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It is scarcely necessary to state, in presenting THE NEWS to the English Speaking Colony of Costa Rica, that the success of the venture will be either marred or made by the amount of public favor accorded, as, also, the measure of support received from the advertising business and professional community of this Republic.

We desire to particularly impress on our readers at the outset, that it is our intention to conduct THE NEWS as a perfectly independent social and commercial journal, non political, non partisan, and the organ of no clique, party or sect.

IMPORTANT.

We purpose supplying THIS NEWS gratis, through the mail, to all. The larger

our circulation the more pleased our advertisers. We ask our readers to aid in making our paper both readable and attractive by sending us items of news and accounts of business and social happenings.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. P. H. Cahill, Guatemala City, who has kindly undertaken to give a full description of the Costa Rican Exhibits at the Central American Exposition. We hope to publish Mr. Cahill's letter, if possible, in our next issue.

Rumour has it that a gentleman who is representing some Chicago capitalists is looking over the ground with a view to securing a site for the erection of a large three story block. His only trouble seems to be in finding a desirable and central location.

The elevation of Mr. D. B. Hodgson, the general manager of the Central

Railroad of Guatemala, to the more exalted position of Vice-president of the road, is quite on the cards. Mr. Hodgson is thoroughly conversant with the minutest details of railroad management and his promotion is sure to meet with the hearty approval of the stock holders and the general public.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Dr. O. J. de Silva which appears in another part of this issue of THE NEWS. Dr. De Silva has graduated, with honors, as a dentist, from the Universities of New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Costa Rica. His dental work is of a superior order and we recommend him with confidence to all those needing the services of a competent and experienced surgeon dentist whose motto is "excellence of work and reasonable rates."

Montero and Co. have in contemplation the establishment of an English Book Lending Library, as well as the placing on sale of the latest newspaper and magazines both from the States and Europe.

Send a postal card, giving your name and residence, and addressed to THE NEWS, Imperial Hotel, and we shall mail our paper to you each week, free of charge.

Help our journal to grow by sending us your "adds."

We send THE NEWS free to all and we only ask in return, that our readers send us items of a business or social nature which we shall gladly insert.

We purpose next week to commence the publication of a full translation of the official document relating to the union of the Republics of Central America.

All requiring work can insert their wants free in THE NEWS.

If ever a city required a Building Society San José does. The rents are absurdly high, yet, where can one find a vacant house?

We shall gladly publish all communications sent us on matters of general public interest.

Address all letters, THE NEWS, Imperial Hotel.

Mr. George Hammond is about to open a store for the sale of fish. He is at present at Limon making arrangements for the regular supply of fresh fish to the San José market.

His Excellency Mc. Grane Coxe, U. S. Minister, has left Guatemala for New



York. His successor has not, as yet, been named.

Dr. W. Inksetter leaves the city for Canada in about two weeks time, on a much needed vacation. He intends to be absent three months.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Field will be glad to learn that their little daughter is slowly but steadily recovering from a severe illness.

We are about to appoint Agents at Limon, Puntarenas and other centers to supply us with news and to distribute our paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Smith have removed from the Imperial hotel, where they have been staying for the past two months, to a commodious house near the Station. They hope to be quite settled in their new home in a few days.

Mr. Santiago W. Clare has removed his studio from the Imperial hotel to the photographic gallery of F. de Fienne, where specimens of his portrait and water color work, is on exhibition. Lovers of true art should not miss seeing the exceptionally fine work of this eminent artist.

Mr. C. H. Windham, coffee and sugar planter, of Juan Viñas, is in the city

on a business trip and will return to his home in Juan Viñas, on this (Saturday) morning.

Mr. F. G. Williamson, superintendent, has left for Lemon, on a business trip, to be gone a few days. He expects to be in the city by Sunday.

Mr. H. D. Mory has closed out his business at Turrialba and has gone to Salvador, where he expects to enter into a railroad contract. He has left his family with relations here, and will send for them in the near future.

The theatrical company, at present performing here, has been subjected to very bitter and most unmerited censure, the real cause for which is so thinly disguised that "*he who runs may read.*" The artists all exert themselves to render their respective parts as perfectly as it is possible for them to do; the pieces are all well staged, and the result is always a most creditable performance. If these ill judged attacks continue we fear it will only result in closing permanently our theatre thereby depriving us of our one only place of entertainment in the city.



OUR JOHNNY

Who makes us frantic with his noise,
And bangs poor baby with his toys?

Our Johnny.

Who throws his sister's doll down stairs,
And will climb up on all the chairs?

Our Johnny.

Who tumbles down ten times a day,
And nearly makes our hair turn gray?

Our Johnny.

Who breaks more cups, and saucers, too
Than any child you ever knew?

Our Johnny.

Who laughs before his tears are dry?
That naughty, darling little boy

Our Johnny.

JOHN HODGES.

Guatemala City.

A pet cat in a suburban electric light station in New Jersey attempted the other day to jump through one of the large fly-wheels of the plant while it was revolving at the rate of nearly a mile a minute. The cat struck a crossbar and clung to the wheel. This was at noon and the engineer did not dare stop the wheel till morning. During the eighteen hours the cat had been in the whirling wheel it had traveled 780 miles. It was, of course, dead.

A traveler tells a funny story about

the neat capture of two thieves effected by himself and a friend while traveling in Mexico. They slept in one of the wing rooms of an inn, opening into the courtyard. The upper part of each door was arranged like a Venetian blind for ventilation. Awakened by noises toward morning, the travelers saw two lean, yellow hands extended through the blinds reaching downward to search for the lock. An old lariat lay handy on the table and the travelers looped a knot in each end, silently approached the door and snared the two wrists. The stoical robbers made no sound but endured the situation, trying to sever their bonds with long, sharp knives. The travelers went back to bed and enjoyed the situation. At daylight the landlord found the rascals and set up a howl which brought the whole village pell-mell to see the two Indians flattened against the door and unable to get loose.

The organized band known as la claqué and paid by the French theaters to applaud a new play is a firmly established institution in France. With a view to improving it the minister of fine arts has published this decree: From July 1, 1896, the Opera, Opera Comique and Odeon shall employ each an agent, who shall receive a regular salary from the administration, and who shall have the charge of organizing la claqué in the said theaters. This agent shall dispose of the strict number of places reserved for the claquéurs, and shall introduce these gentlemen into the theater by the stage door and without

tickets, in order to prevent any trade being made with the tickets for the places of the claue. Furthermore, it is expressly forbidden for that agent hereafter to receive any remuneration whatever for his services from the artists of the theater where he is employed. This to check certain artists who are not unwilling at times to buy a few rounds of applause for the satisfaction of their sweet vanity. Very severe measures will be taken to insure the efficiency of the above regulations.

A combination razor and case in which the strop slides into one side of the case has just been patented.

An electric roller for massage purposes is composed of plates of copper and zinc and generates its own electricity.

A recently patented solder for aluminium consists of thirty parts tin alloy, four parts aluminium and three parts zinc.

A newly designed double-barreled gun has only one trigger, a lever being used to change the action to either side as desired.

A handy device for opticians consists of an indicator to tell the angle at which the nose-piece of eye-glasses must be set to fit the nose.

Blackening brushes for use with liquid blackening have a reservoir in the dauber, together with a tube running into the bristles through which the polish runs.

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Jams).

J. B. RICRARDS.

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