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All full notices will send non return... Tuesday, January 26, 1864.

ENGLISH PACKET REVIEW

The riches and resources of the interior provinces of the state are attracting the attention of foreigners.

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The Provincial Bank has published a statement of its operations during the past year, which shows a gain of some seven millions and a half of paper money.

Our arrivals from foreign ports have been numerous since our last, and business has been more active during the past fortnight than during the preceding.

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at the exact point to which it should be extended. This road is doing a splendid business, and it is thought that when open to San Fernando it will be able to carry all the freight which will offer.

The Boen Railway which is possible is unknown in Europe, as it is rather a private company, has been undergoing some serious changes owing to the contractor for some of the earthworks having neglected to pay his men.

The Western Railway, which belongs to the Government, is doing a very good business, and the works are being continued to a large respectable country town, the Villa Luxan, and we hope to see the road running thence far on into the interior.

The cotton crop, it is expected, will be picked in March. Mr. G. Althall, of the colony of this name, has returned from his travels, and gives it as his opinion that the export will far exceed the general expectations.

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Oliver Oil in Jars—Scarc and of easy sale; jars, 500 at 14 rls. silver, 500 at 15 dol. duty paid.

Oliver Oil in Bottles—There have been some arrivals, but the market still keeps up its high price. Sales 100c at 125 dol.

Almond Oil—No great demand; the only sale has been 10c at 11 dol the pound, duty paid.

Cognac—The market is well assorted, but the consumption is great; good qualities being realized at low prices. Sales 700c at 61 dol, 200c at 62 dol, 400c at 60 to 62 dol.

There are few passengers by this packet to England, the present being an unfavorable season. Mr. Jacobs and family are of the number.

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Tobacco—Paraguay—Stocks moderate—prices firm, but no buyers for export. Sales, 170 bales (16 at 37 silv rls, bond; regular 20 silv rls; medium 20 rls; 100 bales fine 30 silv rls, bond; regular 20 rls.

Tobacco—North American—There is none on hand and the only parcel received was sold at good price 10c at 400 dol duty paid.

Tobacco—Tucuman—Small demand American Tubs—Scarc; those per Damon, 100 sets, were easily sold at 130 dol the set, duty paid.

Wine—Catalan—Our stocks are increasing, and prices lowering on account of the shipments on the way out. There is no demand, but at lower prices than those quoted in our last.

Do (Mascailles and Cete)—There has been a little more animation in the superior class, on account of the scarcity and high price of Bordeaux. Sales, 100 pipes cut, duty paid, at 1000 dol.

Do (Bordeaux)—There is none of superior quality on hand, and the small stocks are all of inferior quality. Sales, 600 cuts at 750 to 780 dol.

Do (Seco) 75 quarter casks at 74 silv dol; 140 quarter casks at 3510 dol, duty 25 dol at 2400 dol, duty paid.

Yerba (Paraguay)—There have been larger shipments than in former months, and prices have fallen, the demand being slack. Sales—550 packages, at 210 dol, bond, and some small lots, at 225 dol.

Do (Paraguay)—The shipments to the camp are limited, on account of want of transport, and some late arrivals have kept the price down. Sales—100 packages, at 47 dol; 1270 packages, at 45 dol, duty paid. Various lots at 30 to 50 dol, and 300 packages, at 46 dol.

Do (Misiones)—Only superior class, in small packages, can be sold. Sales—76 packages, at 60 dol, duty paid.

Do (Rio Grande)—This article in some demand, on account of the high price of Paraguay. There has been only one sale, at 60 dol, duty paid.

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Basilian frontier, meanwhile Colonel O'Neil, who was in command of some two thousand men belonging to the Government, has become so disgusted at the delinquency of the Executive, and the lengthened duration of this scandalous revolution, that he has marched without waiting orders to attack Flores, having hoisted the white ribbon, which is the insignia of the ultra anti Flores party.

It is generally believed that if O'Neil acts with his usual determination he will make very short work of Flores.

President Berro, notwithstanding the revolution seems anxious to advance the country. He has a law passed, authorizing a horse railway which can subsequently be made serviceable for locomotives.

We hear that an English house in Montevideo has got the contract. The full particulars respecting this proposed line will be found in last week's Weekly Standard.

The salaries in the Uruguay have at last commenced working, but owing to the revolution they are unable to carry on operations with their usual activity; the scarcity of peons, not cattle, is what is at present felt.

The wool from the estancias are arriving very slowly in Montevideo. The market is very good and fine; present price for good, well-conditioned merino, is 5-14 silver dollars, which is much higher than the Buenos Ayres market.

The Maaux Bank, which netted a profit last year of over half a million of silver dollars, has been opened another branch in Mercedes, which is one of the most important country towns in the Uruguay.

During the so-called siege of Paysandu, by Flores, the British gunboat, Spiter, anchored in front of that town for the protection of British residents; but the invader was too inactive to do much harm either to foreigners' lives or properties.

The estancieros in the Banda Oriental, although harassed by the revolution, have escaped the horrors of the drought, which has caused so much loss in Buenos Ayres. The camps, not being overstocked, have always had plenty of grass, and, as a general rule, the estancieros have done well.

The export trade is at present very brisk in Montevideo. Imports have been less active, owing to the enormous quantity of goods which has passed before the last of January, 1864.

A courier arrived yesterday morning in this city, from the scene of operations in Banda Oriental, bringing news of a check between the rival armies. As he is an agent of the revolutionary party, we may place credence in his account of the reverse sustained by the filibusters.

It seems, as we announced on Saturday, the combatants were drawing so near as to promise a signal engagement. Flores had ordered his lieutenants to attack a battle, but Caraballo disobeying the command got his division into a serious fray, and was surrounded by the Government troops.

In this emergency Flores found the aid of his army commander, and rushed forward with all his men to rescue the indiscreet officer. Several blows were exchanged by the combatants; it is even said the filibusters had some killed and wounded.

At length both parties, wearied of the unusual exertion, gave simultaneous notice, and Flores retired in good order to Paso del Rey, near the Rio Negro. We are not informed whether he intends crossing that river, or returning in the direction of Paysandu.

The following address, signed by 150 persons, has been presented to the Government—

"We, the undersigned residents in the Boca del Riochivo, present ourselves to your Excellency, and beg to state that the shameful outrages which are being perpetuated by the Government, compel us to approach your Excellency, demanding satisfaction and protection.

"Yesterday, at four p.m., the vigilantes of the comisaria and the alcalde, went galloping through the streets, firing rockets and shouting, whilst in the most heulstly state of intoxication, they were so behaving. Dr. Dourenoff offered his professional assistance to a child which had been run over by one of their horses. The alcalde and vigilantes thanked the doctor, and gave him several sabalos coats. Some women, who had compassion upon the unfortunate man, were also struck by the vigilantes' bullets.

"In short, men, women, and children are all equally exposed to the fury of the disposition of this police, who have resolved to threaten intolerance to an industrious population.

"In order to avoid a repetition of



