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The Standard

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The Office of Emil Arnolds has been REMOVED to 37 CALLE DEFENSA.

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A General Rehearsal will take place on Wednesday Night, 27th inst.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

An additional Mail for the "Cordillera," will be despatched to-day, the 28th...

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Wreaths, Crowns, Bouquets, Festoons, or any other device in Laurels or Flowers...

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CASA AMUEBLADA DEL PARQUE.

Esta quinta de la calle Parque de Esquina de la calle...

EN EL PUESTO CEPEDA.

Se vende a precio módico, se hacen y se reparan...

WILLIAM WHETTINGSTELL.

Requested by George Wallace to communicate to his...

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BOOK-KEEPING taught in Twelve Lessons, either in English, Spanish, or French.

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A small Casa Quinta, in Calle Tucuman, three squares past the Convent...

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VERY comfortable and well-ventilated Furnished Rooms, with Board included...

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A Situation, by a young Englishman, as COPYIST, or as TEACHER, in a family...

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A good Woman Cook, for a small English family. Apply at No. 361 Calle Bolivar.

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WANTED.

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DURING the late Storm, a Boat belonging to the British Ship "Lochiel," painted white outside, blue inside.

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The Standard.

'Nil falli audeam, nil vero audeam dicere.'

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1869.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

To-day is the greatest day in all the year, the feast of the Nativity: it is an anniversary that is welcomed throughout Christendom with the utmost rejoicings...

"Of youth and home and that dear time" when holly and ivy were hung in the hall...

when the Christmas fire blazed cheerily on the hearth; when school-boys home from school made the welkin ring with their shouts...

when the "waits" came round with their nightly salutation; when frost and snow covered hill and dale in a mantle of white...

when the village fiddlers and the church-bells gave out the tones of the Adeste Fideles; when brothers and sisters met again in a family group...

perhaps after a long separation; when the festive board was laid, and mirth and merriment held sway...

and among the toasts was one to "absent friends," to those dear and loved ones beyond the Atlantic foam...

whose faces were missed from the home circle. All these associations crowd upon us this day...

and each of us returns in spirit to the woodland cottage, the old farm gate, reminding us in the words of Gerald Griffin—

Here once my youthful moments dwelt In joy, like sunshine splendid The happiest hours that e'er I knew With those sweet scenes were blended.

Old Father Christmas was honored by our ancestors in a quaint and merry fashion, very different from the usages of the present day...

but not less cordially or cheerily. We have still the pictures of the olden time: the baronial hall, the yule log, the table groaning under the roast-beef and flagons of ale...

all shewing that Christmas from time immemorial has held the honored place in the English Kalendar. Among Spanish nations the festival is celebrated with less enthusiasm...

and here in South America we find Christmas shorn of half its cherished associations. In fact it is difficult to reconcile the idea of Christmas coming in mid-summer.

Nevertheless there is at least one happy custom common to Spaniards and Englishmen, that of exchanging good wishes and kindly salutations; and in offering to our Argentine friends the compliments of Christmas we do so with the most cordial sincerity...

hoping that every succeeding year may see the country more prosperous than the preceding one, and that the same harmony and good-will may always prevail among us.

To our friends at home we send a heart-felt greeting, to assure them that time and distance only increase the affection we bear to the old land to the companions of our former years.

Each and every one of us has still many dear ties to the mother country, and whether in the busy marts of England, or the sequestered glens of Scotland, or the green hills of Ireland, there are hearts that beat responsive to our own, and to whom we hope that Christmas will come full of blessing.

And now the STANDARD owes a salutation on its own behalf to each and all of its readers. We find it difficult on this occasion to say all we could wish, or all we feel. We can only say in the fullness of our heart, and hoping we may often have the pleasure of doing so.

"Kind readers we wish you a merry Christmas and many happy returns of the day."

STRYCHNINE IN THE STREETS.

The most conservative place in the world is Buenos Ayres, we stick to old customs and habits, with a tenacity surprising in a people that owes nothing to antiquity.

The frequency of revolutions in by-gone years gave rise to the prison bars for our windows; the era of revolutions is past, but the window bars remain, and of the hundreds of new houses going up all around, not a single one can be found without the hateful bars; but of all the customs that defy reform, that of throwing strychnine in the streets in the hot summer months, is most odious and most dangerous.

It came into fashion in Buenos Ayres before revolvers were invented, it has been tried for years, found to be highly efficacious in killing thousands of dogs before daylight, now then killing a few old women and children; the police trained by long experience are adepts in the art, they know the exact hour and place where to throw the poisoned meat, and although the whole public of Buenos Ayres cries out against this Constantinople custom, forsooth because the police like it, we must all run the chance of being poisoned some fine morning; can anything be more monstrous?

In the archives of the police are to be found the records of all the people poisoned through accident or mistake by the throwing of strychnine in the streets. This year the police have commenced their poisoning tricks again, and we suppose notwithstanding all we may say to the contrary will continue it. Yesterday morning at daybreak almost every street in the southern end of the town was strewn with dead dogs; the early barraqueros and wool buyers hurrying to the plazas were horrified at the sight—here and there large pieces of beef, most tempting to look at were to be met with, any unsophisticated servant girl might by mistake pick up one of these pieces of beef, never for a moment suspecting that it was impregnated with the most deadly poison extant; such mistakes have occurred in former years and may not the same happen this year?

The confessed and plausible object of the police in throwing poisoned meat in the streets is to get rid of the dogs, which we must admit are a most annoying nuisance; but the object could be attained by a less dangerous remedy. The dogs of the town are not wild, and it is just as easy to shoot them with a Monte-Cristo pistol as to poison them. Strychnine is the dearest drug to be had in an apothecary's shop; in point of economy, therefore, the pistol is preferable to poison. It should also be born in mind that this city is full of rats, that the poisoned meat flung at midnight into the streets is devoured as much by the rats as the dogs; the rats make for the algebras to slake their thirst and die there, the water becomes impregnated with the poison, and what's the result? Why, that people are suddenly taken sick without knowing why or wherefore, Doctor called in, who generally treats the patient as a cholera or yellow fever case, and consequently none can tell how many are the human victims to this insane practice of throwing poisoned meat into the streets.

If Mr. O'Gorman cannot put a stop to this highly dangerous poisoning custom, at least Governor Castro is armed with sufficient authority to order its prohibition. The public have certainly a right to be heard in a matter of such high moment. We may safely say that the poisoning business has begun this year in such good earnest that the whole city is alarmed; people are afraid that if continued in, all the algebras in the town will soon be poisoned; better even the very dogs than this, the cure is every way worse than the disease, and we call upon the Government to direct Mr. Chief of Police O'Gorman to order its immediate abolition. A good tax on dogs would very soon free the city of the thousands of useless noisy mongrels that for ever keep prowling about the streets, or a reward offered for the head of each dog, would also solve the difficulty. The strychnine business must be at once stopped, public safety demands it.

CERRITO COLONIZATION PROJECT.

One of the most useful and judicious projects of colonization that has yet come under our notice is that of Mr. Lieste, the Dutch Consul, which is described in a pamphlet just published.

The Estancia del Corrito is on the banks of the Parana, covering a superficies of fourteen square leagues, with a frontage of two leagues on the river, and situate about ten leagues above the town of Paraná. The lands are well situated for either pasture or tillage; in fact there can hardly be in the whole Republic a site more admirably chosen for colonization. There is a port at the Cerro, close to the estancia house, where vessels from Europe can come alongside the bank and discharge passengers and cargo. The land has an abundance of wood and water, the first necessities that settlers require, and the Province of Entre Rios being free from Indians and gaucho marauders the colonists would be exposed to none of those troubles such as recently occurred in Santa Fé. Mr. Lieste mentions that some of the Swiss Colonists of San Carlos have arranged with him for the removal of their families and effects to the Cerro, where they can continue their agricultural labors with security for their lives and property. Numerous families are also expected from Holland, as Mr. Lieste has arranged with ship-captains for the purpose, and his quality of Consul will give him peculiar facilities in this respect. In the pamphlet before us much stress is laid on the great success of the Santa Fé colonies, and this is an unquestionable fact, notwithstanding all the annoyance caused to the colonists by the authorities. The present occasion seems indeed most

opportunity for Mr. Lieste's project, and every circumstance seems to augur a brilliant result if he succeed in getting the necessary amount of capital subscribed.

The capital of the company is fixed at £25,000 in 25 shares of one thousand pounds sterling each, and the estancia is to be divided into three parts, A, B, and C, the capital being distributed in this manner:—

£16,000 to Mr. Lieste for the land. £6,000 for farming Section A: 3½ square leagues. £4,000 for colonizing B. and C.: 10½ square leagues.

The company to begin January 1st, 1870, and last for three years;—the shareholders to receive 1½ per cent. monthly interest, payable quarterly, and the capital and profits to be distributed pro rata in December, 1872.

Mr. Lieste takes three shares (£3,000), and deposits them as guarantee of the monthly interest. He receives no bonus for starting the company, but is to be appointed Managing Director, receiving no salary but one-half the net proceeds of the farm (Section A). The price to be paid him for the land is not high, seeing that some adjacent lots have been already sold higher, and the neighbouring lands of the London and River Plate Bank are valued equally high.

The tables for Section A. may be condensed thus:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. 1870.—Tillage of 1,200 acres... 37,000. 3,000 faneegas wheat, @ \$12 36,000. Loss... 1,000.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. 1871.—Tillage of 2,400 acres... 60,000. 6,000 faneegas wheat, @ \$10 60,000. Gains... 10,000.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. 1872.—Tillage of 4,800 acres... 85,500. 12 faneegas of wheat, @ \$9 108,900. Gains... 22,000.

Total gain in three years... \$31,000.

In fact, the shareholders, after getting 1½ per cent. per month for three years, will receive also, at the end of that period, the whole of their capital, and also a bonus of 60 per cent.

Sections B. and C. comprise respective areas of 3½ and 7 square leagues, which are to be sub-divided into chacras and estancias for colonists. Section B. will be cut up into 350 chacras of 64 acres each, of which Mr. Lieste will buy ten for himself: the manager's house, mill, offices, &c., will be in the centre. Section C. will comprise 12 estancia lots, each half a square league, besides one league which Mr. Lieste will buy. The table stands thus:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Purchase of A, B, and C... £16,000. Expenses for B, and C... 4,000. Total... 20,000.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Sale of 316 chacras at £50... 15,800. Do. 12 estancias... 9,000. Do. land to Mr. Lieste... 8,000. Total... 25,500.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Deduct expenses as above... 20,000. 30 months interest at 1½ per cent... 10,800. Nett profits... £4,500.

This would give another dividend of 22½ per cent. It is to be noted that at the expiration of the three years, if the company be not again constituted, the whole of Section A. will be purchased by Mr. Lieste, for which, [including also the ten chacras of B. and one square league in C.], he pays the sum of £8,000.

We are glad to find it stated that Mr. Lieste will personally superintend the affairs of the company, residing permanently at Cerrito, and his character and experience will be a great guarantee for the happy result of the enterprise. It would be difficult to find a better locality than this for a project of the kind, or a better man than our worthy Dutch Consul to direct it. The occasion is also, we believe, most opportune, and we earnestly wish the Cerro Colony every success. The company will be established as soon as sixteen shares are taken up, and we believe Mr. Lieste has already allotted more than half that number.

MONTEVIDEO.

Thursday, 23.

The rumours that have been for some time circulating here with regard to General Goyo Suarez having assumed a hostile attitude, seem to acquire consistency, and an evening paper which is known to derive its information from authentic sources, says that in consequence of alarming news received, a detachment of 100 men has been ordered out in all haste to Tacuarembó, and was to have marched to-day.

The Tribuna of to-day has the following:—

"The Government has received despatches from Tacuarembó, according to which it would appear that General Goyo Suarez is assuming a menacing attitude in that department. The Gefe Politico had in consequence thereof requested Colonel Castro to send him fifty or sixty men of the Salfo garrison. General Suarez was holding meetings, and it was feared that he had some plan of attacking the town. The National Guard had been called to arms. Lieut. Colonel Mendicta, with 80 cavalry soldiers was in observation. The Gefe Politico was determined to resist at all hazards."

A letter is published to-day in all the papers addressed by the Oriental Consul in Buenos Ayres, Mr. Charles A. Stewart to President Batlle, stating that after the most diligent inquiries he could assert with confidence that there was not the slightest truth in the report that several cases of cholera had occurred in your city, as stated in a telegram received here on

Sunday last and published in the Telegrafo Maritimo.

The funeral service in honor of Admiral Mendez Nuñez, came off to-day in the Cathedral, and was very imposing. It was presided by the Spanish Minister; and honored with the presence of President Batlle accompanied by the Prime Minister, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the President of the Senate, Don A. Chu-carro, and the Gefe Politico. The elite of the Montevideo society was also present, and the vast precincts of our Cathedral crowded to excess.

Before landing here the Oriental Division from Paraguay will disembark at Colonia for the purpose of receiving new clothing to enable them to make a decent appearance, and also to give time for the completion of the arrangements for their triumphal entry here. They are not therefore expected for eight or ten days.

The Fiscal Commission of the Banks has informed the Finance Minister of its having received the coupons of the Montevideo European Loan, which had been deposited in the London and Westminster Bank, as guarantee for the emission of the Mauá Bank.

The tramway to the Paso Molino is doing a roaring business, and since its establishment that unpicturesque spot has become the 'rendez-vous' of our 'beau monde.' Every afternoon a number of carriages may be seen freighted with lovely women or elegant dandies. The President of the Republic is a pretty constant attendant; but the most dashing equipage is that of the wife of General Caballero, who drives in an open barouche drawn by four splendid horses.

The Alcazar Lyrique announces a masked ball for to-morrow and Sunday nights, which are to be opened by the artists of the company in costume. The demand for boxes is very great, and no doubt the attendance will be numerous, and it is to be hoped that the police will take every precautionary measure to prevent the occurrence of a row, the elements for which are sure not to be wanting. Masked balls are also announced at Solis for the nights of the 24th, 25th, and 26th.

There was more animation in the Bolsa to-day. Several transactions were done in gold for cash and on time. The closing price for cash was 5½ per cent., and for the 31st 6 per cent.

LATEST FROM PARAGUAY AND CORRIENTES.

Dec. 18th.

The latest news from the army of any interest relate to the movements of General Camara's division, which has been operating to the north of Jeqy. This commander has fallen back, having but half accomplished his orders in moving on Tacuaty, in consequence of the enemy under Col. Romero flying precipitately at his approach, and the great heat rendering it impossible for the cavalry under his command to institute a vigorous pursuit. Nevertheless our troops obtained a decided advantage over the enemy in an encounter with the forces of Majors Bogado and Montiel, the latter officer having been taken prisoner; a number of lances, swords and carbines were captured, as also a flag. The enemy had 20 men placed 'hors de combat' in this fight, and lost a great number in prisoners and deserters. Every day deserters flock in to the towns occupied by the Brazilian troops, the daily arrivals being a dozen or more. A number of these sent in to Asuncion by General Polidoro were seven officers and a priest. One of them, Captain Lopez, made a declaration to the effect that, "he had recently held a private conversation with the Marshal, who asked him if he knew the road to Bolivia, and if he could swim well, as he wished him to accompany him (the Marshal) in his flight to that country; also, that he intended taking a certain number of the families in his hands with him." Notwithstanding this declaration the general impression is that Lopez will make for Parana.

The Regeneracion publishes a decree of the Triumvirate Government appointing a Charity Commission whose task it will be to attend to the relief of the poor and destitute in all parts of the Republic. The Home Minister has sent a batch of circulars to the authorities in the various departments enjoining several administrative steps, amongst them the drawing up of reports respecting the present state of the rural districts, and the necessity of obliging the inhabitants to return to their homes and at once to set about cultivating the now abandoned soil. The Gefe Politico and Jueces de Paz have also been ordered to make arrangements in their different jurisdictions for the institution of a regular postal service; and with a view of putting a stop to marauding, the immediate arrest of all suspicious characters who have no ostensible means of support, has been also ordered. A kind of political society is about being formed here by some leading Paraguayans, with the object of taking in hands and watching over the general and material interests of the country.

DECLARATION OF DESERTERS.

Lieutenant Gregorio Gomez of the staff deserted nine days ago, being despatched with sixteen men to Potrero Panadero to meet and escort to headquarters carts laden with boxes of

cartridges, old firearms and five bomb-shells. Captain Saratehad left Busign Vigil in command. The road is a tolerably good one, having steep ascents in some parts. Depouent invited his men to desert with him, but only six had the heart to join him.

As it was, none but himself escaped, all the rest were so worn out by hunger and fatigue that they had to lie down in the woods. Only two succeeded in reaching the ranchos at Caiquas. They were five days without tasting food.

Lopez's entire force consists of three divisions of infantry, each of these comprised of 3 battalions, and each battalion one hundred and twenty men, with the exception of the rifle-men, who count six hundred to the battalion; the engineers are here included, this making an entire division. The cavalry consists of three regiments, one hundred and twenty men each. The artillery has nine heavy guns, drawn by two team of oxen, aided by the soldiers. In retreating order the train is swelled to double the regular size, five large carts being required to convey the Marshal President's baggage from one point to another. Panadero is garrisoned by two brigades, one under Colonel Sosa, the other commanded by Colonel Delvalle. Depouent cannot say how many soldiers there are in each division. Beyond this, Lopez can have no more men, the forces of Canete and Guhano having been decimated so by fighting and disease as almost to have disappeared. No one knows where Lopez is. Supposed to be somewhat between Panadero and Naciente. General Resquin is preparing to fall back, having ordered Commander Santos to evacuate Panadero. The wild part of the country through which the fugitive Paraguayan is crossing has never before been trodden by white men, and is quite unknown to all except the Indians. In his flight, depouent fell in with a body of these savages. The chief offered to take him to Iquaiti if he gave him his sword. They led him by a cart road which went to Barradero. Those Indians are anything but friendly towards Lopez, whom they accuse of eating all their oranges and destroying their hunting-grounds.

It took two days and a half to reach Jeqy.

Lorenzo Martins, ensign on the staff, deserted at the fourth station from Jeqy. Served as Lieutenant under Colonel Senturion, one of the most bloodthirsty villains that ever breathed. He deserted from bad treatment, coupled with an honest conviction that all was lost.

Lopez was reported for Barradero by latest reports, followed by Mrs Lynch and son.

There is a great scarcity of horses. Lopez has got two horses, Madame Lynch the same number, Rauchito one, Resquin and Caballero two each.

The women are still constantly flogged, while lancing men is a daily occurrence.

Corrientes, Dec. 19.

Extensive preparations are being made here for the reception of the National Guards of the province, and great enthusiasm is manifested by the citizens in the effort to make the day of their entry a notable one in the annals of the town.

We have had to lament some frightful murders which lately took place at Esquina.

On the 4th inst. a respectable citizen named Jose Macia Sanchez had his throat cut by the clerk of the Juez de Paz of Esquina; horrible to relate, the murderer afterwards completely severed the head from the dead body and rolled it to some distance.

On the following day a Brazilian was found dead on the river bank with a bullet in his breast.

Two other corpses have also been found within the last two days, the appearance of which leaves no doubt as to death having been caused by violence.

The manager of the Commercial Bank has asked a delay until February next to complete the liquidation and conversion of the notes of the Bank. The Government have not granted the delay, but have referred the matter to the law officers of the province.

The popular candidates for return to Congress as Deputies for this province are Messrs Guastavino, Cabral Torrent, and General Madariaga.

Five persons escaped from the public jail the other night, and have not since been heard of.

PLAYA DE RAMIREZ.

Messrs. Editors,

As flattering mention of the Playa Ramirez has frequently been made in the columns of the STANDARD, we think it will interest you and a great many of your readers to hear something of its surroundings at the present time. We, therefore, beg you will kindly insert the following:

Yours truly,

FLURIBUS.

Rome had her day: the glory of ancient Greece has faded; and the Buco, so long famous for its sea-bathing, and especially on account of its having been for many years the summer abode of our English residents, is this season quite deserted, and the Playa de Ramirez has become the fashion-

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EDITOR'S TABLE.

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THE NELSON CLUB. A General rehearsal will take place on Wednesday Night, 29th inst.

GENERAL POST OFFICE. An additional Mail for the "Cardilleros," will be dispatched to-day, the 26th, and will close at Half-past Eleven, at the Central Office.

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WANTED, a Situation, by a young Englishman, as COPIER, or as a Secretary, or as a Translator, or as a Teacher.

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LOST. DURING the late Storm, a Boat belonging to the British Ship "Loebel," painted white outside, blue inside.

PER MAIL. C. J. Dolmage, John Gillespie, Turner, John Brown, Charles J. Deane, Williams Harford.

TO CORRESPONDENTS. No notice can be taken of anonymous communications. Whatever is intended for insertion must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer.

The Standard. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1876.

CHRISTMAS DAY. To-day is the greatest day in all the year, the feast of the Nativity: it is an anniversary that is welcomed throughout Christendom with the utmost rejoicings.

"Of youth and home and that dear time" when holly and ivy were hung in the hall; when the Christmas fire blazed cheerily on the hearth; when school-boys home from school made the welkin ring with their shouts.

when frost and snow covered hill and dale in a mantle of white; when the village fiddlers and the church-bells gave out the tones of the Adeste Fideles; when brothers and sisters met again in a family group.

perhaps after a long separation; and when the festive board was laid, and mirth and merriment held sway, and among the toasts was one to "absent friends," to those dear and loved ones beyond the Atlantic foam, whose faces were missed from the home circle.

Here once my youthful moments flew In joy, like summer's splendour. The happiest hours that ever I knew. When these sweet scenes were blaw'd.

Old Father Christmas was honored by our ancestors in a quaint and merry fashion, very different from the usages of the present day, but not less cordially or cheerily.

Christmas from time immemorial has held the honored place in the English Calendar. Among Spanish nations the festival is celebrated with less enthusiasm, and here in South America we find Christmas shorn of half its cherished associations.

Nevertheless there is at least one happy custom common to Spaniards and Englishmen, that of exchanging good wishes and kindly salutations; and in offering to our Argentine friends the compliments of Christmas we do so with the most cordial sincerity.

And now the STANDARD owes a salutation on its own behalf to each and all of its readers. We find it difficult on this occasion to say all we could wish, or all we feel. We can only say in the fullness of our heart, and hoping we may often have the pleasure of doing so.

"Kind readers we wish you a merry Christmas and many happy returns of the day."

STRYCHNINE IN THE STREETS. The most conservative place in the world is Buenos Ayres, we stick to old customs and habits, with a tenacity surprising in a people that owes nothing to antiquity.

tried for years, found to be highly efficacious in killing thousands of dogs before daylight, now and then killing a few old women and children; the police trained by long experience are adepts in the art, they know the exact hour and place where to throw the poisoned meat, and although the whole public of Buenos Ayres cries out against this Constantinople custom, forsooth because the police like it, we must all run the chance of being poisoned some fine morning; can anything be more monstrous?

In the archives of the police are to be found the records of all the people poisoned through accident or mistake by the throwing of strychnine in the streets. This year the police have commenced their poisoning tricks again, and we suppose notwithstanding all we may say to the contrary will continue it. Yesterday morning at daybreak almost every street in the southern end of the town was strewn with dead dogs, the early baroqueiros and wool buyers hurrying to the plazas were horrified at the sight—here and there large pieces of beef, most tempting to look at were to be met with, any unsophisticated servant girl might by mistake pick up one of these pieces of beef, never for a moment suspecting that it was impregnated with the most deadly poison extant; such mistakes have occurred in former years and may not the same happen this year?

The confessed and plausible object of the police in throwing poisoned meat in the streets is to get rid of the dogs, which we must admit are a most annoying nuisance; but the object could be attained by a less dangerous remedy. The dogs of the town are not wild, and it is just as easy to shoot them with a Monte-Cristo pistol as to poison them. Strychnine is the dearest drug to be had in an apothecary's shop; in point of economy, therefore, the pistol is preferable to poison. It should also be born in mind that this city is full of rats, that the poisoned meat flung at midnight into the streets is devoured as much by the rats as the dogs; the rats make for the algebras to slake their thirst and die there, the water becomes impregnated with the poison, and what's the result? Why, that people are suddenly taken sick without knowing why or wherefore, Doctor called in, who generally treats the patient as a cholera or yellow fever case, and consequently none can tell how many are the human victims to this insane practice of throwing poisoned meat into the streets.

If Mr. O'Gorman cannot put a stop to this highly dangerous poisoning custom, at least Governor Castro is armed with sufficient authority to order its prohibition. The public have certainly a right to be heard in a matter of such high moment. We may safely say that the poisoning business has begun this year in such good earnest that the whole city is alarmed; people are afraid that if continued in, all the algebras in the town will soon be poisoned; better even the very dogs than this, the cure is every way worse than the disease, and we call upon the Government to direct Mr. Chief of Police O'Gorman to order its immediate abolition. A good tax on dogs would very soon free the city of the thousands of useless noisy mongrels that for ever keep prowling about the streets, or a reward offered for the head of each dog, would also solve the difficulty. The strychnine business must be at once stopped, public safety demands it.

CERRITO COLONIZATION PROJECT.

One of the most useful and judicious projects of colonization that has yet come under our notice is that of Mr. Lieste, the Dutch Consul, which is described in a pamphlet just published. The Estancia del Cerrito is on the banks of the Parana, covering an area of fourteen square leagues, with a frontage of two leagues on the river, and situated about ten leagues above the town of Paraná. The lands are well situated for either pasture or tillage; in fact there can hardly be in the whole Republic a site more admirably chosen for colonization. There is a port at the Cerrito, close to the estancia house, where vessels from Europe can come alongside the bank and discharge passengers and cargo. The land has an abundance of wood and water, the first necessities that settlers require, and the Province of Entre Rios being free from Indians and gaucho marauders the colonists would be exposed to none of those troubles such as recently occurred in Santa Fé. Mr. Lieste mentions that some of the Swiss Colonists of San Carlos have arranged with him for the removal of their families and effects to the Cerrito, where they can continue their agricultural labors with security for their lives and property. Numerous families are also expected from Holland, as Mr. Lieste has arranged with ship-captains for the purpose, and his quality of Consul will give him peculiar facilities in this respect. In the pamphlet before us much stress is laid on the great success of the Santa Fé colonies, and this is an unquestionable fact, notwithstanding all the annoyance caused to the colonists by the authorities. The present occasion seems indeed most

MONTEVIDEO.

Thursday, 23. The rumours that have been for some time circulating here with regard to General Goyo Suarez having assumed a hostile attitude, seem to acquire consistency, and an evening paper which is known to derive its information from authentic sources, says that in consequence of alarming news received, a detachment of 100 men has been ordered out in all haste to Tacuarembó, and was to have marched to day. The Tribuna of to-day has the following:—"The Government has received despatches from Tacuarembó, according to which it would appear that General Goyo Suarez is assuming a menacing attitude in that department. The Gefe Politico had in consequence thereof requested Colonel Castro to send him fifty or sixty men of the Salto garrison. General Suarez was holding meetings, and it was feared that he had some plan of attacking the town. The National Guard had been called to arms. Lieut. Colonel Mendetta, with 80 cavalry soldiers was in observation. The Gefe Politico was determined to resist at all hazards." A letter is published to-day in all the papers addressed by the Chief of the Consular Bureaus Ayres, Mr. Charles A. Stewart to President Batlle; stating that after the most diligent inquiries he could assert with confidence that there was not the slightest truth in the report that several cases of cholera had occurred in your city, as stated in a telegram received here on

opportunity for Mr. Lieste's project, and every circumstance seems to augur a brilliant result if he succeed in getting the necessary amount of capital subscribed. The capital of the company is fixed at £25,000 in 25 shares of one thousand pounds sterling each, and the estancias A. B. and C., the capital being distributed in this manner:— £16,000 to Mr. Lieste for the land, £8,000 for farming Section A: 3½ square leagues. £1,000 for colonising B. and C.: 10½ square leagues.

The company to begin January 1st, 1870, and last for three years;—the shareholders to receive 1½ per cent. monthly interest, payable quarterly, and the capital and profits to be distributed pro rata in December, 1872.—Mr. Lieste takes three shares (£3,000), and deposits them as guarantee of the monthly interest. He receives no bonus for starting the company, but is to be appointed Managing Director, receiving no salary but one-half the net proceeds of the farm (Section A). The price to be paid him for the land is not high, seeing that some adjacent lots have been already sold higher, and the neighbouring lands of the London and River Plate Bank are valued equally high. The tables for Section A. may be condensed thus:—

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In fact, the shareholders, after getting 1½ per cent. per month for three years, will receive also, at the end of that period, the whole of their capital, and also a bonus of 60 per cent. Sections B. and C. comprise respective areas of 3½ and 7 square leagues, which are to be sub-divided into chacras and estancias for colonists. Section B. will be cut up into 350 chacras of 64 acres each, of which Mr. Lieste will buy ten for himself; the manager's house, mill, offices, &c., will be in the centre. Section C. will comprise 12 estancia lots, each half a square league, besides one league which Mr. Lieste will buy. The table stands thus:—

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This would give another dividend of 22½ per cent. It is to be noted that at the expiration of the three years, if the company be not again constituted, the whole of Section A. will be purchased by Mr. Lieste, for which, [including also the ten chacras of B. and one square league in C.], he pays the sum of £8,000. We are glad to find it stated that Mr. Lieste will personally superintend the affairs of the company, residing permanently at Cerrito, and his character and experience will be a great guarantee for the happy result of the enterprise. It would be difficult to find a better locality than this for a project of the kind, or a better man than our worthy Dutch Consul to direct it. The occasion is also, we believe, most opportune, and we earnestly wish the Cerrito Colony every success. The company will be established as soon as sixteen shares are taken up, and we believe Mr. Lieste has already allotted more than half that number.

PLAYA DE RAMIREZ.

Measurers, Editors. As flattering mention of the Playa Ramirez has frequently been made in the columns of the STANDARD, we think it will interest you and a great many of your surroundings at the present time. We, therefore, beg you will kindly insert the following: Yours truly, PLURIBUS. Rome had her day; the glory of ancient Greece has faded; and the Baeco, so long famous for its sea-bathing, and especially on account of its having been abode of our English residents, is this season quite deserted, and the Playa de Ramirez has become the fashionable resort of the 'elite' of our society, and also the 'rendez vous' of Buenos Ayres celebrities during their stay in this city. So wonderful are its effects upon the health of the overworked and care-worn, that we are inclined to believe it is very closely connected with the Island of Binini, which was said to have the property of restoring youth, and was therefore eagerly sought after by Juan Ponce de Leon and his followers. We paid a visit to this locality the other evening, and really, had we been entering upon the dominion of Apollo, for as we neared the palatial residences of our numerous friends in that quarter, our ears were delighted with the sounds of sweet music, which floated with balmy influence upon the gentle evening zephyrs. The first house we arrived at was the appropriately styled 'Obateau sur Mer'; we, of course, received the only salutation the hospitable inmates give to all their visitors, viz.—'Soyez les bienvenus au Chateau-sur-Mer.' It may not be out of place to mention that the hearts of those worthy gentlemen have become so full of that noble sentiment, that they have even graced the wall of the drawing-room with a very neat inscription indicative of the sincere welcome extended to all who call on them. We noticed the Scotch thistle and other insignia surrounding it. We found our friends sitting in a group, in the centre of which sat the musical hero, playing on his far-famed violoncello, while the others accompanied it with their voices; operas, Christy Minstrel songs followed each other in rapid succession and with soul-stirring effect. We whiled away a pleasant hour with them, and then took our leave, and repaired to the charming quinta of Dr. Lawrie, which stands at the foot of the hill embowered with green. After receiving the hearty welcome which characterizes the doctor and his accomplished and amiable lady, we were invited to take a walk in the beautiful gardens which, with the ponds of gold-fish, the stately arbores, shady bowers surrounded by cypress trees on every hand, render the quinta quite an earthly paradise. Had the boy who intermarried his mother as to the locality of the better land been favoured with a visit to Dr. Lawrie's place, well might he have asked—'Is it there sweet mother that better land?' As we wandered about in that sequestered spot our minds took quite a classical turn, and we called up from memory's store-house those shady groves on the Banks of the River Ilissus where Plato delivered his lectures; those well known gardens where Epicurus addressed his hearers and which were called after his own name the garden of Epicurus; the Lycæum, that spot shaded with trees where Aristotle thundered. It may well be imagined that with such thoughts and amidst such surroundings the flight of Time was not noticed, and presently we were requested to return to the house and partake of a cup of tea. The conversation was most interesting and instructive, and after having been favored with some select pieces on the piano, we very reluctantly bid our friends adieu, after having passed one of those delightful evenings which we are sorry to say seldom fall to our lot—and which are like oases on the desert path of life. We believe the day is rapidly approaching when the Editors of the STANDARD will find it necessary to establish an Agency on the smiling and prosperous Playa de Ramirez, a town which is now being built by the enterprising 'Sociedad Progreso Oriental.'

Sunday last and published in the Telegrafo Maritimo. The funeral service in honor of Admiral Mendez Nuñez, came off to-day in the Cathedral, and was very imposing. It was presided by the Spanish Minister, and honored with the presence of President Ballo accompanied by the Prime Minister, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the President of the Senate, Don A. Chucarro, and the Gefe Politico. The elite of the Montevideo society was also present, and the vast precincts of our Cathedral crowded to excess. Before landing here the Oriental Division from Paraguay will disembark at Colonia for the purpose of receiving new clothing to enable them to make a decent appearance, and also to give time for the completion of the arrangements for their triumphal entry here. They are not therefore expected for eight or ten days. The Fiscal Commission of the Banks has informed the Finance Minister of its having received the coupons of the Montevideo European Loan, which had been deposited in the London and Westminster Bank, as guarantee for the emission of the Mauá Bank.

The tramway to the Paso Molino is doing a roaring business, and since its establishment that unpicturesque spot has become the 'rendez-vous' of our 'beau monde.' Every afternoon a number of carriages may be seen freighted with lovely women or elegant dandies. The President of the Republic is a pretty constant attendant, but the most dashing equipage is that of the wife of General Caballero, who drives in an open barouche drawn by four splendid horses. The Alcazar Lyrique announces a masked ball for to-morrow and Sunday nights, which are to be opened by the artists of the company in costume. The demand for boxes is very great, and no doubt the attendance will be numerous, and it is to be hoped that the police will take every precautionary measure to prevent the occurrence of a row, the elements for which are sure to be wanting. Masked balls are also announced for Solis for the nights of the 24th, 25th, and 26th. There was more animation in the Bolsa to-day. Several transactions were done in gold for cash and on time. The closing price for cash was 5½ per cent., and for the 31st 6 per cent.

LATEST FROM PARAGUAY AND CORRIENTES. Dec. 18th. The latest news from the army of any interest relate to the movements of General Camara's division, which has been operating in the north of Jeyty. This commander has fallen back, having but half accomplished his orders in moving on Tacuaty, in consequence of the enemy under Col. Romero lying precipitately at his approach, and the great heat rendering it impossible for the cavalry under his command to institute a vigorous pursuit. Nevertheless our troops obtained a decided advantage over the enemy in an encounter with the forces of Majors Bogado and Montiel, the latter officer having been taken prisoner; a number of lances, swords and carbines were captured, as also a 'hog de combat' had 20 men placed 'hors de combat' in this fight, and lost a great number in prisoners and deserters. Every day deserters flock in to the towns occupied by the Brazilian troops, the daily arrivals being a dozen or more. Amongst a number of these sent in to Asuncion by General Poldorero were seven officers and a priest. One of them, Captain Lopez, made a declaration to the effect that, "he had recently held a private conversation with the Marshal, who asked him if he knew the road to Bolivia, and if he could swim well, as he wished him to accompany him (the Marshal) in his fight to that country; also, that he intended taking a certain number of the families in his hands with him." Notwithstanding this declaration the general impression is that Lopez will make for Paraná. The Regeneracion publishes a decree of the Triumvirate Government appointing a Charity Commission whose task it will be to attend to the relief of the poor and destitute in all parts of the Republic. The Homo Minister has sent a batch of circulars to the authorities in the various departments enjoining several administrative steps, amongst them the drawing up of reports respecting the present state of the rural districts, and the necessity of obliging the inhabitants to return to their homes and at once to set about cultivating the now abandoned soil. The Gefes Politicos and Jefes de Paiz have also been ordered to make arrangements in their different jurisdictions for the institution of a regular postal service; and with a view of putting a stop to marauding, the immediate arrest of all suspicious characters who have no ostensible means of support, has been also ordered. A kind of political society is about being formed here by some leading Paraguayans, with the object of taking in hands and watching over the general and material interests of the country.

DECLARATION OF DESERTERS. Lieutenant Gregorio Gomez of the staff deserted nine days ago, being despatched with sixteen men to Potrero Panadero to meet and escort to headquarters carts laden with boxes of

cartridges, old firearms and five bombshells. Captain Saratehad left Euzsiga Vigil in command. The road is a tolerably good one, having steep ascents in some parts. Deponent invited: six men to desert with him, but only six had the heart to join him. As it was, none but himself escaped, all the rest were so worn out by hunger and fatigue that they had to lie down in the woods. Only two succeeded in reaching the ranchos at Caiguas. They were five days without tasting food. Lopez's entire force consists of three divisions of infantry, each of these comprised of 3 battalions, and each battalion one hundred and twenty men, with the exception of the rifle-men, who count six hundred to the battalion; the engineers are here included, this making an entire division. The cavalry consists of three regiments, one hundred and twenty men each. The artillery has nine heavy guns, drawn by two team of oxen, aided by the soldiers. In retreating order the train is swelled to double the regular size, five large carts being required to convey the Marshal's baggage from one point to another. Panadero is garrisoned by two brigades, one under Colonel Sosa, the other commanded by Colonel Delvalle. Deponent cannot say how many soldiers there are in each division. Beyond this, Lopez can have no more men, the forces of Canete and Guahabo having been decimated so by fighting and disease as almost to have disappeared. No one knows where Lopez is. Supposed to be somewhat between Panadero and Naciente. General Resquin is preparing to fall back, having ordered Commander Santos to evacuate Panadero. The wild part of the country through which the fugitive Paraguayans is crossing has never before been trodden by white men, and is quite unknown to all except the Indians. In his flight to depart fell in with a body of these savages. The chief offered to take him to Iguatimi if he gave him his sword. They led him by a cart road which went to Baradero. Those Indians are anything but friendly towards Lopez, whom they accuse of eating all their oranges and destroying their hunting grounds. It took two days and a half to reach Jeyty. Lorenzo Martins, ensign on the staff, deserted at the fourth station from Jeyty. Served as Lieutenant under Colonel Senturion, one of the most bloodthirsty villains that ever breathed. He deserted from bad treatment, coupled with an honest conviction that all was lost. Lopez was bound for Barradero by latest reports, followed by Mrs Lynch and son. There is a great scarcity of horses. Lopez has got two horses. Madame Lynch the same number, Rauchito one, Resquin and Caballero two each. The women are still constantly flogged, while lancing men is a daily occurrence.

Corrientes, Dec. 19. Extensive preparations are being made here for the reception of the National Guards of the province, and great enthusiasm is manifested by the citizens in the effort to make the day of their entry a notable one in the annals of the town. We have had to lament some frightful murders which lately took place at Esquina. On the 4th inst. a respectable citizen named Jose Maria Sanchez had his throat cut by the clerk of the Juez de Paz de Esquina; horrible to relate, the murderer afterwards completely severed the head from the dead body and rolled it to some distance. On the following day a Brazilian was found dead on the river bank with a bullet in his breast. Two other corpses have also been found within the last two days, the appearance of which leaves no doubt as to death having been caused by violence. The manager of the Commercial Bank has asked a delay until February next to complete the liquidation and conversion of the notes of the Bank. The Government have not granted the delay, but have referred the matter to the law officers of the province. The popular candidates for return to Congress as Deputies, for this province are Messrs Guastavino, Cabral Torrent, and General Madariaga. Five persons escaped from the public jail the other night, and have not since been heard of.

PLAYA DE RAMIREZ. Measurers, Editors. As flattering mention of the Playa Ramirez has frequently been made in the columns of the STANDARD, we think it will interest you and a great many of your surroundings at the present time. We, therefore, beg you will kindly insert the following: Yours truly, PLURIBUS. Rome had her day; the glory of ancient Greece has faded; and the Baeco, so long famous for its sea-bathing, and especially on account of its having been abode of our English residents, is this season quite deserted, and the Playa de Ramirez has become the fashionable resort of the 'elite' of our society, and also the 'rendez vous' of Buenos Ayres celebrities during their stay in this city. So wonderful are its effects upon the health of the overworked and care-worn, that we are inclined to believe it is very closely connected with the Island of Binini, which was said to have the property of restoring youth, and was therefore eagerly sought after by Juan Ponce de Leon and his followers. We paid a visit to this locality the other evening, and really, had we been entering upon the dominion of Apollo, for as we neared the palatial residences of our numerous friends in that quarter, our ears were delighted with the sounds of sweet music, which floated with balmy influence upon the gentle evening zephyrs. The first house we arrived at was the appropriately styled 'Obateau sur Mer'; we, of course, received the only salutation the hospitable inmates give to all their visitors, viz.—'Soyez les bienvenus au Chateau-sur-Mer.' It may not be out of place to mention that the hearts of those worthy gentlemen have become so full of that noble sentiment, that they have even graced the wall of the drawing-room with a very neat inscription indicative of the sincere welcome extended to all who call on them. We noticed the Scotch thistle and other insignia surrounding it. We found our friends sitting in a group, in the centre of which sat the musical hero, playing on his far-famed violoncello, while the others accompanied it with their voices; operas, Christy Minstrel songs followed each other in rapid succession and with soul-stirring effect. We whiled away a pleasant hour with them, and then took our leave, and repaired to the charming quinta of Dr. Lawrie, which stands at the foot of the hill embowered with green. After receiving the hearty welcome which characterizes the doctor and his accomplished and amiable lady, we were invited to take a walk in the beautiful gardens which, with the ponds of gold-fish, the stately arbores, shady bowers surrounded by cypress trees on every hand, render the quinta quite an earthly paradise. Had the boy who intermarried his mother as to the locality of the better land been favoured with a visit to Dr. Lawrie's place, well might he have asked—'Is it there sweet mother that better land?' As we wandered about in that sequestered spot our minds took quite a classical turn, and we called up from memory's store-house those shady groves on the Banks of the River Ilissus where Plato delivered his lectures; those well known gardens where Epicurus addressed his hearers and which were called after his own name the garden of Epicurus; the Lycæum, that spot shaded with trees where Aristotle thundered. It may well be imagined that with such thoughts and amidst such surroundings the flight of Time was not noticed, and presently we were requested to return to the house and partake of a cup of tea. The conversation was most interesting and instructive, and after having been favored with some select pieces on the piano, we very reluctantly bid our friends adieu, after having passed one of those delightful evenings which we are sorry to say seldom fall to our lot—and which are like oases on the desert path of life. We believe the day is rapidly approaching when the Editors of the STANDARD will find it necessary to establish an Agency on the smiling and prosperous Playa de Ramirez, a town which is now being built by the enterprising 'Sociedad Progreso Oriental.'

EDITOR'S TABLE. Yesterday morning 6 citizens were astonished at the sudden disappearance of the grand Triumphal Arch at the corner of the Plaza facing Olivero's great cigar diyen, people stared and looked around to convince themselves of the fact. In the night the Arch had evidently been removed, Olivero was crowded with anxious enquirers about the Arch; some thought that the renowned Mineral Water Phillips had a hand in this business. At an early hour we saw Dn. Mariano Billinghurst with his spectacles on, closely scrutinizing the Bishops' house, the Policia yard, and even the patio of Messrs. Zimmerman Fair and Co.; that the Arch was gone there could be no doubt, but even a plank or a piece of painted canvas left, all gone, the pulley and lead evidently had been removed, Olivero was crowded with anxious enquirers about the Arch; some thought that the renowned Mineral Water Phillips had a hand in this business. At an early hour we saw Dn. 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hour; it is really extraordinary the rage that has sprung up of late for children's toys. The toyman can pay rent for a store which no importing or exporting house can even consider.

The new tramway depot beyond the Plaza Once de Septiembre is worthy of a visit; the material for the line is now rapidly accumulating, cars, rails, waggons, &c.

It is deserving of note that the writers of the celebrated Triple Alliance letters who continue the war of the pen, are now adopting a new style of writing short letters of only a few lines; this is an immense improvement, as for the last week the native newspapers have been most unreportable owing to these truly awful letters; the newspaper proprietors themselves are beginning to find out that such heavy stuff is for a magazine not a newspaper, the subscription lists are falling off, people will not pay for a paper which they have neither time, inclination, or fortune to read.

We hold over until our next issue another short paper on the American wool tariff, which is a matter of the highest moment for us all. There is a new emigration scheme on the tapis, which we understand has every prospect of success. The colony will be started in the neighborhood of the Concepcion del Uruguay.

The great Moron Fair and Races commence to-day. Strange to say, we have not received the programme, but we understand it will be a very fine affair. Gold and silver medals have been struck off. Yesterday the committee remained outside at Moron all day making arrangements.

Watson has made immense preparations for Christmas—holly and joy from floor to roof—and the best roast-beef and plum-pudding to be had on this side of the Line. Some forty cases of goods for the Cordoba Exhibition have already arrived from Hamburg. Great preparations are going on in the States for the Exhibition, and the American Government, we hear, will place a vessel at the disposal of exhibitors to carry the goods to the Plate free of charge. This looks like business.

There will be grand high Mass to-day at the Irish Church at 11 o'clock. At its conclusion a sermon appropriate to the festival will be preached by the Rev. John Leahy.

Many parties are anxious to know what about the new Animal Gas Co., some months ago the streets were opened to put down the pipes, but nothing since has been heard of the enterprise, can it be that it has burst up?

The barruqueros and others residing about Barraques, request us to again call attention to the truly shocking state of the roads, the Calle Larga is almost impassable, and as for the bridge no pen can describe the state of the locality after even the most trifling rain. It is hoped Governor Castro will take some steps in the matter.

The furniture van men are all doing a driving trade, this is mainly owing to the conduct of the landlords, who have given the tenants notice that after the first of the year their rents will be raised ten, seven, twenty, percent, all who can are moving out for the suburbs, the present high rate of rents cannot possibly be maintained.

Mr. Hett of the Rio firm of Hett Wilson and Co., who is at present sojourning in the Plate, had an interview with Mr. Posadas on the subject of forwarding the mail bags from this port to the Chilean steamers calling at Montevideo; we are glad to hear that all has been satisfactorily arranged, the bags henceforward will not be sent on shore but delivered to the agent on board of the small steamer that takes off the passengers, this is satisfactory.

The most saleable article in Buenos Ayres to-day after fire crackers, is a handsome open carriage, the road to Palermo every evening is now crowded with open carriages, when but a few years ago there was hardly one to be seen in this city. Mr. Conde, in Calle Corrientes, has a splendid carriage cart; he sold yesterday a very beautiful open carriage to H.E. President Sarmiento for \$7,000 mpc. It is probably one of the finest carriages in town, and not to say dear.

The new system of watering the streets by a hose pipe is after all attended with much inconvenience, as the policemen directing the pipe frequently throw the water on carts, carriages, and even pedestrians passing by. Yesterday some half dozen of people in Calle Bolivar narrowly escap-

ed a heavy shower bath, amongst others our friend Don Mariano Billinghurst. The police should be more careful, as many of us even on week days wear our best clothes, and cannot afford to have them spoiled to gratify the tastes of an amphibious vigilante. Mr. O'Gorman has published a list of fines and penalties for those who waste the water. At the Saracen cock at the corner of the Plaza there is always a great waste of water.

An estanciero from the South states that he never recollects a year when there were less crops than at present; about Chacabuco there is nothing sown, we believe that the cause of this is the failure of the crops last year.

All the municipal chacras about Lobos are now sold and the estancieros near the town are cutting up their lands into chacras. The average rent is \$150 per square, this pays better than sheep or cattle.

The National Guards about to arrive from Paraguay will it is hoped form a new Chiricoy on the lands granted them in fee by the Government. The Government ought to name an Inspector and see that the gift of the country is not misapplied. Two thousand new farmers out at Chacabuco would be a splendid start after the Paraguayan war.

With much pleasure we announce the fact that our esteemed friend Captain Manton, has been named American Consul at Colonia, no better man could be named to the post, the River Plate owes him much for his dry dock.

Messrs. Peyredieu and Bradley, may well feel proud at the high prices at which they have sold their customers wools this year, they sold Mr. Cowen's wool of Magdalena 600 arrobes at 74, this is really a splendid price considering the state of the market.

We are happy to hear from our friend Steamplough Melrose that the prospects of his harvest are very cheering. He writes under date 20th inst.—"Until now I have only one small crop ready, consisting of 40 cuadras; this will be all cut on Wednesday night, and on Thursday I shall start cutting the larger of 160 cuadras. Upon the 20th inst. I was unfortunately visited by a severe hailstorm, which at first sight seemed to have ruined every part of my crop. Since that date however, the grain has recovered itself, and should I be so fortunate as to save it all I shall have a very handsome return for my labor. My steam thrasher now keeps at work day and night. The yield of the grain is good, and to all appearances our reward will be sufficient to repay us for all our former privations."

To-night Lucia de Lammermoor will be given at the Colon; we recommend our friends to go. Madame Gasca's Lucia, we say most unhesitatingly, is the best Lucia we have ever seen in Buenos Ayres, and as for our friend Lelmi, he completely outshone himself the other night; never before did we witness such applause in Colop, the house shook, but Lucia is a sweet and favorite opera, and seldom given in Buenos Ayres.

Owing to the want of carts to carry away the dead dogs, the police stopped last night throwing poisoned meat in the streets. We are well pleased at this, as the practice was most dangerous.

An amusing notice about the works of the public sewer at the old wooden bridge in Calle Defensa is published; it appears that the works progress so slowly that the neighbours are highly discontented now that the Suez Canal is finished; it is to be hoped this most necessary sewer will be completed, as it is much required.

Some two Italians have applied to the San Fernando Judge to settle upon a lonely untenanted island at the mouth of the Parana. We see no necessity for the judge putting these men to the expense of publishing a notice—the sooner they plough up the island the better.

The demand of houseowners for water supply is now so great, that Sir John Cochran is unable to meet it; all the hospitals and public institutions are being supplied, therefore private houses must stand over for a while.

The very well worded decree of the National Government about the landing of the troops, which appeared in the Verdad, appears to be a hoax; at least the Government organ declares it to be apocryphal. Thus it appears to have been a kind of practical joke.

Some estancieros from the South wish to know something about the extension of the Southern Railway to Dolores. We can say nothing beyond that we believe it will be ultimately carried out, but when, "quien sabe?" Both the Argentine and Chilean Governments should take some steps to protect travellers crossing the Andes. The details published yesterday will at once show the necessity for some action in the matter. The banditti have established themselves at the passes, and troops should be at once sent to take them.

We again call the attention of our friends in the camp to the very cheap price of maize; and if the crop comes in well, it will be selling much cheaper. Now is the time to start poultry yards; every puestero in the country should turn his attention to this matter; eggs, butter, chickens, and bacon pay far better than wool; it only requires an effort. Alfalfa has also tumbled; this is owing to the stoppage of the army trade, which has now dwindled down to zero.

An Anglo-Argentine, just arrived from Europe, states that Paris is at present crowded with Argentines and River Plate merchants. If a man wants to know anything about the Plate he must go to Paris. Argentines are beloved by Parisians; they spend more money in a day than even the Brazilians in a week. An Argentine hotel is about being started by a gentleman who in former years was connected with the Bolsa; it is believed that it will pay. No one in Europe nowadays asks, where is Buenos Aires.

The mail for the Cordillera was made up at the Post-office yesterday, but parties can catch the steamer by writing to the Uruguay, which is posted to leave to-night for Montevideo. The French mail steamer is due in this port this morning. As she will lie very far out the mail bags are not expected on shore before 9 o'clock a.m. We suppose the letters will be delivered at about 11 past 1 o'clock.

Respecting the much looked for National Guards, the latest in town last night was, that they could not be here before Monday or Tuesday; as the river is low, they may possibly be all aground up the river.

We hold over until our next issue a letter from M. Pecher, Belgium Consul, on the shocking state of the Recoleta. We hope all the other foreign consuls will take the same active part in calling attention to this most disgraceful abuse. The details are really too harrowing to appear on a Christmas morning.

B. AYRES JUNIOR ATHLETIC SOCIETY.

These sports in miniature took place at Palermo on Wednesday last, when, what with the delightful weather, the joyous faces of the minnows, the sparkling of the prizes and the very meritorious performances of the competitors, a day was spent which will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present. The events took place in the following order:—

High Jump Standing.

- 1. E. Hall. 3 feet 6 inches. Writing-case. 2. R. Methven. Penknife.

100 Yards' Flat Race.

- 1. E. Hall. Dressing-case. 2. Baudrix. Telescope.

Throwing Cricket-ball.

- 1. E. Hall. 67 yds. 2 1/2 in. Indian bullet bow. 2. F. Green. Chinese Puzzle.

Hop, Skip and Jump.

- 1. R. Methven. 30 feet. Silver Watch. 2. W. Methven. Chinese Puzzle.

200 Yards' Flat Race.

- 1. Baudrix. Silver Cup. 2. E. Hall. Bronze Inkstand.

A dead heat resulted the first time, but on the race being run a second time, Baudrix well maintained the lead throughout.

Climbing the Pole.

- 1. F. Green. Gold Pin.

The second prize was not adjudged, since no one could be persuaded to mount the gilt height—

"Which to Glory leads, but not to Death" except the plucky little "Verdant," who succeeded in true Excelcor fashion, in placing his hand on the cap amidst the enthusiastic cheers of every bystander.

High Jump Running.

- 1. R. Methven. 4 ft. 1 in. Oak Paper Case. 2. E. Hall. Penknife.

Pole Leaping.

- 1. Henderson. 6 ft. 7 in. Writing-case. 2. R. Methven. Gold Stud.

The pole-leaping of Henderson was much admired; Jacobs also, although not obtaining a prize, reminded one of his elder brother's performances.

440 Yards' Flat Race.

- 1. E. Hall. Silver Cup. 2. R. Methven. Penknife.

Length Jump Running.

- 1. W. Methven. 11 ft. 2 in. Telescope. 2. Henderson. Penknife.

Henderson was again remarkable for the ease and grace of his movements.

Hurdle Race.

- 1. W. Methven. Bronze. 2. Davidson. Riding Whip.

This was one of the most exciting and picturesque events. Methven cleared the hurdles in beautiful style, closely followed by Davidson, who proved a formidable second.

Length Jump Standing.

- 1. Henderson. 6 ft. 7 in. Inkstand. 2. R. Methven. Paper Case.

Both competitors evidently meant business, and when their Wisdom Teeth are out will prove very effective members of the Senior Society.

Sack Race.

- 1. E. Hall. Silver Watch. 2. F. Green. Fishing-rod. 3. Jacobs. Penknife.

A most grotesque appearance did all the seventeen competitors present, as they stood up to battle, looking for all the world like a row of penguins, or Egyptian mummies disturbed from their long sleep by the tramp of feet above.

Consolation Race.

- 1. E. Green. Gold Studs. 2. E. Crann.

The first of these prizes was given on the ground by a well-known amateur athlete, the second by "mine host Watson," of Turtle celebrity.

Thus the curtain fell upon the first meeting of this Society, and if the railway company had not ignored one of the three "Unities" no ally would have entered into the day's gratification, but a delay of some hours at that most gloomy

"Fill-box on a Shutter" station at Palermo caused very great inconvenience, especially to many ladies. The station-master (who is a bit of a wag in his way) offered to for-

ward the ladies by the telegraph wires, on condition of their depositing their criminales at the station, but we did not hear of any who ventured.

The Lunch, a carte blanche for which was offered by the Society to every lady on the field, was satisfactorily put on the boards by a new hand. Mrs. Green honored the Society by giving away the prizes, and we noticed one "Triton amongst the Minnows" who actually carried off seven of them.

AMUSING RESPONSE TO THE TOAST OF 'THE LADIES.'

The American humorist and journalist, Mr. Mark Twain, was selected to respond to the toast of "The Ladies" at the Newspaper Correspondents' Club dinner, recently held at Washington. After a few remarks deprecatory of having been selected to respond to the toast, he said—Mean intelligences cannot estimate what we owe to woman. She sews on our buttons, mends our clothes, she ropes us in at church-fairs, she confides in us, she tells whatever she can find out about the little private affairs of the neighbors. (Laughter.) She gives us advice and plenty of it, she gives a piece of her mind sometimes, and sometimes all of it. (Laughter.) Whenever you place woman she is an ornament to that place which she occupies, and a treasure to the world—(here the speaker paused, looking round upon his auditors enquiringly.) The applause ought to come in at this point. (Great laughter.) Look at Cleopatra, look at Desdemona, look at Florence Nightingale, look at Lucretia Borgia. (Voices, "No, no.") The speaker pauses as if in doubt. Well, suppose we let Lucretia slide. (Laughter.) Look at Mother Eve—(cries of "Oh, oh," and laughter)—you need not look at her unless you want to—(pauses reflecting)—but Eve was an ornament, particularly before the fashion changed. (Renewed laughter.) I repeat, look at the illustrious Widow Macree, look at Lucy Stone, look at Elizabeth Stanton, look at Francis George Francis Train, (great laughter)—and, I say it with a bowed head and deepest veneration, look at the mother of Washington—she dragged up a boy that could not lie. Could not lie! It might have been different if he had belonged to a newspaper correspondents' club. (Groans, hisses, cries of "Put him out," and laughter.) I repeat that in whatever position you place a woman she is an ornament to society and a treasure to the world. As a sweetener she has few equals and as a superior. (Laughter.) As a cousin, she is convenient; as a wealthy grandmother with an incurable distemper, she is unspeakably precious. What would the people of the earth be without woman? They would be scarce, perfectly scarce. (Renewed laughter.) Then let us cherish her, let us protect her, let us give her our support, our encouragement, our sympathy, ourselves, if we get a chance. (Laughter.) But, jesting aside, Mr. President, woman is lovable, kind of heart, gracious, beautiful, worthy of all respect, of all deference. Not any here will refuse to drink her health right cordially in this goblet of wine, for each and every one of us has known, loved, and honored the best of them all, his own mother. (Great applause.)

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British Consulate, FRANK PARISH. Buenos Ayres, Dec. 22, 1869. dec24

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New York, 2nd Nov.—Cotton, 26; gold, 26 1/2; exchange, 9 1/2; hides, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4; stock, 30,000; sales—prices very firm, and great activity in the bazaar.

Messrs Kenny Brothers sold 400 ar. at 62 1/2, and 500 ar. at 61. Mr. Burmeister sold the rest of the wool of Mr. Oldendorf, from the estancia Santa Maria, at 66, also—

2000 ar. good wool at 65
1500 do do do at 63
3000 do do do do at 60

There is some attention paid to flying reports about a revolution in the Banda Oriental, but few attach any importance to the movements of Suarez, so long as Bustamante holds a portfolio in the Government.

Discounts rule active; money is in good demand; and first-class bills were done to-day at 12 per cent. per annum.

SOUTH LAZAR. Frutos del Pais or Produce. December 24. Our special reporter at the South Plaza gives the following interesting details:—

WEEKLY REVIEW. Wool. Heavy arrivals. Some lots of extra special from Magdalena, Ensenada, Chacabuco and San Vicente have obtained \$74 per ar.

Fine merino, with more or less carretilla, burry, dirty, &c., was sold at 60, 51, 55, 56, 57, and 58. Macizas, same conditions, 45, 46, 47, 48. Dry hides.

Very heavy arrivals. Good muttonoid soil at 130, 131, 132, 133. Lamps, 127, 128, 129, 130, and 160 per doz. Inferiors, 124, 125, 126, pesada. Sheepskins.

Very important transactions. Fine muttonoid, 130, 130 and 160 per doz. Camp, 100, 115, 125, 135, 37. Macizas, 80, 85, 95. Corridores.

Few; not the season. Some lots sold at 11, and 16 'corderones.' Horses, &c.

Few arrivals. Some obtained 35, 37, and even exceeded in shipping condition at 19 in. Horses, &c.

Prices firm. Long from the South, 166, 170, 172, 175 per ar. In the wool market, Venado and Peathers. No arrivals. Some Venados obtained 75, 75, 80. Grose and Tallow.

Prices firm. In bond, shipping condition, 14 1/2 fls. fls. pipes, do. 16. Casco de campo, 335, 40, 42. Panzas, beguina, 25, 35, 37. Down; no demand. Some lots sold at 340, 350, 360 ton.

Wheat, according to class, 60 to 215. Barley do, 60 to 180. Maize do, 38 to 45. Cattle. Fat oxen, 320, 320, 300. Vacas, 200, 250. Terneros, 60, 80. Capones, 30, 35, 38. Chickens, 20, 25, 30. Lambs for the market, 12, 13, 14. Fine wool at the South Plaza.

December 5th, Asuncion, Mr. Edward Dolan, aged 33 years. Deceased was a resident of Buenos Ayres, and a native of the County of Wick, Ireland, and died in this country about six years.

STEAMBOATS TO LEAVE. For Colonia, the British Steamer NAPOSTA very Wednesday Saturday, at 10 a.m. Agents: Luis Maclean and Co, Paseo de Julio 35.

To-day—For Montevideo, the steamer Rio Uruguay. To-morrow—For San Pedro, San Nicolas, Rosario, Parana, Santa Fe, and intermediate ports, at 9 a.m., the steamer Estrella. To-morrow—Corrientes, Asuncion, and intermediate ports, at ten a.m., from the steamer Provencor.

To-morrow—For San Nicolas, Rosario, and intermediate ports, at 9:30 a.m., from the Railway Steamer Santa Fe. To-morrow—For Salto and intermediate ports, at ten a.m., from the steamer Rio Uruguay. To-morrow—For Mercedes, San Pedro, San Nicolas, Rosario, and intermediate ports, at ten a.m., from the steamer Provencor, and railway ticket gratis, the steamer Tala.

Agentes—A. MATTI and PIERA, Cangallo 30. Every THURSDAY for MONTEVIDEO, at 5 p.m., the British steamer SATURNO. Every SUNDAY for SALTO and intermediate ports, at ten a.m., the British steamer SATURNO. MENSAGERIAS FLUVIALES, Reconquist 99

SALIDA DE VAPORES.

PARA EL SALTO Y ESCALAS.—Hoy a las 10 de la mañana el Rio de la Plata PARA MONTEVIDEO.—El Lunes las 6 de la tarde el Vapor Rio de la Plata. PARA MONTEVIDEO.—El Miércoles a las 6 de la tarde el Vapor Villa del Salto. PARA PATAGONIAS Y BAHIA BLANCA el Vapor Nacional Patagones. Salira el 28 del corriente. Horario de pasajeros. Gran rebaja en los pasajes y fletes de carga. Gastos para los inmigrantes y la carga a 6 patones la tonelada. Agentes: ESTEVAN D. RISSO y Hno. Reconquista 99.

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The above School is Closed for the Vacations, and will Re-open on Monday, the 10th of Jan. 1870.

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SALA DE COMERUO.—Se previene a los Sres. suscritores que para evitar abusos que a ellos mismos perjudicarian, el dia del desembarco de la fruta en el Puerto de Montevideo, se permitira la entrada al establecimiento, sin mediacion de la presentacion de sus respectivas 'tajeles' al portero, quien estara en su puesto para impedir a los que no vienen munidos de ellos. En su dia no podra entrar por el Paseo de Julio, pues la puerta al pie de la escalera estara cerrada. Buenos Aires, Diciembre 23 de 1869. 287 sp 424

REGALOS! REGALOS!

CIGARRERIA FRANCESA DEL BUEN GUSTO. 96—CHACABUCO—96. Las personas que quieren hacer regalos hallaran en este establecimiento un gran surtido de pipas y boquillas de esparto de mar y de amber. Tambien cigarros de primera calidad de hoja y de papel, de marfil, carui, composition y curo, foforinas de plata, carui, marfil y curo; lindisimas pipas turcas, Narghile y Chibouk como no se ha visto toda en Buenos Aires. Lindas tarjetas de visita, fijas tabaqueras de seda, hechas al crochot, cajitas para rapé de carui, plata, narghile y curo. Lindos articulos de primer escomotismo. Entre otros cigarros Haranos de las mejores marcas, tabaco caporal, marlyand, turco y otros muchos. 253 sp 424

ON 'CHANGE.

Dec. 24, 1869. Oncoes 400. Sovereigns 122 1/2. Patagones 2 1/2. National Bonds 60 1/2. The Bond market still rules flat, the only sale of the day being 20,000 for end of the month at 99 1/2. National Bonds appear to have come to a dead lock, there is no moving them up or down. Business in exports is so brisk that outsiders have nothing whatever to do with the Bond market, and brokers have so little to do that some are thinking of conducting some other business. Two years ago there occurred a similar calm in the stock market, caused by a party taking up all the bonds at 95 or thereabouts, but the speculation did not so well backed at the present; it failed signally, causing heavy loss. Bonds at present are not in the hands of one party, but of many; confidence in the Government, country, and credit is more firmly established, and unless some crisis occurs in the money market, it is improbable that holders will sell out at a sacrifice. Exchange ruled today at 49 1/2 and 49; about 250,000 sterling passed through the present; the amount of exchange for this packet will be heavy. In Argentine Bank shares, one sale of 50 shares at 84 per cent. premium. Dolsa shares were sold to-day at 90 premium. The dividend for the year is 20 per cent. The news by the French packet is considered good. Antwerp, 20th November.—Hides in demand; prices maintained; wools and sheepskins firm, tallow looking down; horse hair firm. Havre, 20th Nov.—Hides flat—tallow down on account of the weather. London, 20th Nov.—Hides down; wool and

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