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A VOTE OF THANKS TO GOVERNMENT

In the name of the sheepfarmers of Buenos Ayres, we have to thank Governor Alsina and his Ministers for the passing of the Exchange-office Bill, which although as yet in its infancy, is already beginning to show the most beneficial results.

None, save those who had intimate business relations with the sheepfarmers, can form a correct idea as to the prostration of the wool market previous to the passing of this bill. The finest and best wools were selling at the most ruinously low figure, and this, while it brought loss to the farmer, realised no gain for the shipper, owing to the dearth of money. The whole producing interests of the country were expiring from the same cause.

For the last five months the regular rate of interest for paper money was 2 per cent. a month, equal to 24 per cent. per annum, and at times as high as 3 per cent. It is preposterous to suppose that any legitimate business in the world could afford such a rate, and so utterly out of joint was our money market, that not unfrequently paper money lent on gold as hypothecated security, gave 36 per annum. These rates, ruinous as they were, were the current rates of the market. And there were times when paper money, even at these enormous rates, could not be obtained; whilst gold, on the other hand, the real and legitimate standard of all value, could be had at 9 per cent. per annum. Such an artificial state of things could only entail the consequences we have seen: six months longer, and every man in the country who held property and stock, and owed even the most trifling amount, would be bankrupt. Governor Alsina has cut the Gordian knot, dispelled the illusion, and saved the estancieros, sheepfarmers, and producing interests of the River Plate from absolute and positive ruin.

The Standard, as the legitimate organ of these interests, acknowledges the great debt the country owes to the present enlightened Government of Buenos Ayres for this emancipation measure; and it is our pleasing duty to state that the efforts of the Government are duly appreciated by the farmers. This expression, on behalf of a community, is not spontaneous on our part, but at the request of the sheepfarmers, who wish in this manner to convey to Government their heartfelt gratitude for so salutary a remedy.

Buenos Ayres suffered so much, and so long from the yoke of the paper dollar, that it is difficult to say how the gratitude of the public to Governor Alsina and his Ministers can properly show itself; but the consciousness of having rescued their country from ruin, and endeared their names to their fellow-citizens, is the best of all rewards for patriots who toil in the proper cause.

The best and truest way to estimate the merit of the present Bill is to reflect on the misery and losses which must have inevitably accrued had the measure not been passed. Paper money would be to-day probably 20 to the patacon, and the lowest rate of interest for the best bills 4 per cent. a month, or 48 per cent. per annum. Wool would now be hardly worth the trouble of sending into market, and might be used by the country municipalities in filling up quinquaires and pantanos, similar to the use of old jerked beef at the Barracas bridge. Sheep would soon be given away for the trouble of minding them, as in former years; and as for cattle, they might be passed over in fee to the indigent owners of the pampa.

The whole pastoral interests of Buenos Ayres were on the brink of an abyss, which timely and judicious legislation has prevented.

The passage of the Exchange Office Bill has saved the province, and the Government of B. Ayres has identified itself with a measure, which, we hope, will be handed down to posterity as the noblest and most enlightened ever passed by the Legislature of this country.

THE ENGLISH MAILS

ARRIVAL OF THE ARNO.

The Royal Mail Steamer Arno, Capt. J. Bruce, left Rio de Janeiro at 1 p.m. the 6th inst., experienced fine weather, and arrived at Montevideo on the afternoon of the 10th, at 4 p.m., making a passage of 4 days.

On freight the Arno brings specie valued at about £118,000, of which £13,500 was landed at Montevideo, and the rest is for Buenos Ayres. The following is the list of passengers:— For Montevideo—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, male and female servant, Messrs. Garrett, Smith, Uthwart, Langford, J. G. Amorin, Juan Guesi, R. Calsada y Rousa, F. J. Fortuny, M. Moreira, M. H. de Pinho, J. Soares, J. da Silva and son, J. da Souza, J. J. Gonzales, M. Moreira, J. G. da Silva, M. Castanheiro, D. Gato, J. A. Ionaeco, J. Alvarez, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chapman and 2 children, C. Neate, A. R. d'Oliveira, E. Home, E. P. Wilson and man servant, M. G. Pereira, Mme. Marie Bleim, J. Vignolo, R. Cortina, R. Patterson, M. Alexandre, L. A. de Castro.

For Buenos Ayres—Mr. and Mrs. Best, Messrs. R. Best, Bridger, Hamell, Milroy, Mme. Valois, C. Fernandez y Murieta, Count Irino Oliveira, W. Rantzon, Ehrencrona, G. Traversa, L. Priyas y Miquez, C. Ferri, J. B. Boento, J. H. Frindade, wife, two daughters, and man servant, F. Wiengreen, F. J. Moreira, M. G. Pereira, C. Neate.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

December 10, 1866.

We have been talking principally within the last few weeks about America, Mexico, and Maximilian, and are yet unable to solve the difficulty. Most European politicians are adverse to the policy of France, a policy so like that which she adopted in Rome. The Chief of the Tuilleries is evidently finding that he has undertaken more than he can thoroughly accomplish, vide Morocco and Cochinchina, as well as Mexico, Rome, and the Northern African territory. The United States Government, we imagine, will do well in Mexico by organizing a Government, a blessing which has not been known in the country for many years, nor ever will until the native forces are repressed. The resources of the country are great, and with peace and industry, instead of war, all Englishmen know that Mexico will become as great, or greater, than ever, owing to its vast mineral, agricultural, and industrial resources.

Monetary affairs here are a little more animated, and the lowest rate of discount may be quoted at 4 per cent. English capitalists are sick of the unlimited liability system which, within the last 12 months, has brought so many frugal and provident investors to ruin. Rather than pack up hotels, finance companies, et sic de similitudine de ceteris, in the shape of joint-stock undertakings, far better would it be to invest money in South American enterprises; and as the money market here is easy, and peace in South America is likely to prevail, let the inventive powers south of the Equator send to England some substantial project, and the cash will, no doubt, be speedily advanced.

Limited Monarchy is supposed to be the best system of Government; but, although we had 'right off' two hundred years of civil war to effect that which has only been of less than four years' duration in the United States, dissipation and even democracy still shows its leaven in our old-fashioned country. We have had Mr. Bright, Mr. Beales, and their united host trying to institute manhood suffrage, and the Fenians again give us much trouble and expense. The new Government, under Earl Derby, cannot therefore feel their position to be a 'bed of roses.' On the contrary, the Ministry have been much perplexed, and rightly enough are adopting every precaution in Ireland and Canada to oppose any Fenian outbreak. There is no fear of any great attack, but protective arrangements are costly through the removal of troops, the stationing of men-of-war, and all kinds of official vigilance.

Affairs at the West End of London are very dull, the London season not having actively commenced. In the city, too, there has been extreme inaction, and there is no life at all in the Stock-Exchange. The produce markets too are very inactive.

Consols are now 87½ for Money, and 88½ for the Account, 10th Jan. In Buenos Ayres Securities during the last few days there has not been much business transacted. The 6 per Cents, however, are firm at 78, 80, and a bargain in the 2 per Cents (Deferred 3 per Cents) has taken place at 31½.

Brazilian Bonds have only been in moderate demand. The 5 per Cents, however, are firm at 94, 96, and dated of 1865 at 68, 69.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

Pesth, Dec. 4. In yesterday's sitting of the Lower House of the Diet, Herr Podmaniczky declared that the Hapsburg dynasty stands or falls, with Hungary. Herr

Glycoz said that Europe would not tolerate the conquest of the Danubian Principalities by Russia.

Constantinople, Dec. 6. Government advices received here from Candia, dated 30th ult., announce the submission of the most important districts, and the entire dispersion of the insurgent bodies. The Turkish authorities in the island had been reinstated in their posts.

Vienna, Dec. 7. It is stated that Count Bombelles has left for Paris on his way to Gibraltar in order to receive the Emperor Maximilian, who it is alleged will arrive there on the 20th inst. by the steamer Dandolo.

The Emperor Maximilian is believed not to have abdicated.

Alexandria, Dec. 1. John Suratt, alleged to have been an accomplice in the assassination of President Lincoln, is in the custody of the American Consul in this city. He was arrested on board a vessel undergoing quarantine in this port.

Florence, Dec. 6 (Evening.) The Italian mission to the Papal Court will be entrusted to Signor Tonello, who has received from his Government instruction of a highly conciliatory character. Signor Tonello will probably leave to-morrow, but will, in any case, arrive in Rome before the 10th inst.

Rome, Dec. 6. To-day the Pope gave a farewell audience to the officers of the French troops in Rome. They were presented by General de Montebello.

The new Portuguese Ambassador has arrived here.

Vienna, Dec. 8.

The official Gazette of to-day publishes a letter of the Emperor, dated the 4th inst., and addressed to the Minister of War. His Majesty takes note of the resolutions of the supreme military tribunal, according to which an inquiry should be instituted into the conduct of Field-Marshal Benedek and Generals Henkestein and Krismann during the late war. His Majesty, however, orders that all further judicial proceedings against these generals, or any other general or officer of the staff, on account of similar accusations, should be entirely dropped.

IRELAND.

(From the Times Correspondent.)

Dublin, Dec. 1.

The excitement about Fenianism is daily increased by fresh reports of arrests and the discovery of arms and ammunition. Three arrests were effected yesterday in this city. The names of two of the parties have not transpired, the police declining to give information, and considering it expedient to conduct their operations with as much secrecy as possible. The name of the third person is Nicholas Mahony, or Cornelius O'Mahony, who passes under various aliases. It appears that he lodged at No. 28, New-bridge-street, a house said to be occupied by a man who supplied the Fenian prisoners with provisions. Inspectors Hughes, Doyle, Woulfe, and Giles, with a body of police from Chancery-lane Station, surrounded the house at half-past 6 in the morning, expecting to find O'Mahony in bed; but they learnt that he had been out all night. They accordingly waited quietly till he returned at half-past 8, when he was at once taken into custody, and conveyed in a cab to Mountjoy prison under the Habeas Corpus Suspension Act. This capture is considered important, as it has placed in the hands of the authorities some documents revealing the Fenian plans. This, however, is scarcely more than a matter of conjecture, as the detectives are extremely reserved, and even deny that there has been any arrest at all.

The Whig of this day, in a second edition, says that:—

"This morning, upon the arrival of the steamer Electric from Liverpool, the police who had been on the look out went on board and arrested a number of the steerage passengers—18 men and three women, who were escorted to the police-office. Their luggage was subsequently conveyed on floats to the police-office, where it was searched, but nothing was found to criminate the parties, who were then discharged, and proceeded to their destinations by rail to Londonderry, Ballymena, &c."

Four Fenian prisoners were brought into Limerick from the town of Bruff yesterday morning. The large quantity of gunpowder discovered secreted in the old store near the "Black Battery," in St. John's parish, last August, and all subsequent articles of Fenian ammunition which have turned up, have been transferred from William-street Police-station to the new barracks.

On the arrival of the Liverpool steamer at Dundalk yesterday Constable Scullin discovered a box which contained no less than 14,000 percussion caps which he seized and lodged in the barracks, pending inquiries. A quantity of gunpowder was seized yesterday by the police at Athy while being conveyed from the railway station to a neighbouring village. It is stated that it was procured by the consignee for blasting purposes, and that the transaction was not in any way connected with Fenianism. Considerable alarm prevails in consequence

of the anticipated rising, and the want of a military force in the town is spoken of as a matter of grievance by the inhabitants, who cannot see why their barracks should be empty as they feel the want of protection. This is a very general complaint, but it is rather too much to expect the Government to garrison all the small towns of Ireland. The seaports, however, ought to be well guarded. It is said that the Corporation of Drogheda will meet this day to adopt a memorial to Government referring particularly to the unprotected state of that town, while a fine barrack is empty, and complaining that it does not get a fair share of the public expenditure. The Irish Times draws attention to the unprotected state of Wexford, and states that:—

"There are at most but 20 policemen in the whole district, and there is not a single soldier in the entire county. Steamers enter the Port of Wexford every week from Bristol, Liverpool and Glasgow, American trading vessels frequently drop in, and any amount of arms and ammunition might be landed without the knowledge of the authorities. There is nothing whatever to prevent Stephens, or any other Fenian leader, from landing at or near Wexford, any day, openly, and without the least danger of his being arrested."

Her Majesty's troopship Tamar, Captain Sullivan, R. N., which left Portsmouth on Wednesday afternoon with the 28th Regiment, arrived at Kingstown yesterday morning, and drew alongside the Victoria-wharf in the afternoon. The strength of the regiment is 21 officers and 708 non-commissioned officers and men. The Cork Examiner states that

"The paddlewheel sloop Gladiator, commander Aplin, arrived on Thursday morning from Portsmouth. She brings a reinforcement of Marines. Four hundred of the new breech-loading rifles arrived here by train from Dublin on Thursday, for the use of the constabulary in this city and county. They were accompanied by a constabulary escort, commanded by Mr. Sub-Inspector Greaves. One hundred and forty stand were despatched to the West Riding per the 2 p. m. Brandon train. The first distribution of the new arm to the city force took place on Thursday evening. It is a very much smaller weapon than the rifle with which the force has hitherto been armed, being, in fact, no longer than the ordinary cavalry carbine, while it is exceedingly light and portable. It is in appearance a mere toy, as compared with the heavy Mimie rifle. It is sighted for 800 yards."

Alderman Joynt was this day elected Lord Mayor of Dublin by a majority of 30 to 9. He was proposed by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Moylan. An animated discussion arose about the alleged compact between the Liberals and Conservatives, as to having one of each party in office alternately, and this led to an unexpected division.

THE WAR OF THE ANDES.

REBEL GANGS IN CORDOBA AND RIOJA.

The Provincias of Cordoba says— The Comandante of Cruz del Eje has advised Government of an incursion by Rioja free-booters, whom he was unable to oppose, for want of arms and supplies. The Government has ordered active measures, and directed a quantity of arms to be sent thither, to prevent further depredations. Under date January 3rd, the Governor of Cordoba writes to the National Government, complaining that the Custom-house of Rosario will not give up the arms detained by Paunero's order, but which that General since ordered to be let pass. He adds that besides the outbreak at Olta, rebel bands have now appeared at Chelcos, Rioja, and elsewhere, and some have even invaded the territory of Cordoba: a more formidable movement is that of Varela, at Guandaedo, and in all parts the rebels are organizing themselves for the work of plunder. The Governor has therefore called out the Nat. Guards, and sent officers to take command in the various points threatened, but unfortunately there are no arms for them. He begs the detained arms will be at once sent on to him, and a supply of carbines from the 'parque' of Buenos Ayres, as Cordoba is too poor to pay for any more.

By decree, 3rd inst., Governor Lavie orders—

"Whereas advices from the commanders of Minas, Pocho, and Cruz del Eje announce movements of Rioja rebels, especially at Cruz del Eje, the Nat. Guards are hereby called out all along the frontier bordering on Rioja, viz: Cruz del Eje, Minas, Pocho, San Alberto, and San Javier."

Major Arce writes from Cruz del Eje, January 1st—

"I sent a scout to look up the rebels in the Llanos, but he never came back. To-day Major Peratta sends me word that a band of 30 armed gauchos from Rioja have invaded this department, and are now at Bambion. I have ordered 20 men to reinforce Peratta, who has 20 more, but our men have no arms, and cannot repel the marauders."

Major Andrade, of Pocho, writes as follows—

"I am about to start for the Llanos of Rioja, with a band of volunteer boys from San Alberto, under the command of Don Ramon Flores, of Rioja, who pays me handsomely for myself and my boys, on the condition that we march in good order. As I am a very poor I have to accept this engagement, but will try to prevent any inroads into Cordoba, although I have no particular party-color. I regret the Government did not employ me and my men, as I would have gladly served them; we have a gun, a sabre and 5 lances, for which I shall be personally responsible. I hope you will mention me favorably to all friends and subalterns, as they might think my conduct queer; you may also advise the Government, if you think right, and I hope you may live a thousand years."

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Dec. 31.

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EDITOR'S TABLE.

The mails by the Arno bring little news that we have not already published. Our London letter in another column will be found interesting. The Times of Dec. 10th is the latest date.

From Montevideo we have a long and interesting report of the funeral of Dr. Kellogg, of the U. S. frigate Brooklyn, which we must hold over till our next.

The English papers mention that Mr. Edward Henry Woods, C.E., resident engineer of the Central Argentine Railway, and Mr. W. Mercer, late of the Rio drainage works, have been elected members of the Institute of Engineers, London.

We had mails yesterday from the Uruguay: M. St. Guily, formerly editor of the French paper, has received an order from Cruz del Eje to construct a family mausoleum at Concepcion cemetery, which will cost £5,000 sterling.

We regret to learn that Mr. Mathew Boag, formerly chief-engineer of the Mail-steamer Arno, and recently engaged to the W. Indian line, has died in the West Indies.

The French papers say the Prince of Wales has had a narrow escape, the railway-coach in which he travelled from Berlin to Paris having taken fire.

The whole city of Buenos Ayres was taken by surprise yesterday, when it was known that the sun had been so much closer to us than usual. The 'savans' of Buenos Ayres wondered where the Standard got such extraordinary news, and how the discovery had been made, but we decline to give any explanation. In Europe no doubt the matter will cause great attention.

We have again to call attention to the complete paralyzation of the whole shipping business of Barracas, by the extraordinary conduct of Mr. Botet, the Justice of Peace and army barrack-quero of that district. Yesterday, as we passed along the Riachuelo, it was really a melancholy sight to see the barraqueros all sitting on top of their bales of wool, in the most desponding humour, lamenting their hard fate, and indulging in severe language on the conduct of Mr. Botet, in having taken up all the lighters. From the Barracas bridge to the Boca there is but one roar of indignation at the iron despotism of the army hay contractor. Lopez himself never, in the zenith of his power, so effectually trampled on trade, commerce, and shipping as our next door neighbor, the judge. Exporters drive down in angry moods to see their barraqueros, and enquire the cause of the extraordinary delay about their bills of lading; clerks are running up and down on the Boca Railway hourly on the same mission. The steamers Newton and Cordova can't get off, simply because Don Pepe Botet has got his heel on the shipping interest of Buenos Ayres; and the question on the Bolsa and in the counting-houses is now no longer—How is the wind, the tide, or the river? but What hay has Botet in his barraca? It is really miserable to contemplate the loss and ruin entailed by this monstrous mismanagement of the Minister of War.

For the shipment of hay to the army, there are scores here who will take it on contract, supply their own lighters, and not in the least interfere with the trade of the port; why therefore does not the Minister at once relieve commerce of this abuse? To our mind, Sr. Botet has just about as good a

right to embargo the beef-steaks cooked for breakfast at the Barraca de Peña, as the lighters belonging to the concern. So strong is the feeling of the barraqueros on this subject, that if the abuse be continued they will probably hold a meeting at the Barraqueros' Club, and there resolutions that we march in good order. As I am a very poor I have to accept this engagement, but will try to prevent any inroads into Cordoba, although I have no particular party-color. I regret the Government did not employ me and my men, as I would have gladly served them; we have a gun, a sabre and 5 lances, for which I shall be personally responsible. I hope you will mention me favorably to all friends and subalterns, as they might think my conduct queer; you may also advise the Government, if you think right, and I hope you may live a thousand years."

There seems to be now no doubt whatever about Mr. John Shaw, alias Juan San, having left Europe for Chile, to gird on his sword for the "war in the Andes." Our colleagues state the thing for a fact: he called at Madrid, took his formal 'conge,' and we suppose is now on the summit of the Andes, preparing to descend like an avalanche on the Argentine plains. We stood beside Mr. San when he jumped into the Vudra's boat, and pulled off from the mole-head of Montevideo some years ago: he had no other luggage save an old 'recreado,' which was put into the boat with him. We were given to understand that he was very poor, and how he managed to live in Spain for the last two years, is a mystery. Varela, the other rebel officer, is resting on the slope of the Andes, with 200 Chilean filibusters, but has not yet attempted to enter the Republic. The irruption into Cordoba seems now to be an admitted fact: the rebels dashed in at a place called Cruz de Eje. The Cordovese Government has named an officer to make a stand against the "montoneras"; but he seems to be a "chip of the same block," for on his way out in the diligence he made no secret of his political opinions, and abused the National Government. On enquiry, it turns out that the officer is no other than the former secretary of the redoubtable Chacho. Things in the Interior seem to be greatly out of joint, and Gen. Paunero altogether too slow in his movements.

On Friday there was a 'motin' on board the 'ponton' in port. It seems that the order came for all on board to be sent up to Corrientes, whereon a misunderstanding arose, but we have no further particulars: the real difficulty seemed to be that the 'enganchados' did not wish to go up the river, and two of the heads, or leaders, of the row had to be sent ashore in irons.

The robberies about town are now getting so frequent that they cause slight attention. Since the case of the French milliner, who lost everything by the fellows having walked off with her shop-door, there have been many and various attempts to sack stores, &c. The last case occurred in our own street: the fellows broke into a Basque wholesale grocery store, a couple of squares from our office, and tried to get away with the safe, but it was too heavy; so, they contented themselves with a few bottles of Chateau Margaux and 'gentle Leoville.' They next tried their hand at Mr. Martz, de Hoz, but, we are happy to hear, failed. The audacity of these robbers is such that we should not be surprised if they next paid a midnight visit to our Museum and walked off with some of the back numbers of the Standard. There is nothing else for the fellows to get: Medlicott's wine is finished, and in the old iron safe we keep nothing but the tail of the rattle-snake, the 'Chivil' (or R.R. medal, some samples of what isn't coal, found at Mr. Fair's 'quinta,' and a few old coats.

A new bank has been started in Montevideo, called the Bond and Mortgage Bank; verily, that city is the land for banks. The new Bond and Mortgage Bank, we suppose, will do a splendid business, particularly if they will advance on chattel mortgages; fifty dollars (on a bond and mortgage) on a silver watch, or silk umbrella. These sort of banks have a very different name in Ireland.

Mr. La Torre, the Zarate Judge, has accepted his nomination for the year. Under his paternal care the little town of Zarate is rising rapidly. The public school-house for boys is now finished: the building is first-class, and cost close on \$200,000 mps. On New Year's Day the Judge gave "a hop." All the town was there; dancing kept up until daylight.

Dr. D. Bernardo Irigoyen has just published a treatise on Federal Jurisdiction. We have not seen the work as yet, but coming from the pen of such a distinguished lawyer, we have no doubt it must be a great addition to Argentine jurisprudence.

Neck-ties and cravats are now fast going out of fashion: the most 'distingued' dress now is a cravatless collar neatly turned down with a ruby or mother-of-pearl button.

The passing of the Exchange office law has thrown no less than 119 fashionable brokers out of employment; each of these gentlemen on an average earned ten thousand dollars per month; all these commissions are now saved the public; but the question with the brokers' creditors to be a very serious one; we must find something for them to do, and accustomed as they have been to lead a pleasant life at Cafes, Billiards, &c., they are unfit for the camp: the only business which is not over-done in Buenos Ayres is the Lighterman's—the brokers ought to start lighters. Then, again, a good swimming-bath is wanted; this could afford occupation to a number, and an independent street

meeting with the most universal support.

We have it on undoubted authority that the terms of peace between Paraguay and the Allies are concluded, arranged, and agreed on, with the exception of one article, and that when Osorio arrives on the banks of the Parana, with his array of reserve, the probabilities are that the remaining article will also be agreed on.

In the camp districts the drought is now beginning to be felt. An estancia just arrived reports that from Vecino, southwards, the camps are all dried up. Between Vecino and town the camps are still green and smiling, but in the far south and near the frontier the pasture is burnt up. Cattle are very fat, and the estancieros keep steadily sending in to the corrales—some days as many as 10,000 head arrive. The saladeros are all working as fast as they can, but hands are very scarce, notwithstanding all we hear about increased immigration; and the saladeristas at Barracas have to arrange amongst themselves as to the days for killing. They cannot all work the same day, nor can they buy cattle on the same day, owing to the extraordinary scarcity of hands, which is felt more this year than ever.

The celebrated Avellaneda land scheme has at last become law: it is calculated to work the most important changes in this province. It may, in every sense of the word, be termed the "poor man's law." Parties wishing to purchase Government Land already occupied must wait five months or purchase the enthusiastic right. The Government tenant who rents Government Land to a sub-tenant loses all right, title, and interest to said land. This new law is one of the best measures ever passed in this country.

The auction sale of half bred English mares which took place on Friday came off well; the best mare realized \$1700, and all the rest sold for \$200 each.

The steamer Cordova, in consequence of the lighter nuisance, could not get away yesterday; she will probably leave to-morrow.

Count Fosco's letter about over-worked clerks has found no echo in our community; his Manchester experience suggests that he must have been an office-boy of small note. It is really a very significant fact the great attention which this overworking theme has attracted; only the other day we received a polite request from one of the foreign Ministers for all the articles and papers on this question; the subject has not however been discussed on the broad basis we put it, but taken up as a sort of British-clerk grievance, than which nothing could have been further from our intention.

Several Englishmen recently arrived are now about to depart for the Laguna de los Padres district, where land is good and cheap.

The Snyder rifle is now on exhibition at our office. It is, beyond all question, the best gun of the age. The owner of this fine weapon has left for the 25 de Mayo camps, to look up a cheap estancia.

Respecting the Frayle Muerto Fort, a subscription is being got up here to defray the expenses of getting colonists. Mr. Thomas Armstrong, with his usual spirited patriotism, has come forward and subscribed one hundred guineas. We hope to see all the English houses in town giving at least—patacons each for so deserving and meritorious a purpose.

LATEST FROM ROSARIO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Jan. 8, 1867.

To the Editors of the Standard, Gentlemen,

I am writing with the thermometer at 98 in the shade, a degree of heat rather uncommon here; still, the air is so pure that we do not feel by any means uncomfortable. The weather is very favorable for the harvest, and although the corn crop would be benefited by a good shower, yet the spring has been so wet that the plants will be able to sustain a good long drought.

I have been trying to get some information about the state of the crops at the colonies, but I am only able to state that the year is expected to turn out very favorably. From the American Colony I have heard nothing lately, but expect answers to my letters soon.

The Government has ordered the measurement of the lands denounced at Pajaro Blanco, thirty and forty miles north of San Javier, by the North Americans, for themselves and their friends that are to arrive from California.

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