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The Standard AND RIVER PLATE NEWS.

No 3,592 - THIRTIETH YEAR. BUENOS AYRES, WEDNESDAY APRIL 22 1874

London and River Plate Bank, (LIMITED)

London, Buenos Ayres, Montevideo, Rosario, and Cordoba. Authorized Capital: £2,000,000 Sterling...

Deutsches, Belgische La Plata Bank.

Cologne & Buenos-Ayres. Authorized Capital: Prussian Silver 20,000,000 Thalers...

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From the 1st July, 1873, and till further notice the rate of interest allowed and charged by the Bank will be as follows...

RIVER PLATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY

NOTICE. Buenos Ayres and Montevideo Tariff FOR TELEGRAMS. 10 Words, exclusive of Addresses: 1.000, or 255 mcs.

BANCO DE ITALIA

Rio de la Plata. 70 CALLE PIEDAD-74. SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL: £1,500,000. This is divided into 15,000 Shares...

MERCANTILE BANK OF THE RIVER PLATE.

BEZ TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC that, owing to the closing of the Money Order Office in the British Consulate of this City, they will be happy to issue their drafts for large or small amounts...

Banco Nacional

La Asamblea General de Accionistas queda convocada para el 4 de Mayo, proximo, a las ocho y media de la noche...

MERCANTILE BANK OF THE RIVER PLATE

London, (Limited) Buenos Ayres, and Montevideo. 32 Calle Reconquista. Rate of interest from April 1st, till further notice, as follows...

MERCANTILE BANK OF THE RIVER PLATE

No. 85-Reconquista-No. 85. Authorized Capital... £1,500,000 stg. Subscribed Capital... 1,000,000

Jose de Carabasa

127-CANGALLO-127. Desde esta fecha basta nuevo aviso la tar de interes sera como sigue: SE PAGA...

Inocencio Risolto, NURSERYMAN

Calle Tucuman, No. 392. JARDIN DEL PLATA. Advise the Public that he has an Exhibition in the Dept of Plants...

Calderwood & Leslie, ENGLISH PLUMBERS

AND GAS FITTERS. Sole Contractors for the Buenos Ayres Water Company. Workmanship and Material guaranteed.

La Popular Argentina. SAVINGS BANK.

Deposits in account current are received from 250 mcs. to the largest sum. Interest at 8 per cent, capitalised every three months...

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DEPOSITS AT FIXED DATES. The sum deposited must not be less than 100 mcs. Dollars. Depositor will receive a Bond signed by the Government...

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THE DIRECTORS

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PROVINCIAL BANK OF BUENOS AYRES.

Business Hours, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Deposits of not less than \$100.00 received. These deposits will not be credited...

RATES OF INTEREST

Private depositors, 7 per cent. per annum. To private depositors, 2 per cent. per annum. In account current, 2 per cent. per annum.

GOVERNMENT MORTGAGE BANK

Office-111 CALLE SAN MARTIN. This Bank will be open to the Public on all business days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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By arrangement a general meeting of my Rios I have been called to order, and I have the honor to inform you that the meeting will be held on the 21st inst.

FOR GUALEQUAY.

The Standard GENERAL GAMBALDI. Sals in Steam, 1800 mcs, at 10 am. Admited for 20 passengers.

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FOR THE PACIFIC.

Passengers for the Pacific should be in Montevideo on the day before the above dates of sailing. High Jump Standing. Running. Length. Flat Race-100 Yards.

PRICES OF PASSAGES FROM BUENOS AYRES.

Rio Janeiro... 22 10 6. Valparaiso... 22 10 6. Santos... 22 10 6. Bahia... 22 10 6.

MESSRS RYDE & CO'S BI-MONTHLY LINES.

BELGIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY (LIMITED). UNDER POSTAL CONTRACT WITH THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. RIVER PLATE LINE.

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Captain AYLES. Will be ready to sail for ANTWERP and LONDON, APRIL 22, 1874.

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Wool and Produce Brokers. 672-CALLE DE LA PAZ-673. 672-CALLE DE LA PAZ-673. 672-CALLE DE LA PAZ-673.

PERIODICALS AND MAGAZINES FOR 1874.

Subscriptions Permanently Received. ALWAYS COPIES ON HAND.

Amongst which can be found the following, and subscribed for at once by newly-entering subscribers: Illustrated London News... 300 mps.

MAGAZINES.

Young Ladies' Journal... 120. English Woman's Domestic Magazine... 120. Bow Bells... 120.

AMERICAN, &c.

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Buenos Ayres Athletic Sports.

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PUTTING THE STONE, 16lbs. POLE-JUMPING. VAULTING. ENTRIES. Will be received at Messrs. Mackern, Brothers...

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FIGHTING THE CONCEALED POISON. Look at the source, not at the symptoms. Remember that symptoms are the evidence of Nature's conflict with disease.

Teatro Alegria.

APRIL 22. THE Buenos Aires Thespians Grand Amateur Dramatic Musical Entertainment

In aid of the ENGLISH-SPEAKING POOR. PRESIDENT: WILLIAM MARTIN, Esq.

The "B. A. Thespians" beg respectfully to announce they will make their first public appearance at the above Theatre on WEDNESDAY, the 22d APRIL.

PROGRAMME: PART I. "A PROLOGUE," Original and appropriate, by Harry M. Cleave.

PART II. Individual Musical Performances, Recitations, &c.

PART III. A Repeating Farce, "TURN HIM OUT" CASTE.

CAST: Mr. Alfred Day, Mr. Wm. Martin, Mr. G. F. Langley, Mr. H. M. Cleave, Mr. J. H. Sanderson, Mr. W. F. Hancock, Mr. W. T. Cartwright.

CHARGES. Boxes \$200 and \$250. Orchestra stalls 30. Second circle stalls 20.

ALL THE BOXES are bespoken. Tickets for other parts of the house may be obtained at Messrs. Mackern Dros' on Wed. and Thursday.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY. NOTICE. By order of the President, a MEETING of this Society is called for THURSDAY evening, the 23d Inst.

B. Ayres British Choral Society. In anticipation of the General Rehearsal, there will be a special rehearsal on Friday evening next, the 21st inst., at the usual hour and locality.

FOR SALE. THE TAVERN situated Calle Pasco Julio No. 118. The owner leaves for Europe.

COMMERCIAL. MESSRS. RODRIGUEZ, ORIN & CO., under date of 11th inst., have enrolled their name as firm in the Regis. de Comercio of the Sala de Comercio.

TUTIONS. AN ENGLISH LADY, who has taught for some time in Europe, wishes to give Lessons in English, French and Italian.

WANTED. By a Scotchwoman, a situation as a plain Cook or Housemaid. Apply to Mrs. Bell, Bellview House, Flores.

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COLEGIO BRITANICO.

At the request of several influential families in this city, the undersigned purpose, on the 1st of May, opening an Educational Establishment at 85, Calle Tacuari, which he trusts shall offer many advantages not to be met with in the private schools at present existing in Buenos Ayres.

Guided by his long experience as Sub-Director of one of the principal Colleges here (el Colegio Inglez), added to his knowledge of the working of similar Institutions in Europe, the Director hopes, by avoiding the errors of both systems, to found an Academy worthy the support of the respectable public of this country.

Existing arrangements will allow the admission of only a very limited number of Pupils and Half-boarders. To those who are guaranteed accommodation and a plentiful supply of wholesome food.

For Boarders and Half-boarders there will be a morning study, from seven to eight, and in the evening from half past six to eight.

Some of the above cost the country 15 per cent per annum between interest and sinking fund, and it was to redeem such and others bearing 10 or 12 per cent that Pres. Ellauri proposed the new London loan for £5,000,000, which it effected would have saved the treasury \$1,500,000 per annum.

MAILS. FOR BRAZIL AND EUROPE will be forwarded per S.S. GALATEA on the 22nd Inst., closing at 1:30 p.m. at the Central Post Office, and 2 p.m. at the Maritime Branch.

THE SECRETARY. WEDNESDAY, for Montevideo, at 5 o'clock, the English steamer SAFURNO.

THE SECRETARY. WEDNESDAY, for Salto and all the Ports, at 10 o'clock, the English steamer SILEX.

WEDNESDAY, for Montevideo, at 5 o'clock, the French steamer JUPITER.

FRIDAY, for Rosario, Parana, Santa Fe, and ports, with the train which leaves 25 de Mayo, too steamer ARGENTINA.

The Standard. 'Nil in laudem nisi veri non audiam dicere.' Cetero.

Special Telegram. O'Gorman to STANDARD.

LATEST FROM MONTEVIDEO. Sunday, April 19th. To-day being the 49th anniversary of the independence of Uruguay, or at least of the expedition of the 33 patriots which resulted in the emancipation of the country from Brazil, all the morning papers make flattering allusion to the event and celebrate the heroes of Sarandi and Ituzaingó.

Chimborazo Lisbon Ist. Spain, Government troops took some Carlist positions at Murieta and Barrinda, but definite attack on them suspended; too well defended though bombardment of this redoubt goes on.

A French steamer, a steamer on p.m. Cook or Housemaid. Apply to Mrs. Bell, Bellview House, Flores.

and Loma, and Brigadier Tenorio wounded.

Government sends 15,000 men as reinforcements. France—Rocheport, Pascal, Grouset, Jourde, Bellecroy, and two more escaped from New Caledonia; arrived in Australia.

Tiber also arrived same day: would leave at noon. 18th. Cable between St. Vincent and Madeira successfully laid.

Great Eastern to leave in August with cable from St. Vincent to Pernambuco.

Telegrams from New York say the Spaniards in Cuba have been defeated by the insurgents, and lost many prisoners.

MENDING A BUDGET. As our Oriental neighbors have not yet succeeded in floating their new loan in London they are obliged to settle up their Budget for 1874 as well as they can out of their home resources.

The ordinary expenditure amounts to 6,580,076\$, to which must be added 2,110,436\$ for certain public debts, making a total of \$8,690,512\$.

The ordinary revenue is estimated at 5,947,500\$, leaving an apparent deficit of 2,743,012\$, which it is proposed to meet as follows—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Taxes collected for 1873... \$902,244. Cash in Treasury... 13,850. Balance Extraordinary loan... 306,000.

This would leave a surplus of 478,082\$, and thus save the situation. The project therefore of the Finance Minister, as above, has received the approval of the Finance Committee in the Legislature, which is composed of Messrs. Castro, Soto, Vila, Vidal and Vedia.

They have only introduced two trifling amendments; 1st. Instead of selling the Barracks and Old Market, as Pres. Ellauri proposes, they prefer to sell the former and mortgage the latter, as they consider that whenever Montevideo is in a position to erect a proper Government House with the necessary public offices the best site will be the Old Market, the mortgage whereon can then be redeemed; 2nd. The railway shares are valued by the Government at 60 per cent of their paid value, whereas the Committee estimate them at 75 per cent; the difference is 176,250\$, which would in such case go to swell the surplus at disposal of Government.

The Committee, meantime, wish to fix no price, but leave the Government power to dispose of the 5,000 shares here or abroad at the best price that can be obtained.

If the Government had only to attend to the ordinary expenditure of the country there would be no deficit worth mentioning, the difference between receipts and expenses being in round numbers only half a million.

But there are six debts specially charged on the Custom-house to the amount of 2,110,000\$, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Pacific loan... \$600,000. Council of 1872... 270,000. 2d series funded debt... 215,500. Loan Redemption... 102,600. Brazilian loan... 469,886. Italian claims... 72,000. Total... 2,110,436.

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involutions of the gigantic 'coltario' of official routine, of the Red House in Buenos Ayres.

A recital of my case may warn others from offering themselves as sacrifices to this patience consuming, nerve destroying and cancerous worm; to look well what prospect there is of performance before they embrace official offers, to take ample security under the hand and seal of the recognised and responsible Government authority, finally, before they can hope for settlement, to prepare themselves with a six months' stock of time, money, patience and unflinching perseverance, the latter the most essential, for, without that, all previous efforts and expenses are thrown away and tumble down like a house of cards or the reversed steps of a Jacob's ladder, and the application, through all its fatiguing delays, must be made anew, every step must be reascended. Hundreds wearied and impoverished, from sheer lack of resources, abandon the prosecution of their claims, curses not loud but deep float round the Government doors, muttered or ground out between the teeth. The expectant may faint or perish, the widow and orphan bemoan the ground with unavailing tears. Who has no influence or pays not for interest, who gives not some soap to one of the many jointed men monthly Solitario of the Red House is passed by or put off with tormenting indifference.

An Italian officer who had served in Paraguay gave me a sketch of his case as follows—On his return from that campaign he came on from Montevideo to Buenos Ayres with a small amount of pay, some six or eight thousand dollars m.c. to prosecute a claim for services unpaid; at the end of four months, his money was exhausted, his claim unsettled, and he was called away to Montevideo; on his return to Buenos Ayres he was told that, "not having attended, he must make a fresh application!" He is, at the end of two or three years, occupied with his fourth petition! A Frenchman who lost a finger and a fortune (he had his house of business ransacked) in a revolution in San Juan, had his claim admitted by the central authority, and an order made twelve years since on the Provincial Governor for compensation, eleven years since; not receiving payment in San Juan, he came on to Buenos Ayres, to obtain satisfaction of his claim, already recognised as just; he died recently a victim of the epidemic, without ever receiving a cent from the Government. In my case, although I have experienced the 'law's delay,' I can in no way complain of the insolence of office. I have uniformly met on the contrary, with a kind of apathetic politeness, which, like an opiate on the spleen, at first soothes and afterwards irritates. Having accepted employment from the competent local authority (the 'Gefe' of a frontier) in one of the interior provinces, for which I could there obtain no satisfaction, in the way of pay, as the Governor did not acknowledge in any form the official communications sent to him on the subject of my appointment, I resigned, after giving twenty months service, and came on to Buenos Ayres determined to prosecute my claim, which amounted to a net sum of \$40,000. After putting in a petition to the Governor, which I presented on the 22nd of December last, I laid the case before a lawyer, who prudently counselled me not to waste more time and money over its prosecution, advising me rather to lose all at once than go on with 'hope deferred,' giving me instances as warnings from amongst his clients whose claims had been running on for two or three years. Our English Consul gave me every attention, but no consolation. My mind being previously made up, and my courage rather raised by these rebuffs, putting aside my interest, I felt myself in honour bound to carry the affair through to a successful issue, confident in the justice of my claim, and the touch of the bulldog our race has in it.

My petition presented to the Governor after passing an infinite number of times through the various offices, which kept me daily employed to ensure its transmission and return, one from the other, came out on St. Valentine's Day, with report on report, the Governor's order, with Gainza's and Sarmiento's signatures, and an order for payment of 454 fuertes! The amount was delivered of a mouse, on the 14th of February, which some sagacious "empleado" had hunted out. On the 18th of the same month I presented a second petition, or "solicitud," which I have likewise daily followed up with the self-same arms and evidence. I now learn that an order for liquidation of eleven months is issued (my undeniable claim is for twenty); the error occurring through the equivocal wording of a report from the Accountant's office, where the first abortive decree originated (the 45 dollars ferreted out) and the archives are kept, so that in all probability I shall have to make a third petition and complete my six months' probation.

Behind and at work, I find zealous chiefs of departments, I recognize the sincerely honest desire of the government to discharge their just obligations; the engineers are there, but the old Spanish machinery is unfit for republican institutions. Here a screw loose, and there a rivet missing, oil wanting in one place, while a wheel goes wrong in another, for want of proper cogs; the whole machinery and management wants renovating, so as to perform with credit the work President and Minister will have before them. There is at present no check on carelessness and neglect, or worse.

Witness the successful defalcation of the clerk, Fernandez. The real work necessarily falls into the hands of subordinates, whose carelessness and want of attention to duties in which they are not personally or peculiarly interested is engrained on the system under which they work; an error once made, there is no subsequent remedy save by another solicited, and another delay of months, on the part of the petitioner, the error is received, without check or question, reported on, acted on, and blindly signed by Minister and President, whose sole occupation is to sign without looking at the petitions. The Departmental reports are signed by the hundred in the day. The chiefs of departments confide to subordinates without any competent revision of their labours, who in their turn make a trade and traffic of the business passed through their hands with the public.

In the office of the Contaduria where the business is actually resolved and prepared for the Minister's decision and the President's signature, I have twice had it hinted broadly to me there, that we can do more for you here than the Minister, a hint of which as an Englishman, I did not choose to avail myself. I was told by a native, I have a son in the contaduria who has charge of the archives come round at night to my house and for a consideration he will get your business pushed through, &c. All this is scandalous and loudly calls for reform. If I succeed, it is because I found out the weak point of the enemy and directed a powerfully concentrated and unflinching fire upon the wavering foe. If I succeed I say in the words of the ancient Roman 'I came, I saw, I conquered,' by my own undivided efforts, but only after an exhausting campaign which tested my powers to the full.

If my letter had not already exceeded justifiable limits I would endeavour to point out the remedy to the abuse, 'it is very simple' but take the opportunity of adding that rule, method and management would be a blessing to the official and mercantile community, comparative tranquillity and ease to the Departments of the Government. The subject as it affects the despatch of public business deserves the early attention of Congress on the assemblage of that body.

'No Cedere.' Note. For your information, in the interest of the public, I place the whole of the correspondence, in any way bearing on the subject, at your complete disposal, and, if necessary, am prepared to come forward with stronger proofs in detail or to give evidence before any properly constituted committee of inquiry, or other legal authority having reform for its object.

Ladies and Gentlemen. You are all, of course, going to see and to be seen, and hear the Thespians to night at the Alegria Theatre. We recommend you to arrange for an early dinner, as the performance will commence at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m., as sharp as a needle, to enable you all to leave for home at 10 1/2 o'clock, equally sharp. We had the pleasure of witnessing the rehearsal of the performance on Monday evening, and it is bare justice to say that it was first rate, and in every way calculated to afford a treat to the audience to-night. Some of the amateurs (we do not wish to mention names) display an amount of dramatic ability and knowledge of stage business that many a professional might envy. The Secretary has a tough time of it for the last week, but his powers of organization were fully equal to his onerous task, which he has triumphantly performed. 'Au revoir' then, dear readers, till we meet to-night to applaud our British Thespians. Arrangements for trams to Flores and Belgrano up to 11 1/2 o'clock have been made.

Our highly esteemed colleague the Deutsche Zeitung is generous, as all properly constituted newspapers are. It lately hit on the idea (not a very novel one, as the native papers make a pretence of it) of making a 'regalo' to its numerous subscribers. With genuine Teutonic good taste it decided that the present should be something useful as well as ornamental, and 300 copies of Mr. Kidd's famous Guia, which is now to be found in every office and house in town, were purchased from that enterprising gentleman. A neat slip with the words, 'The Deutsche Zeitung to its subscribers' is made out, and posted on the cover of each Guia to be despatched to the lucky 300. We understand our colleague intends to make this a monthly practise. A capital idea.

There was an aqueous look in the firmament yesterday morning that made camp men seem more hopeful, but had a depressing effect on the votaries of Thespia. The accounts from the rural districts yesterday-noon were not a whit more cheering; the same unpleasant story—no grass, and 'balde sin fondo' still going like mad everywhere. It is not yet too late, however, for a few days rain to set everything to right, and by Jupiter Pluvius here it comes! (at 5 o'clock p.m. yesterday).

H. M. S. Cracker, Captain Buckle, will leave in a day or two with the British Minister on a cruise up the Uruguay. She goes under the guidance of Mr. Douglas Plater, one of the best pilots on the river, and well known in connection with steamers between this port and Parana. Mr. Plater is an old friend of the STANDARD, and many a good budget of news from Paraguay, Corrientes and up the river generally he has supplied to its readers in times gone by. The Cracker is in excellent hands when in Mr. Plater's.

A Barracas tramway horse fell dead from a fit of apoplexy the other day. His bereaved companion pluckily tucked the car to its destination, and then went in for oats.

A well known actress in town bolted from her horse half a few days ago. "Tant mieux pour lui."

President Grant has recognized Sampo Takaki, Vice Consul of Japan, to reside at San Francisco.

A defendant in a New York court producing a letter from his laundress testifying to his good character. This witty stroke of flat irony secured his release.

Sunday is the strongest day, because all the others are weak days; yet, if it is the strongest, why is it so often broken?

The blow-up of the steamer Louisa, belonging to Mr. Jorge Suarez, of Parana, has caused an unpleasant feeling amongst river travellers. She left Santa Fe about 6 o'clock a.m. on the 17th, with two vessels in tow, and three passengers. Before she had got five squares on her way, crack went the whole concern; the boiler had burst, blowing the deck to atoms and an unfortunate young passenger to eternity, the hull immediately going to the bottom. A Santa Fe paper says there was only one man on board to attend to the engine and the whole vessel. If this be so, the accident is easily explained. This sad affair demands strict investigation, to ascertain if the boiler was sound, or had been recently inspected, as well as the reason why the crew should have consisted of only one man.

The present are stiff times for tramways. They are no longer cocks of the walk. (The City Improvements have them by the comb, and are going to 'comb' them (see funny letter from Rosario, in our last issue) The Government issued a decree yesterday to the effect that whenever and wherever the City Improvements works require it, up must come the rails within ten days from notice given' by the Improvement Commissioners. If this is not complied with the Commissioners will tear up the rails. While the works are going on the tram companies have liberty to lay down rails in any of the adjoining streets that suit them, to put them back in their old 'Calle' when the Improvement Works are finished. This is decidedly a bit of Job's comfort, considering the enormous cost. What is the price of tram shares?

Have any of our readers ever heard of a 'surprise party'? It seems a funny kind of spree enough, to judge from the following description by the Star, of one lately given at Aspinwall—

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