

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

The Campinas market bill became a law on the 24th ult. The privilege extends over a period of sixty years.

The receipts of the São Paulo post-office in April were 28,618\$40; expenses 25,820\$13; balance 3,828\$48.

A small police force, returning from Pôrto Ferro, Pernambuco, where they had been to capture some criminals, were fired upon from an ambulance on the 3rd inst. One policeman was killed.

The Gazeta, of Porto Alegre, of the 4th inst., states that there are 300 Italian immigrants living in barracks there, who have been furnished neither with food nor transportation. They get a scanty living by begging in the streets.

The business men of Santos are protesting against the law of Nov. 26, 1879, which levies an additional tax of 1 1/2 per cent. on foreign goods shipped from one Brazilian port to another.

The financial report of the city council of Pernambuco for the first quarter of the present calendar year is as follows: Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1879, 29,238\$90; amount received during the quarter, 48,583\$030; total, 77,823\$80.

On the 19th inst. an overseer on a Cantagalo coffee plantation was murdered by one of the slaves working under his direction. The overseer threatened the slave for not keeping up with the others in his work, and then struck him with his whip.

A poor young man in Campinas was sent out to make some payments and was entrusted with \$600 for that purpose. He just stepped into a gambling house for a moment, while on his way, and by some strange fatality was induced by a stranger to try his luck.

To encourage the cultivation of coffee in that province the provincial government of Santa Catharina offers a premium of 1,000 to every planter who shall prove to the president the possession of 40 acres of land upon which ten thousand coffee plants have been set out and cultivated.

The Journal do Recife of the 9th inst. relates that about fifteen days previous a free black woman named Perpetua notified the chief of police that her daughter Rosa, whose freedom had been bargained for in the sum of 600 with her master in Igarassu, was on board the coasting steamer Pernambuco, destined to be sold in Rio de Janeiro.

According to the dispositions of provincial law No. 108, of April 25, 1880, the president of São Paulo is authorized to purchase two lots of land of not less than four hundred thousand square feet (47,841 acres) at a total cost of not over 20,000\$.

Three slaves recently assassinated an overseer on a plantation near Campinas, São Paulo.

The funded debt of the province of Bahia amounts to 4,456,316\$220, and the floating debt to 832,616\$220.

The rains continue frequent and abundant in Ceará. The provincial president reports a total suspension of public relief.

The city council of Taubaté, on receiving intelligence of the death of the Duque de Caxias, suspended its session and at once sent on its condolences.

The Alagoas correspondent of the Journal writes under date of the 28th ult., that the coming sugar crop promises to be superior to that of the two past years, owing to the rains.

According to the Gazeta, of Porto Alegre, the minister of agriculture authorized the president of Rio Grande on the 10th of March last, to sell two square leagues of unoccupied land, in the municipality of Taquary, to Edmundo Polassin Guimê.

A slave was buried at Jundiá on the 12th inst, who had been literally whipped to death. His wounds, which were seen by many people, were frightful, the bones being exposed in places by the gashes.

The publisher notes of this brutal occurrence does not give the name of the master; it is simply given as a matter of news. The curse of these unpunished brutalities will some day overwhelm the people who permit them.

The beneficent founders of the Ypiranga lotteries had a meeting the other day. They propose to invite competition between Brazilians and foreigners as to the terms of the drawings, premiums, etc. We propose all blanks, and—but we reserve our full plan for the competition.

A pleasing miracle took place at S. João da Barra not long since which promises well for a future pilgrimage mania. According to the Proprietario of that place a Spaniard named José Siqueira arrived at Campos about a month ago from Rio de Janeiro.

A serious commotion has been created in the coffee market by the reported failure in the crop of Maracaibo coffee. The heavy rains which are reported to have visited Venezuela have, it is said, entirely ruined this crop, and the specimens of this brand of coffee which have lately been received in this harbor from that region have fully verified the report.

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