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THE NEWS.

THE MAIL SERVICE

The delay in the distribution of the foreign mail to merchants, is the subject of very general complaint. The Atlas boat, with a two weeks' mail on board—the boat of the previous week not having sailed—arrived at 12.30 p. m. on Thursday last, and this mail was not delivered until Saturday forenoon, a period of just fortyeight hours. In consequence of what we are assured was an unavoidable delay and, to, in a considerable measure, help the merchants out of a dilemma, the railroad company ran a special mail train to the port on Sunday morning. It seems to us that the only way to remedy the present very unsatisfactory state of affairs is, to hold out some inducement to the Atlas line, either in the form of bonus or subsidy, to run better and faster boats and on a time schedule. Then, when boats do not arrive at the appointed time impose a substantial fine on the Company. It frequently occurs that boats arrive in time to transfer the mails to the train, but, owing to some delay in opening the port, it is very often left behind. Surely, where both train and boat connect, fifteen minutes is ample time for this purpose. We do not advocate the "holding" of trains beyond their appointed time for starting. Sometimes a delay of some minutes upsets a whole system, which too often results in train wrecks and great loss of life. The railroad company is doing its part most efficiently, and with clock work regularity. The fault lies altogether at the other end.

If a good mail service is worth having it is also certainly worth paying for, and, we need not

expect any radical change until it is looked at in this light.

NOTES.

An individual, well known in "sporting circles," has suddenly levanted. It is stated that the cause of his hurried exit is due to his having being caught, *flagrante delicto*, cheating at cards. His name is common gossip.

Carrie—"He said he would go to the end of the earth for me."

Maude—"What did you say?"

Carrie—"I proposed that he compromise and simply go home."

On Wednesday evening last a drawing took place, for a very valuable painting, at the International Club. There was quite a big gathering there. The United States consul, Mr. H. R. Williams succeeded in drawing the winning number. Tableau, champagne!

Teacher—"How many bones are there in the human body?"

Pupil—"I don't know. I haven't learned to ride a wheel yet."

Some one recently asked Max Nordau to define the difference between genius and insanity. "Well," said the author of "Degeneration," "the lunatic is, at least, sure of his board and clothes."

Somehow, of late, we do not open our foreign correspondence with the same avidity as formerly. These letters wind up invariably in sentences something like the following:—"If not too much bother, I would be glad to have a complete set of used Costarican stamps." The resources of the post office of San José, alas! would not be sufficient to satisfy these demands. Judging by the value set upon these little wafers, both in the United States and Europe, merchants could, with considerable advantage to them-

elves, remit to foreign houses in postage stamps, instead of gold.

We read lately that President Barrios of Guatemala has a trip to London in contemplation, for the purpose of raising a loan to meet the pressing debts at present almost swamping his government. We are half-inclined to write and advise him fall back on his stamp issue. Even the buzzards, knowing their value, are on guard at the post office, watching out for the cast-away envelopes.

In a paper by Professor H. C. Warren of Princeton University there are accurately described some experiments on the effects produced by loss of sleep, conducted by Professor Patrick and Dr. Gilbert of the University of Iowa. These gentlemen tested three normal subjects, composed of instructors, men not easily susceptible to influences. They were kept awake ninety hours without stimulants. During this time they were engaged, as far as possible, in their usual occupations. After the second night the first subject complained that the floor was covered with a greasy-looking molecular layer of rapidly moving particles. They rendered him nearly desperate. Sometimes the layer seemed a foot above the floor, and parallel with it. As he tried to step upon it he staggered and tumbled, could not obtain a sure footing. Later the air became full of swarming particles, which developed into red, purple, and black gnats. He frequently climbed into a chair to brush them away from the gas jet. The appearance of all these men was the same as if an overdose of liquor had been administered. Those who have lost their normal rest for several nights feel a lassitude and depressing interest in life.

The members of the German Club issued invitations to their friends to join them on last Thursday evening in their celebrating of the anniversary of the battle of Sedan.

A quartet of young Parisians has solved the problem of supping for nothing at a wellknown cafe in the Place Pigalle, which is much frequen-

ted by visitors to the Moulin Rouge. Having sipped well in a private room, they pleaded, on presentation of the bill, that each thought he was the guest of one of his companions, and refused to pay. The landlord insisted. Then one of them proposed a game of blindman's-buff, with the landlord as blind man. The first whom he caught should pay the bill and order two more bottles of champagne. The landlord consented. He caught none of them. Nor, at present, have the police.

"Have you got a hair dye of your own?" he asked the barber as the scissors clipped off the grey locks.

"I have, sir."

"Do you warrant it?"

"I do."

"To do what?"

"To make your wife so jealous of you within six weeks that she'll put a private detective on your track."

The old man said "Hem!" and the subject was dropped.

It may interest the merchants to know that the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. purposes running fortnightly steamers, if the freight demands its doing so. Full particular can be had by applying to Messrs. Lyon and Cox.

Mr. Walter J. Field has removed his office to Sixth Avenue, next door to Mr. Benjamin E. Piza, near Mr. José P. Rodríguez handsome store. Mr. Field has changed his office to this business centre for the convenience of his numerous clients.

The Base Ball Match between the San José and Limón teams takes place here at Savana on Wednesday the 15th. instant. The San José team seems confident of securing an easy victory, and we daresay, this accounts its neglect in training. On the other hand, the Limón team is hard at work. It is not at all such an easy affair for the home team; however, nous verrons.

Dr. R. B. Johnstone of the International Coffee and Production Com

pany, Washington, D. C., sends us congratulations and good wishes for the success of THE NEWS, and states his Company is giving serious attention to Costa Rica. He purposes making a visit here within the next few months.

Sir James Hurford, the eminent Irish Statistician, writes us for some information concerning Costa Rica and the adjoining republics. Sir James leaves shortly for Capetown, South Africa, to reorganize the financial system of that country.

Mr. W. P. Sullivan, western editor of the Electrical Engineer, writes us a long letter on the business condition of the United States in general.—Trade in Chicago, St. Louis, and the country west of these cities for the past year, has been very dull, but within the past month, there has been an all round revival in every department with trade orders daily increasing.

"Railroader." Your letter contains a personal attack, and we consider it would be manifestly unfair to publish it, otherwise, than over your own name. We have no desire to burke enquiry, on the contrary, with your signature attached, we are quite willing to insert your communication in our next issue. As you state you "write in the public interest," a delay of one week will rather improve your position, as the principals of the Pacific railroad are due to arrive here within a few day.

Opportunities offered by Costa Rica to Emigrants with small capital

Costa Rica is situated in the south-eastern part of Central America, and between the 8th. and 11th. north latitude. She enjoys an ideal climate, her temperature is in the average, being little more than 65° all the year round, being lower at about the months of November to March, and, along with its even temperature, it is remarkably healthy, around the coast being the only places where the traveller will occasionally meet with malarial fever.

It can be said that really there are only two seasons in Costa Rica, the wet and the dry. It usually rains in the afternoons from May to November, the rest of the year being free from rains, in fact, delightfully even weather.

The morality of the people is proverbial, as is also their respect for the authorities. The Costaricans desire for advancement and good order is proverbial, and they regard the rights of property are sacred. Few countries are as gifted as Costa Rica. Situated between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; she has a railroad from Ala-

juela to Limón, on the Atlantic side, and there is also a contract signed for the continuation of another branch towards the Pacific ocean. Of the productions of the vegetable kingdom, we may mention a few of the most important. Medicinals are very abundant; textile and dyeing plants are very many; woods of many kinds; rubber, tobacco, coconuts, potatoes, rice, wheat, chocolate, sugar-cane, bananas, and, of course, coffee. In minerals, we may say that Costa Rica owes her name to the gold, silver, copper, nickel, zinc, iron, lead, and others, to numerous here to mention, to be found in her mines. There are also existing both extensive and valuable coal mines. There are large tracts of land, owned by the Government and syndicates, which can be bought, cheap, and, on time.

Anyone wishing to follow general farming can make the land produce all the necessites for living, and, in this way live, as well as pay off, their liabilities, while building up a coffee, or other plantation. Land can be had at all distances from the railroad. The water supply cannot be better, and the price of land varies, according to its distance from the railroad, from \$5. up to \$100, Costarican money, per acre, for land already well cultivated, and having coffee producing trees; but excellent virgin land can be had, in large or small lots, at prices ranging from \$5. to \$18 per acre, calculated in Costarican money.

F. J. RUCAVADO, M. D.

Santo Domingo, Sep. 3rd. 1897

THE TIDE HAS SET IN

Substantial advancement in every direction has been the order of the day during the past month. The trade reviews of last week are the most encouraging that have been issued in many years. The country has at last taken a new start and all conditions seem to combine to make us realize that prosperity is here. The final passage of the tariff bill has removed the dark cloud of uncertainty which has hovered over the political horizon and has accelerated new business ventures and renewed investments of hitherto idle capital.

Yet more far-reaching and of infinitely greater value than national legislation, are the big crops of 1897, the big foreign demand and big prices, which will stimulate every artery of trade and bring to our shores a flood of foreign gold whose withdrawal a short time ago caused so much trouble. Added to this, the recent discovery of new and apparently exhaustless sources of mineral wealth in Alaska, makes it appear like a special dispensation of Providence to enrich the great producing western states and at the same time to create a market which will tax the manufacturing capacity of the east.

It is estimated that the wheat rai-

sers of the United States will receive about 80 million dollars more for this year's crop than they did for that of 1896. The farmers consequently will have that much more money to spend which will go toward liquidating their mortgages and making unexpectedly large purchases of goods in anticipation of the new demand. These merchants have permitted their stocks to run down to a minimum waiting hopefully for a change of conditions. The factories are rushed with orders as they have not been since 1892. The railroads are buying cars to move the crops, giving employment to thousands of new operatives in the cars-hops and in handling trains. The securities of the railroads are advancing in price and the prospects of dividends are growing brighter every day. The coal strike, unfortunately, remains unsettled and there has been no improvement in the iron industry as yet.

The sky is clearing rapidly. Half a decade of forced economy has enabled our people to recover from half a decade and more of extravagance and speculation and put them in excellent condition for a fresh start. It is to be hoped that the speculative mania will take a long rest before beginning its ravages over again.

The natural laws of trade and commerce are asserting themselves and decidedly in our favor. The convalescence promises to be quick. History is simply repeating itself. The history of this country has been that after seasons of great depression many people lost their moorings and set up the cry "Any port in a storm." A few years ago the panacea for every financial ill was greenbacks. Later a surplus in the treasury was said to be a danger which would threaten our national life, and Cleveland free trade was the slogan. Last year, after so long a depression, free silver was demanded for the cure-all. The wisdom of the American people however asserted itself as it always has done. The nation was passing through a serious crisis and the danger has been safely passed.

The people have learned once more that the mere noise of professional agitators cannot produce prosperity, which is wholly dependent upon the laws of supply and demand. With these now in our favor, the change will be felt by all and mark the beginning of a new and brighter era.

("Bonds and Mortgages.") Chicago.

A ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE

Sitting in the "patio" among the palm and the banana plants, and the orange grove in miniature, and the various other products of this tropical region, the Señorita Angelica had awaited his coming for fully fifteen minutes. Heaving a deep sigh, she murmured, almost unconsciously, "Ay de mí," "Madre de Dios, why doth he tarry so; I fear me that he cometh not." But still she waited, and in her anxiety sallied to the portals of the "casa" and, shading her beautiful eyes

from the rays of the morning sun, gazed wistfully o'er the glorious expanse that lay before her, of the hills and mountains that surrounded the beautiful little town of San Santiago de Nicaragua, and she waited another fifteen minutes worth for the coming of her don Adolfo. "Ah sí! Gracias á Dios, viene ahora," she whispered, with a sigh of relief, and the brightness filled her eyes, and her cheeks glowed with a rosy tint, and she almost sang a song of gladness, as round a bend in the road, almost hidden by the clouds of dust, came swiftly behind a team of thoroughbred mules, Adolfo with her morning supply of milk. For she was but a native "sirvienta" in a new boarding house, "run on the American plan," and he, "arriero" for a neighbouring "lecheria"

N. B. This is not intended for the Prize Story Competition.

PRESENTATION

The American Colony presented a gold watch to Mr. H. R. Williams, the United States consul, in the drawing room of the Imperial Hotel on Sunday evening.

Mr. H. W. Rudd made the presentation, in a very felicitous speech, and Mr. Williams made a suitable acknowledgment of the compliment paid him. Mr. Williams subsequently entertained the gentlemen composing the deputation at the International Club.

To The Editor of

THE NEWS.

Dear Sir,

On looking over the list of exhibitors at the Exposition of Guatemala, published in the News of the 9th inst, I notice there are many prominent ones left unmentioned. I take this opportunity of calling your attention to the following:

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Yours Sincerely

TOM.

To The Editor of

THE NEWS.

Dear Sir,

It was with much pleasure we read your article relating to the formation of a Choral Union in this City. That such an enterprise would be an immense success there can be no doubt, provided a proper leader can be obtained. In this connection the name of Mr. George A. Morson at once suggests itself, as being not only a gentleman enjoying great popularity, but, also, a musician of merit. If proper overtures are made to Mr. Morson we have no doubt he will sacrifice his own convenience for the benefit of the public.

Yours truly

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ALLEGHANY.....	20 "
ALENE.....	27 "
ALTAI.....	4 Octubre
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	A. M.							A. M.			A. M.	A. M.	P. M.		P. M.			P. M.		
Limón	6.15							8.30		Alajuela	6.55	9.30	3.00		4.50				1.30	
Moin Hill	6.25							8.45		San Joaquín	7.20	9.55	3.25		5.15				1.55	
Swamp Mouth	6.47							9.25		Heredia	7.32	10.07	3.40		5.25				2.10	
Marna	7.17							10.25		Santo Domingo	7.47	10.17	3.50		5.45				2.20	
Madre de Dios	7.37							11.05		San José	7.55	10.25	4.00		5.55				2.40	
Siquirres	8.07							12.27		Tres Ríos	8.22	10.37	4.10		6.05				2.40	
La Junta	8.15							12.35		El Alto	8.30	12.10	6.00		6.00				2.40	
Las Lomas	8.35							12.55		Cartago	8.45	12.20	6.10		6.10				2.40	
Paseña	8.55							1.00		Paraiso	8.50				6.15				2.40	
Peralta	9.15							1.15		Santiago	9.00				6.20				2.40	
Torito	9.25							1.30		Juan Vinas	9.20				6.25				2.40	
Turrialba	9.35							1.45		Las Pavas	9.30				6.30				2.40	
Las Pavas	10.05							2.00		Turrialba	10.40				6.35				2.40	
Juan Vinas	11.30							3.20		Torito	11.15				6.40				2.40	
Santiago	11.55							3.45		Heredia	11.35				6.45				2.40	
Paraiso	12.30	A. M.		P. M.				4.20		Las Lomas	11.55				6.50				2.40	
Cartago	12.55	6.55		3.00				4.40		La Junta	12.15				6.55				2.40	
El Alto	1.07	7.10		3.15				5.00		Siquirres	12.28				7.00				2.40	
Tres Ríos	1.25	7.30		3.35				5.15		Madre de Dios	12.35				7.05				2.40	
San José	1.50	7.55	A. M.	4.00	P. M.	10.00	A. M.	6.00		Maína	1.15				7.10				2.40	
Santo Domingo	11.35	8.05	5.00	3.00	A. M.	9.00	P. M.	6.00		Swamp Mouth	1.43				7.15				2.40	
Heredia	11.45	8.25	5.20	3.20				6.15		Moin Hill	2.05				7.20				2.40	
San Joaquín	11.55	8.45	5.40	3.45				6.30		Llega a Limón	2.15				7.25				2.40	
Llega a Alajuela	12.20	9.10	6.05	4.10				10.05											2.40	

RAMAL	SALE DE	E
		P. M.
La Junta	12.35	
Germania	1.20	
East Destierro	1.31	
West Destierro	1.34	
Guácimo	2.10	
Jiménez	2.50	
Llega a Guápiles	3.15	
SALE DE	F	
Guápiles	6.00	
Jiménez	6.20	
Guácimo	6.45	
West Destierro	7.18	
East Destierro	7.21	
Germania	7.32	
Llega a La Junta	7.55	

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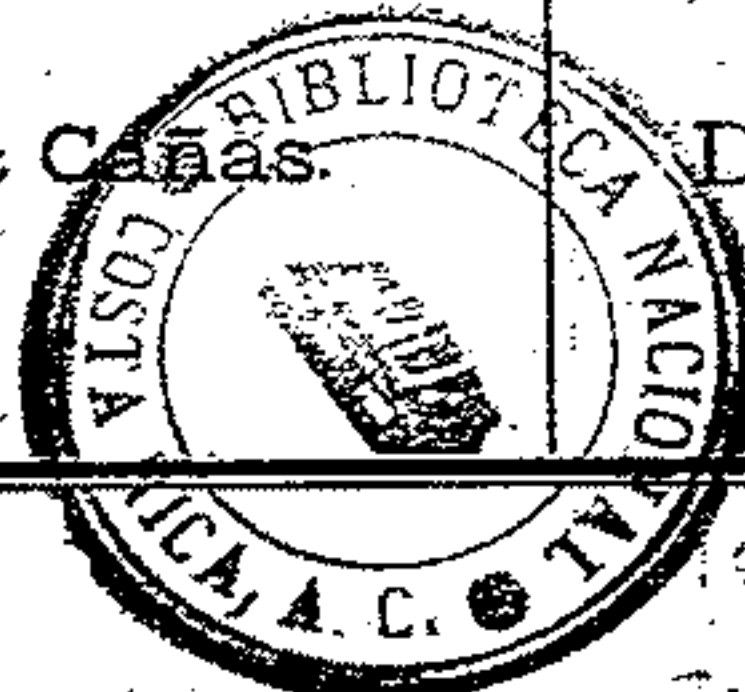
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