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### West Coast Intelligence.

Our dates are only to the end of May. From the "Valparaiso Echo" we extract the following items:

**CHILE.**—On the night of Saturday the 13th about half past 10 o'clock we had a pretty severe shock of an earthquake, which lasted some few seconds.

The Santiago correspondent of the *Diario* says respecting the anticipated retiral of señor Varas, it is more than probable that he will not give up his portfolio until he has secured to Concepcion the material of the labours of his department. It is the general opinion that his intended successor the señor Echeñe, is better fitted by his experience and knowledge of the state of the administration in the department than the present incumbent of that office. We hear of great projects which are likely to excite the attention of the approaching legislature, among which an accented one which has for its object the making of a donation to the Parish priests—the object of which is to relieve the poor of a very heavy and oppressive burthen, by providing gratuitously to them, those sacramental offices (such as the baptism of their children, burial of their dead, &c.) for which at present they have to pay, even although they may have to beg the amount from the charitable public.

**EXHIBITION OF THE PRODUCTS OF CHILE.**—We have to announce that the exhibition of the products of Chile, which was managed with the management of getting up this exhibition in September next, are going to be opened in Concepcion, and will have a creditable, and well managed display. They have already issued a prospectus, of which we have a copy, and which is well written, and clear, and interesting. We look upon this project as a step in the right direction, and which if carried out in its spirit in what respects the public, is likely to be accompanied by vast advantages to the public, and to the benefit of the rural population preeminently. The exhibition of last year was a very creditable affair, and we have no doubt that the approaching one will be even an improvement upon its predecessor.

**LOSS OF THE "MERCEDAS."**—The Peruvian transport "Mercedes" bound from Callao to Talca, with about eight hundred troops on board, struck upon a rock near the mouth of Camma harbor on the morning of the 24th inst. The "Mercedes" was accompanied by the government steamer "Rimac," the officers of which rendered every possible assistance, but without effect. The "Mercedes" went down soon after she struck, having on board with her seven hundred and thirty one persons.

The conduct of Captain Noel, commander of the lost vessel, was, from the accounts published in the papers of this city, such as to merit universal praise and admiration. He remained at his post to the last, and went to the bottom with his ship, and more than ten hundred of his countrymen committed to us may regret the death of such a brave, unselfish man as Capt. Noel. We must add to our course of eulogy, that when he was after placing his wife in safety, he declared that he would save the lives of those confined on board, or that he would perish with them. The relatives of the lost officer and soldiers deserve not only the attention of the government, but the sympathy of every well educated human feeling.

The government has received a severe blow by this catastrophe, it is a fearful question.

**WITHDRAWAL OF THE FRENCH MINISTERS.**—The French Minister lowered his flag on the 6th inst., and retired on board the frigate La Forte, in Callao Bay. This course was taken in consequence of the revolution committed on the night of the 7th inst., of a man who was more concerned in revolutionary movements, but had sought refuge with the French Minister. To borrow from the almanac "Look out for heavy thunder showers about this date."

**Lima Foreign News, 11th May.**  
**ISLAY, May 20th.**—No account of any importance has occurred here for many days to speak us from the dreary repose into which we have fallen since the departure of the Government in sending to put a stop to the war in the South or rather to the consequence of the evident wish of said Government, to give the Southern provinces ample time to make up their minds to their resistance, in order to make the task of whopping them afterwards, only reduced the more to the credit and glory of the Federal Government. The 6th inevitable divisions, formed against the "unfortunate General Castilla," will require about six months to be sent to the Custom House recently formed there gives

plenty of money. The City and its vicinity give plenty of recruits and horses; Beliza gives plenty of mulekats; all the young men of family give their enthusiastic services; and every body gives energy to everything, for the sheer fun of seeing the wheel of fortune, flame and place move round so cheerily.

Every day now opens anxiously expecting General San Roman with 1100 men from Yauca, near Moquegua to encamp in Panamarca, to effect a junction with one thousand men (700 infantry and 300 cavalry) which are all ready formed in Arequipa, together with 12 pieces of light artillery just fitted being sent previous to marching to Cañon General Castilla.

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**MAHÍ.—THE ARABIAN CHIEF.**—A gentleman recently returned from the Southern Provinces says that some time since, he visited the old Cacique; and during his visit, showed a great interest, after explaining his virtues, Mahí desired him to discharge it. He did so, greatly to the old man's admiration, and he desired to take, and it having been recommended, discharged the six barrels himself; and having emptied his gun, he took it and quietly put it into his pocket, as if it had always belonged to him. Our informant says that he would not give so great a familiarity upon so short an acquaintance, but the chief soon proved that though he could not take a prize, he could not be repaid like a prince; for when the visitor was ready to depart, he was told, "there is your horse, and there is your horse," and he stood at the door, richly caparisoned, which was a present from Mahí. He mounted, and found the horse as good as new. It is said that when the President of the Republic was on his visit to Concepcion, he sent word to Mahí that he wished to have an interview with him. The haughty Cacique returns to this answer: "If I live, I'll see the President wishes to speak with me, let him come; I will talk with him."

**MUTINY.—**The American whaler Taylor, Capt. West, arrived at this port on the 1st of January, with about 5000 barrels of oil, very much damaged by the weather. On the 27th of March she sailed again, fully repaired, at an expense of about 1000 dollars. On the 15th she was boarded by a party of 40 S. L. the crew having previously mutinied, she commenced leaking, and the captain and his wife were hoisted through her larboard side, about two feet below the water. He immediately put back for Valparaiso and arrived here on the 15th inst. The consignees, Messrs. Nye & Co., met her outside the harbor, and having ascertained the position of affairs, immediately proceeded to the U. S. storehouse of Frederica, and procured the assistance of an armed boat crew, and placed the whole crew in irons, including the steward, and put them in the harbor-room.

The captain then made his protest to the U. S. Consul, who immediately proceeded on board, examined them, and on the 14th and 15th inst. he issued a warrant, which resulted in the release of four of the crew, so far as the mutiny was concerned. On the 21st inst. the mutineers were brought on shore, heavily ironed, and placed in prison, and it is believed they can be sent to the United States for trial, according to the laws of their country. The second mate was also released. [Edm.]

About a month since, the captain and crew of the Chile ship Virginia, which left Valparaiso on the 10th inst., were brought back, they were charged with having bored the vessel with intent to sink her, and the captain believed that the vessel had been bored by the crew, and so allowed the captain to put into port, and so allow them to go to the United States.

Quite recently, however, the captain has made a confession which places the affair in quite a different light.

It was ascertained that the vessel proceeded as far as 50° S. L., and was then leaking so badly that they were obliged to pump her every two or three hours, and to put on board. They put into a port in Chile, and after the vessel was in port, the captain, as he acknowledged, ordered his men to dig holes through her bottom, below water level; holes were counted on one side, and some say that the vessel was bored with the intention of sinking her there. But the cargo proved too buoyant, and she floated.

The motive for this act seems to have been

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that he supposed his owners would be better protected by the insurance company, in the event of a total than a partial loss. The captain and purser are in prison. The mutiny and remainder of the crew are at liberty. [Edm.]

### PRODUCE MARKET.

LONDON, 7th June, 1854.

**SALTED RIVER PLATE OIL AND COW HIDES.**—The very high value of money and the uncertainty with regard to the War still continues to keep the Hide market quiet. After, however, an almost total suspension of purchases for some time, there has during the month been rather more doing. The arrivals have been on an increased scale, but not large enough to weaken the market, which may be quoted steady at the following prices, viz.—3d to 3d for mild, and 4d for light Ox and Cow, with usual rates.

**PEY RIVER PLATE OIL AND COW HIDES.**—No arrivals have taken place during the month, and the market is quiet for the month. Present quotations are 5d per lb. for good heavy, and to 5d for do, light Ox and Cow, with usual rates.

**SOFT AMERICAN HORSE HIDES.**—The transactions of the month have been moderate. Hides of good quality are saleable at late rates, but inferior are rather neglected. There has been a fair demand for good enquiry for this article during the month, and at public sale advanced prices were obtained. The market is quiet for the month. Common qualities sold at late rates, and in some instances, at an advance of 4d per lb. The sales amounted to 114, consisting of 100 lbs. White and Grey Cut Tails, middling 18-24 to 2d 1d per lb, stump tails, poor 1d per lb, but tails, fine good 1d to 2d 4d, medium to fine lengths 1d 2d to 1d, short and poor 9d to 11d. Stump tails, medium to fine 1d 2d to 1d 4d, inferior 9d. Cordova Tail middling 9d to 1d, very good mixed, chiefly loose tails, 1d, fair to good mixed 10d to 11d, slight do, 9d to 9d, common short 8d. Cows, good clean 10d to 11d, on skin and dirty 5d to 9d.

**SKEEP SKINS.**—The transactions in Buenos Ayres Skins are limited to 4 bales, two wools of 57, mixed fine, and one of 57, mixed fine, late price.

**BOXES AND HOOPS.**—The demand continues very good for both articles, good descriptions of either being saleable at full price. Boxes of 20 tons—inferior shank at full price 13s 2d, common shank 12s 6d, inferior shank and common 12s 6d to 12s 10s to 2d, good 12s 6d to 12s 10s to 2d.

**Ox & Cow HORNS.**—There is a good demand for heavy averages of South American, and at public sale an advance of 3s to 4s to 5s was established. Light Ox and Cow horns are also in demand at very full prices.

The market for hides during the month has again fluctuated, to the extent of 2s per cwt. The wants of the Candle-makers being small, and the supply of tallow being abundant, trade to operate has curtailed, and the market is quiet, and the high value ruling for money is also the cause of the tallow market being unactive operations. Many conjectures are abroad as to the probable quantity of fallow likely to be received from Russia, which would neutralize the market, but from the best and most reliable information 10,000 casks are likely to be the maximum quantity, which will probably amount to 50,000 casks. This, with the supply in hand, will be sufficient to meet the demand for the next season, and it is believed that the weight in the market in the Autumn provided the war continue. The present price of Buenos Ayres tallow is 4s 3d for August, and September, and 6s per cwt. for the last three months delivery, being 1s less than the gold standard.

The transactions in RIVER PLATE TALLOW have been to a moderate extent, and configurations are not so numerous as to put both inferior and inferior qualities are still very difficult of sale. The price obtained have been comparatively low, and the quality is rather dark color good sweet 62s, fair color part firm part rather greasy 60s to 61s 6d, medium color 58s to 59s, dark color part firm part rather greasy 55s to 56s 6d. The sales of the month are equal to 60s pipes. The Import is equal to 1,855 pipes.

and 509 boxes. Present stock equal to about 1,646 pipes and 455 boxes, against 1,000 pipes this time last year.

HOOPS.—CORK.—There has been rather difficult of sale at 37s per cwt, but one parcel of 43 pipes fair color tolerably firm realised 41s 6d per cwt.

ANNING & COBB, BOOKERS, 11 Lime Street.

### SYNOPSIS OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO FACILITATE REFERENCE BY THE PUBLIC TO DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE TRIBUNA.

July 20th.—Note from the Justice of Peace of San Isidro, remitting the amount of the property tax in said District for the current year, and ordering the Commission of the year of the Eschequer. Reply, stating that the taxing Commission for their generous donation.

Note of the Ministry of War and Marine, and the Military Commandant of Patagonia, expressing the satisfaction of the Government, at the account of the advantages obtained over the predatory Indians in their late incursion, and of the gallant manner in which the officers and troops had conducted themselves.

Decree, declining all the proposals made for the purchase of the War Steamer "Buenos Ayres."

July 21st.—Note from the President of the Chamber of Representatives, announcing the approval of the election of the 10th inst.; and reminding the Government of certain dispositions that authorize the Police to maintain public order on such occasions, and to protect the citizens in the exercise of their electoral rights.

July 22nd.—Note from the Chief of Police, reporting the apprehension of Joaquin Canepa, who had committed a murder on the night of the 16th inst.

July 23rd.—Note from the same, remitting the prescription of the gang of thieves, now in custody, who are to appear in the next session of the series of daring robberies committed in this city during the last month.

Note from the President of the Bank, remitting a statement of the operations during the month of general balance up to the end of said month, also announcing that the Director has resolved that similar statements should be furnished to the shareholders.

July 23rd.—Note from the President of the Chamber of Representatives, remitting to the Chief of Police, the sum of \$100,000, to pay the shareholders of the late National Bank the sum of \$164,706 2/3rs; as a final liquidation and settlement of all demands.

Reply to the Chief of Police, expressing the satisfaction of the Government, with the result of the measures employed in deterring and apprehending the gang of public thieves.

Report by the Adjutant of the Boas, of the importations at said port during the first fortnight of the present year, from the provinces, the Republic of Paraguay and the Oriental Republic.

### BUENOS AYRES.

### MONTHLY RETROSPECT.

In the wholesale department of manufactured goods, the history of July may be said to have been a very uninteresting one, procuring a total paralysis. General aspects causes have conspired to produce this result. It is in the present and the next winter. Its ordinary requirements are met, and the preparations for the spring and summer are also in the process of being made, with vigorous earlier than September. The intercourse with our rural districts is always a very active one in the present season, our roads, from a succession of heavy though seasonable rains, have been, and are almost everywhere, in a very good state. The usual recurring causes, must be added the revulsion produced by the European war, and the least depression of our circulating medium.

To the last mentioned must be ascribed the almost total stagnation of the local demand. Importers can only sell in specie; and retail dealers are naturally deterred from contracting with the public, from the uncertainty of what they may have to pay in currency, and the difficulty, or rather practi-







