

THE RIVER PLATE TIMES

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Farming in Uruguay.

Longo intervallo we resume our theme, Farming in Uruguay, and its prospects. In considering what may be done to promote the prosperity of the country, it is difficult to separate State aid from private enterprise; they should go hand in hand. To the English mind, a too paternal government, and a continual cry for State assistance in every undertaking, seem equally abhorrent. We should ask rather a fair field and no favour, unless the demand that a new and promising industry should not be crushed by shortsigh. and unjust taxation, be thought a favour.

The Liebig factory of Fray Bentos, with its £20 shares worth £54 to £56, is a splendid example of what may be achieved in this direction. We believe that only last year, a project for freezing and tinning meat fell through, owing to some difficulty about introducing the materials, necessary for the process, free of duty. This is killing the goose which lays the golden eggs, with a vengeance. Destroy the country's sheep and cattle industry, and on what resources can it fall back? Certainly none.

But before going further into the topic of making a market for our beef and mutton, we should like to allude to one great and pressing want, which is daily making itself felt more and more, and which is quite outside the scope of private undertakings. We refer to the want of bridges through the country. We say bridges, not roads, advisedly because generous nature has provided this land with wonderfully good natural roadways, along the hills or ridges, which form the division of the watershed.

Fifteen or twenty years ago, bridges were not nearly so necessary as they are to-day, and the tracks, and facilities for travelling, were much better than now. Then, if a crossing place became bad or impassible, a new one could be found by diverging a few hundred yards, to the right or to the left. When the traffic had spoiled the new pass the process was repeated. Now wire fences usually bound the track on either side, and no matter how bad the pass may be, one must go through it, or turn back. More particularly is this the case where the roads approach the town, and where increased traffic cuts up the passes most.

In like manner, formerly, when a ford in one of the larger rivers was too deep to allow of crossing, a short detour enabled the traveller or cartman to reach another ford higher up the river. Now-a-days, as a rule, this would mean going many leagues out of one's way, often indeed it would necessitate one's starting in a direction quite opposite to that where one really wished to go.

QULEN SABE.

(To be continued)

URUGUAY REPUBLIC

DAY BY DAY.

(Continued)

Qulen sabe

We regret that want of space renders it impossible for us to give more than a small instalment of the clever contribution on "Farming in Uruguay", in this issue, our next will contain the completion of this very opportune article.

In regard to bridges, we are glad to be able to chronicle what we trust will prove the commencement of reform in this important matter, in the completion of the first of the new camp bridges to be called "Artigas" according to the suggestion of the President of the Republic.

The last Bull Fight.

It appears that the Bull-fight last Sunday afforded something more than amusement and delight to the usual habitués of the modern colosseum.

One of the bulls had the pluck to jump over the ring, amongst the audience; a regular stampede ensued, some throwing themselves down from the walls of the building in their fright.

Two persons were very seriously injured, and a goodly number slightly damaged.

Railway accident.

Shortly after the affair described in the paragraph above, close by the Bull-ring, a railway accident took place.

A number of empty cars were stationed on the Pando line close by the Bull-ring, awaiting the termination of the gentle sport, to convey the fatigued audience back to town, when a train from Minas composed of engine, four carriages, two trucks, and three waggons, filled with passengers and goods, came along. The guard who should have changed the shunt close by the spot, by some slip was unable to do so in time, the result being that the new arrival rushed into the stationary waggons, telescoping them completely.

Several of the passengers in the incoming train jumped out of the windows, and some were slightly injured.

It is said that the Minister of War and a party of friends were in the train from Minas.

A trip to La Plata.

Press of matter forces us to hold over the last number of this article for our next issue.

Blood Stook for Montevideo.

We see that Mr. Young of Bournemouth, England, has purchased the splendid young stallion "First Flight", from the Duke of Montrose's stables, and has shipped him for Montevideo to replace "Murdoch", who, it will be remembered unfortunately died on the voyage out a few months back.

"First Flight", (winner of many races) is by "Pellegrino" out of "Flippant", by "Caps Flyaway" (son of "The Flying Dutchman" and "Canezout") out of "Jocose" (dam of "Macaroni") by "Pantaloon" out of "Banter", by "Master Henry" out of "Boadicea" by "Alexander" (son of "Eclipse"). "Pellegrino", who cost 1,600 guineas as a yearling, and was one of the best horses of his year, was own brother to "Pilgrimage" by "The Palmer" out of "Lady Audley".

"First Flight" as a two year old was very smart, winning the Claremont Stakes of 243 sovs, the Mole Nursery of 187 sovs, Hanworth Park Nursery of 207 sovs, at Kempton Park, beating large fields and giving away "lumps of weight"; and winning many other races besides and being a first rate 2nd or 3rd in any number of hard fought fields.

This splendid animal, a capital photograph of whom is in our possession, now forms part of the Stud "Averias", at La Palmera, Averias Grande in the Department of Rio Negro, being the property of the enterprising estanciero Mr. Henry Young.

We have also before us the photograph of a young and handsome bull "Royal Horace", of a beautiful masculine type, with straight and broad back, well sprung ribs and great wealth of hair, registered in the Hereford Herd Book 12,630. He was born 14th. March 1886 and is the property of Mr. Alfred Tanner, of Shrawardine near Shrewsbury, and boasts of a very first class pedigree. He is the father of "Romeo" and "Julietta" born in the "La Palmera" Estancia in September 1888.

Spanish Wines.

The Finance Committee of the Senate Chamber has taken a favourable view of the petition presented by the Spanish Chamber of Commerce, asking for a rebate in the import dues on Spanish Wines.

Dr. Berra.

Dr. Berra has been elected president of the "Sociedad Amigos de la Educacion Popular."

Quarantine

The quarantine on the 62 passengers that arrived in the French steamer "Niger" will be up on the 22nd inst.

The Spanish brig "Manuel Antonio" was out of quarantine on the 14th.

"L'Ételle"

This French gun boat arrived yesterday from the West.

Dr. Juarez Celman

Great preparations are being made for the reception of Dr. Juarez Celman, the President of the Argentine Republic, who is expected here on a visit very shortly. The band of the *Artes y Oficios* are practicing up some new pieces; all the Clubs are preparing to give balls; the new police, having carefully studied the style of their Buenos Ayrean colleagues, stand at ease in the middle of the streets for all the world like "Porteños"; the Government employees have ordered their newest clothes to be brushed

up; a tremendous flutter is observable amongst the milliners and dressmakers; the baths have all been newly cleaned out, and things are in a general state of expectancy. The "Villarino" an Argentine transport of war, has arrived and will remain till President Celman appears.

Soap and Candles

A soap and candle manufactory will be inaugurated by Messrs. Casal and Co., at Maroñas next Sunday.

The Bathing season

About three thousand people attended the new baths at Gounoilhou on Sunday afternoon.

Playas Ramirez and Pocitos were also crowded.

Credit Foncier

The idea of the establishment of a branch of the Credit Foncier of Paris, in Montevideo has been well received on Change. Capital 150 millions of francs.

Slaughter

Number of animals killed in the saladeros of the city up to 14th inst. 134,697 head
Same date 1888.... 83,371 "
Do. 1887.... 58,487 "

Price of cattle:

Novillos, \$11.50 to 17.
Cows, \$8 to 10.50.

El "Camillo"

This Brazilian steamer made a trial trip from Buenos Ayres to this port last Sunday, but took 12 hours to get here. Had she proved a fast sailer she was to have been purchased by the new steam navigation Company founded in La Plata to run between that city and this port.

New Custom House Law

It is said that as soon as the new Custom House Law, now before the Senate, has been passed and arranged by the E. P., it will come into effect for all goods now in deposit 30 days after its promulgation; 5 days being allowed for goods on the way.

New Bank.

The Statutes of the Bank Italo-Oriental have been approved by the E.P. Don José Martinelli is the initiator.

Value of land.

The value of land and property is always increasing. In the Register of sales there are always from 15 to 20 sales noted per day.

The Lira Concert.

The last Lira Concert was scarcely as interesting as some we have attended before, though it was free of the repetition of stock pieces with which we have lately been too much favoured.

The orchestral numbers were not over attractive, chiefly of the valse calibre.

Of the vocalists, all had been heard several times before, with the exception of Miss Hughes who besides singing twice played the "tremolo" of Thabberg on the piano. Miss Lopez gave a very fine rendering of Listz's "Tarantella."

The M. V. Cricket Club.

At a Committee meeting of this Club held last evening, we hear that the form in which the shares are to be issued was arranged and that it was mentioned that one of the greatest drawbacks to the new field was likely to be satisfactorily disposed of; vizt, the approach to the field. It is probable, we understand, that a path or road-way will be granted the Club over a neighbour's ground on the condition that they undertake to fence in said road-way.

Camp Notes.

We hear from our midland departments that the abundance of rain has made this the best season for grass that can be remembered, certainly for 16 years; but estancieros say they could well do without the rain now for some time, as it is beginning to be too much for sheep, and hinders all work particularly the carting of wool and curing scab in sheep.

Complaints are made of the lack of peons for sheering, which important operation was

consequently rendered very arduous and lengthy.

An English Lawyer in Montevideo.

We hear that Mr. Charles W. Fitzpatrick having finished his career at the University of this Republic will be received as Doctor of Laws to-day.

While complimenting Mr. Fitzpatrick on the honourable and successful termination of his University career brought to so satisfactory a close to-day, we cannot refrain from expressing the hope that this honourable end may prove, at the same time, the no less honourable commencement of a still more successful, useful and lucrative career for our young English lawyer in the Uruguayan law courts.

New organization of the National Bank

It appears that at the General Meeting of shareholders of the National Bank the present Manager Señor Ayarragaray will tender his resignation and it is believed that by that time the new organization proposed will have been sanctioned, by which the Manager will not be a member of the Board of Directors as hitherto.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

DAY BY DAY.

Canal.

The works of the opening of the Paul and Auguste Canal will commence early in February.

Drowned.

An Englishman named Arthur Keen was drowned at Mar del Plata a few days ago.

Mendoza.

The correspondent of *El Nacional* states that in Mendoza rumour says the inventor Derqui will be substituted by Dr. Calixto de la Torre.

La Plata.

Some of the irregularities in the Provincial Hypothecary Bank, denounced by the *Rio de la Plata* have been proved.

Riachuelo.

The Government has called for tenders for completing the Riachuelo Works.

La Plata.

The Department of Engineers approves of the concession to Sr. Purra of a canal from La Plata to Lobos; it is to be 5 metres in width at the bottom, 10 metres at the level of the water and 2 1/2 metres in depth. The Provincial Government will guarantee 5 o/o for 15 years on a capital of \$3,600,000 gold, the working expenses being fixed at 40 o/o.

Railways News.

Messrs. Murrieta and Co. have shipped railway-material to the value of £9,667 per Hogarth for the Central Northern Extensions.

The kilometrage run by the Santa Fé Colonies, Pacific, Buenos Aires, and Rosario Lines in November last was respectively 531,773, 1,274,469, and 2,873,646. In December the Oeste Santa Fe, Buenos Aires and Rosario, and Ensenada ran respectively 165,579, 2,894,793, and 527,050 kilometres.

The National Government accepted the proposal made by Messrs. Clark and Co. to repair the passes on the road to Chile.

Buenos Aires Port Works.

The contractors of the Port have proposed to the Government the following modifications of the 3rd section:

1st. To build two docks one at each extremity and to fix the exact position of these docks, one in the North and one in the South. 2nd. As the value of the lands to be reclaimed was considerably underrated in the original prospectus, the contractors proposed to build the North and East sides of the North basin with wood and the South with stone. Since then, however, the value of land has so greatly increased that it is certain that the proceeds of the sale of the lands reclaimed will cover not only half but the whole cost of the work. It is therefore proposed to construct stone-walls for the basin, and the additional cost will amount to \$700,000 gold. It is furthermore proposed to build vertical walling.

