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RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—The conditions of peace have been definitely fixed and signed in Uruguay. Let us hope that unfortunate country will now be able to recover some of the ground lately lost through bad government and revolution.
—The Argentine chamber of deputies has altered Art. 286 of the Commercial Code, to read as follows:—"The companies formed in foreign countries to carry on their principal business in the republic, with the greater portion of their capital raised in the country, or who have their central board of directors and meetings of shareholders in the country, shall be considered for all effects and purposes as national companies, subject to the dispositions of the code."

—According to reports published in Salta there is a prospect of the revival of cattle trade with Bolivia. The executive of that country has sent a message to the legislature advising a reduction of the taxes on Argentine cattle. Those taxes had become so exorbitant that it no longer paid to send cattle to Bolivia to be sold and the trade practically died out. If the legislature of Bolivia approves the bill it will put some life into the present stagnant business of the north.—Times, Buenos Aires.

—The exports of cereals from Uruguay in 1896, as compared with 1895, were as follows:
Wheat, tons..... 6,390 99,954
Flour "..... 17,714 19,362
Maize "..... 89,896 67,645
The value of the exports of agricultural produce during the past four years has been:
1893..... \$ 746,166
1894..... 3,046,625
1895..... 3,735,776
1896..... 2,018,985

—Review.
—The El Chico of Salta reports that several Indians, among them a cacique, were killed some days ago by the national guard officer Antonio Campos. The latter had gone in their search because they were accused of brigandage, and succeeded in capturing them. They were taken to a calaboose where they did not like the accommodation and attempted to make their escape. Antonio Campos ordered his men to shoot them down for insubordination and the order was carried out. As the Indians were known to have been of an inoffensive character and the charges had not been proved, it is proposed to take proceedings against Antonio Campos for manslaughter.—Buenos Aires Herald.

—A good many are inclined to think that the good people who run the anti-gambling organization in England, are just a little given to exaggeration, are cranks, let us say. But if people have become cranky through seeing the ill effects of gambling in England, we wonder to what stage of imbecility they would be reduced by a visit to this country. The lottery business was at one time actually suppressed. Now it has been reintroduced in the sacred cause of charity; and every second shop sells lottery tickets. There must be something in the business for the shopkeeper, or else there would not be so many engaged in it. Yet it seems almost impossible to believe that so many as would appear earn a living in this way. The itinerant lottery ticket seller is not supposed to exist any longer; but one cannot go far without being pestered to buy someone's último quinto. Where so many facilities exist for the practising of downright, straightforward, unadulterated gambling, it is little wonder that the milder forms which in England are all that can be permitted should not flourish here. Yet the automatic machines, in which the odds are so fearfully against anyone who parts with a nickel, appear to be gaining customers.—Review, Buenos Aires.

—In our "Echoes" will be found a translation of the remarks of our finance minister, Dr. Escalante, upon the reasons which have impelled the government to raise the customs dues on kerosene and yellow pine, the two articles which we import in the largest quantities from the United States. The minister says, in effect, that because the legislature of the United States has imposed heavy dues upon wool and hides, thus impeding our exports to that country, therefore the Argentine government is called upon to retaliate by raising the dues upon kerosene and lumber, and this policy is apparently approved by the majority of the Argentine press. We frankly confess that we neither understand nor appreciate the line of argument taken by our finance minister. It seems to us that it is an absolutely self-evident proposition that the only effect of the duties imposed by United States upon our wool and hides will be to make these articles more expensive to the manufacturer and consumer in the United States, without in any way affecting the producer or exporter in Argentina. The United States needs our wool and hides, and is going to buy them, and the buyers will pay the duties imposed at that end, so that Argentina remains absolutely unaffected by those duties, and has no need whatever, as far as her material interests are concerned, to worry herself about the matter. If the U. S. government chooses to make Argentine wool and hides so dear in the United States, that the manufacturer cannot export the manufactured products of those articles, and the local consumer will have to pay more for them, that is surely a question of internal policy, and has nothing to do with us so long as our exports are not affected thereby, and just as free wool did not affect our prices or exports in any appreciable degree, so a return to high duties will not lessen our exportation.—Review, Buenos Aires, Sept. 11.

Travellers' Directory.

São Paulo: Daily express leaves Central Railway station at 6.15 a.m. returning leaves S. Paulo at 6.30 a.m. Numerous steamers weekly for Santos, connecting with the São Paulo Railway. Cachambú and Lambari: Central Railway (São Paulo express) to Cruzeiro, thence by Minas and Rio Railway to destination. Juiz de Fora, Barbacena, Ouro Preto, etc. Daily express leaves Central Railway station at 6.45 a.m. Connects with all the branch lines along the main line (Minas Geraes) of that railway. Petropolis: Barca leaves the Praia at 4 p.m. daily, except Sundays and holidays, to connect with railway at Maná. Passenger train leaves S. Francisco Xavier station (Central Railway) at 7 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. on all land route (passengers should take the suburban trains at the Central Railway station of 6.25 a.m., and 4.20 p.m. to connect with Petropolis train.) Returning from Petropolis, the "barca" train leaves at 7.30 a.m., except Sundays and holidays, and the "Mal Lindo" train leaves at 6 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. On Sundays and holidays the barca leaves the Praia at 7 a.m., and returning the train leaves Petropolis at 4 p.m., giving excursionists about six hours in Petropolis. Nova Friburgo: Barca leaves the Praça das Marinhas at 6 a.m. daily and at 3 p.m. on Saturdays, to connect with the Leopoldina Railway at Sant'Anna de Marilhy. Returning, trains leave Nova Friburgo at 2.25 p.m. daily, and at 6 a.m. on Mondays. Corcovado: Regular trains, week days, leave 51 Rua Cosme Velho (Laranjeiras) at 8 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 5.30 p.m., returning over the summit at 7.30 and 9.30 a.m. and 1, 4.30 and 7 p.m. On Sundays and holidays, the hours are: ascending 6.30, 8, 9.30 and 11 a.m., 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30 and 8 p.m.; descending, 8.35, 10.35, 11.35 a.m., 1.35, 2.35, 4.35, 6.7 and 8 p.m. Each train gives the excursionist half an hour on the summit. N. B. - Travellers will oblige by notifying Editor of any changes in the foregoing details that may be experienced, and of which no public announcements have been made by the Railway authorities.

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From the N. Y. Shipping & Commercial List, Aug. 21. ATTAR OF ROSES.

Gathering in the rose crop in southern Europe is now in progress, and in the regions where roses are grown as a commercial product the rose harvest is as much of an event as the strawberry crop in some parts of the United States. It is estimated that, from the middle of May until the middle of July, over three-quarters of a million of people, mostly women and girls, are employed in gathering the roses. The fair lady to whom the essence or attar of roses is only a delightful perfume, has little idea of the labor necessary to produce it, of its importance to the country where it is made, or of the races of people who, through its production, contribute to her pleasure. It is, however, but one illustration of the fact that no part of the world's inhabitants is independent of the rest. Just as thousands of men and women in Sumatra and Borneo, in Ceylon and India, find the means of subsistence from the taste of the civilized races for pepper, so men and women earn bread in Asia and Africa because in France, England and America fashionable people have a taste for a rich perfume. As a commercial product the rose is grown in many parts of the world. Not only in the neighborhood of Paris, but more extensively in the south of France, roses are cultivated for the purpose of manufacturing the attar, and over 30,000,000 pounds of rose leaves are annually collected by the French for the purpose of making rose water or the attar of rose. The valley of Damascus yields a fine quality of attar, and the vale of Cashmere has for ages been famous, not only for its roses, but also for the quality of its product. In northern and central India rose water and attar are manufactured. At Ghazipur, near Benares, there are miles upon miles of rose gardens, really fields, in which the rose is cultivated for the flowers. In Italy and Sicily rose culture is practiced for the sake of the product, and during the last twenty-five or thirty years the attar or essence of the rose has become one of the most important commercial resources of Bulgaria. The rose fields of Roumania are found on the southern slopes of the Balkans and the plains which descend to the River Maritza. There is a district in Roumania over 120 miles long by 40 in width, which, by climate and soil, is singularly well adapted to the production of the rose, and almost the whole of this region is given up to rose fields. The roses are known to botanists as the Rosa Maschita, a red rose, and are propagated by layering the shoots, the layers being placed in rows about six feet apart. In three years the plants are in full bearing, and continue at their best for five years longer, when the quality and the quantity of the product begin to deteriorate, the plants are rooted up and others set out in their stead. A rose grower so manages his planting that fresh supplies of plants are continually coming on, consequently no portion of his ground goes to waste. The harvest lasts about eight weeks, and during this time any one who can pick roses can find a job in the southern Balkans. Coming from all directions, the pickers, of course, represent types of half a dozen races. Every picker is equipped with a basket holding about two bushels, for rose leaves are light, and there is a considerable difference in weight between two bushels of rose leaves and two bushels of potatoes. When the baskets are full they are emptied into sacks, and as soon as possible these are transported to the houses, and there converted into essence. Picking begins at early dawn, when the dew is on the leaves, and is continued until 10 or 11 o'clock, or during cloudy days all day long. When the sun is shining brightly labor is discontinued toward noon, and recommenced at 4 or 5, and then work is carried on as long as the pickers can see. Labor is paid for by the pound,

and tally men are in attendance to weigh the bags, which are placed at the end of the rows, and when weighed and recorded donkey power is used to convey them to the central stations. The factories where the attar of roses is made are primitive, but quite sufficient for all practical purposes. They are mere sheds; sometimes the walls are of brick, more frequently of stone, occasionally of plank. On one side stand the retorts in rows, copper alembics about three feet in height, with a brick furnace underneath. Each alembic has a capacity of 110 litres, a litre being about a standard quart, but for a charge only 75 litres of water are used and 10 kilos of roses, a kilogram being 2.2 pounds, or about 75 quarts of water to 22 pounds of rose leaves. The process of distillation is carried on for an hour, when the flask which is used to receive the distilled product contains 10 litres of oil and condensed water; it is removed, the alembic is recharged, and the process begun anew, while the flask with the product is set aside; the attar of rose, or oil, which floats upon the surface is subsequently taken off by cooling and condensation.

The quality of the product as proportioned to the amount of rose leaves used, varies considerably. Some kinds of roses produce the attar in much greater abundance than others, the product also varying in different countries, and it has been found by experience that the season has much to do with the quantity of attar; a humid spring, with intervals of warm sunshine, causing the petals to yield more liberally than is the case in a dry, hot season. In Bulgaria 3,000 kilos of rose leaves produce one kilogram of the attar, and this is the yield of about one hectare, or 2½ acres. A kilogram of attar is worth from 800 to 1,200 francs, say, an average of 1,000, and thus the Bulgarian realizes about \$100 an acre on his crop, a very fair return for the amount invested and the outlay. In France the production is about the same, or 3,000 pounds of rose leaves to a pound of attar, and it is computed that the leaves of 400,000 roses are necessary to produce one ounce of the oil. In Algeria the roses are much less productive, but in Cashmere and at Ghazipur it is estimated that from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of petals produce one pound of the essence. Only the red rose is used for manufacturing the essence, the white or yellow varieties, while fragrant to the nostrils, appearing to lack the essential oil which forms so valuable a product. It is not generally known that the attar, or otto of rose, as it is sometimes called, is one of the most valuable and costly substances in the world. An ounce of the pure attar is worth from \$100 to \$150, and when it is remembered that the market price of gold is only about \$20 an ounce, some idea of the value of this marvelous oil may be gained. A few years ago some dredgers off Coney Island brought up from the depths of the sea a box, and, opening it, ascertained that it contained nearly 100-ounce vials of attar of roses. It was remembered that fifty or sixty years before an East Indian had been wrecked near the point where the box was found, and the box had undoubtedly formed a part of the cargo. The oil was uninjured by its long submersion in sea water, and the dredgers realized a fortune from a box little more than fourteen inches square. The value of the annual yield of the Balkan rose district alone is about \$400,000 worth of attar. The attar is taken by perfumers, who, finding it too strong to be used in its pure state, since thus employed it causes headaches, and sometimes nausea, "cut" it with alcohol, and sell it in the form of rose water. It is said that even in the countries where it is made adulterations are practiced, for other oils bearing some resemblance to it in odor are frequently mixed with it. Geranium oil, sandalwood oil, rhodeum, and other volatile oils are said to be

employed by dishonest dealers as adulterations, and fine olive oil, with a few drops of the attar of rose, is sometimes sold for the pure article.

The genuine oil is so exceedingly powerful that when used to perfume hair oil, for example, one drop is said to be sufficient to impart its characteristic odor to a pint. The romance of the rose does not extend to the attar. Much hard labor is necessary to collect the fragrant essence from the fragrant leaf, and no matter from what point of view it is contemplated, there is nothing romantic about work.

AN AQUATIC NEWSPAPER.

A novel undertaking had a highly successful result on the recent outward voyage of the P. S. N. Co's steamer *Orcana*—being nothing less than the publication on board of a small newspaper. The steamer carries a printer, with a small press and outfit of type, etc., which are employed in the printing of the menus. As it is customary to organize sports, a tournament and concert on the long run between Lisbon and Pernambuco, it was decided to add the publication of a newspaper during this voyage. The passengers responded enthusiastically, and the result was more copy than was required. The paper was called *The Orcanite*, dated the 11th inst., and comprised six pages of breviter, note size, of editorial and local comment—the personal element prevailing. The paper contained an account of the 7th of September celebration among the Brazilian passengers, an account of the sports and tournament and a report of the concert on the evening of the 10th inst. The editorial, which *The Orcanite* will permit us to transcribe, was as follows:

EDITORIAL

We regret to advise our readers, whose name is legion, that the publication of the *Orcanite* will be suspended for a brief interval. This step is taken, not on account of a breakdown in our press, or a death of news, or failure on the part of our subscribers to pay their subscriptions; it is simply and solely a measure of reasonable precaution. Discretion is said to be the better part of valour—and for such bravery we have established a long and brilliant reputation.

We are now in Brazilian waters, and are therefore within the sphere of the remorseless South American revolution. It is well, therefore, to be discreet, and the best way to do it is to be silent. To-morrow we shall enter the port of Pernambuco, where an opposition editor was shot a little over a year ago by hired assassins. In another day we shall reach the port of Bahia, near which some thousands of regular soldiers are trying to suppress a mob of religious fanatics who want to set up an Apostle and Saint unrecognized at Rome and Rio de Janeiro. Four days later, if the *Orcana* keeps up this breathless rate of speed, we shall be in the bay of Rio de Janeiro, where the embers of the 1893 revolt are still smouldering, and where Gen. Glycerio and the Jaculins are re-fouling the streets in search of stray Englishmen. A few days later we shall anchor off Montevideo, where a President has just been killed, and near which a hide-and-seek revolution is now in hilarious progress. Across the River an electoral campaign, led by the redoubtable Gen. Roca, is in evidence, while the locusts are swarming over the frontiers and devastating the country. In Chile, Gen. Canto has recovered from his recent duel, and is now ready to open another campaign against the alien military talent made in Germany. In other parts of the continent, the «genius of liberty» is running amuck with an uncomfortable knife in her hand and a convenient chip on her shoulder, thirsting for the blood of the inoffensive editor who has an opinion of his own. Under such circumstances, we feel sure that our subscribers will give us leave to take a short vacation. The combination against us is too strong, and the rewards for well-doing are too small, to make it worth our while to continue. When better times come—if the *Orcana* can manage to overtake them—we shall resume our professional duties, even though we may not have the goddess of South American Liberty to preside over our well-meaning efforts.

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COUNCILLOR Lourenço de Albuquerque certainly deserves the thanks of the over-burdened tax-payers for having caused to be published in a journal of this city a statement, said to have been prepared by a competent person, showing how the personnel employed in various branches of the public service has increased in number and cost since 1890. There has been in seven years an increase of nearly 40% in the number of persons employed in the branches of the public service included in this statement, although, rightly, there should have been, instead, a considerable decrease, since a great part of the respective service should have been transferred to state and municipal governments. The increase in salaries and wages was still greater. In 1890 the respective personnel cost the country 39,383,014\$-189, and in 1897 no less than 107,719,305\$966, the increase being 68,336,291\$777, or over 170%. The cost of the personnel in the war department increased from 12,000,000\$ to 57,000,000\$, or 375%. It is to be hoped that this statement, whose publication is unquestionably a step in the right direction, will be followed by others of a like character resulting from useful investigations that throw much light on the nature of the financial problem and show where the work of solving it should commence. We give the table in another column.

The discussion over the defective tramway service in this city seems to us to be devoid of that spirit of fairness which ought to govern the decision of every question relating to a public service. There can be no disputing the fact that the tramway service has become very defective, and that the public is being very badly treated. As far as our personal experience goes, we find that the lines are not well maintained, the tram-cars are insufficient in number and are dirty and in bad condition, and the service is irregular. A considerable percentage of the passengers is unable to find seats, and is therefore obliged to ride on the platforms or hanging on at the sides. And as for the time lost in waiting for a seat, it is simply incalculable. All this is certainly reprehensible, and the public is entitled to complain. If the streets are to be occupied by a private company for purposes of private gain, then the people have a perfect right to exact a good service for the franchise given. But there is another side to the dispute which we ought not to ignore—the right of the companies to a fair compensation for the service rendered. Now, are they receiving a fair compensation? We think not. The fares in force were fixed many years ago when the currency was at or near par. To-day this currency is worth less than one-third its par value, which means that the companies are receiving less than one-third the income they counted upon. As their rolling stock, machinery and hay is imported and paid for with gold, it is evident that they are working at a very great disadvantage. Calculated in gold, they are carrying passengers at an unprecedentedly low rate, so low in fact that it is practically impossible for them to keep their lines and service in good order and pay dividends. We do not believe that the public wants these companies to perform a gratuitous service; they are entitled to dividends, and the people do not begrudge them. In view of this, the fair settlement of the dispute is to permit an increase of fares, and then to insist on a good service.

The present situation in Brazil is unquestionably one of great difficulty and danger, and to meet it heroic remedies are undoubtedly necessary. But the cure will be effected, not by exhausting the patient, but by building up his strength. To continue exhausting expenditures and then to tax the country still more heavily to meet them, is a sure way to bring about the ruin which everybody is trying to avoid. The intention of Deputy Serzedello may be thoroughly good and patriotic, but in the bill which he has just laid before congress his judgment is certainly at fault. He wishes to improve the financial situation, but to do this he proposes to complicate it still further, to force another readjustment of the debt at a lower rate of interest, to further legalize lottery drawings by making them sources of revenue to the state, and to hoodwink the public by setting apart various uncertain sources of income for paying off national obligations. We have hitherto entertained hopes that Deputy Serzedello's experiences with despotic methods of government would render him more conservative in the future. But in this we were mistaken. Although he has himself held the portfolio of finance, he has nothing better to offer us than a measure increasing the burdens of taxation in a country where they are already excessive. To the common mind, the true remedy for the present situation is that of severe retrenchment. The country is spending far more than its income, and many of the expenditures are wholly unnecessary as well as non-reproductive. The true course would be to abolish every one of these expenditures, and thus bring expenses within the national income, without adding a *vintem* to existing taxation. This would be true statesmanship as well as true economy, for it would be meeting public obligations without

exhausting the capital of the nation. Deputy Serzedello does not see this apparently, for he would go on piling up taxation, and thus exhausting the people, merely to cover worse than useless expenditures. There is no sense in such a policy, nor even patriotism.

CAVIAR IN BRAZIL.

The savoury and piquant taste of caviar, as well as its suitability for use as *hors d'œuvre*, sandwiches, and for various culinary preparations, is one of the most appreciated preserves among gourmets. Thus writes the French consul at São Paulo, who goes on to say that there should be a considerable outlet for it in his town, where "fortunes are so numerous, and where there is a tendency, as much among foreigners as among Brazilians, to seek out all the refinements of the European cuisine. Unfortunately, the caviar outlet is forcibly restrained, in consequence of the excessive price at which the article is retailed. . . . The locally consumed caviar is derived almost exclusively from British or German houses. True Russian caviar is easily told by the superiority of its quality, the delicacy and freshness of the 'grain,' which is very loose, while British or German caviars are only a species of pulp (*bouillie*) which has lost nearly all its aroma." The consul attributes the scarcity of the true Russian article to the fact that Russia has no direct trade relations with Brazil, and that it is by way of Hamburg or London that Russian caviars are sent, and they are stripped of their original marks and supplied with new British or German labels." In the consul's opinion, if the intermediary of the Britisher and the Teuton could be dispensed with, there would be a great reduction in the retail price of caviar and a considerable increase in its consumption in Brazil. — *Chamber of Commerce Journal*, for August.

BICYCLE RIDING.

A long discussion has been going on at the Hospital Medical Society (Paris), as to the benefit or harm to be derived from riding the bicycle, and the debate was all the more interesting from the fact that most of the members taking part in it themselves had experience of the machine in question. M. Petit reported a series of accidents, and cited five recent cases of death occurring in persons either actually riding or who had just left off. He concluded that persons suffering from cardiac affections ought either to abstain from bicycling altogether or at any rate only do so with the most extreme moderation. Phthisical people should for the most part abstain altogether; but, on the other hand, those predisposed to tubercle have in many instances derived great benefit, as have still more those suffering from certain nervous affections, neurasthenia, chlorosis, and constipation. Finally, M. Petit reminded the meeting that various affections of the joints and of the genito-urinary organs in both sexes, incompletely or only recently cured, had been revived or aggravated by the bicycle. M. Hallopeau, replying to M. Petit, said that the bicycle, which was not a physiological method of progression, offered, like all forms of athletics, both advantages and disadvantages. These latter were specially marked in cardiac subjects in whom cardiac failure supervened. In certain subjects even, when free from cardiac disease, riding provoked painful sensations connected with the heart. He considered it prudent to avoid riding against head winds or up steep hills, and by taking this precaution many grave actions would be avoided. Some people experienced numbness in the great toes during a prolonged ride, a phenomenon which M. Hallopeau attributed to the pressure of the saddle on the sciatic nerves. — *Lancet*.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

—On the 8th inst, there were 24 new cases of small-pox at Monte Santo.
 —Two of the best plantations in the municipality of Amparo, S. Paulo, were sold last week to satisfy maturing mortgages.
 —There is said to be much discontent among the officers in Bahia on account of the delay of the war department in making promotions.
 —The 5th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 25th and 33rd battalions of infantry have been almost annihilated in the war in Bahia. The 9th and 12th battalions are now commanded by lieutenants and two of the companies are commanded by sergeants. One of the battalions has only about 20 men left.

—The *Diário*, of Bahia, says that according to a letter from Monte Santo, there have been only 60 riflemen in Canudos since the 13th. The women and children are starving. The information is from prisoners.

—There was a revolt among the Spanish colonists on the estate of Dr. Moraes Barros, near Piracibá on the 16th, which resulted in an attack on the second overseer. A police force was sent for and some arrests were made.

—It is stated that the fanatics in Bahia, while engaged in military operations, do not neglect their agricultural work. They are said to be divided into detachments who regularly relieve each other in both occupations.

—An Aracajú telegram of the 27th announces that the coasting steamer *Oceano* had grounded on the Estancia bar. It is expected that it will be impossible to save the vessel. She is bringing a cargo of sugar to this port.

—Mail advices from Amazonas state that small-pox is steadily increasing at Manaus and throughout the state. It is singular that Brazilian municipal and sanitary officials are never able to do their work properly and thus ward off these periodical epidemics.

—The trouble in S. Carlos do Pínhã, São Paulo, seems to have arisen from an attempt on the part of Dr. Rodolpho Faria to suppress gambling in that town. The parties interested are resisting, have made public demonstrations, and have even threatened Faria's life.

—A São Paulo exchange of the 21st notes the death of a celebrated, bandit named Chico Pitanguera in the *comarca* of Barretos, who was the author of several murders and a terror in that region. He had been cornered by a police force and was summoned to surrender. He refused and was accordingly shot.

—The minister of war telegraphs that Gen. Arthur Oscar has completed the investment of Canudos. The minister has ordered the troops under the command of Gen. Carlos Eugenio to hasten to Canudos for the purpose of strengthening the lines of the besieging army. He says that there is reason to believe that the war is nearly ended.

—The chief of police of the state of Minas Geraes is said to have received information of serious disturbances that occurred in Bambui on the 7th inst. Full particulars are not given, but it is stated that there were shouts of "Hurrah for monarchy," and "Down with the republic!" The court, which was sitting there at the time, is reported to have adjourned. A large detachment of police has been sent by the chief to Bambui.

—A S. Paulo telegram of the 25th inst. states that at Uberabinha there were arrested some days ago two men accused of passing counterfeit notes. In their possession were found 28 counterfeit notes of 100\$. It is also stated that 188 of such notes were found in the possession of two men arrested at Santa Rita do Paraiso and that two were seized on the 22nd inst., at the Porto Alegre custom-house, at which they had been offered in payment of duties.

—The *Estrella Polar*, a Roman Catholic organ published at Pedreira, São Paulo, notes the revolt of a priest in the Ceará sertão against ecclesiastical authority, and that he has now removed to Salgueiro, in the Pernambuco sertão, where he has gathered about him a group of fanatics. This priest, Padre Cícero Romano Baptista, claims miraculous powers for a woman named Maria de Araújo, and defies the bishop and others who seek to dispel his illusions. His followers are now proclaiming him a saint, and are prepared to resist any interference with him.

THE SANTOS REGATTA.

On Saturday, 19th inst., the newly reorganised "Club de Regatas Santista" realized their first regatta at the Ponta de Praia, before a large and enthusiastic number of spectators. The weather, despite a trifle too much wind, was favorable and the races were well contested. The medals were presented to the winners by a committee of well known Santos ladies and the proceedings were enlivened by the bands "Colonial Postage" and "Lyra Commercial" who kindly volunteered their services. The following are the results:
 1st race: — Skiffs; 4 oars; "Nautilus," Ferreira (cox), Netto (stroke), Andrade, Wahny, Malheiros.
 2nd race: — Gigs; 6 oars; "Ondina," Beyrodt (cox), Tross (stroke), Costa, Paterson, Wachser, Scott Barboza, Ornellas.
 3rd race: — Canoes; 4 oars (professional); 1st crew from Ubatuba; 2nd crew from São Sebastião.
 4th race: — Pleasure boats; 4 oars (professional); 1st, "Salier" Viegas (cox).
 5th race: — Skiffs; 4 oars.
 A foul occurred shortly after the start and the race was in consequence declared void.
 6th race: — Gigs; 6 oars; "Bella" rowed over; Pinto (cox), Cardin (stroke), Ventura, Wahny, Bacellar, Hallais, Camara.
 Another regatta has been announced for the 15th of November.

—A telegram of the 21st inst., to the *Republica*, of Porto Alegre, says that at that date João Francisco's press gangs were still at work at Alegrete.

—A Juiz de Fora telegram of the 23rd says that a brute called Procopio Fructuoso Lopes had been found guilty of violating a child only eight months of age.

—One of the war correspondents in Bahia says that it will take 25,000 men to complete the siege of Canudos and that, if the place is stormed, the losses of the government troops are sure to be very heavy.

RAILROAD NOTES

—(The) contract for the lease of the Sobral (Ceará) railway to Srs. Saboia was signed on the 25th inst.

—It is stated that employés of the Oeste de Minas railway at Oliveira have not been paid for 11 months.

—Last month the Brazilian Coal Co. furnished to the Rio do Ouro railway 300 tons of coal valued at 20,254\$945.

—The state government of S. Paulo has approved the surveys on the Mogyana Co.'s branch line from Ribeirão Preto to Sertãozinho.

—The Mogyana company is soon to begin the construction of its branch line from Ribeirão Preto to Sertãozinho, which will pass through a very fertile zone.

—The state of Minas Geraes has conceded an interest guarantee on the railway west of S. Francisco to Barra de Jaropaba, and has extended the time fixed for the completion of the Pitangui branch.

—The *Correio*, of Campinas, São Paulo, of the 25th inst., says there were no Mogyana freight trains for the interior on the preceding day because of a dispute among the employes. The *Correio* asks if there is to be a strike.

—The nomination of Dr. Gustavo da Silveira as traffic manager of the Central railway, has been decided. The new official is said to have been highly successful on the Paulista line, and it is expected that he will soon infuse a little order on the Central. There is certainly need of it.

—On the 20th inst. there arrived in this city a committee of the laborers employed on the construction of the railway from Minas Geraes to Espírito Santo. This committee came for the purpose of trying to collect arrears of wages for 500 of their companions, who, it is stated, have not been paid for 13 months.

—A report has been put about in London to the effect that Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Son had "purchased" the Brazilian Central railway from the Brazilian government for 5,000,000\$. The rumour turns out to be quite baseless — at any rate, it has been authoritatively contradicted by those who ought to know. — *European Mail*, Sept. 1.

—The car building firm of Jackson & Sharp Company, of Wilmington, Del., has received a contract from the Argentine Great Western Railway Company, Limited, of Buenos Aires, for the construction of five first-class sleeping cars. The cars will be built partly on the Pullman and partly on the Mann system and will be 54 feet long, 10 feet 3 inches wide and arranged for a 5-foot 6-inch gauge. John D. Smelt, an engineer of the railway company, has been in Wilmington superintending the drawing of the plans. — *N. Y. Journal of Commerce*, Aug. 24.

—It has been stated for some days past that the bases for a new *adital* inviting tenders for the lease of the government railways, are being drawn up at the department of industry. This morning the newspapers announce that this *adital* will be for the shortest time possible, and that the initial payment will be 2,000,000\$, instead of 2,500,000\$. To this the *Blitz* adds that a new proposal was made on Saturday last, through Messrs. Rothschilds, in which 24,000,000 were offered without asking for an interest guarantee. There seems to be some foundation for the report, and it may be assumed that the government is disposed to accept it.

—It is announced that satisfactory progress has been made towards the transfer of the Leopoldina system of railways (1,300 miles) to an English company with a London board and advisory committee in Rio de Janeiro. The committee of bondholders recently received a cable message stating that their agent, Mr. Herdman, and the Banco di Republica were about to be appointed "síndicos," with possession of the property on August 30. Liquidation of the Brazilian company would then commence, and will probably last two months. Conformation and extension of the various concessions are expected to be obtained, as well as the right to regulate rates and fares on a paying basis. The final result, if achieved, will represent an advantageous settlement for all parties concerned — viz., the Brazilian government, the local bond and stock holders, and the English bondholders. — *European Mail*, Sept. 1.

LOCAL NOTES

—The ironclad *Aguidaban* arrived at New-castle on the 25th inst.

—The rains last week caused the collapse of several walls and houses.

—An agricultural exposition is now open on the grounds of the Turf-Club.

—The President has written to the President of Uruguay congratulating him on the conclusion of peace.

—Dr. Passos found it necessary, on taking charge of the Central railway, to dismiss 500 unemployed men.

—The pavements in this city seem to be growing worse and worse. Is it an indication of incapacity, or sheer neglect?

—On the 23rd the senate formally recognized Col. Joaquim Rezende Corrêa de Lacerda as senator from the state of Paraná.

—There has been a theft of mirrors and furniture from Itamaraty palace, and an inquiry is now going on in regard to the matter.

—It is reported that Col. Lamas, one of the revolutionary chiefs in Uruguay, is to marry a daughter of Gen. Roca, candidate for the Argentine presidency.

—The British cruiser *Leander*, from Chatham, arrived here on the 21st, en route for the West Coast. The *Leander* is conveying the torpedo-catcher *Virago*.

—The use of the sidewalks by bicyclists in some parts of the city is becoming a nuisance. Surely the footman must have some rights which the world is bound to observe.

—Glycerio in congress wishes Pudente to complete his term of office; but Glycerio in the *Republica* wishes the President to quit office immediately. What is Prudente to do?

—An autograph letter has been received from Queen Victoria thanking the President of Brazil for the proofs of sympathy and friendship given during the celebration of her jubilee.

—An examination was made last week of the telephone cable connecting this city with Niteroi, which was injured by the Chilean transport *Agamenon*. The dispute over the matter has been referred to arbitration.

—On the night of the 21st inst. a child three years of age was killed by burglars at No. 25 Rua Vidal de Negreiros. Subsequent investigation has thrown suspicion on the father, who is held for further examination.

—An error in our last issue placed the next smoking concert of the Larangeiras Club on 20th October, when it should have been 2nd October. Our local readers should make a note of the date so that they may not miss so enjoyable an entertainment.

—We are in receipt of some notes from A. Subscribers which we would be very glad to use, but are excluded from doing so because our correspondent failed to send his name. We are greatly obliged for the copy, and sorry it is not available.

—We see by an exchange that Mr. Bryson, formerly correspondent of the *New York Herald*, has been expelled from Cuba because of his hostility to Spain. Weyer wants no one but friends to report his extraordinary government of Cuba. Bryson is a wide awake correspondent, and his office was probably that of telling inconvenient truths.

—The amount collected in this city by Dr. Aristides Aguiar, agent of the Cuban revolutionists, was 9,384\$900. After the purchase of a slight draft of \$1,321.44 payable to Benjamin Guerra, treasurer of the committee at New York, there remained a balance of 450\$. Over half of the amount received was contributed by Dr. Rodolpho Miranda, who subscribed 500\$.

—The Hippodromo Nacional races on Sunday were ably varied by a bicycle race, the prizes being a gold medal for the first, and a silver medal for the second. The distance was 5,000 metres, and there were six entries. The race was closely contested, and the victor (St. Nelson), who rode a handsome American "Monarch," won by two metres. The enthusiasm was indescribable, the crowd even carrying the bicycle around in triumph.

—A destructive fire broke out in the "High-Life" billiard saloon, No. 35 Rua do Theatro, on the morning of the 28th inst., completely destroying that building (formerly known as the Theatro S. Luiz) and two contiguous buildings, 146 A and 146 B, in Rua Sete de Setembro. The two adjoining buildings on Rua do Theatro were somewhat damaged by water. Below the billiard saloon were a deposit for Minas milk, a jeweller's shop, and an armarium, which were completely burned out. The origin of the fire is not yet known. No estimate of the total losses has been published. The insurances are: billiard saloon 25,000\$; Suburban; jeweller's shop 4,000\$; Geral; two tailor's shops on Rua Sete de Setembro 25,000\$ each in Vargestas and Suburbana.

The delegates to the convention of the prudencia party held their first meeting on Saturday. The only action taken at this meeting was to elect a committee of three to report on the credentials of the delegates.

We are advised that the banquet on the 18th in honor of the 25th anniversary of King Oscar's coronation, was not attended by the Norwegians resident here.

It is to be hoped that the violence with which Senator Gomes de Castro has been assailed will not deter him from continuing to expose the wretched state of military affairs in Brazil.

CRICKET.

CLUB BRASILEIRO DE CRICKET VS NICTHEROV.

This match took place at Paysandú ground on the 19th inst. and ended in a win for the latter team by 55 runs.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes H. J. Reevés, E. J. King, C. Roberts, V. Tatum, O. Wucherer, H. L. Wheatley, L. Moura, J. B. Mawson, A. C. Skey, A. Smythe, T. Nicolson, J. Millions, and Extras.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes W. Morrissy, R. Morrissy, C. A. Conolly, R. A. Brooking, C. H. T. Allen, E. Morrissy, C. Roberts, M. Morrissy, H. P. Smith, E. A. Carré, A. C. Blake, and Extras.

BUSINESS NOTES

The government of Paraguay has denounced its commercial treaty with Brazil.

The directors of the British Bank of South America have declared a dividend on account of the current year of 3 per cent.

The municipality of Santos has had the unoccupied ground belonging to the Carmo monastery appropriated for public use, it having been decided to erect a public market there.

We are again approaching the hot season, when precautions are necessary to avoid fevers. Our readers should remember that Murray's fluid magnesia is now manufactured in the country, hence there is no need of buying imitations.

Arrangements have been finally completed for the introduction of Japanese colonists into the state of São Paulo. The firm of Florita & Co., which has been so long engaged in the transportation of Italian laborers, has undertaken to bring them out.

The president of the Banco do Commercio reports transactions for the year ended on the 30th of last June to the amount of 228,039,551\$92, on which the bank's profit was 17,577,903\$79.

The August exports of rubber from the Amazon amounted to 1,008,458 kilogrammes, of which 636,258 were for the United States and 372,200 for Europe.

What is needed in Brazil, you know, is a good journal that will contradict these croakers who are always asserting that the country is not prosperous.

The importers of electric supplies have addressed a memorandum to the tariff commission asking that articles belonging to this class of merchandise shall be properly classified at the custom-house.

We have been favored with a call from Mr. George Routledge, special representative of the celebrated Stephens' inks, who is visiting South America in the interests of that important manufacturing establishment.

Forty chests of adulterated tea which had been condemned by Inspector Tooley have been burned in a large furnace in the basement of the Appraisers' Building, in San Francisco.

Some time ago the municipal government of this city made a contract with Manoel Gomes de Oliveira for supplying butchers' shops with fresh beef at 500 reis a kilo.

COFFEE NOTES

The Diario Popular of São Paulo is informed that the recent drought caused considerable injury to the blossom on the coffee plantations in the western districts of that state.

A Campinas (S. Paulo) telegram of the 23rd says that it had been raining there for two days. This means a welcome break in the drought which was reported to be damaging the coffee plantations.

We must not be expected to tell planters how they can get better prices for their coffee, but we can give them other information equally valuable.

The following is a statement of the exportation of coffee from the state of Espirito Santo for the last 6 1/2 years:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Amount in kilos. Includes 1891 (18,547,837), 1892 (16,665,961), 1893 (21,763,169), 1894 (23,217,161), 1895 (24,630,683), 1896 (25,153,751), and 1897 (half-year) (14,314,594).

The Diario, of S. Carlos do Pinahal, São Paulo, says that with the prices of coffee at \$8 and 9\$ per ten kilos, the crop deficient, wages the same as when coffee brought 25\$ the arroba, and a prospect of a crop failure for the coming year, the outlook for the coffee planter is not at all encouraging.

Judge Addison Brown, in the United States district court, yesterday handed down an opinion in the libel filed by Julius Steinwender and others, Elmenhorst and others and Crossman and others - consolidated libels - against the steamship Mexican Prince, and John C. Seager to recover \$36,500 for damages to 965 bags of coffee shipped at Rio de Janeiro for New York.

FINANCIAL NOTES

The police at Campinas, São Paulo, are now trying to check the issue of notes in that city which circulate as fractional currency.

The caixa da amortização is about to begin substituting the outstanding issues of banknotes with new notes of the treasury.

A bill has been presented to the Ceará state assembly authorizing the state government to loan eight hundred contos to some bank, which shall in turn loan it out to needy industries for long periods and at a low rate of interest.

If congress could see and appreciate the distrust abroad in regard to Brazilian finances, perhaps it would then be possible to decide upon some measure of real economy.

The Junta administrativa of the redemption bureau has resolved to extend to July 1898 the time for the gratuitous exchange of outstanding banknotes.

The governor of the state of Espirito Santo in his last message recognizes the existence of a «terrible general crisis» which, he says, is producing financial difficulties throughout the whole country.

The revenue of the state of Espirito Santo for 1896 had been estimated at 4,092,174\$, but the amount actually collected was only 3,875,021\$491.

The budget bill now under discussion in the state assembly of Minas Geraes estimates the receipts for 1898 at 19,532,665\$ and fixes the expenditures at 19,529,379\$250.

Correcting figures published in the Paiz, a writer in the Gazeta de Noticias says that the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto had at its disposal resources amounting to 1,030,000,000\$.

On the 23rd inst., Deputy Serzedello presented a bill designed to improve the financial situation. The bill authorizes a 5 per cent. guarantee on the \$5,000,000 which the government asks for the Central railway, and also an increase in the freight rates.

The last report of the secretary of finance of the state of Minas Geraes shows that the revenue of the state for 1895 amounted to 20,456,009\$366.

The Paiz has published figures intended to show that, although President Prudente de Moraes during three years of his administration has had at his disposal resources amounting to 1,326,399,000\$, while those at Marshal Floriano Peixoto's disposal, in a similar period, amounted to only 871,905,508\$.

A STRIKING COMPARISON.

The Jornal do Commercio of the 24th inst. publishes the following striking comparison between the expenses on the personnel of the various public departments in 1890 and 1897.

Table comparing personnel expenditure in 1890 and 1897 across various departments: Interior and Justice, Exterior, Finance, Marine, Uniforms, Rations, and War.

The above, of course, contains only the amounts asked for in the annual budgets, and does not include deficiency and special appropriations, which in the war department would considerably swell the total.

COMMERCIAL

Table of commercial data for Rio de Janeiro, September 27th, 1897, including par value of Brazilian milreis, bank rate of exchange, and present value of Brazilian milreis.

EXCHANGE.

September 21.—The London & Brazilian Bank opened at 7 1/16, but almost immediately joined the others...

September 22.—The banks opened at 7 1/16-7 1/16, the morning ruling for business, and in the course of the day...

September 23.—The fluctuations in rates made out-riders decidedly gaily. Yesterday business was said to have been done as late as 4:30 o'clock...

September 24.—Speculative operations, without which the market is lifeless, were virtually nil...

September 25.—The news published by some of the morning press of the resignation of the Minister of Agriculture supplied the rumors that were floating yesterday...

September 27.—The banks opened at 7 1/16-7 1/16, the latter the rate for business, and this was posted soon afterwards everywhere...

Sales of Stocks and Shares.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Apolices, Santa Isabel, Minas S. Jeronymo, etc.

Table for September 23. Lists various bank and commercial rates.

Miscellaneous table for September 23. Lists rates for Viaçao Ferreira Sapucahy, Jardim Botânico, etc.

Table for September 24. Lists various bank and commercial rates.

Miscellaneous table for September 24. Lists rates for Oeste de Minas, Sorocabana, etc.

Table for September 25. Lists various bank and commercial rates.

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Miscellaneous table for September 27. Lists rates for Minas de S. Jeronymo, Sorocabana, etc.

MARKET REPORT.

Rio de Janeiro, 27th September, 1907.

Exports.

Coffee.—During the early part of the week there was some animation which induced brokers to advance quotations...

On the 23rd the sales were estimated at about 15,000 bags, and brokers quoted 12500 per arroba for No. 7 prices...

12500-12800. This morning the dealers are showing a good deal of animation...

The shipments since our last report have been: 43,807 bags for the United States...

The vessels sailed with coffee are: Sept. 18 New Orleans Frst str Concordia, 9,972...

Sept. 23 England Brit str Magdalena, 1,500; Genoa and Naples, Nord America It str Smyrna, 3,715...

Sept. 23 River Plate Br str Thames, 1,952; Port Elizabeth Nor bk La Plata, 8,000...

Receipts for the past week were 12,000 bags against 10,000 for the preceding week...

Brokers' quotations, according to New-York types and per arroba, were the following:

Table showing coffee prices per arroba for various grades and origins.

Stocks in all hands were this morning estimated to be 27,538 bags.

In Santos the market opened somewhat irregular, but became firmer during the week...

On the following day \$3.00, but on the 2nd the quotations were again advanced to \$3.00...

On Saturday, receipts for the preceding week: 20,000 bags against 20,815 for the preceding week...

Receipts for the week were 12,000 bags for the United States and 15,000 for Europe...

Table titled 'Daily receipts and shipments of coffee at Rio de Janeiro' with columns for date, origin, and quantity.

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merce are reduced to very moderate proportions, operators seem persuaded that they can force the Government to buy exchange at low quotations...

Four.—The only receipts have been 200 bris, per Dols from Flume. There has been an improvement in deliveries which reach 9,000 bris for the week...

Gold.—Receipts are 3,255 cases per Amazonas and Opava. The market continues to drag, and stocks are still considerable...

Rubber.—Receipts nil. American is unchanged at \$2.25-2.30, but native is lower at \$2.20-2.25 per kilogramme...

Pine.—The Lancelotti brought 800-850 feet from Mobile. Brokers quote at \$3.00 per doz. and the market is considered steady...

White Pine.—The receipts are 35,214 feet per Alfa from New York. No change is made in the quotation of 200 rs. per foot, and the market is steady...

Sweetish Pine.—Receipts have been 1,065 doz. per doz. for red and 1,065 doz. per doz. for white. Quotations have been advanced to \$1,800-1,900 per doz. for red and \$1,800-1,900 per doz. for white...

Spruce Pine.—There is nothing to report.

Kerosene.—Receipts nil. American oil is rather lower at \$2.00-2.10 per case, and local refined slightly higher at \$2.10-2.20 per case...

Turpentine.—Last quotations of \$1.50-1.60 per kilogramme may be continued, and there are no receipts.

Rosin.—Receipts nil and no changes are reported in retail quotations, viz: 24,000-26,000 per brl. according to quality...

Cement.—The Sodal brought 4,270 bris, from Hamburg. We continue last quotations of 16,000-17,000 per brl. for British, 12,500-13,500 for Belgian and German, and 17,000-22,000 for French...

Indian Corn.—Receipts are 15,111 bags per Bratsberg from Buenos Aires. Brokers report the market flat at \$12.00-12.50 per bag for River Plate maize, while dealers still quote at \$12.00-12.50, with native retailing at \$12.00-12.50, according to quality...

Wheat.—The local mills still quote at \$4.00-5.00 per bag, and no foreign has arrived.

Hay.—The Bratsberg brought 942 bales from Buenos Aires, and retail prices are unchanged at 125-150 rs. per kilogramme.

Coal.—Receipts since our last report are nil.

Rum.—The costwise receipts are 101 pipes. The market has declined sharply, and is still considered weak at the following quotations:

Table showing rum prices for various origins and quantities.

Peruambuco and Maceio: 185,000-195,000; Bahia and Aracaju: 170,000-180,000; Campos and Paraty: 180,000-185,000; Paraty and Paraty: 225,000-235,000; Paraty and Paraty: 185,000-190,000.

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS. SEPTEMBER 22. HERNSAND—Nor bk Thered, 47 tons; Bjorlow, 77 do; pine to Chr. Hecksler & Co.

SEPTEMBER 23. HERNSAND—Nor bk Motor, 413 tons; Olsen, 81 do; pine to Chr. Hecksler & Co.

SEPTEMBER 24. RANGOO—Br bk Ingham, 907 tons; Taylor, 135 do; pine to Francisco Lopez Ferraz.

SEPTEMBER 25. BALTIMORE—Amr bk Amy, 565 tons; Vaughan, 51 do; sundries to Levering & Co.

SEPTEMBER 26. LEITH—By ship Costa, 225 tons; Hawken, 55 do; coal to Gas Co.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

SEPTEMBER 21. NEW ORLEANS—Port bk Agnes, 634 tons; Soares; ballast.

SEPTEMBER 22. CALETA BUENA—Ger ship Striva, 1736 tons; Behring; do.

SEPTEMBER 23. NEW YORK—Nor bk Ficaro, 985 tons; Nilsen; ballast. PERAMBUCO—Amr bk Arthur C. Wade, 612 tons; Sherman; do.

SEPTEMBER 24. PORT ELIZABETH—Nor bk La Plata, 493 tons; Jorgensen; coffee.

SEPTEMBER 25. PASCOGUILA—Nor bk Carl Phil, 672 tons; Nordbo; ballast.

SEPTEMBER 26. SARINE PASS—Dutch bk Nil Desperandum, 1564 tons; Mulder; do.

SEPTEMBER 27. BARBADOS—Ital bk Giulio e Cleopatra, 355 tons; Assenti; do.

SEPTEMBER 28. BR BK N. B. MORRIS, 700 tons; Porter; do. TALAL—Br ship Scottish Isles, 204 tons; Blackmore; do.

SEPTEMBER 29. ILOQUE—Br bk Phoenix Island, 1530 tons; Cornwell; do.

SEPTEMBER 30. LEITH—Nor ship Premier, 1173 tons; Osmondson; ballast.

Vessels Afloat & Chartered for Rio

Table listing vessels afloat and chartered for Rio, including ship names, origins, and dates.

Table listing arrivals of foreign steamers with columns for ship name, origin, arrival date, and agent.

Arrivals of foreign steamers.

Table listing departures of foreign steamers with columns for ship name, destination, departure date, and agent.

Departures of foreign steamers.

Table listing foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro, including ship name, origin, arrival date, and agent.

Foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro, September 26th, 1897.

Main table of foreign sailing vessels with columns for ship name, origin, arrival date, and agent.

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Large table of stock and bond quotations with columns for instrument name, price, and date.

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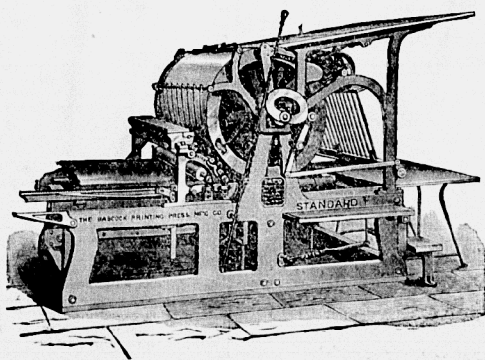
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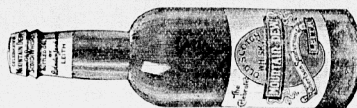


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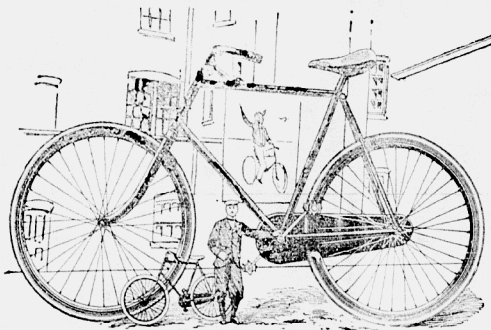
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