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NATIONAL BANK DIRECTORS. After a provisional administration of two months the National Bank begins the year 1874 with the first Board of Directors regularly elected, nine being chosen by the shareholders, and three by the Nat. Government.

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LETTERS. Mr. ray, Dillon, W. J. H. D. W. O'Brien, Mr. S. M. O'Brien, Mr. S. M. O'Brien, Mr. S. M. O'Brien.

by the Federal army. The improvement of the port of San Pedro has been carried out through him, and he is owner of large estates in that neighborhood. The firm of Llallavol and Sons is agent for Messrs. Murrieta of London.

Don Emilio Castro, ex-Governor, aged 53, was born in this city, but educated in Glasgow; he speaks English and is a general admirer of British institutions. As Chief of Police in a troubled period he earned a high reputation by his energy, activity and unflinching character; which he afterwards confirmed when elected Governor of B. Ayres. He has been censured by some, praised by others. At any rate he goes straight to the point, perhaps overriding considerations that other men would regard as insuperable.

Don Leonardo Pereyra's name is well-known both here and in England for his efforts and outlay towards the improvement of farming-stock, which are perhaps the effect of his early residence in England, where he was educated. His father, Simon Pereyra, was one of the wealthiest proprietors and estancieros in this country before most of our readers were born, and having only one son left him a fortune that is said now to exceed that of any of the Anchorenas individually.

Don Mariano Casares is often considered half an Englishman, not only because he was educated at Stonyhurst (some years before Tichborne) but from his constant association with Englishmen in the course of his business relations for the Casares family have long been the lightermen of Buenos Ayres, and accumulated a large fortune during the past half-century.

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important part in the reconstruction of the Republic under Gen. Mitre. He was for years on a footing of intimacy with the late David Robertson and other representative Englishmen, and his name is often alluded to by the Economist in reference with the growing importance of this Republic. In appearance and manner he might pass for an Englishman, being moreover conversant with our literature and connected, by the marriage of one of his children, with our nationality.

Don Narciso Martinez de Ho, belongs to a family for two or three generations connected with the trade of Buenos Ayres and Cuba, and standing well in mercantile circles for integrity and respectability. They have also been largely engaged in pastoral interests, and expended much money in importing blood horses and sheep from England and other countries.

Don Jose F. Ledesma, one of the chief dealers with the Upper Provinces, has obtained the double honor of being elected by the shareholders and nominated by the Government. Under these circumstances we suppose he will take his seat as Government Director, and allow Don Lino Palacios, next in order of votes, to succeed to the vacancy.

Don Lino Palacios, aged 40, is a native of the Province of Santiago del Estero, married, partner in the house of Aleorta and Co., of which Dr. Alcora, Minister in the Provincial Cabinet of B. Ayres, is also a member, or at least nearly related by blood.

Don Jose Ledesma, the oldest statesman and best lawyer in the Republic, was the founder, or, more properly, the reformer of the Provincial Bank of B. Ayres. He was born in Cordoba about the close of the last century, came to Buenos Ayres fifty years ago, and has been Minister under successive Governments.

Don Juan Frias, one of the native merchant princes, is a gentleman of education, refined feelings, wealth and great commercial relations, especially with Brazil. His brother is Argentine Minister in Chile. Mr. Frias is 48 years of age, married, and understands English.

It will be seen that many of the above gentlemen were educated in England, and some are favorably known wherever Argentine interests are heard of. All are men of business and position, who have figured little in the politics of the past. This is a healthy sign, and shows that the men who are now coming to the front are the Loriezo De Medici stamp rather than of the Colonnas, Orsini or Riensis of the troubled period.

THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT is calling for tenders for the steam navigation of the river Araguaya, which divides the provinces of Mato Grosso and Goyaz. Six trips a year are to be made with tug steamers. Tenders will be received up to April 30th next.

Conselleiro Joao Alfredo Correa de Oliveira has resumed the portfolio of the Empire. The Minister of Agriculture has purchased a great plantation, beside the D. Pedro II railway and near the Paralyba, on which to settle the German immigrants now here. The estate has over 100,000 coffee trees.

The Imperial Government has given leave to the Contractors for the construction of the Madeira and Mamore railway to import 5,000 Asiatics, as laborers upon it, without any fines or fiscalization.

Dr. Crout de Magalhães undertakes to establish monthly trips between Para and the lowest traverse of the Tocantins. For this service and the lease of the Araguaya plant the government will pay \$2,000 a year, in advance.

The Companhia Nacional de Navegacion a Vapor has obtained approval of statutes and authorization to operate. This company is a development of the Empresa Brasileira de Paquetes a vapor, with the increased capital of 2,000,000\$.

The new statutes of the Rio de Janeiro Street Railway Company have been approved. The new seat of the company is Rio. The census of the province of Parana makes the population 126,722.

The foreigners number 4,889, of whom only 809 are females. The works of the Morretes and Parana railway were to be commenced December 2nd.

Henri Desmarais has ten years patent of his process for rendering blood available for manure. Jacob Hebertain has obtained 10 years patent for breaks for locomotives.

The first Floating Baths of the Companhia Salubridade were inaugurated last week and opened for use December 1st. The government has granted to Baron da Povoá de Varzim one year longer, from October 28th last, where in to organize a company for the construction of docks, etc., in the Concha inlet at port of Maché.

About eighty Polish families of immigrants recently left the D. Francisca Colony, in Santa Catharina, and removed to the neighborhood of Curitiba, the capital of Parana, where, by arrangement between President Abranches and the Municipal Chamber, lands in the domains of the city have been assigned to them and an active settlement commenced, called the Abranches Colony.

The mortuary returns of Rio during the second half of November give the deaths at 419, two of them from yellow fever. Compared with the first half there was a decrease of deaths, especially from small pox, whose mortality had fallen from 124 to 76.

Mr. Edward Brainerd Webb has been made Knight of the Orden of the Rose. The Junta of Brokers for 1874 will consist of Manoel Gomes de Oliveira, Joaquim José Fernandez and Francisco de Paula Palhares, stockbrokers, Agostinho J. Gonçalves Pereira, goods broker, and Numa do Rego Macedo, shipbroker.

The provincial assembly of Rio de Janeiro has passed an act approving of the contract with Baron Mauá for the extension of the Mauá railway to Petropolis and authorizing 7 per cent guarantee upon 600,000\$. At Bahia a buttress wall fell, killed seven persons and wounded five, and destroyed 17 cows etc.

About 80,000\$ have already been subscribed for. Under the Hypothecary Bank Act the banks may issue hypothecary bills to 10 times the bank capital employed in long mortgages on plantations.

The Bank of Brazil and various other banking institutions old and new are preparing to avail themselves of this faculty and doubtless it will be largely used. A short time will therefore, in all probability, serve to show whether our provisions upon this security were correct, and whether it will fall to discredit, as the 'Cedulas' of Buenos Ayres have done of late.

The Government has bought a quantity of land in the new Villa Isabel suburb, for the site and grounds of the University authorized by an Act of two or three years ago, in which all the separated faculties will be concentrated.

Carneiro de Mendonça and Saraiwa de Carvalho have obtained two years permission to explore coal and other mines in the municipality of Sta. Fidelis, in the province of Rio de Janeiro. Exchange—Banks opened on the 24th ult at 26, but, with the exception of one of their number, withdrew this rate on the arrival of the Niger, bringing advice of a further advance in the Bank of England rate of discount.

The market has since been exceedingly sluggish, few sales of coffee have been effected, and a very limited business done in exchange. Good commercial paper has been negotiated, 26, 3/16 and 3/4, at which rates, although few bills are offering, the market closes with an appearance of more firmness.

On Paris a limited business has been done at 365 rs. Bank's, 361 and 363 rs. private paper. On Hamburg 300,000 M. R. at 455 reits for Bank, and 450 to 453 reits for private bills. Money is in fair demand at 6 to 8 per cent.

Sovereigns have changed hands at 99/40. The Neva brought out 100,000 for the German Bank. Bank of Brazil shares have been dealt in at 250 each. Coal—The arrivals during the fortnight have all been for special orders, and we have no alteration to make on our last quotations.

Deaths—Sales of Baltic at 438 and 448, and of American pitch pine at \$50. One inch lumber is in good demand at 125rs per foot. Flour—The market is firm, especially for second quality, which is scarce. Our stocks are small, amounting to about 19,000 barrels. We quote as follows: Baltimore 22 3/4 to 24 3/4; Richmond 23 5/8 to 24 5/8; Trieste 25 3/4; and Chile 188 to 298.

EDITOR'S TABLE. Our telegram from Valparaiso yesterday morning created a tremendous sensation on the Bolsa. We only posted it for 'once in a way', the news being of such transcendent importance; as we doubt approve of the skin-flint policy of the Bolsa in not getting its own telegrams from Valparaiso.

The news from the seat of scrimmage in Entre Rios yesterday was of a 'ne plus ultra' description. Lopez Jordan has hied back to Banda Oriental, where, some people are kind enough to predict, he means to raise a ruction in partnership with that famous 'militaire' General Caraballo. We hope this prophecy wont come true. Still, we infinitely prefer to see a fire in our neighbour's castle than in our own. In revolutionary rows, as in a good many other things, distance lends enchantment to the view.

The list of the new Directors of the National Bank appeared at last yesterday morning, with a list of the votes given to each candidate, of which there were, apparently, 62. The old Board was re-elected, with the exception of two—Messrs. D. Huego and E. Sagui. The election of Don Norberto de la Riestra has given great satisfaction to the monetary and commercial community.

We do not wonder at the time taken by the scrutineers to make out the list. Parties whom no one ever dreamt of as Bank Directors received numerous votes; while not a few received 2, 4, 5, 9 votes, leading irresistibly to the conclusion that in the confusion of the election some of them undoubtedly voted for themselves. Charity begins at home.

A kind friend who has just arrived in the country favoured us some days ago with his 'Impressions of Buenos Ayres.' As a general rule, the local public has a morbid horror of the 'Impressions' of new-arrivals, which are generally not worth the paper they are written on. We are far from passing this sweeping judgment on the communication in question, which we have not had time to read; but if, on doing so, it passes muster, we'll publish it. Mr. Younger has arranged a most important question with the Municipality. The British Hospital has been duly authorised to admit cholera and fever patients (being British subjects) to the Fever Ward of the Hospital. This is satisfactory, and will prevent any rows about admitting such cases in case of necessity.

We have received the promised description of the great Learmonth Estate, in Australia. It is graphic, and will interest our great land owners here. We intend publishing it in our next issue. The following are full particulars of the recent frightful murder at Salto—'With regret I have to inform you of the barbarous murder of a countryman in this neighbourhood, on the evening of Saturday the 13th inst. The facts up to this are, that deceased, in company with a friend, went to Salto, where he purchased to the amount of 700\$. Returning together, and when within about half-a-league of deceased's house, a native rode up to them enquiring for an estancia, then only half a league distant, saying 'I am going there to part cattle.' After directing and parting with the native they continued in company until within about eight squares of deceased's house, where they separated, deceased saying, 'I am going to Manning (a countryman) to have supper with him.' This was the last heard of him until Wednesday morning 17th, when the body was found within 200 yards of his own house, greatly decomposed, with seven or eight stabs, besides an awful gash on the left side of the face which must have felled him from his horse where he received the other wounds. Although the body was in such a state, Dr. Green went to examine it, and his report must be to the satisfaction of all. A pair of 'boleadores de potro' were found near the body, which was stripped of the shirt and drawers, proof that the murder was committed for the sake of the articles deceased had purchased. Countrymen of deceased have come forward and offered a reward of ten thousand dollars, which may be the means of bringing the perpetrators of this atrocious deed to justice. Deceased was named Matthew Pierce, aged 30, and a native of Wexford, Ireland; was quite inoffensive, and well liked by his neighbours.

The Telegrapho Maritimo indulged last week in a rigmarole against the STANDARD, accusing it of inventing the 'baicalo' on which the poor emigrants at Ensenada were poisoned, of alarming the people &c., &c. 'Et tu Buena!' Your ancestor, Bratus, was nothing to you. We have always looked on the Telegrapho as the best and most sensible paper in the River, and will be glad to see it remain so in spite of cod, or 'cauará'; yet it ought to acknowledge that we have been all alone in considering that what ever Cholera may be in Buenos Ayres is trifling, and that no reason for alarm exists. We again repeat, with the utmost respect for Buena, Bratus, 'Baicalo' & Co., that, up to the present, we have no cholera worth speaking of here, nor calling for the closing of ports on the part of timid neighbours.

The tars of the English gunboats now lying at Rosario had foot races and other athletic sports on the island opposite the mole last week. Several gentlemen from the town crossed over to see the sports. Our distinguished friend Professor Murray is one of those who have greatness thrust upon them, and who wear it well. The Pharmaceutical Society of Santiago de Chile has just elected the Professor one of its Honorary Members. We believe this is the eighteenth distinction of the kind conferred on him.

A poor devil went asleep on the beach on Tuesday at the foot of Calle Cordoba, and his snoring would have been stopped for ever by the rising tide, had not two men seen his position and rushed down to save him. 'On dit' that the City of Buenos Ayres Tramway Co. is about to buy up another competing line. The sudden death of Sr. Martinez, the well known jeweller in Calle Florida, is much regretted. He had a large business connection with the 'beau monde,' and was very much esteemed.

The new 'paseo' at the mole head is now 'la mode.' Crowds take a turn there every evening after dinner, when the breeze from the river is so refreshing after the exhausting heat of the day.

