch of the Provincial Bank will be opened on New Year's Day at the town of 25 de Mayo. This place was until recently only an outpost on the Indian frontier, but has now 1,500 inhabitants, and the partido counts many fine English estates.  
The exports of Chile last year were only 44 million sterling, showing a decline of 10 per cent. from 1868. The Argentine Republic, with a much smaller population, exports 50 per cent. more than Chile.  
The Pacific papers arrived to-day give the following:—  
Valparaiso.  
The amount of business transacted during the past fortnight has been very limited, owing in a great measure to the very unfavorable advices received from Europe. The total sales of the leading articles have been—Bar copper, 3,227 qts.; wheat, 20,000 fanegas; and nitrate of soda about 113,000 quintals.  
Wheat.—The demand for this article has been very limited since the cessation of shipments to France, and the backward tendency of European markets. Before the arrival of the mail only two cargoes were reported—2,000 fanegas here in warehouses at \$1, and 6,000 fanegas at \$3.75 per 155 lbs, in bulk on shipment at San Antonio for Peru.  
Flour has also share of the general depression, no transactions having taken place for many days. We quote Santiago brands at \$6.50 to \$7 per 200 lbs, less 6 c, without buyers at this rate.  
Barley.—The preceding remarks equally apply to this article, which closes firm at \$2.21 per 155 lbs, in stout bags, with slight demand.  
Bar Copper.—Business in this article has been confined chiefly to those requiring dead weight for the rate demanded by sellers. On the coast nothing has been done, sail-brokers preferring to ship on quote as they have been receiving at \$14 each, on shore here.  
A joint-stock company is being organized to found a great tobacco plantation in Valparaiso. The greater portion of the funds required to commence operations with \$20,000, have been subscribed.  
Epidemia in one of its worst forms is reported to have broken out among the cattle on the other side of the Cardillan.  
Southern Railway Inter-est, 6 per cent per ann., paid half-yearly, 92 p. c. 3 1/2 per cent per ann., paid quarterly, 10 p. c non.  
San Fernando and Curio Bonds, interest of 6 p. c per ann., paid half-yearly, 91 p. c non.  
Gov. Bonds, loan of 500,000, 5 p. c per ann., paid half-yearly, 97 p. c non.  
The prospectus of a new steamer company, entitled the Franco Sud Americana, has been issued under the auspices of Messrs. Capitán de Broc, of Valparaiso, and the object the establishment of a fortnightly line of steamers between Valparaiso, Havre, and the intermediate ports, via the Straits of Magellan. It is proposed to purchase a vessel of 3,000 tons capacity, of 2000 tons each. The capital is to be raised by the issue of 3,000 shares of \$1000 each, payable in monthly quotas of 10 per cent of 5 per cent on the rates of freight.

Hennessy's Brandy.  
The undersigned beg to advise the arrival of further supplies of this celebrated Cognac, consisting of the following classes—One Star, Three Stars and V.O. (very old). The excellent quality of this Brandy is uniformly and regularly maintained, and it can therefore be recommended with the fullest confidence to the consumer. The brand commands the largest sale at the highest prices in the principal markets of the world.  
The subjoined statement of the shipments from Cognac to the United Kingdom for the year ending 31st December, 1870, will, we trust, be a proof of its superiority to all other marks.

Exportation	Cases	Gallons	Value
James Hennessy and Co.	18,097	2,898,894	2,927,971
Mart & Co.	17,059	15,433	1,003,274
Participation Charentaise.	410	12,106	1,229
Ottard, Dupuy, and Co.	279	4,240	4,467
Julius Robin and Co.	133	800	1,312
Julius Duret and Co.	37	738	1,239
Small.	2109	24,609	37,326
Total.	4910	79,473	80,004

AVISO AL PUBLICO.  
El que firma avisa al publico que ha abierto en la Calle Moreno No. 70 una tipografia y colchoneria donde se hara todo trabajo correspondiente a cada uno de los ramos como son las diferentes trabajos hechos en la casa del Sr. D. Juan Underwood, donde he trabajado algunas años de oficio, he ganado los secretos de cada uno que me ha servido para hacerlos lo mas pronto que me sea posible, siendo los utiles que gusto de los mejores. Las personas que una vez me han conocido me darán un testimonio de la calidad de mi trabajo sea bueno, pronto y a precios moderados.  
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The Pacific S.S. Co. will leave Rio weekly on the 1st of every Saturday.  
From Liverpool every Saturday.  
From London every Friday.  
Callings at Rio Janeiro every Saturday.  
Montevideo every Thursday.  
Arriving at Valparaiso every Wednesday.  
From Valparaiso every Thursday.  
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Arriving at Liverpool every Thursday.  
Every alternate steamer is to proceed as far north as Callao, calling at Arica and Iquique and returning.  
With regular weekly sailings between England, France, Spain, Portugal, East and West Coasts of South America, the vessels would be such facilities for the increase of trade and commerce as cannot be over-estimated. The vessels coming north of Valparaiso would not take cargo for Callao ports, so that no more than one day's detention would be required at Valparaiso to land passengers, and there would at least be a saving in time in the passage out to Peru of five to six days.  
A company, entitled "La Alianza," has been formed, with a capital of \$1,500,000, in shares of \$1,000 each, to work the following mines at Caracoles—Acomaguna, Maria Luisa, Carmen Alto, San Antonio del Desierto, Hermosa Aconaguina, Julieta, Virginia, Rosa Blanca, Santiago, and Zoraida. We understand that the shares already command a high premium.  
The letting of the Estancia Real has finally been concluded by the Government of Peru, and the award has been made to Henry Meiggs, Esq., for the sum of 37,000,000 soles.  
Mr. Jackson Smith's estancia Nueva de Julio sold 1,000 arrobas wool, outside, at \$80; and Mr. Douhat of same place a similar quantity at 75; the expenses of bringing the wool into town are estimated at \$10 per arroba; this shows that the price of wool is about 100 per cent. The Western coast looks well, but there is a great scarcity of hands.  
Messrs. Best and W. Thompson have petitioned the Municipality for permission to establish a market at the Baca, for which they would pay an annual lease of 7,000 soles.  
The following is the Custom House despatch, Dec. 21st.  
Schupp & Standif, 8 doz planes  
S B Hale & Co, 17 eschovinos  
Soden Campbell, 2 doz gimlets  
D C Bell & Son, 32 tons coal  
H B Thompson del Rio, 10 doz 4 1/2 rope  
J Thyssdale & Co, 200 tons coal, 341 plugs Eng hardware, 2400 pcs pine and 1160 barrels round timber.  
W Wells, 20 tons lime alone  
R Crumwell, 1 c line juice, 2 c drugs, &c.  
Storne Bros, 50 c turpentine  
Corti Riva & Co, 1 c Ultramarine blue  
John Eastman & Son, 40 lbs uric acid  
Moore & Tudor, 200 jars putty  
G Martindale, 13 c furniture  
Mantel & Pfeiffer, 1 piano  
Moller & Co, 1 do.  
Sierret Llanos, 1 c gold watches, 1 chain and 162 doz silver watches  
H Muir, 45 lbs beer  
D C Thompson, 3 c hitters  
Benzoni, 2 doz champagne  
Lohmann & Co, 1 c beer  
Kriger & Co, 1 c champagne  
Moore & Tudor, 50 c champagne, 147 c cheeses, 6 c hams, 24 c tea  
Zimmernann, 250 lbs Indian corn  
Woolholio, 100 c codfish.  
SOUTH PLAZA, Dec. 21st.  
More animation to-day.  
Prices firm.  
Few arrivals.  
The transactions of this morning give the following result—  
Wool.  
According to class and condition, sold at 76 to 80 per arr.  
A very fine lot obtained 92.  
Horse Hair.  
Campo, 157 to 160 peseta.  
Sheepskins.  
Madero, 20 to 22 1/2 rs lb.  
Campo, 200 to 210 rs lb.  
Horse Hair.  
Very long, pure color, 240 arr.  
Other classes, 165 to 180 do.  
Bord. in grease and Tallow.  
The sales in the north wool plaza were as follows:—  
Pisabó, 30 to 31.  
Panzas, 37 to 39.  
Wheat, down, 110 to 130 fan.  
Maize, firm, 185 to 205 do.  
Barley, 75 to 90 do.  
Flour at the mills, 25 to 26 arr.  
ARRIVALS, December 21.  
Montevideo, Oriental steamer Rio Uruguay.  
Uruguay, English do Saturno.  
Colonia, do do Niagara.  
Dutch brigantine.  
SALES.  
Rosario, Oriental steamer Rio Uruguay.  
Rosario, National do Proveedor.  
Montevideo, English do Saturno.  
Rio Janeiro, Brazilian ship Alagos, Brazilian register.  
Liverpool, German barque Stromboli, to O Rossi with 257 bales of 110 bondless.  
Balmport, German barque Schwarm, for Hale & Co, with 80,000 lbs bones, 610 pipes, 79 pipones and 749 bondless.  
Liverpool, English barque Surprise, for Hale & Co, with 10,000 lbs bones, 540 sheepskins, 300 pipes, 100 pipones and bondless 945 c potsa secos 11 hales wool, 2 cases silk, 1 cases nutria, 13 cases nutria.  
Patagonia and Liverpool, German brig Bessel, for O Rossi, with 3000 c salted hales and 1000 dry do, 120 pipes and bondless, 200 hales wool, 100 solesonales yerba, 50 sacks rice, 20 do sugar.

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