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 —Complaints have been made against the Krupp guns last received in Chili, and the government has ordered a rigorous investigation.
 —The President of Perú is not satisfied with the civil marriage act passed by congress, and has asked that body to make certain modifications. It seems to be difficult in Peru to pass a very simple act of justice.
 —Japan is said to have purchased from Chili two steel-clad cruisers of 9,000 tons each and 21 knots velocity, which were being built for the latter by Armstrongs at Elswick. They should be ready for launching next June. This, if true, is a good example for Argentina and Brazil.

RIVER PLATE ITEMS.
 —It is now proposed to put a body of police on the long distance trains to the north of the republic in order to put down the robberies to which passengers are at times subjected by organized gangs of travelling thieves.—Times, Buenos Aires.
 —Owing to the fact that Santa Fé levies a tax on cereals a great number of chacareros have shifted their dwellings from its jurisdiction to the Marcos Juárez colony where such imposts are not made. Nearly three thousand men have already vacated Santa Fé this season.—Times, Buenos Aires.
 —When a party in Uruguay gets into a corner it is sure to nominate Tomaz Goussoro for a president. He is respectable, honest, clean handed and old, a memory rather than a force, and he would injure a fine reputation and make a wretched failure if he were to become President by the grace of Herrera.—Buenos Aires Herald.

—The cruiser which the Spanish residents in Argentina have determined to present to Spain is to be built at Havre. Her displacement will be 1,775 tons, and she will be 250 feet long by 36 feet beam. The cruiser will be named the *Rio de la Plata*, and is to be built entirely of steel. She will carry ten guns six Maxim mitrailleuses, and two lance torpedo tubes. She is to be fitted with triple-expansion engines working up to 7,100 horse-power, and she is to steam at the rate of 20 knots per hour.
 —The Brazilian republic of the United States of Brazil (*Pinta de Verde*—*Viva a Republica*!) was eight years old on the 16th. A correspondent writing from Rio in connection with the recent attempt to kill the President, says:

"As the cable has told you, we are again misbehaving ourselves up here. The Jacobins are of course behind it all, and I sincerely hope they will this time get their deserts. If the government had not given them so much impunity on previous occasions, perhaps this crime would not have happened. However, I am optimistic enough to think that good will come from this outrage. It is unmasking the agitators and is exhibiting them in their true colors, and it is strengthening the hands of the President. I think he will show less leniency in the future."
 —We hope he will; for Brazil needs a strong hand just now to save it from military politicians, dishonest rulers, and from a crowd of greedy vampires who since the downfall of the empire have been shrieking their patriotism to the skies while they robbed and plundered all they could lay hands on. These *pinta de verde* republicans are the curse of Brazil—a scurrilous, godless crowd of adventurers who look upon public robbery as the end of government and on murder, cowardly cold-blooded murder, as a worthy means of acquiring power.—*Southern Cross*, Buenos Aires, Nov. 19.

—The President of the republic, in his message to Congress, announced the intention of the government to exercise custom house reprisals on the United States for the action of that nation in raising the duties on various articles imported from the Argentine republic. The particular products of the United States selected, by way of a beginning, for this operation, are kerosene and pitch pine, and the American legislators and the exporters interested must, when this dire threat was announced to them, have laughed comically at the naïveté of the Argentine financiers in supposing that any amount of duties imposed here upon kerosene or pitch pine would tend in the slightest degree to produce an alteration of the objectionable features of the Dingley tariff, for they know very well that those articles are indispensable necessities for Argentina, that pitch pine cannot be obtained from any other country than their own and that, practically, it has also a monopoly in kerosene so far as South America is concerned. The only result of the imposition of additional duties on the said two products of the United States will therefore be to raise considerably the cost of them to the consumer and probably to reduce the consumption of kerosene. As regards pitch pine, the consumption will not be reduced by any augmentation of the duty on it, but the additional duty, with a percentage thereon, charged by the importer, the dealer, and the builder or contractor who makes use of the material, will increase the cost of the constructions in which it is employed. Thus in both cases, the Argentines will be losing themselves in a hopeless attempt to injure the commerce of the United States.—Times, Buenos Aires.

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From Shipping and Commercial List, New York, Oct. 9. COFFEE IN GUATEMALA.

DELIGHTS AND PROFITS ATTENDING THE PRODUCTION OF THE WORLD'S FAVORITE BERRY.

SINCE 1880 Guatemala has devoted herself almost exclusively to the cultivation of sugar and coffee; and the two industries have gone on absorbing year by year, to such an absorbing degree that now nearly her whole productive force is concentrated in them. It was the elder Barrios' idea in the beginning, amply justified at the time by the high price of sugar at home and coffee abroad; but probably the Dictator did not foresee that in one decade his beloved land would so overdo the matter as to be compelled to import most of the grain, corn, beans and potatoes required to sustain the life of her people.

To-day nearly all the plains and high tablelands are covered with coffee groves, even to an elevation of 5,000 feet, though half that altitude is sufficient to offer the best conditions. From Quetzaltenango to the Mexican border, a distance of fifty leagues or more, the country, after dropping down a few hundred feet nearer to sea level, is one endless finca, plantation adjoining plantation, some of them as large as old-time principalities. Among the most notable estates of this section may be mentioned La Libertad, Porvenir, Chocolat, Mercedes—each claiming a million coffee trees, besides extensive tracts in sugar cane, and paying immense dividends. Mme. Barrios (the late Dictator's widow until she married in New York a few years ago) was formerly the wealthiest planter in this part of Guatemala; and now that distinction probably belongs to ex-President Barillos, whose income from his several coffee estates is fabulous.

A comparatively recent addition to the ranks of foreign planters on a large scale is ex-Governor Pacheco of California, who is believed to be in cahoots with President Barrios, in the Coban country. The garden spot par excellence is within thirty miles of Quetzaltenango, down toward Retalhuleu, at an average elevation of 2,500 feet. Coban is a trifle too high for untiring results, since above 4,000 the planter is always in danger of having his trees "burned" by frost. To the stranger that seems a paradoxical statement, until he learns that it is not the frost that kills, but the hot sun which quickly follows the nip and produces the effect of scalding.

The price of coffee lands in Coban is just now having a boom, but ordinarily they are relatively cheaper than those on the Pacific coast. An American who lately returned from that section says:

"Foremost among the land-grabbers and boomers in Coban are the Germans, who predominate in this country. Most of them keep shops in the larger cities, and thus run two trades, playing coffee finquero during four months of the year. The great majority of those who have been here ten years or more have become very wealthy, having picked up fine estates at a good deal less than their value. A few years ago a sudden boom in coffee filled all their coffers with gold, for the product is always sold for gold and nothing else. Many of these bee-guzzling coffee kings have retired from active work and live abroad, coming once in a year or two to gloat over their bonanzas. They (the Germans) make 'no bones' about trying to keep everybody else out of the land, for, of course, they desire to retain the monopoly they have so long enjoyed.

"Among the advantages of life in the Coban district is the fact that it lies close to the Atlantic seaboard and near the great markets of the world. Its production is yet small, because most of the 'fincas' are only a few years old. The climate is almost perfection—never too hot, never too cold; you may sleep in the open year around, without fear of man, beast or serpent, or malarial fever. Nor are you tied very closely to labor, where one plowing and planting is sufficient for sixty years or so. Nobody can rob your orchard, or hinder the berries from ripening in the genial sun; they will do just as well if you choose to remain elsewhere during eight months of

the year, maybe better, if you are wise enough to leave the place in the hands of a competent administrator or overseer, as the wealthier natives do. You can calculate your crop months ahead, almost to the pound, because the trees invariably average each so much. Two pounds 'm oro,' in local parlance (that is, all ready for shipping), is a fair estimate for a tree between three and five years old. Larger trees, in more favored localities, will net twenty-five, some thirty pounds 'm oro, and this is leaving irrigation, fertilization and other aids to mature quite out of the calculation. Wherever science has lent to Providence a helping hand, the harvest has been amazingly increased.

Life on some of these Guatemalan estates is by no means the primitive and joyless existence that the unsophisticated may imagine. The owner of the great adobe casa, with its big, cool rooms and ample patio, its fruits and flowers and gardens galore, is literally monarch of all he surveys, and can easily have most of the luxuries of New York or Paris with a deal more comfort than money could buy in either of those benighted cities. Some of the minor houses of interior Guatemala, several days' journey on muleback from any town, are most elegantly furnished, with electric lights and marble baths, stables filled with blooded stock, and wine cellars with rarest vintages.

There are few more beautiful sights in the world than a coffee grove, with its shrubs of rich, dark green, bearing white, fragrant blossoms, and bright crimson berries. The bushes are set at equal distances in rows, on a perfect line, and are kept carefully trimmed to a uniform size and height, for convenience in picking. In its wild state the plant will grow fifteen or twenty feet high, but under cultivation it is kept down to six or eight feet. It has a single stem, opening out at the top with long, dense, drooping branches, which fall to the ground. The rich, glossy leaves are long and pointed, the flowers coming out from the angle of the leaf in groups of from six to twelve and resembling the jessamine in shape and fragrance. The fruit which succeeds the blossom looks very much like a ripe cranberry. Each dark red berry contains two oval seeds, which are convex on one side and flat on the other, and lie together face to face, separated only by a thin veil of parchment. Sometimes only one seed forms, and in process of growth, as it pushes itself against the dividing membrane and encounters no opposition, it naturally rounds over and becomes the queer little bean known to the trade as "paberry." To secure the proper growth of the coffee plenty of shade is required. To reach this result, on some fincas the bushes are set out several feet apart, and between them shade or fruit trees are planted; on others bananas. When these rules are not followed the coffee trees are placed close together, and when fully grown their tops intermingle, making a solid body of dark foliage, shutting out every ray of sunlight from the ground, but with less profitable results than in the usual way.

The average crop of the average Guatemalan plantation is about 1,500 quintals a year. One plantation near the port of Champerico has 380,000 trees and exports from 15,000 to 20,000 bags of coffee every year. Most of these planters are rich and have complete machinery, some of them the latest and best, with steam power. The "works" are always located as near the centre of the estate as possible, and a running stream near such a location is considered of great benefit, for plenty of water saves labor, they say, and makes a more "stylish" coffee. After the berries have been picked and carried to the factory they are run through a pulping machine, a stream of water passing through the hopper with the berries. The machine breaks the pulp and separates the berry, after which the pulp is carried off and spread under the trees for "dressing." The berry is discharged from a spout into a reservoir, which has a cemented bottom, inclosed by masonry—a water-tight wall about two feet high. Water is run through with the coffee, and when sufficiently washed the water is drawn off, leaving

the beans to dry in the sun. Afterward they are put through a machine which breaks the skin and winnows it clean from chaff and dirt. Next it is all picked over by hand, every berry assorted according to its quality, making usually three or four grades in one crop. Then it is bagged, sold on the spot to some exporter, and transported to the nearest shipping port in carts or on the backs of Indians. The labor is all accomplished by Indians, the men working the land, the women and girls picking the berries and doing the work in the mills. In parts of the country where little coffee is grown the pulping is all done by hand, by Indian women. It is then dried and sold in «parchment»—that is, the berry remains encased in its membranous skin until transported to some town where there is a factory in which it can be perfected for market. The curing of coffee is of vital importance, as in it the foundation is laid for fine quality and perfection of aroma; and when the bean, by improper treatment, becomes stained or discolored, its drinking qualities have been proportionately damaged.

Guatemalan coffees seem to have a wide range of value in their drinking merits, although the «style» and appearance of the bean may be about the same. The bulk of the crop is exported to London and Hamburg, little going to the United States, and that being of the third or fourth quality. San Jose and Champerico are its principal shipping ports, the best coming from the place last named, because the finest coffee of the country grows in that neighborhood. Coffee buyers in Guatemala find no end of obstacles to overcome. In the first place, the conditions must be carefully studied in order to understand the quality of coffee one is buying. Only a small part of the crop is purchasable on any terms, as many of the large plantations are owned by parties in Europe, to whom all of the coffee is shipped, while most of the planters who are able to move their crops prefer to consign the goods to their own correspondents, and take their chances with their market. This class of planters will not sell their coffee to strangers except at a fabulous price. What is more strange, there is never a bag of coffee in any city or shipping port for sale; neither can a sample be seen. The purchasable coffee is found only on the plantations, where the whole crop must be bought «in parchment», or an advance of cash made to enable the planter to have the coffee milled and graded; bags must also be furnished him, and money to transport to the shipping point. These things combined make it hazardous business for the foreigner, and spoil all our fine plans of presenting our friends with bags of coffee, picked here and there in Guatemala.

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NOTICE.

We have to advise the public that Mr. J. D. Needham has not been in our employment since the 13th Nov., and that he is not authorized to receive payments on our account, or for that of the Typographia Aldina. Notice to this effect was published in the «*Journal do Commercio*» of the 26th Nov., since when no payments made to him will be recognized. Those who have paid accounts to the said Needham since the 13th Nov. will confer a favor by reporting the same at this office.

THE general revenue bill which has passed the chamber and is now under consideration in the senate, promises to be quite as crude and prejudicial as its two predecessors. It is clearly impossible for congress to do justice to all the subjects included in this bill in the last weeks of its annual session. And yet, it insists on using the bill for all kinds of tariff changes, and for any species of fiscal legislation on which the revenue depends. These annual changes in the tariff are most prejudicial to commerce and to the people, for they affect important interests and directly influence the well-being of everyone. Instead of taking time to discuss them and for inquiring into the probable results, radical changes are hurried through at the last moment almost without a word of comment. In the bill now on its passage a tax of 15\$ per head is imposed on imported beef cattle—a tax which will help to make fresh beef dearer in this city and will put money into the pockets of certain speculators. And so with various other items in the same bill. Congress is apparently more interested in protecting monopolies and promoting jobs than it is in protecting the welfare of the people. At the present moment the treasury is interested in lower duties because they will produce more revenue, and the people require them in order to reduce their living expenses. Congress, however, consults the interests of a few individuals and maintains high rates. How long such legislation will continue, no one can tell, but it may be safely assumed that it will last as long as the system of including tariff changes in the annual revenue bills.

BEFORE the government grants any further «aid» to agriculturists, would it not be well to recall what has been done in previous years. Let us have a carefully prepared report of the grants already made, their dates, aggregates and conditions. Then let us have the reverse side—the benefit accomplished, the number of planters receiving loans, the interest paid up, and the number who have never paid anything, either capital or interest. There have been a considerable number of these concessions, and many would like to know the results before another concession is made. There have been stories circulated about the favoritism displayed in the distribution of these pecuniary favors, and that really deserving men have been unable to obtain help simply because they could not command the requisite *empenho*. In view of the fact that the national treasury has not revenue enough for its own necessities, it appears needful to avoid burdening it with any such scheme of almsgiving as this. The shoemaker and barber and fisherman are obliged to work for what they get without any public assistance. Why should not the planter do the same?

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

—The chamber of deputies was almost exclusively engaged last week in concluding the work of voting the budget. Of the provisions voted we refer to some in another place, and to others we shall refer after action has been taken on them by the senate. Senator Vicente Machado said on Friday that, his health being bad, he had determined to return to Paraná, but had desisted from his intention on being informed that, although there are no charges against him, the minister of justice and the chief of police consider it advisable for him not to leave Rio de Janeiro. With this threat hanging over him, he asserted, he is deprived of all liberty of action and would consequently cease to attend the sittings of the senate.

COFFEE NOTES

—A report is current that a Dutch syndicate has lately purchased a large coffee estate in São Paulo.

—It is stated that a Dutch syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of coffee plantations in the vicinity of Ribeirão Preto, S. Paulo.

—It is said that the Santos commercial association is preparing to send a commission through the coffee districts of the state of São Paulo to collect information in regard to the next crop. If the work is impartially and efficiently done, it will be a valuable undertaking.

—The shipments of coffee at the Docas Nacionaes during the past month were 358,099 bags, of which 204,752 were from Minas Geraes, 107,887 from Rio de Janeiro, 29,235 from São Paulo, 16,195, from Espírito Santo and 30 from Bahia. For the eleven months of the year the total clearances from the Docas amounted to 3,424,686 bags, or 775,483 more than in the same period of 1896. These totals do not include those shipments embarked in port, or transferred from one ship to another, or are shipped direct from the ports of Madama and Santa Anna.

—The commission charged with making an estimate on the next Rio coffee crop (1898-99) published its report this morning. We have no time to reproduce it in this issue, but give the following summary. The first blossom was irregular and was in great part lost on account of drought. Rains caused a better second blossoming, but the fruit has been much injured by storms. If the fruit now apparent is developed and the low prices do not lead planters to abandon a great number of plantations, the next Rio coffee crop will reach 2,500,000 bags.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

—The public lighting of Mandos cost 46,834\$700 during the month of September.

—It is said that a French journal is about to be established in São Paulo by M. Eugene Hollander.

—In the city of Pará 1,765 births were registered during the nine months ended on the 30th of last September.

—The convention for nominating a candidate for the governorship of Minas Geraes will be held on the 30th inst.

—On the 1st inst. there arrived at the S. João d'El-Rey post-office a letter that had been posted at Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 31.

—During the half year ended on the 30th of last June 1,653 deaths, 864 births and 210 marriages were registered in the city of Bahia.

—An election for members of the state legislature was held in S. Paulo on the 1st inst. The government candidates were of course elected.

The immigrants station on Ilha do Carvalho, belonging to the state of Rio de Janeiro, received 875 immigrants last month, of which 887 were Italians.

On the 1st inst., the state legislature of Sergipe passed a resolution requesting Dr. Martinho Garcez to withdraw his resignation of the office of governor of the state.

The state elections in S. Paulo on the 1st inst. resulted in an overwhelming victory for the government, the vote being in the ratio of over seven against one for the opposition.

It appears that in order to avoid a gubernatorial election in Sergipe Dr. Martinho Garcez has decided to withdraw temporarily his resignation, which will be renewed in April.

A Pelotas telegram of the 4th inst. says that there has been a rupture in the castillista party at Livramento, where, it was reported, an attempt had been made to depose the intendat.

The new capital of the state of Minas Geraes, Bello Horizonte, will be formally inaugurated on the 17th inst. The furniture for the governor's palace and other public edifices has already been sent up.

Repeated assaults on churches by burglars continue to be reported from São Paulo. There seems to be little respect for religion in that part of the world. Perhaps the *Polvo São* can tell us the reason for it.

The treasury officials are said to be considerably annoyed by the publication of news of the recent arrest of counterfeiters in São Paulo. The publicity given may prevent the capture of other members of the gang.

A telegram of the 3rd from Fortaleza Ceará, says that a custom-house official has apprehended 50,000 worth of contraband goods which the Italian consular agent, Charles Messiano, was trying to introduce into the country.

There was a fight in the Misericórdia hospital of S. Paulo on the 2nd between two Italians, night watchman and a patient, the latter being killed by a revolver shot. It is customary in São Paulo for hospital attendants to carry revolvers.

A telegram states that at Catalão, Goyaz, ex-Senator Paranhos has been killed by Carlos de Andrade, a political adversary. A subsequent dispatch says the residence of Sr. Andrade had been burned and Sr. Andrade and his family killed.

At Uberaba on the 1st inst. ten soldiers of the 2nd battalion who were in the guard-house for various misdemeanors, assaulted the officer of the guard, killed him, and then made their escape. One of them stabbed a boy on the road and stole the mule he was riding.

On the 28th ult. an Italian named Adriazi was arrested in São Paulo for passing counterfeit money. He had ten false notes of 1000 each in his possession. Three others were arrested as accomplices. It would be interesting to know why these arrests are made, if the culprits are to be discharged later on as no guilty.

The state government of São Paulo is sending the widows and children of deceased colonists back to their own country at public cost. In addition, permission is given for these unfortunate to reside in the São Paulo *hospedaria* while waiting for a chance to embark. It is a generous resolution without doubt, but it makes the introduction of immigrants rather costly.

Col. Bento Gonçalves, who was one of the leaders of the Rio Grande republicans in the war between 1835 and 1845, died at S. João Baptista de Camaquã on the 14th ult. in the 78th year of his age. The veteran at the time of his death belonged to the federalist party, to which Gen. Tavares, who had fought for the monarchy in that war, also belongs. Less vigorous than his former adversary, Col. Bento Gonçalves, had not been able to take part in the recent war in Rio Grande.

According to one of our exchanges, the election which occurred at Pitarung, Minas Geraes, on the 1st ult. was very bitterly contested by two parties, called *gonçalvistas* and *vaquistas*. Just before the polls were opened someone drugged the water with a heavy charge of tartar emetic. The *vaquistas*, not being advised, drank copiously and were at once *hors du combat*, some of them being violently ill. Strangely enough the *gonçalvistas* were not thirsty that day, and in consequence were able to attend to their patriotic duties.

The *Correio*, of Salinas, Minas Geraes, is responsible for the following story. At a small hamlet called Fortaleza, during the last days of September, two men caught a third, against whom they cherished a bitter enmity. They first tied him and then lashed him with whips until his flesh was cut into strips. Then they beat the palms of his hands and soles of his feet. Still not satisfied they fastened him to a turpint and built a fire under him, and while doing this one of them poured boiling coffee down his throat. Another man then appeared and obtained the release of the poor wretch, who died soon after in great agony. And yet, we are never weary of denouncing the barbarities of others!

S. PAULO FACTS AND FANCIES.

As I write, the thunder shrieks and patters around me. The rain, the hail scourges the window pane, and bounces on the wild and billowy Hygienopolis pavement, and all the forces of nature combine to save the Repartição da Fiscalisação do Servico, etc., etc., from a not sufficiently water grave. *O frajoubous day, caloo calay! We shall

scarcely require the pumps they telegraphed to Europe for if this continues. Thus "Heaven tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," and makes things easy for Brazilian republican finances.

Indeed, how much easier life can be taken in our good old Brazil, with its genial sun, its slack police, and its easily-converted hen-roosts, than it could be in England, for instance. Why, even if exchange go down to zero, what's the matter with a mud ranch deep in the "matto virgem," and close to a river or spring; a patch of milho, a clump of bananeiras, a decimo of "pinga" and a mandolin for church festas, and a kilo of Goyaz tobacco for every day use?

Then if you can persuade some high-born dame to share your humble hard-working lot, and keep house for you, how happy you may be at a trifling expense! You will have nothing to do but lie about all day, and sport with Amarylhis (90 deg.) in the shade, or with the tangies of Nécras* wool.

There are occasional drawbacks though. According to the *Diario Popular* of the 27th ultimo, diseased meat, suspected of being tuberculous, has been detected exposed for sale in what is known as the "Tin" market in the Rua São João. It appears, too, that this is not the first time such a thing has happened. I remember that the *Comercio de S. Paulo* some time previous to its "empastamento" published a series of leaders on the system of inspection at the "matadouro." The authorities should satisfy the public in this matter. If not, what is the use of spending large sums of money on cheap drainage pipes? We may as well take in poison by our noses as our mouths.

On Wednesday, 1st December, singing bird shooting and trapping began in earnest, the nesting season being in full swing, and the game loving and trustful. The valente caçador in proper costume, with Teresele chamois hunter's hat and feathers and game bag gaily fringed and ornamented, sallies forth, gun in hand, into the "matto," and knocks over the patativas, red sabias, pintacilgos, tico-ticos, (Mathias, *avorde, que já edia?*) and other birds, the beauty of whose songs and plumage naturally wakes in his manly breast the longing to shed blood. As for the pretty little plump rolinha, "warbling its native woodnote wild," he of course has no chance whatever.

What, I wonder, can be the warp in my moral constitution which makes it impossible for me to even look at one of these dazzling sportsmen, as he marches along so gay and debonair in his hunting costume of green and gray, without murmuring scraps from the commendation service?

As I lay a thynkunge, a thynkunge, a thynkunge. Sweetly sang the bird as it sat upon the spryze. When a johnny came along And shot the middle beggar in the middle of his lay— As if he had the middle of his little loving song— As I fell a swearing, the johnny went away!

The Berserk rage comes over me again at the thought of these belidened miscreants going forth through the dewy morning, summing to murder the glory of the woods and "campus," and do what in their lies to make this miserable world a little sadder than it need be. If they could be hanged for an hour or two without hurting them too much, the government should see to it. There certainly is a law providing a close time for birds of all kinds, and though, like most other laws here, it seems to be made to be broken, still its existence is a hopeful sign. It shows at least that sportsmen and gentlemen do exist in Brazil.

"— for a good, old-gentlemanly vice, I think I shall take up with Avarice," says Byron, somewhere. (Between ourselves it is in Don J —) "What nonsense men who should, and do, and did, know better, have written on the vexed question of wealth vs. poverty! "Better a dinner of herbs, and contentment therewith, than a stalled ox with strife," says the wise man of the East. "I don't believe it, and neither did he. The strife would keep your liver in order if you took it before meals; and as for the dinner of herbs, well, I for one have tried it "minus" the contentment; while Solomon had only experienced the "stalled ox," and, of course, (considering how tremendously married he was) the "strife."

Dryden professes an indifference to Fortune which can only have been the result of persistent alcoholism.

"I can enjoy her when she's kind," he says But when she wavers in the wind, And shakes her wings, and will not stay, I puff the prostitute away! Content with poverty, my soul I arm, And Virtue, though in rags, will keep me warm."

Well, so it might in this climate, madam, ip which, as in some others, you have to be fit-tious if your stock of gowns be not extensive and expensive; while if it is, of course you do as you like.

The above wise reflections are suggested by the fact that, a few days ago, I met an Englishman who, a short time back, won the big prize in a 500 contos lottery. He not only possessed the 500 contos winning ticket, but also, by extraordinary good fortune, had managed to

collar the whole panel, "approximations" and everything, amounting to some 514 contos and odd. He had been, for many years previous to this stroke of good fortune, professor of English at a well known seat of learning here. His accession to wealth does not seem to have produced any marked change in his habits, except that he has given up teaching. He has not yet, I hear, decided what to do with the money he has won; but deprecates the low rates of exchange which makes his "paper-lab" worth only some £15,000, or less, instead of £50,000, as it would have been at 24 pence.

One worthy ambition he has, however, and we may be allowed to hope that it will be gratified. He intends doing his utmost to win the 1,000 contos lottery, to be drawn for this month!

I have obtained the following particulars regarding the death of Mr. Templeton, whom I knew very well.

He had lent a mule to a man resident in the neighborhood of Cordão Escuro, and had it returned to him in very bad condition. He had an altercation on the subject with the borrower, a Bahiano, who spoke in an insolent manner to him. Templeton, a tall athletic Highlander, very quick with his hands, and of a rather hasty temper, struck the man with his whip, and, some say, knocked him down. A few days later, Templeton, with two of his "feitores," both, I am told, Italians, entered a "venda" in the village, and had sat down to take some refreshment, when the Bahiano, with four or five companions, appeared on the scene, and, addressing Templeton, said he had come "to settle accounts with him." He then drew a "garrucha," but Templeton, who had had previous experience of such accounting, had him by the throat before he could pull, and the weapon went off in the air. At this juncture, however, evidently according to a prearranged plan, two of the assassin's companions began stabbing Templeton in the back. The two Italian foremen here clipped in, and a fight of the most terrific description took place; the result being that Templeton fell dead with nine knife wounds in his body, and his two foremen were killed beside him.

It is pleasant to be able to add that the Bahiano and two of his gang were killed, and one or two more wounded by Templeton and his faithful "camaradas" before they succumbed.

Of this fearful encounter in which, as above stated, six men were killed and two or more wounded, it has been quite difficult to obtain the true account. I hope to give some further details next week.

NICODEMUS DEWDROP.

S. Paulo, Dec. 2, 1897.

SANTOS ATHLETIC CLUB.

The eight Annual General Meeting of the above club was held on Monday November 29th. Mr. Colbourne presided, but there was a very small attendance of members.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his accounts and balance-sheet for the past year which showed that the club was in a very sound financial condition, having a credit balance of almost nine contos of reis.

The following officers were elected for the year 1898: President, Mr. A. Sell, Treasurer, Mr. H. Barton, Secretary, Mr. A. Kealman, Committee: — Messrs. Wright, Greene, Smith, Routh, Colbourne and Stock. Auditors: — Messrs. Hugo and Beaver.

During the season the club played seven outside matches of which two were won, two lost and three were drawn; the most important fixture of the season was against Rio which was lost by 30 runs. Owing to rain the match, State of São Paulo vs. Rio, unfortunately did not take place. Four matches were played against São Paulo, one was lost and three left unfinished.

Below will be found a complete list of batting and bowling averages.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1897.

Table with columns: Names, No. of Times mings. out, High out, Runs Score, Average. Lists players like N. Jackson, M. Burgos, J. de S. Routh, etc.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES, 1897.

Table with columns: Names, Overs, Maid, Runs Wkts, Aver. Lists players like H. Tross, N. Jackson, A. Richards, etc.

RAILROAD NOTES

The new general schedule of fares and freight rates on the Central went into force on the 5th inst.

It is stated that the Sorocabana railway company has given a large order for Baldwin locomotives.

The revenue of the Bragança railway, Pará, in the month of September was 38,435-857, and the working expenses 70,188-225.

The 25th anniversary of the inauguration of the construction of the Mogyana railway, was celebrated at Campinas on the 2nd inst.

The director of the Central has dismissed some Engenho de Dentro mechanics who refused to pay their fares on one of the suburban trains.

The administration of the Central railway has resolved to send four locomotives to the United States for repairs, the shops at Engenho de Dentro being unable to repair the many locomotives already broken down.

One of the provisions of the budget of the department of Industry voted by the chamber of deputies authorizes the guarantee of 6 per cent interest on 12,000,000 for extending the Porto Alegre and Uruguaiana railway.

Among the amendments to the budget voted by the chamber of deputies was that for appropriating 2,100,000 for concluding the Central railway extensions to Cascados and Curvello and for widening the gauge as far as Taubaté.

In the budget of the department of industry the government is authorized to come to an understanding with the state of São Paulo in regard to taking over the União Sorocabana e Itauua railway, with the object of liquidating its indebtedness and leasing it to some company.

The veto of the resolution of the municipal council authorizing a revision of the Jardim Botânico tramway contract, seems to have made matters worse than ever. It is a common occurrence now for passengers to walk as far back as the Passeio Publico in order to get a seat, and many are compelled to lose a half hour even for that. It is a burning disgrace that the public should be so served.

On the 3rd the chamber rejected an amendment to the budget of industry, transportation and public works, presented by Deputy Paulo Ramos, which revokes the authorization for lease of the state railways. The vote was 80 decided—92 against 21—that the opponents of the lease of these roads should now keep quiet. It is evident that current opinion is decidedly in favor of the transfer of these roads to private management.

The new suburban fares on the Central went into effect on the 5th inst. One party is already complaining about the circumstance that the coupons, on which 25 per cent abatement is allowed, are good only for the month. His point is that if he uses the coupons to pay the fares of friends, then he must get another book before the month closes, and then there will be coupons left over. Why not pay these complimentary fares with cash?

It seems to us that the person most entitled to complain of the coupon system adopted by the Central, is the passenger who lives in the suburbs, comes into town every week day, and pays his own fares. Each coupon book contains 30 coupons, and they are not good in the succeeding month. Beginning on the 1st a passenger will use only 52 coupons in the month; but he must buy two books containing 60 coupons. He will therefore have 8 coupons left over, which are necessarily lost. The fares are 800 reis, but with the 25 per cent abatement they become 600 reis. He pays 360 for his two books and loses 4800 out of it. Or, rather, he is paying 360 for 52 tickets, which is nearly 700 reis each.

LOCAL NOTES

The decree prolonging the sessions of congress to the 10th inst. was dated the 29th ult.

The senate yesterday approved the French-Brazilian arbitration treaty by a vote of 28 to 14.

There were 522 deaths in this city during the second half of November. No death from yellow fever was reported.

Dr. Erico Coelho is reported to have said that in politics Senator Quintino Bocayuva is a retired general and he a retired ensign.

To-morrow being a holiday, the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Strangers' Hospital is postponed for one week.

On Thursday Gen. Moura wrote to the press contradicting the report of his resignation of the presidency of the military club.

The street-really bills found some money at 7 1/2 up to the close of business. There was again very little animation, holders of ready paper appearing indifferent, and the business reported was in bank sterling at 7 1/2-7 3/16, against other sterling at 7 1/2-7 1/4. The market closing steady with the banks generally, drawing at 7 1/2. There were neither buyers nor sellers of sovereigns at the Bolsa, and on the street, \$400 was quoted.

Sales of Stocks and Shares.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for November 30, including Apolices, Gold, Republica, and various bank shares.

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Table listing sales of stocks and shares for December 2, including Apolices, Commercial, Republica, and various bank shares.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for December 3, including Apolices, Commercial, Republica, and various bank shares.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for December 4, including Apolices, Commercial, Republica, and various bank shares.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for December 5, including Apolices, Commercial, Republica, and various bank shares.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for December 6, including Apolices, Commercial, Republica, and various bank shares.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for December 7, including Apolices, Commercial, Republica, and various bank shares.

LONDON AND RIVER PLATE BANK, LIMITED

Table showing established in 1862, capital £1,500,000, and reserve fund 1,000,000.

Balance Sheet of the Rio Branch, 30th November, 1897.

Table showing assets including bills discounted, bills receivable, loans, and cash.

Table showing liabilities including deposits, secured accounts, and head office.

Declared capital of this branch £1,500,000. Rio de Janeiro, 4th December, 1897.

For the London and River Plate Bank, Limited, Haviland A. De Lisle, Manager.

THE BRITISH BANK OF SOUTH AMERICA, LIMITED.

Table showing capital 500,000 shares at £20 and reserve fund 300,000.

Balance Sheet, 30th November, 1897.

Table showing assets including capital uncalled, bills discounted, and loans.

Table showing liabilities including deposits, secured accounts, and head office.

For the British Bank of South America, Limited, Arthur S. Daving, actg. Manager.

MARKET REPORT.

Rio de Janeiro, 6th December, 1897.

Coffee.—There has been a very good business doing the past week, and with declared sales of about 11,500 bags.

At this end the market is of very little interest. Dealers seemed determined to resist a decline below 11,500.

The shipments since our last report, have been: 30,803 bags for the United States.

The vessels sailed with coffee are: United States, Nov. 28, New York Br str Albatross.

Imports.—The week has been devoid of any particular feature, while prices of most estivo goods are steady.

Flour.—There have been no receipts during the week, and stocks are reduced by about 5,000 brls.

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

Table of brokers' quotations for various goods like No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 13, No. 14, No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, No. 18, No. 19, No. 20.

COFFEE SHIPPERS IN NOVEMBER.

Table listing coffee shippers in November, including Arlewick Brothers, Wille, Schmitz & Co., and others.

Daily receipts and shipments of coffee at Rio de Janeiro.

Table showing daily receipts and shipments of coffee at Rio de Janeiro from Nov 29 to Dec 6.

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Table listing arrivals of foreign vessels, including PASSELAGEM, QUEBRAS, and others.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Table listing departures of foreign vessels, including BALTIMORE, BRUNSWICK, and others.

Vessels Afloat & Chartered for Rio.

Table listing vessels afloat and chartered for Rio, including Adolf Tidemand, Acadia II, and others.

estimated at 5,000 brls. of foreign, of which 2,000 brls. American in first hands.

White Pine.—Receipts nil and the market is firm at 48 per foot.

Spruce Pine.—The Oberger brought 90,565 feet from Quebec.

Swedish Pine.—There is nothing to report.

Turpentine.—We may continue last quotations of 1880—\$100 per kilogramme.

Rosin.—Receipts nil. Dealers have advanced prices to 25,000—\$800 per brl.

Cement.—The British brought 10,311 brls. from Antwerp.

Indian Corn.—There are still no receipts of foreign, and dealers continue last quotations.

Hay.—No foreign has arrived, but the native mills have reduced their price to \$500 per ton.

Coal.—Receipts since our last report are: 1,601 tons from Aguirre, from Cardiff.

Permanabuco and Maceio. 210,500—215,000 Bahia and Aracaju. 150,000—175,000

ANGERS and PARAY. 215,000—220,000 Paraiba. 215,000—220,000 nominal

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS. PASSELAGEM.—Br lug Morning Star, 115 tons; Pritchard, 35 ds; coffee to L. A. Magalhães & Co.

QUEBRAS.—Br bk Oberger, 1115 tons; Morris, 46 ds; pine to order.

ANTWERP.—Ger bk Rijkman, 1135 tons; Hamer, 46 ds; sundries to A. Veening & Co.

NEWARK.—Nor bk Prince Regent, 1224 tons; Thuo, 74 ds; coal to Brazilian Coal Company.

RANGOON.—Br ship Melville Island, 1425 tons; Ritchie, 91 ds; rice to John Moore & Co.

PENSAOLA.—Nor bk Dakota, 507 tons; Danielson, 76 ds; pine to order.

PENSAOLA.—Nor ship Pythons, 1356 tons; Gramsberg, 71 ds; pine to order.

PENSAOLA.—Br bk Woodcock, 1288 tons; Smith, 90 ds; pine to Empresa Industrial Brasileira.

PASSELAGEM.—Br bk C. C. 215 tons; Rameril, 38 ds; coffee to P. S. Nicolson & Co.

HAMBURG.—Dutch lug Acadia II, 1125 tons; Hametis, 65 ds; sundries to order.

CARPIFF.—Nor bk Aurora, 1027 tons; Falkenberg, 55 ds; coal to Wilson Sims & Co.

ENGLAND.—Nor bk B. Bull, 590 tons; Gustafsen, 17 ds; ballast to W. McNeill.

Maryjoy Glen	Bangkok	18 Sept.
Monrovia	Pensacola	—
Moravia	Hamburg	—
Maryjoy	Ranzwick	20 Sept.
Mabel	New York	9 Oct.
Maryon S. Harris	Boston	23 Oct.
Mabel Jordan	Paspebiac	23 Oct.
Morning Star	Hamburg	1 Nov.
Nor	Quebec	11 Oct.
Normandy	Newport	16 Sept.
Ouberga	Cardiff	22 Sept.
Prince Regent	Leith	1 Oct.
Prithana	Leith	14 Oct.
Prince Amado	Portland	—
Prince Louis	Pensacola	—
Prince Victor	Portland	—
Pomier	Pensacola	—
Robert S. Bernard	Pensacola	—
R. E. Britgrave	Pensacola	—
Robertson	Antwerp	8 Oct.
Ruthin	Savannah	20 Sept.
Syria	Leith	31 Oct.
Thomas Perry	at Vigo	—
Vasco da Gama	Hamburg	11 Aug.
Victoria	Stockholm	21 Aug.
Victoria	Newport	23 Oct.
Vivaria	Liverpool	—
Vulcan	Newport	—
Vera	Pensacola	—
Wild Wood	Pensacola	27 Aug.
Wihelmine	Hamburg	22 Oct.
White Wings	Baltimore	13 Oct.
Zaima	Wisby	12 Oct.

Arrivals of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FROM	CONSIGNEE TO
Nov. 29	Clyde Britz	Southampton* 16 1/2 ds	Royal Mail
29	Kalman Kiraly Aust.	Finn* 40 ds.	Kombauer & Co.
29	Holbein Br.	Santos 30 hs.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
30	Colombo Ital.	do 16 hs.	C. Cresta & Co.
30	Mainz Ger.	do 1 d.	Hermann Stoltz & Co.
30	Lasell Br.	Manchester* 27 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
30	Rio de Janeiro Ital.	Genoa* 18 ds.	La Veloce
30	Vilna Arg.	Rosario 8 ds.	Camuyrano & Co.
1	California Fr.	Havre* 22 ds.	Chargers Reunis.
1	Washington It.	Genoa* 20 ds.	Florida & De Vincenzo.
1	Thames Br.	River Plate 3 ds.	Royal Mail.
1	Imperial Prince Br.	Santos 30 hs.	Quayle, Davidson & Co.
1	Castore Aust.	do 22 hs.	Kombauer & Co.
1	Les Andes Fr.	Marseilles* 22 ds.	Karl Valais & Co.
2	Deserro Ger.	Santos 20 hs.	Ed Johnston & Co.
4	Chitra Ger.	Hamburg* 22 1/2 ds.	do
4	Bratsberg Nor.	River Plate 6 ds.	Luiz Campos
4	La Plata Fr.	Bordeaux* 16 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
5	S. Gotardo Ital.	Genoa* 23 ds.	A. Florida & Co.

Departures of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FOR	CARGO
Nov. 29	Salerno Gr.	New York*	Coffee.
29	Malange Port.	Lisbon*	Sundries.
29	Merida Br.	New York.	Coffee.
29	Clyde Britz	River Plate.	Sundries.
29	Mary Anning Br.	Maceio	Ballast.
29	Helmberg Gr.	Santos.	Sundries.
Dec. 1	Rio de Janeiro Ital.	do	do
1	Montevideo Gr.	do	do
1	Mainz Ger.	Bremen*	do
1	Colombo Ital.	Genoa*	do
1	Washington Ital.	do*	do
1	Holbein Br.	New Orleans	Coffee.
1	Thames Br.	Southampton*	Sundries.
2	Hevelius Big.	New York*	do
2	Bede Br.	Coronel	Ballast.
3	Castore Aust.	Triste*.	do
3	Les Andes Fr.	River Plate*	do
3	Kalman Kiraly Aust.	Santos.	do
3	Destero Ger.	Hamburg*	do
4	Imperial Prince Br.	New York.	Coffee.
4	Vilna Arg.	Parrangui.	Ballast.
5	California Fr.	Santos	Sundries.

Foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro.

November 28th, 1897.

NAME	TONNAGE	ARRIVED	FROM	CONSIGNEES
America				
Ing Eagle Wing	695	Oct. 21	New York	Empresa Industrial
Ing H. M. Atwood	64	Nov. 21	Quebec	To order
bk J. W. Elwell	68	Nov. 21	New York	Eddy, M. & Guerin
Ing Good News	68	Nov. 21	Baltimore	Norton, Megaw & Co.
Ing Lucia Sutton	130	Nov. 21	New York	F. L. Ferraz
Ing Simbas	81	Nov. 21	New York	Quayle, Davidson & Co.
Ing Doris	85	Nov. 21	Baltimore	To order
British				
sp Cortez	228	Sept. 26	Leith	Gas Co.
sp Bay of Bengal	148	Oct. 16	Rangoon	Norton, Megaw & Co.
sp Coringa	189	Oct. 16	Pensacola	P. L. Ferraz
bk Kenyon	116	Nov. 6	Antwerp	To order
Ing Antigua	75	Nov. 9	Pensacola	To order
sp Cumberland	170	Nov. 9	Rangoon	Norton, Megaw & Co.
sp Argonne	150	Nov. 11	Rangoon	To order
sp M. L. Barrill	145	Nov. 11	Chicoitimi	Empresa Industrial
sp Cressington	282	Nov. 15	San Francisco	Rio Flour Mills
bk Glen Grant	24	Nov. 19	Androssan	Wilson Sons & Co.
bk Birth of Lorth	86	Nov. 21	Rangoon	H. Stoltz & Co.
bk Kirkdale	260	Nov. 26	London	To order
bk Q. of the North	275	Nov. 26	Rio Grande	W. R. McSiven
sp Caldera	153	Nov. 28	St. Etienne	Empresa Industrial
Dutch				
bk Victoria	307	Oct. 8	Hamburg	H. Stoltz & Co.
German				
bk J. W. Burmester	127	Oct. 12	Hull	Gas Co.
sp Aleyone	218	Nov. 19	Antwerp	Lafreys & Co.
bk Birth of Lorth	71	Nov. 19	Rangoon	To order
bk Cidade do Porto	48	Nov. 21	Rosario	J. de Souza & Co.
Italian				
bk V. della Guardia	83	Oct. 1	Marseilles	A. Avenir & Co.
Norwegian				
bk Stamboul	116	Oct. 17	Pensacola	C. Hecksher & Co.
bk Inger	405	Oct. 21	Hamburg	C. Hecksher & Co.
Portuguese				
bk Tentadora	32	July 20	Cape de Verds.	J. A. G. Santos & Co.
sp Oceano	112	Aug. 11	Iha do Sal.	Macedo Junior & Co.
bk Isabel	118	Sept. 14	Oporto	Macedo Junior & Co.
bk Constancia	165	Nov. 9	Hull	Macedo Junior & Co.
bk Maria Emilia	351	Nov. 15	Oporto	J. A. G. Santos & Co.

Last Quotations of Stocks and Bonds --- December 6th

Circulation		Public Funds	
262,151,000\$	Stock 5% currency (aplice)	855,000—	860,000
162,533,000	Bonds of 1893	845,000—	855,000
124,655,000	Stock 4% 1894 converted	1,045,000—	1,050,000
11,782,000	Gold Loan 1868, 6%	2,445,000—	2,500,000
24,227,000	Do do 1879, 4 1/2%	—	—
18,350,000	Do do 1889, 4 1/2%	—	—
Fct. 17,500,000	State of Espirito Santo	—	1,570,000
20,030,000	do do Minas Geraes, 5%	—	—
Fct. 65,000,000	do do do Rio de Janeiro, 6%	—	—
4,000,000	Emprestimo Municipal	—	161,000
21,668,500			
Capital		Banks	
20,000,000\$	Commercia	200\$	8,500— July 97
20,000,000	Commercio	200	8,000— July 97
24,000,000	do 2nd series	200	3,200— July 97
16,000,000	Constructor	200	2,000— Jan. 96
20,000,000	Credito Movel	200	6,000— July 97
10,000,000	Lavoura e Commercio	200	3,000— July 97
118,021,300	do 2nd series	200	4,000— Jan. 97
20,000,000	Nacional Brasileiro	200	6,000— July 97
20,000,000	Republica do Brazil	200	9,000— July 97
20,000,000	Rural e Hypothecario	200	4,500— July 97
20,000,000	do 2nd series	200	—
Capital		Railways	
3,500,000\$	Caravellas a Aymores	100\$	—
110,000,000	Leopoldina	100	—
15,000,000	Muzambinho	100	—
62,000,000	Oeste de Minas	100	—
24,000,000	do do	100	—
70,000,000	S. Paulo-Rio Grande	200	—
42,000,000	Uniao Sorocabana-Rauna	200	—
42,000,000	do do	200	—
42,000,000	Viação Ferrea Sapucahy	200	—
Capital		Tramways	
14,000,000\$	Jardim Botânico	200\$	— Oct. 97
12,000,000	S. Christovao	200	— July 97
Capital		Mills	
10,000,000\$	Alliança	200\$	— Sept. 97
6,000,000	Brazil Industrial	200	6,000— Aug. 96
3,000,000	Cariceo	200	10,000— Jan. 97
6,000,000	Confiança Industrial	200	10,000— Aug. 96
1,200,000	D. Isabel	200	30,000— Jan. 97
1,500,000	do do	200	200— Feb. 97
1,000,000	Manufactura Fluminense	200	8,000— Mar. 96
1,000,000	Petropolitana	200	8,000— Mar. 96
1,000,000	S. Pedro de Alcantara	200	— July 97
360,000	Santa Luzia	200	10,000— July 97

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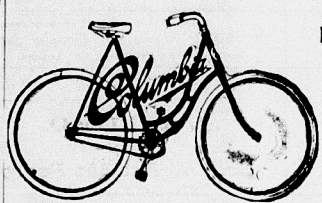
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