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THE FIRST DECADE.

The first decade of the emancipation act of 1871 was completed on the 28th ult. Now that the eulogiums have all been pronounced, and the paeans have all been sung, a brief inquiry into the workings of the law may not be amiss. It is well, perhaps, that this tenth anniversary should have been celebrated with generous homage for the man, the Visconde do Rio Branco, who achieved so much against so great an opposition. It is well, also, to give credit to the act itself, imperfect as it is, because it is a step toward emancipation, and has already broken the chains of many slaves. And too, it is well to refer to the work accomplished with words of praise and pride, and then to picture the coming of that time when the crack of whip and clank of shackles shall no longer be heard throughout this whole land. All this may be done with perfect propriety, providing however that the eulogium does not stop short just there. Beyond all this sentiment there is a practical record, an inner result, which should not be concealed and smoothed over with glowing figures of speech. The world will want to know the practical results of Brazilian emancipation, and the sincerity with which it has been carried out. It will want to know how many slaves have been liberated, how much has been expended, what steps have been taken to improve their condition, and how much longer it will take to accomplish the great work. This tenth anniversary should have answered these questions, but it did not. The day was honored and celebrated, but it brought forth no record of the work accomplished, no definite promise for the immediate future.

The law of free birth was passed on the 28th of September, 1871, and it provided not only for the freedom of all children born of slave mothers thereafter, but also for the annual liberation of slaves. The total slave population of the empire, according to the census of August 1, 1872—nearly one year after the passage of the emancipation law—was 1,510,806, but as some parishes were never heard from and as the census is notoriously defective, it is estimated that a total of 1,600,000* is much nearer the exact figure. The emancipation act itself provided for a general registry of slaves up to the 30th September, 1872, and a special registry up to the 30th September, 1873. All slaves not registered at this last date were declared free. Under this registry, however, which was made obligatory under fines and the granting of freedom to all unregistered slaves, the figures are fully as untrustworthy as those in the census. Even to this day the slave population of the empire at the closing of the books on the 30th September, 1873, is not known. The returns as given by Veiga in his compilation of the laws and regulations relating to emancipation, and which he marks as defective, place the total registered slave population at 1,431,300, a total much below the census of the year preceding. In this last enumeration, however, the returns are given as complete from all the provinces except four—Pará, Pernambuco,

Minas Geraes and Goyaz. It is evident, not only from the testimony of the census, but from the occasional cases of the liberation of unregistered slaves, that this registry did not contain the total slave population at that time. As it is the official enumeration, however, and as all slaves not registered are legally free, we have no alternative but the acceptance of this total.

In 1878 another attempt was made to obtain definite information as to the vital statistics of the slave population up to the close of that year, but this effort also failed. Eight provinces and the capital, according to the last official report, complied, while the reports from the other twelve were either incomplete, or were from statistics gathered in 1875 and 1876. From these reports the total slave population at the end of 1878 was placed at 1,419,168. On the 28th ult. the *Jornal do Commercio* published the latest statistics relating to twelve provinces and the capital—all of which were brought down to the end of 1878 except two, which are complete to the end of 1880—in which the changes of the slave population since 1873 are given as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Registered | 683,497 |
| Emancipated | 24,651 |
| Died | 60,996 |
| Registered arrivals | 86,274 |
| Registered departures | 73,067 |
| Present population | 611,057 |
| Relative decrease | 72,440 |
| Absolute decrease | 85,647 |

For the period in which these changes took place, these statistics show a relative annual decrease of only about two per cent. The absolute annual decrease, however, is about two and one-third per cent., instead of the estimated five per cent. of the *Jornal*. This certainly is very far from a flattering exhibit of the operations of the emancipation law, especially when it is known that three-fourths of the manumissions are voluntary acts of the slaveholders themselves. Another feature of this exhibit, which is worthy of further consideration, is the very low death rate among these slaves—it being about half that of this city. Under normal conditions one would expect to find a higher death rate in a class so badly housed, fed, and over-worked.

Although the emancipation act provided for the annual application of the fund for the liberation of slaves, only two distributions took place during the first decade. The amount set apart for these two distributions—1875 and 1880—was 8,128,612\$309, of which 6,238,411\$600 had been expended up to the latest reports. The absence of complete statistics renders it impossible to determine the whole number of manumissions under both of these distributions, the application of the fund being very slow and complicated. The *Jornal* gives the *per capita* expenditure at 700\$.

All things considered we can not see that the law of 1871 has accomplished the work anticipated. It has resulted in an approximate decrease of only 2½ per cent. per annum, including deaths, in the slave population, and it has guaranteed nominal freedom to some 250,000 children, who will remain practically in slavery until they reach the age of twenty-one years. Laying all

sentiment aside, the law has partially failed, for it promised more than it has performed.

INDUSTRIAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

The village of Cannaveiras, Bahia, is probably one of those little settlements whose real mission in the world is a mystery, and which does nothing to solve it. However small and insignificant it may be, though—and we never heard of the place before—it is yet of sufficient consequence to find a place in the Bahia provincial law, No. 2,284, regulating municipal receipts and expenditures, and to make itself felt in the industrial life about it. It is probably no better, nor no worse than a hundred other Bahia villages, and its only claim to notoriety in this case is the circumstance that it furnishes a very fair sample of the methods of imposing taxes throughout the country, for local support.

At this time when there is so much said about the support and development of national industries, these little questions of local, provincial and national taxation ought not to pass unnoticed. Rhetoric will never revive a failing industry, nor develop a promising one, although it will go a long way in the creation of a reputation for patriotism and good intentions. What is needed, more than all else, is the immediate removal of obstacles to development and burdens upon the stagnant industrial forces of the country. Until that is done, all the rhetoric, and all the associations, and all the exhibitions that can be created, will be simply so much wasted time and effort. To illustrate this let us take the annual budget of this little Bahia village as authorized by a provincial law, No. 2,284, of the 12th ult. The full text of the budget, as published in the *Monitor*, is as follows:

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF CANNAVEIRAS.

Expenditures.

ART. XVI.—The village council of Cannaveiras will expend:

Sec. 1.—Upon salaries and premiums (*gratificações*), to wit:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Of the secretary | 200\$000 |
| Of the procurador | 30 000 |
| Of the fiscal | 40 000 |
| Of the door-keeper | 30 000 |
| Of the <i>escrivão</i> of the jury 300 000-600 000 | |

Sec. 2.—Upon the dispatch of business, eventualities, election, jury, cleaning of jail, water and light for prisoners

200\$000

Sec. 3.—Upon public works

2,000 000

2,800 000

Receipts.

ART. XVII.—The same council will collect:

Sec. 1.—Balance from the preceding year.

Sec. 2.—820 reis per head upon horned cattle killed for consumption.

Sec. 3.—320 reis per head upon sheep and swine killed for consumption.

Sec. 4.—10 reis per decaliter of salt exported.

Sec. 5.—10 reis per liter of spirituous liquors.

Sec. 6.—3\$ per pottery, or factory of bricks or tiles.

Sec. 7.—10 reis per decaliter of cocoa-nut oil exported.

Sec. 8.—2 reis per kilogramme of coffee or cacao exported.

Sec. 9.—50 reis per bale or sack of cotton exported.

Sec. 10.—40 reis per hundred of cocoa-nuts exported.

- Sec. 11.—100 reis per hide, dry or salted, exported.
- Sec. 12.—5 reis per decaliter of rice, beans, Indian corn, farinha and castor-beans exported.
- Sec. 13.—500 reis per dozen of planks up to 5 meters in length; 1500 when of greater length.
- Sec. 14.—3\$ per certificate to *inspector de quarteirão, escravidão de paz, and subdelegado.*
- Sec. 15.—2\$ per house which sells gunpowder or fireworks.
- Sec. 16.—5\$ per free African who is engaged in trade.
- Sec. 17.—20\$ per each pedlar.
- Sec. 18.—200 reis per beam or other piece of wood for construction exported.
- Sec. 19.—140 reis per hundred of Indian potatoes (*inhames*) exported.
- Sec. 20.—200 reis per cartload of chests exported.
- Sec. 21.—1 reis per kilogramme of piassava exported.
- Sec. 22.—40 reis per hundred of sticks of firewood exported.
- Sec. 23.—2\$ per house of business.
- Sec. 24.—2\$ per animal, horned, mule or horse, which runs free within the village.
- Sec. 25.—2 reis per kilogramme of Brazil-wood exported.
- Sec. 26.—2\$ per each dozen of logs of rosewood exported.
- Sec. 27.—5 reis per each *jungada* stick exported.
- Sec. 28.—1\$ per each canoe.
- Sec. 29.—2\$ per oath made in the council.
- Sec. 30.—Revenue from stamping the weights and measures.
- Sec. 31.—License revenue by virtue of by-laws.
- Sec. 32.—Revenue from fines for infraction of by-laws established in laws and regulations.
- Sec. 33.—Active debt.
- Sec. 34.—Gratuitous gifts.

And this is but an average sample of what is done all through the empire of Brazil! In many places the list is shorter, and the taxes are lighter: in others the list covers even the doors and windows of the house, and the rates are so oppressive as to completely crush all industry. The people ask:—and with good cause—why should we produce if our profits are to be swallowed up in taxes? If we are to gain nothing through it, why should we work? And so the industries of the country are narrowed to the few products which can bear so heavy taxation, while the masses of the people remain idle and the smaller industries remain stagnant and unproductive. The natural result of all this is to be seen everywhere: idleness, poverty, industrial stagnation, ignorance, debt and degradation. If it be thought that these are strong terms to use, let the questioner go into these very Bahia villages and note their condition. Let him go into Minas, and Paraná, and even through the province of Rio de Janeiro. Let him note the dirty, decaying streets of the villages, the absence of comfort and even of good food, the lack of education and enterprise. Let him also note how the country is swallowed up in great landed estates and how little cultivation there is even on those. Let him note how the poor people spend their time, and how near the verge of starvation and beggary they live. And then, if he be a thinking man, let him look for the causes.

We do not say that taxation is the cause of all these evils; but we do say that it is one of the prime causes. The wealthy proprietor who can command capital, slaves and machinery, can better meet these little demands than can the poor man, and in this very difference lies much of the injustice. The first can produce coffee and sugar and cotton because he has money, but the latter must content himself with the less profitable cultivation of Indian corn, beans, rice, mandioca, and other similar products, because he has no money. The moment he begins to seek a market for his little products, however, the municipality, and some times the church, steps in for a share, and then the transportation agencies absorb a large share,

and then the province, and lastly the empire. In many cases the little product, upon which the margin of profit to the producer was very small, has paid more than its market value in taxes and freight charges before it can reach market; and thus not only is the producer's profit lost but his labor also has been absorbed by the rapacious tax-gatherer. Under such circumstances he is logical in living as he does: producing nothing, selling nothing, possessing nothing.

And with such a state of affairs all over the country, what should we expect from all these industrial associations which are springing up everywhere? And what shall we think of the interest and fair promises of the government itself? Not one step has been taken toward removing this crushing burden of taxation; not one word has been said against its inequalities by which the rich man's estate goes untaxed and the poor man's labor is absorbed. No exhibition, no industrial promotion, no introduction of new products, no premium, no official circular will meet this gross injustice. Nothing but full and immediate emancipation from export taxation, whether from municipality, province, or empire, will afford adequate relief and industrial encouragement. It is a question which is worth studying, and we would refer it to the patriotic Associação Industrial for its mature consideration.

MEXICAN COFFEE PRODUCTION.

(Continued from our last.)

It is very difficult to give any definite idea of the price of land in the coffee-growing regions. The average price, as per sales which have been made in the valley of Cordova beyond the vicinity of the city during the past two years, has been about \$10 per acre; and, at points out of the reach of the railroad in the same state of Vera Cruz, sales have been made at \$5 per acre, or even less. But this has been in a time of great business depression; and, with a revival of commerce and a growing demand for coffee-lands, the price would very soon advance, possibly 50 or 100 per cent.

In what has preceded I have referred particularly to the coffee region having the valley of Cordova for its center, for the reason that it is the locality at present of the greatest production in the republic, and is most accessible to the American market. But there are several other localities in the country where the cultivation is receiving considerable attention, and is assuming some importance in exportation. One of these localities is the district of Soconusco, in the state of Chiapas, immediately upon the borders of the republic of Guatemala. Don Matias Romero owns a plantation in that district, and the recent revival of this industry there is almost entirely due to his encouragement. Several Americans and other foreigners have located there, and are engaged in planting, and quite a number of the resident-proprietors have embarked extensively in this cultivation. Among the special advantages presented in this district is the cheapness of land and labor. Public or government lands, which are subject to entry by foreigners, can be taken at from \$20 to \$25 per caballeria, (a Spanish measure of about 105 acres.) Private lands have been sold at from \$50 to \$100 per caballeria; but native land-owners here, as elsewhere in Mexico, have very little disposition to part with their estates. Continued success in coffee-culture and a growing demand will largely increase the price. Wages are reported at 25 cents per hand a day; but, of course, this very low price could not be continued with a greatly increased demand for labor. The chief impediment to the development of this industry in Soconusco is the fact that this district is a disputed territory, claimed by both Mexico

and Guatemala, and until this vexed question is settled the tenure and protection of property will remain insecure.

The valley of Uruapan, in the state of Michoacan, has great celebrity for its fertility, and for the superior quality of the coffee grown there. But the most noted region, especially for the excellence of its coffee, is the state of Colima, on the Pacific coast; its product being so highly esteemed that it commands a fabulous price in the city of Mexico and more distant places of the republic. The planting of coffee began in Colima in 1858, to a very limited extent, with plants obtained from Costa Rica. The article produced was found so superior to any other, being pronounced equal to Mocha, that in 1873 quite an impetus was given to the cultivation, and since that time over one million plants have been set out, which are now beginning to bear; and the planting continues to increase, coffee promising to become the principal article of export and a fertile source of wealth to the state. The demand for all thus far produced is so great that it commands in large lots 27 cents per pound at the plantation, mainly for consumption in the interior, a small portion only being shipped to Germany, by resident German merchants, on private orders. The American consul at the city of Colima places the cost of land suitable for coffee plantations, including water for irrigation, at from \$15 to \$30 per acre, depending on location and climate. He states that a plantation containing 100,000 plants four years old (when the first crop is realized) costs from \$10,000 to \$14,000; the proceeds the first year being about 50,000 pounds, and from the fifth year onward 100,000 pounds or upward; and he estimates the average net yearly gain at \$20,000.

Colima and some other states have passed quite liberal laws for the encouragement of coffee-cultivation, offering liberal premiums for the largest crops produced, and exempting coffee-lands from all taxes.

With peace in the country and protection assured, this industry would offer great attractions for foreign immigration and capital. And for the Mexican farmer and land-owner there is no more certain or profitable enterprise in which they can engage. To the common people, the poor, the Indian race, it presents the most desirable source of industry. It can be planted in small lots, garden plots and patches. It requires no costly machinery, like sugar, to prepare it for market. Woman and children can attend to the greater part of the work. It is always reliable and commands a ready sale, for cash, at good prices. It will be a happy augury for the country to see the lower and laboring classes more generally engaged in its production, as it will give them a permanent property-interest for peace and against revolutions, and will be for them and the country a most fertile source of wealth.

Mexico for three centuries past has been famous for its great production and exportation of silver. But in coffee alone it possesses a far greater source of wealth and prosperity. Its natural capacity for its production is at least equal to that of Brazil, yet the value of the coffee annually exported from Brazil is more than three times as great as that of the silver and gold product of Mexico.

MEXICO is receiving Italian immigrants, chiefly of the agricultural class.

FOR the ten fiscal years 1871-72 to 1880-81, the total surplus revenue of the United States was \$47,628,205.51. The largest surplus for one year was that for 1880-81, amounting to \$100,069,404.98. The reduction of the interest on the public debt during this last year was \$13,248,833.91. The total net revenue for 1880-81 was \$360,782,292.57, of which \$198,159,676.02 came from customs, and the total ordinary expenditures were \$260,712,887.59, of which \$82,508,741.18 comprised the interest on the public debt.

From the *Journal do Commercio*, September 30.
MEXICO AND BRAZIL.

Our London correspondent writes to us under date of September 7th as follows:

One of my friends who has a thorough knowledge of the Brazilian coffee plantations and who is at present travelling in Mexico, sends me a note of the observations which he made with reference to the intertropical products of Mexico.

He says: There are two things which I can affirm without hesitation on the subject of coffee: 1st, I bought the best coffee walking stick I ever saw; 2nd, I find the coffee of Mexico superior to that of Brazil. It is easy to conjecture that the Americans will find means to extend, in very large proportions, the culture of this plant which to-day occupies but very little space. One observation which deserves to be noted is that all the land suitable for the cultivation of coffee is situated on the sea shore, both on the Pacific and on the Atlantic coast.

Tobacco is another product likely to be cultivated on a large scale, and when the last slaves will have disappeared from Cuba, Mexico reckons upon a large influx of people from that island. Even now many Cuban emigrants are arriving, beside Spaniards from Europe.

Sugar also is doing very well in the regions of the *tierras calientes* near the sea shore, a circumstance which, as it diminishes the cost of transport, redounds to the benefit of the exporter.

The culture of Indian corn is most extensive, and its quality excellent. Wheat and barley do well up country. Cattle are abundant; milk and butter are of good quality. The sheep are small but the meat savory. Amongst the mineral riches coal must be included.

But the population? It is estimated at 9,000,000 souls, of which (as even the Mexicans confess), two-thirds are Indians, that is people who neither consume nor produce. The religious festivals absorb still more time in Mexico than in Brazil.

What Europe can employ in Mexico is money and not "Emperors."

I cannot help being surprised that my friend tells me nothing with reference to the new railroads, of which, perhaps, more is known in the United States and Brazil than in Mexico itself. I am told, however, that sooner or later the contractors will have to go to the London market to procure capital. It is there where the shoe will pinch. But the day will come when the American railroads will penetrate into Mexico, however difficult may be the works and however scarce may be the money.

It is beyond doubt that Brazil has plenty of time (if she chooses to take the trouble) to get ready for combatting efficaciously the rivalry with which her coffee is menaced on the part of Mexico. But if she allows the time to go by, sleeping the sleep of indifference and sloth, God grant that she may not awake too late!

The position of the São Paulo republicans on the emancipation question is as follows: 1st, the right of each province to realize emancipation by itself and according to methods of its own choosing; 2nd, in recognition of acquired rights on the part of slaveholders, they should be indemnified for the liberation of their slaves. Nothing is said about the inherent right of the slave to his liberty. The most influential republicans of the province, however, are large slaveholders.

An amusing case of smuggling recently occurred at Rio Grande do Sul. The steamer *Carrout* which arrived at Rio Grande about a month since, brought out cargo for Pelotas, among which were several packages of "soda" consigned to a well known druggist of that city. These packages had already passed through the custom house and were being transported to the druggist's storerooms when one of the packages was broken open. Instead of soda a large quantity of fine perfumery appeared, enough to supply the whole province. The goods were at once seized.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

—The August receipts of the Uruguayana custom house amounted to 27,978,055.

—The city of São Paulo ate 984 head of cattle during the month of September.

—The German-Brazilian exposition at Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, was formally opened on the 4th inst.

—According to an official investigation the recent reports of the existence of small-pox in the city of São Paulo are pronounced unfounded.

—The 15th of December has been set apart by the directors of the German-Brazilian exposition at Porto Alegre for a special exhibit of ladies' work.

—Nine slaves presented themselves to the police authorities at Mar de Espanha, Minas Geraes, on the 23d ult., and confessed the assassination of their overseer.

—A provincial contemporary says that the assassin Guitau belongs to the 'sect of Kwow-knothing, celebrated for its hatred against the Catholic church.'

—The receipts of the Goyaz provincial treasury during the fiscal year of 1880-81 amounted to 204,978,840, and the expenditures to 151,501,978, leaving a balance of 53,476,862.

—The provincial assembly of Rio de Janeiro has been dismissed, to meet again on the 3d of December. The president of the province complains of the difficulty in getting a quorum together, and in getting the general laws passed.

—Thirty-nine slaves have recently been freed in various municipalities of São Paulo, under the distribution of last year, at a total cost to the fund of 39,031,209, or over 1,000 each. Slaves seem to be very much more valuable in São Paulo than in Ceará.

—Some unknown person or persons at a place near Campos, called Mussurepe, called a poor laborer, named Agostinho Brinco, out of his house early in the morning of the 30th ult., and then shot him in cold blood. Nothing further is known of the crime.

—The *Provincia do Paraná* says that the cultivation of coffee in the municipality of Paraná, Paraná, has produced good results. The coffee is grown at a place called Superaguy, and the result this year in a new orchard is 16,000 arrobas, which will be doubled the next crop.

—The *Correio*, of Rio Claro, São Paulo, announces that no articles, injurious to persons or families will be published in that sheet, and that its directors are the only persons responsible for what appears in its columns. The *Correio* can not be commended too highly for this act.

—The great theoretical navigator of the air, Julio Cesar Ribeiro de Souza, left Pará for Europe on the 12th ult., where he intends to construct a balloon on his newly discovered system. Money enough has been voted and subscribed to enable Julius to have an unusually pleasant visit in Europe, even if his balloon does not go up.

—After considerable popular agitation the undertakers' monopoly at Petropolis, which has imposed so heavy burdens upon the people, has been broken up. On the 5th there were great public rejoicings over that result. If the citizens in other cities will follow this good example of Petropolis, and break up these shameful monopolies, there will be reason for establishing a day for public thanksgiving.

—The São Paulo provincial assembly has authorized the following municipal loans: Jundiá, 20,000; Caçapara, 20,000; Jacarehy, 6,000; interest not to exceed 10 per cent. The first is to be paid from the ordinary municipal receipts; the second from a tax of 40 reis per 15 kilogrammes (160 reis per bag) on all coffee exported from the municipality; the third from a tax of 500 reis upon every door and window of the houses within the city limits.

—The work of locating a site and landing materials for the new lighthouse on the Rocas is progressing slowly. The men employed there for the last four months have suffered no privation whatever, except in the matter of tobacco for their cigarettes. This, unfortunately, deprives them of both enjoyment and occupation for a large part of their time.

—The *Libertador* of Fortaleza, Ceará, gives the following list of municipalities in which the valuation of slaves for liberation under the emancipation act, for the distribution of 1880, is noteworthy low:

| no. | av. price. | total quota. |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| Sobral,.....21 | 305\$113 | 6,407\$383 |
| S. Quiteria, ... 18 | 246\$815 | 4,442\$670 |
| Quixeramobim, 32 | 278\$906 | 8,984\$400 |
| Acarape,..... 6 | 107\$683 | 646\$100 |
| Fortaleza,.... 12 | 289\$385 | 3,472\$622 |
| Sant' Anna,.... 20 | 250\$394 | 5,208\$394 |
| Aracaty,.....19 | 210\$000 | 3,990\$000 |
| Aquiraz,.....10 | 200\$000 | 1,207\$714 |

*An excess of 100\$785.

—The *Diario de Santos* celebrated its tenth birthday on the 10th inst. The *Diario* is one of the best of our provincial contemporaries.

—The elections for the Parã provincial assembly are called for the 15th of December.

—The "city" of Nazareth, Bahia, encourages free Africans to trade, by taxing them 10\$ for the privilege.

—The Parã provincial treasury possessed a cash balance of 1,336,189\$420 at the end of August.

—The new bishop of Olinda, Pernambuco, was sworn in and took possession of his diocese on the 10th inst.

—According to the new registry the province of Rio Grande do Norte has a voting population of 3,581.

—The September receipts of the São Paulo provincial postoffice amounted to 6,447\$450, against 5,011\$350 last year, and 4,705\$220 in 1879.

—A man named Joaquim Modesto was shot from an ambush near S. Fidelis on the 4th inst. He had been shot at and wounded only a few days before.

—An overseer on the plantation of João Teixeira de Carvalho, near Cantagallo, was killed on the 7th inst. by a slave, who struck him with a hoe. The slave escaped.

—A Spaniard named João Manoel Barreiro committed suicide recently at Bahia. He left a confession of having killed his brother and nephew, and said that he deserved death.

—A meeting of German colonists was held at Curitiba, Paraná, on the 26th ult., for the purpose of forming an association in the interests of the agricultural development of that province.

—The new "city" of Ilheos, Bahia, is authorized by provincial law to impose a per capita tax of 2\$ upon every free African engaged in trade. That's one of the ways to encourage free labor and habits of self support among freedmen!

—A fire occurred on the Ibicaba plantation, S. Paulo, on the 7th inst. in which a large coffee storehouse was completely destroyed. The estate belongs to Sr. José Vergueiro. The loss is estimated at from 40,000\$ to 50,000\$.

—The municipal council of São Paulo is making war upon the vagrant dogs. All tame animals of that genus must wear a collar with a number showing that a license tax has been duly paid and registered. Unlicensed dogs are to be arrested and sold at auction; those not sold or redeemed are to be poisoned.

—The "city" of Santo Amaro, Bahia, imposes a per capita tax of 10\$ upon every free African engaged in trade. This in addition to the tax on the business itself. The same law imposes a tax of 5\$ upon houses selling spirituous liquors, 10\$ upon gambling houses, and 100 reis upon every tin of kerosene brought into town.

—The *Libertador*, the abolition organ of Ceará, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the emancipation law on the 28th ult. by the publication of a special edition on fine paper and containing several articles written for the occasion. The *Libertador* is doing good work in the north in behalf of the full and final emancipation of the slaves.

—The September receipts of the several revenue departments of the port of Pernambuco, compared with those of the two preceding years, is as follows:

| | 1881 | 1880 | 1879 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| Receipts, 1,008,881\$603 | 840,495\$457 | 608,833\$024 | |
| Customs, 1,157,854\$338 | 42,246\$280 | 38,525\$143 | |
| Consulado, 185,436\$079 | 230,396\$815 | 136,113\$347 | |

—The municipal council of Campinas is discussing a by-law requiring every guest at a hotel to register his name, residence, occupation and whither he is going. A copy of this registry must be furnished to the police every day. Neglect or refusal to comply with these regulations gives the council an opportunity to impose a fine of 30\$ and eight days imprisonment.

—It is announced that Messrs Morris N. Kohn & Co. are about to put up a telephone line Petropolis. We knew that our old friend, Morris, was up to something—and here we have it. The cry of the diligence drivers and the rattle of milk bottles will now be heard all over the city—from the *alto* to the distant regions of the cotton factory. It's a grand improvement, and Petropolis hungers for it.

—In the last provincial budget the provincial assembly of São Paulo adopted a reduction in the export tax on coffee, reducing it from 4½ to 4 per cent. Since then a great deal of credit has been claimed and generously awarded for this act. It now transpires, however, that this reduction is more apparent than real, as a clause of the budget has just come to light imposing a "10 per cent. additional" tax upon the reduced tax of 4 per cent. which leaves the result very nearly what it was before. It is a very pretty piece of legislative jugglery.

RAILROAD NOTES.

—The September receipts of the Carangola railway amounted to 53,025\$810.

—The Campinas tramway line transported 15,154 passengers during the month of September.

—The São Christovão tramway lines of this city carried 761,827 passengers during the month of August.

—The August receipts of the Feira de Sant'Anna branch of the Central Bahia railway, 45 kilometers long, amounted to 10,751\$840, and the expenditures to 10,740\$950.

—The July receipts of the "Bahia ao S. Francisco" railway amounted to 32,286\$520, and the expenditures to 37,294\$150, leaving a deficit in working expenses of 5,007\$630.

—The August receipts of the "Recife ao S. Francisco" railway amounted to 41,462\$562, and the expenditures to 50,692\$996, leaving a deficit in the working expenses of 9,230\$434.

—There is great enthusiasm in Espírito Santo over the railway in that province promised by the late minister of agriculture. Some 600 shares have already been taken in the province.

—During the half year ending June 30 last, the Villa Isabel tramway of this city carried 1,556,839 passengers. The receipts amounted to 275,912\$320, and the profits to 100,349\$459.

| | July | August |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| The July and August receipts and expenditures of the Paulista railway were as follows: | | |
| July..... | 144,876\$830 | 60,921\$380 |
| August..... | 229,377 530 | 62,525 940 |
| | 374,253 760 | 123,447 320 |
| Surplus..... | | 250,806 440 |

RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

From the Buenos Aires Herald, September 30.

—The cable has not been working since last Saturday, September 24.

—The provincial legislature and government are doing nothing with their usual skill.

—We note the sale in Campana of 1200 head of cattle from Uruguay at \$300 mpc per head.

—Business is not good. Exports are dull because of the dull season. Imports move slowly, but with a little improvement in certain lines.

—Sr. Don Alejo Peyret has received the sum of 400 patacons from the national government for his exploration of the territory of Misiones.

—A flash of lightning struck the mainmast of the steamer Herschel, a few days ago, splitting the mast in two, but not occasioning any further damages.

—In Uruguay, near Colonia, the rains have been so heavy as to have done great damage, the streams being swollen. One man lost 2,500 sheep.

—More than a month ago a dredge left San Fernando for Santa Fé, but it has not got there, and the bank having got tired waiting fell in, and now the port is closed.

—The gallant Lieut. Bové, who is to direct the expedition to Tierra del Fuego, arrived yesterday from Europe, and was warmly greeted by his numerous friends in this city.

—Three of the porters of the custom house were arrested on Wednesday, in the act of walking off with a number of articles they had abstracted from an open case in one of the deposits.

—The demonstration in honor of the memory of the late President Garfield was a solemn and imposing affair, the detailed account of which will be perused with interest by our readers in the United States.

—It is affirmed that the government means to order the removal of all the *saladeros* to Ensenada, the place most likely to be made the capital of the province. This measure of itself will give the place a population of 12,000 souls.

—The bill to pay the Provincial Bank some sixteen millions of dollars by a five per cent. bond has become a law, so far as Congress and the President go, and now awaits the concurrence of the province, which is pretty well assured.

—The Santa Fé government is engaged in the negotiation in this market of a loan of 200,000 hard dollars, which it purposes applying to the improvement, in a variety of ways, of that province.

—The millers of Santa Fé have resolved to ship from 15,000 to 20,000 bags of flour and a like amount is to be shipped from Buenos Aires, a part to Brazil, to England and the Continent. This will move off the surplus stock and will strengthen this market.

—The Rural Society opened an exhibition, yesterday, for which careful preparations have been made, and which promises to be a very creditable affair. It is given on its own grounds in Palermo Park.

—The English Literary Society have added to their reserve fund to the building fund \$35,000 mpc., and several heavy subscriptions have been pledged from merchants.

—The unfinished business of Congress is enormous, embracing matters of the greatest importance, so that an extra session will not only be called, but it will be a long one. The Cabinet are busy at work, deciding upon what to submit to this extra session.

—The condition of the interior is all that could be desired. Grazing is excellent, flocks are healthy, the wool clip is of good quality and of more than average amount, and shearing will soon begin.

—Something is being done in Plaza Once de Setiembre for the Continental Exhibition, but this affair is not yet upon a basis so solid as to make it advisable to predict its success with any great degree of certainty, its resources up to the present being quite inadequate to an undertaking of such magnitude.

—The value of dry cow hides and calfskins exported from the River Plate for the United States was as follows: Argentine Republic exports in 1880, \$11,021,997; from January to September 20, 1881, \$1633,773. Oriental Republic exports in 1880, \$639,454; from January to September 20, \$1534,812.

—The national executive has sent to Congress, whose ordinary session is about closing, a gigantic refunding project, which provides for the forcible calling in of all outstanding national bonds. The measure meets with almost universal condemnation in business circles, as being unjust and unsound in principle and impracticable in point of fact, and it is with deep chagrin that we are compelled to chronicle this new evidence of financial incapacity and crudeness.

—The Chamber of Deputies has concluded the consideration of the Chilean treaty and has approved of it, and it will now go to the Senate. The discussion has been in secret session, for what reason is not apparent, as every one who has cared to learn what has transpired has been able to do so. The press was ordered not to publish the doings of Congress in this matter, but the result was published yesterday in most of the papers, and last night the Chamber of Deputies ordered the arrest of the editors of *La Nación*, *Tribuna Nacional*, *Comercio del Plata*, *Potesta*, *El Nacional*, *Libertad* and *Patria Argentina*. There is some fear expressed that Chili will not agree to the clause in the pending treaty which prohibits any fortifications in the straits but it is believed on pretty good authority that this government have good reason to think that the Congress of Chili will approve the treaty as it stands.

VEXATIOUS PORT REGULATIONS IN CUBA.

A letter from Havana, dated August 27, says a gentleman interested in the trade between the United States and Cuba furnishes the following information:

"For many years foreign shipmasters trading with Cuba have been subjected to the continual annoyance of fines, imposed by Spanish customs' officials, for alleged informalities in their vessels' manifests. From 1868 to 1874 these fines were so intolerable that other governments were compelled to take notice of them, and the subject was brought to the attention of the government of Spain by a collective remonstrance from the representatives at Madrid of all the principal maritime nations. During those years fines were imposed for very trifling omissions in the manifests and for reasons which would have been laughable but for the sums extorted from the shipmasters. During the last five or six years there has been less complaint in regard to fines, although the regulations remained unchanged up to June last. In lieu of the fines, foreign shipmasters have been subjected, in many parts of the island, to an outside system of petty extortions of officials and interpreters, who, for a douceur, would agree to obtain exemption from fines. Many paid these demands to be rid of the uncertainty of having to pay larger sums at the custom houses when they cleared their vessels. The regulations referred to have recently been superseded by a new set of very complicated and ambiguously worded ordinances, which give customs' officials even a greater power for mischief than formerly, inasmuch as they can, at their pleasure, impose fines ranging from \$10 to \$500, one-half the fines going to themselves; and they claim that there is no authority on the island having power to remit their portion of the fines. Should these new ordinances be enforced to the letter, there is in store for foreign shipmasters visiting Cuba during the coming crop season, a series of annoyances such as they have never before experienced in their intercourse with these custom houses."

The decrease of the public debt of the United States during the month of August was \$14,181,221.32.

The number of immigrants arriving in the United States during the eight months ending August 31 amounted to 310,485, against 228,066 in the same period of last year.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, OCTOBER 15TH. 1881.

An examination of the recent provincial law of Bahia regulating the receipts and expenditures of the various cities and villages of that province, will show that a per capita tax is generally levied upon every free black engaged in trade. In the majority of places the tax is light; but however small it may be it is no less a burden and an injustice. If there is to be any discrimination in the matter of taxation it should be in favor of the blacks, not against them. If Brazil really wishes to emancipate her slaves, and then to use them as a free laboring element, she must pursue a very different course from that indicated by this discriminating tax. The free blacks must be encouraged to work, and to trade; they must be permitted to engage in any avocation which they may choose. The only true policy for Brazil is to encourage these people to become industrious citizens, and to employ their hands and brains in their own behalf. To refuse them full permission to work for themselves is not only unjust, but it is the worst possible policy which the country can pursue.

Now that the hot season is approaching the various sanitary organizations are beginning to show signs of life, and to publish official notes and circulars. In this last respect there is no doubt whatever of their zeal and activity; if a circular possessed disinfecting and prophylactic powers then we should be all right and safe. Unfortunately for them and fortunately for ourselves, however, something more than all this is needed. We want a practical application of sanitary law wherever there is need, and we want such application every day in the year. It is folly to wait with contamination all around us until the dangerous season comes—until the earth, air and buildings are filled with it. We can not expect this city to prevent the entrance of every germ of disease, because no city has yet succeeded in attaining so perfect a state of sanitation; but we do expect a reasonable amount of care and precaution, and a rigid suppression of the more fertile sources of disease. It is all well enough for our health organizations to begin talking about the crowded *cortiços*, and the removal of garbage, the cleaning and disinfecting of sewers, and houses, and private grounds. But does this cover the whole ground? We see no mention of the legion of cow stables which fill many of the streets with an almost insupportable stench during the hot season, nor of the pernicious, offensive street urinals which disgrace almost every street in this city. By and by the police will drive away all vessels from their alongshore anchorages, and expel some hundreds of helpless people from overcrowded *cortiços*, but no notice will probably be taken of these more dangerous

nuisances. The disinfecting fiend, and his friend the druggist, will go abroad through the city, and their zeal will undoubtedly effect much good, but these other sources of corruption will remain untouched. We have again and again called attention to these two evils; but to no purpose. Will not our colleagues of the daily press take the question in hand and urge it upon the health authorities for immediate action?

THERE can be no question whatever as to the position of the English nation with respect to slavery. A long record of ceaseless vigilance in the suppression of the slave trade, and of the emancipation of slaves in her own colonies, and of friendly influence in behalf of abolition in other countries, is ample proof of such position. And yet, when we advocate the abolition of slavery in Brazil, and urge immediate action both as a matter of policy and of justice, we are at once met with the taunt that we are prescribing medicines which we do not take ourselves. And the rejoinder is both just and well-founded. Slaves are held by Americans in this empire, though not in opposition to any law. And they are held by Englishmen in direct violation of English law, and the spirit of English institutions. Still further, these slaves are held without concealment, and with the apparent knowledge of English officials. If such practices are permitted by the nation which has done most for abolition, what excuse may we not make for Brazil which has never identified herself with that side of the question? One of the most flagrant instances of English slave-holding is that of the extinct National Brazilian Mining Association, whose affairs are now in Chancery, at London. This company ceased mining operations about 1851, at which time it owned over 300 slaves. With the suspension of mining operations on its own account, the company at once took steps to hire out the services of these slaves, and they have since been employed in the mines at Morro Velho, Santa Barbara and Pitanguy. The sum paid for the hire of these slaves by the S. João d'El-Rei company (Morro Velho) alone amounts to about 440,000\$ (say £40,000) since 1851. This extinct mining association still owns over 200 slaves, and draws pay for their services. As far as we can learn, it has freed none of them, the decrease in number being due to death alone. It is reasonable to presume that this state of affairs is well known and understood in Chancery, where an account of all the revenue of the old association should be kept. Such being the case, how can an English court receive an income from such a source, and sanction slave-holding by such receipt? And how can Englishmen, whose residences are in England and whose affairs are under the control of an English court, be permitted to hold slaves, and to draw an income from the hire of their services? The case in a moral sense is shameful beyond all characterization; but what shall we say of it in a legal sense? Do the English government and English courts sanction the holding of slaves by English subjects abroad?

For the benefit of statistical accuracy and in the interests of this commercial community, we beg leave to call the attention of our morning contemporary, the *Jornal do Commercio*, to a few inaccuracies in its commercial reports which are certainly out of place in its columns. In our issue of the 5th inst. we gave the coffee receipts for the month of September as 551,229 bags, or an average of 18,374 bags per day. On the following day the *Jornal* gave the total as 534,579 bags, or an average of 17,819 bags per day, making a difference between the two reports of 16,650 bags, or an average of 555 bags per day.

To determine the prime source of this difference we would refer the *Jornal* to its issue of September 21, in which the coasting entries are given as follows:

Receipts up to Sept. 18, 2,984,959 kilos.
do on Sept. 19, 129,240 "

Total since Sept. 1, 2,114,199 "
or, as it should have been, 3,114,199 "
This error of one million kilos. is carried down to the end of the month, and is the cause of the large difference between the two reports. This one discrepancy of 16,650 bags, representing an average value of about 400,000\$, is important enough in itself to deserve attention, but were it repeated every month in the year—and such a thing is wholly within the limits of possibility—the *Jornal's* statistics at the end of the year would be erroneous in the matter of 199,800 bags, representing an export value of about four thousand eight hundred contos. To show that similar errors are not only possible but have been committed, we would again refer the *Jornal* to its report for July in which the receipts of the month are given as 20,218,972 kilos, or 366,983 bags. In another part of the same report, however, the correct total of 336,983 bags is given, and it now remains to be seen which of the two will be used in the annual summary. If the first, then we already have a total error in the first three months of the present crop-year of 46,650 bags, representing an export value of about 1,100,000\$. But even if the *Jornal* uses the correct total for July, other parties have already been misled, and will probably not make the necessary correction. These errors are sure to go on multiplying themselves, and our contemporaries of the daily press, especially the *Jornal do Commercio* which is accepted as an authority, can not use too great care in keeping them out of their reports. To show how great is the influence of the *Jornal* in these matters we have only to refer to the course pursued by the *Cruzeiro* in the matter of this September error. The *Cruzeiro's* total receipts up to the 19th September were given correctly, but in its report for the 20th the following figures were given:

Up to Sept. 19th, 3,114,199 kilos.
On Sept. 20th, 675,780 "

Total since the 1st, 2,789,979 "
Thus making the same error of one million kilos. The editor evidently noticed the difference between his total and that of the *Jornal*, and then without the slightest effort to find out who was right he innocently corrected his own to correspond with that of the latter. *A emenda é pior do que o sonho.*

From *The Greener*, New York, July 30.

THE COFFEE AND SUGAR PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

NATALS.

Sugar production in Natal, one of the British South African possessions, holds out great promise from now forward in consequence of the great expenditure on railroads resolved upon by the government of the Cape Colony.

The Portuguese were the first to visit this southern portion of Africa, when in 1486 they doubled the Cape of Good Hope under the famous navigator, Vasco da Gama, but they founded no settlements, although the native Hottentots received them hospitably. In 1600 the Dutch settled at the Cape in order to possess a half-way house on their expeditions to the East Indies. They founded Cape Town and began to settle the country more extensively in 1652. In 1795, during the wars with the first French republic, the colony became a British possession, to be restored to the Dutch in 1802. In 1806 the English again possessed themselves of the Cape; in 1814 the final cession took place, and since then the colony has become one of the most valuable ones under the British flag. The bulk of the farming population in the colony is still Dutch in habits and language, but Anglo-Saxondom is gradually overcoming this obstinacy of retaining the characteristics of Holland's nationality. During the late Transvaal troubles a temporary compromise retarded the process of absorption in that settlement of sturdy Hollanders, but it is to be presumed that not many years will pass

before this Transvaal autonomy will be one of the things of the past. Railroads will indeed bring this about sooner than anything else, and loyal British subjects at the Cape are launching out vigorously in that direction.

A glance at the map of South Africa will show that the Cape Colony proper occupies the south-most point of that continent, and that toward the east there are the Orange Free State, British California, Natal and Zululand, while toward the north there is Griqualand, and that the Transvaal Republic lies to the north of Orange Free State and Zululand. Natal being on the coast, it is geographically most favorably situated, and with a fertile soil and abundant and cheap free negro labor, it has an almost unlimited future as a sugar producing country. It also possesses great coal deposits.

Natal now produces some 30,000 tons of sugar. The following statistics will show the proportionate value of the Cape Colony and of Natal from a fiscal and commercial point of view:

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| | revenue. | 1878. | outlay. | debt. |
| Cape Colony | £15,812,000 | £15,862,000 | £6,986,000 | |
| Natal | 369,000 | 387,000 | 1,632,000 | |

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|
| | import. | 1878. | export. | maritime movement. |
| Cape Colony | £50,546,000 | £44,197 | 1,138,000 | |
| Natal | 1,720,000 | 694,000 | 263,000 | |

The latter compares in size and population with the surrounding countries as follows:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | area sq. miles. | popula- tion. |
| Cape Colony and British California | 199,950 | 720,984 |
| Basutoland | 8,415 | 127,701 |
| Griqualand, West | 17,491 | 45,277 |
| Transkaai, districts | 15,573 | 400,500 |
| Natal | 18,750 | 356,517 |
| Transvaal | 113,743 | 315,000 |

374,822 1,965,979

This shows that while Natal has a population about half as numerous as the Cape Colony and California taken together, it covers an area of less than one-tenth the size of the latter two jointly.

The Zulu war and the troubles in Transvaal have had at least one good result, i. e., that of calling the attention of the English more than formerly to their settlements in South Africa, and attracting immigration thither now that a great impulse is to be given to railway building in those latitudes. The Portuguese, too, are bestowing more solicitude upon their colony there, Lorenzo Marques, and a treaty is pending with England which, if slightly modified, as the Portuguese propose, cannot fail to become eventually advantageous.

The enterprising spirit of the English will from now forward be bent with redoubled zeal upon these valuable countries, and beside wool growing, the diamond fields and copper mines there, sugar planting will no doubt receive a great impulse. Hence Natal is of considerable present and prospective interest to the sugar trade.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The Sandwich islands, in the North Pacific ocean, consist of eleven in number. They were discovered by Captain Cook in 1777 and 1778; in February, 1779, he was murdered by the natives. Owhyhee is the name of the principal island, with an area of 4,360 square miles; the remaining ones are Mowee, Ronaui, Morotoi, Taborowaa, Woa Koo, Atooi, Neerchoehow, Orehowa, Morotinne and Takooa; all inhabited, except the two last. Total area, 6,540 square miles.

When the English under Cook first landed the population was 400,000; in 1878 it was 57,985. These islands have at all times been one of the chief whaling stations in the Pacific, and the contact with sailors, the introduction of spirituous liquors, and the free use of pork in a warm climate have gradually engendered depravity and diseases, under the combined influence of which the simple natives have been decimated in the course of a century to about one-tenth of their original number, for they amounted in 1878 to 44,088, while there were then 5,916 Chinamen and 4,561 whites, 1,276 of the latter Americans. Toward the end of this century these pure native Sandwich Island Kanakas, as they are called, will have become exceedingly scarce; the bulk of population will then probably be Chinese and half-breed.

A mock monarchy rules the island, presided over by King Kalakaua I, well-known at New York and elsewhere in the United States, who was enthroned by the Hawaiian parliament so-called, on February 12, 1874. The King was born in 1836; he has received a good education, and is a man of average intelligence and capacity. He has the ambition of being the first live King who circumnavigated the globe. On this tour he is now engaged; some pretend that while in Europe he will try to sell out his royalty, together with the entire island group. It is believed that any serious attempt of the kind would be circumvented by American annexation, the reciprocity treaty having virtually placed the

bulk of Hawaiian trade and industry into our hands. But, however, this may be, the main interest centres upon the privilege, still to last for a couple of years, of importing from the said islands, duty free, sugar there grown, into the United States.

In 1873 the islands exported a thousand tons, and no more; this year the production will not unlikely reach 40,000 tons. During the first ten months of the fiscal year ending June 30th last, the import of sugar from there into the United States amounted to 23,657 tons, against 20,332 tons the previous period. The planters and San Francisco capitalists interested in this privileged sugar trade are fast getting very rich, for the present of some \$2,250,000 duty made these producers by the American people, at the present rate of importation, in a single year is a handsome amount. Some malicious people have even hinted that this sugar may not all have been grown on the islands, but may in part have been smuggled into one or more of them overnight from the East Indies; but this may be a pure invention. Still, in order to set the matter right and refute any similar slanderous allegations, a certificate of origin emanating from the proper authorities might not be amiss. Louisiana planters have, as yet, taken no particular notice of these privileges of the Sandwich island planters in competition with their own, the sugar not competing direct enough with Louisiana sugar. Still, the subject begins to attract more attention, so that by the time the treaty will be reconsidered for a possible renewal three years hence, a pretty stout opposition will be certain to arise, probably strong enough to defeat renewal, which might hasten annexation, should the latter not have occurred in the meantime, as we have hinted.

The trade movement of late years has been the ensuing one reduced to thousands of dollars.

Table with columns: Import, Export, Custom receipts, Vessels entered, Whal-ers. Rows include 1878, 1877, 1876, 1875.

PRODUCTION EXPORTED.—THOUSANDS OF POUNDS.

Table with columns: sugar, rice, coffee, tallow, pulu, wool, hides, goatskins. Rows include 1878, 1875, 1873.

Among the vessels entered in 1878 there were 142 American, 29 English, 4 French and 3 German. The departures in that year were 197 vessels of a joint tonnage of 156,934.

The Hawaiian merchant navy comprises 59 vessels, 7 of them steamers, of a joint tonnage of 10,085.

Railroads, there are 24 miles in operation and building, and 40 miles of telegraph.

The post-office distributed in 1879: 101,512 letters arrived from the interior, and 89,054 foreign letters. The King personally has a civil list of \$22,500, and, adding thereto amounts paid his family, the entire outlay under this head is \$90,000 per annum, while for public instruction \$71,721 were spent in 1878.

The income of the island in 1878 was \$1,151,713, and the outlay \$1,110,472.

Everything, it will be seen, is on a small scale proportionate to the reduced area of the kingdom, except sugar industry, which will soon absorb all activity there, for it pays.

A NEW SUBMARINE VESSEL.

A young Roumanian engineer, Trajan Theodorosco, has succeeded in constructing a submarine vessel which puts everything that has gone before in submarine navigation completely in the shade. This boat, up to a certain maximum size and corresponding tonnage, it is said, may be navigated under water for twelve hours at a stretch, at a depth of 100 feet; she may, however, according to the inventor, be lowered to over 300 below the surface of the water, and without coming into contact with the atmosphere. On the surface of the water the vessel may be maneuvered under the same conditions as an ordinary steamboat. Her speed, however, is not so great as that of steamers, but greater than that of sailing vessels. The submersion is effected by screws and vertically, either suddenly or successively, and the vessel is raised in the same way. If once under water, sufficient light is supplied enabling those on board to see all obstacles at all distances up to 130 feet, and the movements of the boat may be so regulated as to avoid them. The air supplied for the crew is said to last from twelve to fourteen hours. In case of need, the reservoir containing the air may be refilled, while under water, for another twelve hours, pipes telescoping into each other being directed to the surface for that purpose. The propulsion of the vessel and its submersion are stated to cause no noise. Should all these particulars prove correct, the novel boat will be the most formidable vessel for torpedo warfare. But she may also be turned to more useful purposes. In the Matchin Canal, near Braila, there lies, since May 1877, the Lufti Djelit, which had on board the war chest of the Turkish Danube flotilla, amounting, so

report says, to several million piastres. It might be possible to recover that sum by means of the new submarine boat, and if the experiment should prove successful, it would at the same time be profitable. —Iron.

LOCAL NOTES.

—Some late American publications are for sale at this office.

—The government has sent buoys to mark the channels at Rio Grande and Laguna.

—The number of immigrants lodged at the *Saudo hospedaria* during the month of September was 445; for which was incurred an expenditure of 1,609\$8650.

—A new war vessel of the 3rd class was launched at the marine arsenal on the 7th inst. The new vessel is partly of iron, and has been christened the *Primeiro de Março*.

—It is said that the popular opinion at Paris, in the exhibition of electric lights, is in favor of the Edison lamp. The lamp is very simple, and the light is soft and steady.

—The minister of agriculture and president of the province of Rio de Janeiro visited the new Santa Cruz slaughter house on the 2nd inst. Like the committee of aldermen, they too thought the water supply insufficient.

—The president of Paraná has notified the government of the definite establishment of military colonies in that province. The minister of war has transmitted to the president the thanks of the government on this result.

—In its session of the 29th ult. the municipal council of this city resolved to create a bureau of statistics under the exclusive control of Sr. Victor da Cunha, formerly editor of the *Economista Brasileiro*. The amount appropriated is 4,500\$ per annum.

—Decree 8,241, of the 3rd ult., approves the statutes of the "Companhia de Navegação a Vapor de Manaus," and authorizes it to transact business as a corporate body. The company is organized with a capital of 400,000\$ and proposes to perform a fluvial service within the province of Amazonas.

—The contract recently celebrated with Messrs. Samuda & Co. for a new ironclad calls for a vessel similar to the *Almirante Brown*, constructed for the Argentine government, but upon designs furnished by the Brazilian constructor, Trajano. The sum specified for the vessel is £333,000.

—It is said that a society has been organized in New York for the purpose of improving the human race. We note this fact with the greatest pleasure, and hold ourselves ready to supply specific information on short notice as to the place where operations should begin and what methods should be employed.

—In view of the recent experiences with large lotteries, it is pertinent to notice that the grand national loan of 100,000,000\$, projected by Sr. Rodolpho Marques Perdigão, embraces a scheme for such lotteries, annually, to the premium sum of 64,180,000\$. There are five grand prizes of 1,000,000\$ each. It makes one's mouth water to think of it!

—According to a report recently published the empire of Brazil contains 1,363 postoffices. In 1879-80 there were 3,917,863 pieces sent and 6,428,359 received, a total of 10,346,402. The post card service began on the 2nd December last, between which date and the 30th June there were 320,812 cards sold, one half of which were of the value of 20 reis and applicable only to city service.

—According to the manifesto of the São Paulo republicans the total debt of Brazil amounts to 825,297,229\$756, upon which the annual interest and redemption charges are 43,601,485\$285, or about one-third the total revenue of the government. The republicans condemn the fiscal administration of the country, and advocate the suppression of non-productive expenditures, and greater economy.

—We are informed that the Methodist society in this city has purchased a very desirable piece of property on the Largo do Cattedo, opposite the Hotel dos Estrangeiros, upon which it is designed to erect a church. A small chapel will be first constructed, and will be used for church services until the church can be built, after which it will be used for the Sunday school.

—Some time since we were favored with samples of preserved meats prepared by Messrs. John Mc Call & Co. of Rio Grande, which are now being introduced into this market by Mr. William Edwards. These preparations comprise fresh, smoked, and potted tongue, ox tail, stewed kidneys, etc., which are put up in tins, and at very reasonable prices. From the samples handed us, we can fully recommend these productions to the public, both as to quality and price.

—A new school for girls has just been opened in this city.

—The "White Lilies" entertainment has been postponed until next week—date yet unknown.

—The Uruguayan government has solicited the internment of Latorre by our Argentine neighbors.

—The subscription for the Rio Branco family, opened by the *Jornal do Commercio*, has reached the sum of 36,723\$000.

—The Associação Industrial is busily employed making arrangements for next month's exhibition.

—The sales of our enterprising evening contemporary, the *Gazeta da Tarde*, have reached 12,000 per day.

—The Rio das Velhas will complete its surveys about the middle of the month, and the party will return during the first days of November.

—The long-pent-up agony is at an end—and the *sork* game has been drawn. There are now a few thousand souls poorer than before, both in purse and in spirit.

—The reported sailing of a steamer of the American line last month proves unfounded. The superintendent of the line, Col. W. P. Tisdell, is expected to arrive here very shortly.

—The Parahyba provincial assembly has voted to suppress the provincial consular office.

THE two treaties between the United States and China have been ratified at Peking.

DURING the seven months ending July 31 the total exports of the United States amounted to a total of \$501,446,613, against \$492,474,556 in the same period of last year. The imports for the same period were \$415,390,019 in 1881, and \$448,796,752 in 1880.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

Meteorological observations taken at Braz, in the city of S. Paulo, during the month of September 1881, by the

Companhia Carteira e Escolas.

Lat. 23° 32' 58" S. Long. 46° 36' 46" W. (Greenwich.) Height of barometer 2,393 ft. above mean sea level. Do of rain gauge 2,378.5 ft. do. Mean pressure at 9 a.m. 27.88 inches; at 9 p.m. 27.80 inches. Mean pressure corrected and reduced to 32° Fahr. at mean sea level at 9 a.m. 30.155 inches; at 9 p.m. 30.147 inches. Mean temp. of air at 9 a.m. 62.3°; at 9 p.m. 60.9° Fahr. Mean of max. tem. in shade, 79.0°; do min. in shade 52.7° Fahr. Highest reading of max. of them, in shade (21st) 89.4°. Lowest reading of min. of them, in shade (1st) 45.0°. Lowest reading of Grass minimum them. (3rd) 35.0° Fahr. Mean temp. of dew point at 9 a.m. 58.1°; at 9 p.m. 57.6° Fahr. Mean elastic force of vapor at 9 a.m., 48.1 in.; at 9 p.m., 48.1 in. Total rainfall for the month, 1.03 inches. Maximum fall of rain in one day (22nd), 0.54 inch. Rain fell on 7 days. Fog on the mornings of 6 days. Dew on the mornings of 6 days, and evenings of 14 days. Thunder and lightning on the 22nd, 24th, 28th and 29th. Lightning seen, but thunder not heard, on 26th and 27th.

HENRY R. JOYNER,

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COMMERCIAL

October 14th, 1881.

Par value of the Brazilian mil reis (1\$000), gold 27 d. do do do do in U. S. coin at \$4 84 per £1. stg. 54 45 cents. do \$1,00 (U. S. coin) in Brazilian gold. 1\$837 do £1. stg. in Brazilian gold. 8\$5830

Bank rate of exchange on London to-day. 22 1/2 d Present value of the Brazilian mil reis (paper) 824 rs. gold. do do do in U. S. coin at \$4 80 per £1. stg. 44.50 cts Value of \$100 (\$4.80 per £1. stg.) in Brazilian currency (paper). 2\$247 Value of £1 sterling " " " 10 787

EXCHANGE.

October 4.—The banks affixed the previous rates, viz: London 22 1/2 Paris 424-425 Hamburg 524-525 New York 2\$270 Portugal 239 7/10 but drawing on London 116 higher, viz: at 22 7/16 Private paper was negotiated at 22 9/16 a 3/4 on London, 420-422 on France and 520 on Hamburg. Sovereigns sold at 10\$740 cash.

Oct. 5.—The market was less firm 30-day though the official rates of the banks remained unchanged. Transactions in private paper were effected at 22 1/2-22 3/4 on London and 415-422 on France. Sovereigns 10\$780 sellers, 10\$750 buyers.

Oct. 6.—The market to-day was firm but very inactive, only some small transactions having taken place at 22 7/16 bank and 22 9/16-22 3/4 private paper on London. Sovereigns 10\$780 sellers, 10\$750 buyers.

Oct. 7.—There were some signs of weakness in the morning but in the afternoon the market became firm again. The business done was unimportant at 22 7/16 bank and 22 3/4-22 1/2 private paper on London and at 424 bank paper on France. Sovereigns sold at 10\$770, 10\$780 and 10\$790 cash and 10\$700 for delivery from Nov. 1st to Dec. 31st.

Oct. 8.—As usual on the eve of the departure of the Royal Mail the market was paralyzed to-day, only some insignificant transactions having been effected at 22 3/4 bank and 22 1/2-21 1/2 private paper on London. Sovereigns were offered at 10\$810 with buyers at 10\$760.

Oct. 10.—There was no alteration to-day in the rates of the banks and the business done was too insignificant to deserve mention. Sovereigns sold at 10\$820, 10 800 and 10\$790 cash.

Oct. 11.—The market to-day was again very quiet without demand for bank paper and with a scarcity of private bills. Small transactions were effected at 22 3/4 bank and 22 1/2 private bills on London, 424 bank and 420-423 private on France, and 521 private on Hamburg. Sovereigns sold at 10\$800 cash.

Oct. 12.—The inactivity in the market continued to-day, only some unimportant transactions having been effected at 22 3/4 bank and 22 7/16, 22 1/2 and 22 9/16 private paper on London. Sovereigns 10\$820 sellers, 10\$800 buyers.

Oct. 13.—There was more activity in the market to-day and a fair business was done in bank paper at 22 3/4 on London and 424 on Paris, and in private paper at 22 7/16-22 3/4 on London and 421 on Paris. The official rates of the banks close as follows: 22 3/4 London 424-425 Paris 524-525 Hamburg 2\$270 New York 239-241 7/10 Portugal

Sovereigns are offered at 10\$850 with buyers at 10\$800.

Oct. 14.—The banks lowered their rates this morning to 22 1/2 on London, 426 on Paris and 528 on Hamburg.

—The president of Ceará has authorized the Provincial treasury to emit 50,000\$ of provincial apolices at par, the interest not to exceed 8 per cent. per annum. The product is to be applied to public instruction.

—At a general meeting of the Companhia Pernambucana on the 1st inst., the board of directors was authorized to raise the capital necessary for the acquisition of new steamers, and for the development of industry and commerce in the localities served by this line of steamers.

SALES OF STOCKS AND SHARES.

Table with columns: Stock/Share Name, Price. Includes items like Six per cent apolices, Nacional Iron, Banco do Brazil, Amazon Steam Navigation, etc.

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Bank of Brazil, October 23rd, 1881. Joâo Machado Coelho de Castro, President. Eduardo Braga, Chief Accountant.

BANK STATEMENT

Proportion of cash reserve to liabilities on deposits at call and short notice of the banks of Rio de Janeiro, taken from the official balances published on September 30th, 1881.

Table with columns: BANKS, Deposits in contos of reis, Cash balances do, Proportion per cent.

MARKET REPORT.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 14th, 1881. Exports.

Coffee.—Our last report was on the 4th instant. The activity which ruled in our market previous to that date has not continued during the period now under review, and subsided entirely when dealers raised their currency prices 50 reis per kilo for all descriptions from regular first downwards, and when the receipts, which had during a few days shown a slight decline, again assumed their former level.

The quiet tone which then set in continues, the small reduction in exchange, probably only temporary, offering no inducement to shippers. The sterling cost of coffee to-day is 3d per cwt. lower for the best grades and 3-4d per cwt. higher for the medium and low ones, as compared with that of the 4th instant.

The sales since the 4th instant amount to 107,500 bags. The clearances have been: United States: bags Oct. 3 Baltimore, Nor bk Freitag 4,000

Oct. 7 Cape Town, Am bgn Wm. Phillips 5,000 7 River Plate, Br str Kipler 863

Receipts which, as said above, declined somewhat during a few days, have again become heavy and the daily average since the 1st instant is now 17,150 bags

Washed 4\$200—5\$500 Superior 5 050—5 350 Good first 4 550—4 650 Regular first 4 100—4 300

Prime United States 5,250= 569 12,33 cts. Good 4,650= 517 11,08 "

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Spruce Pine.—There have been no arrivals since our last report and the market remains steady with a good demand. We quote 3\$500 per dozen.

Swedish Pine.—The 835 dozen per Charles from Westwold, noticed in our list, have been sold at 4\$500 per dozen. The arrivals since then consist of 462 dozen per Cuka from Abo which have been sold at same price.

Resin.—The arrivals consist of 7,600 cases per Brasileira from New York. The market continues quiet and prices are unchanged at 7\$400—7\$500 per case for Devoe's Brilliant.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

OCTOBER 3. CARDIFF.—Br ship Decision; 1,208 tons; Williams; 58 dx; coal to Royal Mail.

ANTWERP.—Am ship Loretta Fish; 1,945 tons; Hodgman; 56 dx; rails; put into this port leaky, bound for Maranhão, Maranhão.

TRAFALGAR.—It lug Bianca; 200 tons; Cete; 65 dx; sail to Florita & Tavorala.

SALT ISLAND.—Port bk Humildade; 312 tons; Teixeira; 30 dx; sail to M. de Oliveira & Co.

ARRAGUÁ.—Port bk Lúcia; 258 tons; Campos; 8 dx; sundries to G. Ambrósio & Co.

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PORT OF MARANHÃO.

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ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, WHERE FROM, CONSIGNED TO. Lists arrivals from Oct 4 to Oct 11.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, WHERE TO, CARGO. Lists departures from Oct 3 to Oct 12.

* Calling at intermediate ports.

FOREIGN SAILING VESSELS IN THE PORT OF RIO DE JANEIRO, OCTOBER 12, 1881.

Table with columns: NA ME, TONNAGE, WHERE FROM, CONSIGNER. Lists various ships and their details.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Table with columns: EMISSION, CIRCULATION, DENOMINATION, INTEREST, NOMINAL VALUE, QUOTATION. Lists various government bonds.

BANKS AND PUBLIC COMPANIES.

Table with columns: CAPITAL, SHARES, ISSUED, VALUE, PAID UP, NAMES, RESERVE FUND, LAST QUOTATION, LAST DIVIDEND. Lists various banks and public companies.

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| DATE | STEAMER | DESTINATION |
|---------|------------|---|
| Oct. 24 | Neva..... | Southampton, Antwerp and Hamburg via Bahia, Pernambuco, and Lisbon. |
| Nov. 3 | Minho..... | Southampton and Havre via Bahia, Macao, Pernambuco and Lisbon. |
| " 9 | Elbe..... | Southampton and Antwerp via Bahia, Pernambuco, etc. |

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