
Gleanings from *The Standard*, 1862^{1*}

13 January (41?)

Advert. "Ready Soon The Irish Catholic Almanac for Buenos Aires, edited and published by M. G. Mulhall at the *Standard* printing office.

John Rosewall undated letter to the Editor recounting how the Captain of the Brig *Luisiana* was returning to the ship from the Mole in a small boat which capsized "... And young man who is my informant, saved the Captain's life and also the life of one of the crew, by swimming and fetching them to the boats bottom until they were picked up...The young man's name is Martin O'Connor, and he is a native of County Galway. All praise be to him for his bravery!...The young man has already received two medals for saving two lives..."

16 January (37?)

RIP on Sunday 12th inst. Daniel Hickey late of Westmeath at the aged of 29 of inflammation of the lungs.

20 January

RIP Monday 17 inst. in this city Mr Patrick Howland of Villa Maria from the effects of sunstroke. He was a native of County Wexford and aged about 42 years.

Sudden Death – On yesterday morning we had a visit from Mr Patrick Howland of Villa Mercedes who appeared to be in excellent health. An hour after leaving our office, we were astonished by the news that he had just dropped dead. He is supposed to have received a *coup de soleil*, and is much regretted by his friends and neighbours.

23 January (38?)

Advert. Ready soon the Irish Catholic Almanac for Buenos Aires edited and published by M. G. Mulhall of the *Standard* at the *Standard* printing office.

27 January (42?)

Horse Stealing – long undated letter from Dick² to the Editor.

^{1*} Compilado por Edward Walsh.

² Daniel Kelly, born Ireland (1830-1908); estanciero at Las Flores, Provincia Buenos Aires, wrote for the *Standard* under the pseudonym 'Dick'. Twice married, firstly to N. Clancy b. Ireland and then in 1866 to Luisa White (1838-1893). They had six children. See Coghlan, Vol.2, p.536.

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30 January (39?)

1,000\$ Reward. The above sum will be given to any person or persons who will give information that may lead to the conviction of the criminal who embezzled the 1,100 copies of the *Weekly Standard* despatched by me for the Correo, Railway, Sange's Diligence and the Steam Boats. M. G. Mulhall.

Richard Wheeler (Partido San Vicente) undated letter to the Editor. A few lines to explain a melancholy affair which took place a month ago. It will be remembered that four (not six) of our countrymen were involved in a savage brawl at Barro & Real's pulperia, Boronbom. Having begun the fight with knives they inflicted on each other serious wounds; one of the offenders being a medianero of mine, sent for me when in a dying state. I conveyed him to my house, took every care of him until he expired, and finally with permission of the authorities gave him a Christian burial.

No one laments more than I do the disgraceful tragedy; but it is a bad return for acting the Good Samaritan, that some neighbours ill-informed should report the occurrence as having taken place at my house. It is needless to say that I would not have suffered a drunken set, to meet in my dwelling, much less to get up to a row with knives, as shameful as it was dangerous.

My testimony has already been taken before the authorities, detailing all that I know of the matter, and to this I refer all persons who may be desirous of hearing more particulars.

Yours truly, Richard Wheeler, Partido de San Vicente.

6 February (40?)

A Word To Our Readers. The strange mystery of the *Standard* robberies just coming to light. Not only were three weeks entirely suppressed by our treacherous messenger but as far back as November the system of pillage was begun.

20 February (42?)

RIP on Monday 17th inst. in this city, Mr Patrick Howland of Villa Mercedes from the effects of sunstroke. He was a native of County Wexford and aged almost 43 years.

Sudden Death. On yesterday morning we had a visit from Mr Patrick Howland of Villa Mercedes, who appeared in excellent health. An hour after leaving our office we were astounded by the news that he had just dropped dead. He is supposed to have received a *coup de soleil* and is much regretted by friends and neighbours.

27 February (43?)

Married on the 19th inst. at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. Fahey, Camillo, eldest son of P. F. Renacp, merchant Antwerp to _____? [text illegible].

6 March (44)

RIP at Chascomus in this Province, Elisa Magins of heart disease, aged 18 years. Deceased was a native of County Westmeath.

13 March (No.45)

Emigration to the River Plate. The London *Times* 8 January article noted that "150 Irish emigrants are there [Buenos Aires] about four months ago; they were all engaged at first class wages before they got to the end of the Mole."

Dublin Correspondent letter 22 January to the Editor. Increasing demand for the *Standard* – please send 20 copies by the next steamer. "I feel it my duty to say that your accounts of that country are read with avidity all over Ireland." The immense emigration the United States has ceased and people who are returning from America are daily crowding the quays.

20 March (46)

St Patrick's Day. Tomorrow is the great national festival of Ireland and a day of rejoicing for all the sons of Erin in every quarter of the globe.

27 March (47)

E. T. Mulhall's name and surname appears in the newspaper for the first time as co-editor and co-proprietor.

3 April (46)

Dublin, 23 February letter to the Editor of the *Standard* – the state of things in Ireland.

24 April (49?)

Next Thursday being the anniversary of our birth we come out in a new and very improved form. The *Weekly Standard* will appear on 12 pages, same size as the Daily, comprising just double the matter of the *Tribune* so that our campo subscribers will then receive the largest newspaper south of the Line.³ The Packet Edition will always go to press 36 hours before sailing time.

Letters and newspapers from Ireland and held at the *Standard* office. Villa Mercedes 9; Salto 1; Fortin de Areco 6; San Antonio de Areco 4; Capilla del Senor 1 and four for Fr John Cullen; Rojas 1; Baradero 10 papers four for Fredeick Dennehy c/o Mr E. Wallace; Villa Luxan for Fr Thomas Carolan. Note:

³ Pages 2 and 3 missing.

a charge of 3\$ m/c is due to the *Standard* office, being \$2 for the correo and \$1 for the diligence.

1 May (97?)

Our first anniversary started with 150 subscribers and a small capital. Having resided (and in the retired capacity of a teacher of languages), our merits and demerits were unknown to fame... On 1 September we purchase, at great expense our present printing office and embarked heart and soul in the enterprise... Our friends pitied our infatuation in starting a daily newspaper, since our society, for over 40 years could only support a weekly.

Advert. Irish Lodging House. Mrs. Burns begs to remind her friends in the camp that she still carries on her boarding house, Parque No.48.

Every effort is paid to the comfort and convenience of those who patronise her. Breakfast, dinner and tea at the usual hours and private well-aired bed rooms not to be surpassed in town.

2 May (98?)

List of foreign letters lying at the British Consulate; long list of names.

3 May (99?)

Veritas, Villa de Lujan 21 April 1862 letter to the Editor. ..."The soundness of Irish Joint Stock Banks presents a splendid precedent for Buenos Aires, as if 'example sheds a genial ray' Ireland is certainly in a position to shelter Buenos Aires within her solvent dreams. All the Irish Banks have likewise very large 'real funds' which place them above any danger of emergency..."

7 May (102)

The weekly *Standard* on sale at McKern's bookstore Calle San Martin every Thursday, price \$5 m/c.

8 May (103)

Advert. The *Weekly Standard* on sale at Messrs MacKern's bookstore, Calle San Martin at \$5 m/c.

Editorial – The Wool Trade of Buenos Aires and the difficulty of buying land.

10 May (No.105)

Advert. To our Country Subscribers. Advise friends and supporters in the Camp, Banda Oriental, Entre Rios, Paraguay and Rio de Janeiro, that outstanding camp subscriptions are due on 1 May.

11 May (106)

N. L. Villa Mercedes, 3 May letter to the Editor. The *Standard* is a much better newspaper than *The Commercial Times* and the old *British Packet*.

13 May (107)

Lomas de Zamora new church... The municipal corporation (one of whose number is our countryman Mr Patrick Bookey) deserves well of the State in pushing forward these sister edifices of Religion and Civilisation.

14 May (108)

Graphic description of the last storm – immense loss of sheep; Sheep Farmer, Partido Villa Mercedes, Moyano 4 May 1862 letter to the Editor.

Advert. Mr John O'Neil. Will please take notice that his wife lately arrived from Ireland and she is at present residing near in the village of Lujan at Mr Youngs.

15 May (109)

Notice. Today is the fifteenth anniversary of the demise of Daniel O'Connell, hero of emancipation and Irish Liberator at Geneva.

20 May (113)

Ireland – St Patrick's Day. The celebrations in Ireland.

RIP Christopher Finley, who died suddenly in the Partido of Guardia del Monte; he was a native of Ireland and aged 70 years.

22 May (115?)

Advert/Farm Servant. Persons wanting servants for the Camp, can be supplied by applying to the *Standard* office.

23 May (116?)

Auction. Billinghamst. Tuesday 6th by order of the law courts a large quantity of sheep situated at the Pergamino property of the late Mr John Doyle.

Auction. Tuesday 11th by order of the law courts a large number of sheep in the partido of Arrecifes the property of the late Mr John Doyle.⁴

2 July (147)

The "Editor's Table" column title appears for the first time.

3 July (148)

⁴ See *The Weekly Standard*, 16 October 1861 entry.

Irish Immigrants. We learn the Brig *Raymond*⁵⁶ from Dublin brings 200 passengers, who may be expected next month.

5 July (150)

The 4th of July in Buenos Aires was commemorated at the US Consul's office. E. T. Mulhall spoke on behalf of the Irish in the States, thanked his American friends for their kind invitation.

8 July (152)

Marriage on the 5th inst. at the Church of the Merced by Rev. A. D. Fahey, Frederick J. Graham King Esq., to Miss Luisa Ellen daughter of Francis Mahon of this city.

RIP on the 4th inst. at Montevideo, Mr David Suffern⁷ in the 48th year of his age. He was a native of Belfast and resided many years in this city.

16 July (157)

Advert. Just published. A most interesting treatise on sheep husbandry, price \$5 m/c. Published by the Editors of the *Standard*, Calle Belgrano 72 – 74. To be had also at Messrs McKern's bookstore Calle San Martin.

17 July (158)

Thomas J. Hutchinson Esq.,⁸ H. B. Majesty's Consul at Rosario has presented a pharmacy to the British Hospital with a valuable donation of drugs.

23 July (163)

Irish College. We are glad to inform our countrymen in the Camp that the Irish College of St Patrick's will be opened on the 25th inst. under the auspices of two excellent clergymen – the Rev. Laurence Kirwan as President and Rev. James Curran as Vice President. The program will be published in a future number.

Letter awaiting Kirwan Laurence Joseph (Rev) at the *Standard* office.

Editorial. Our British readers...Nearly one half of the commerce of Buenos Aires is in the hands of English merchants while the Irish element in the camp is steadily absorbing the stable wealth of the province.

⁵ June has incorrect nomenclature i.e. July.

⁶ The Brig *Raymond*, 394 tons, built at Yarmouth 1858. Dublin home port. Owner P. Curran. See *Lloyd's Register*, 1861, "R" No.76

⁷ David Suffern (1814-1862) native of Belfast arrived in the River Plate 1841 and established himself in Buenos Aires and then moved to Montevideo. Married Mary MacStravack, born Ireland (1818-1883); they had six children. See Coghlan Vol.2, p.851.

⁸ Thomas J. Hutchinson (1802-1885) native of Stonyford, County Wexford; diplomat, physician and travel writer. See Edmundo Murray, Thomas J. Hutchinson *Dictionary of Irish Latin American Biography*, *IMSLA*, 4.4, October 2006.

Another Lost Man. Michael Noonan of County Roscommon, Ireland, where are you?

24 July (164)

Foreign Miscellany. Emigration From Irish Ports. It appears from a report just issued that the number of emigrants who left Ireland during the year 1861 was 69,396; Males 33,953, Females 32,443.

1 August (171)

Immigration (Dick's answer to Veritas). Veritas asserts we are not in a position to afford employment to a crowd of tradesmen, but admits we are able to work off a steady stream of agricultural emigrants. Working lads as young as 8 upwards. Does Veritas know no lads in the country at the age of 10 minding their father's sheep? Emigrants with diamond rings and gold watches, are not required here now in any other country. Veritas admits that the Basques got sheep from Irishmen. This tell its own tale. Why is it Buenos Aires imports three fourths of the wheat it consumes although the soil is fertile enough to produce 40 to 1; that is double the average Ireland produces; notwithstanding we pay 2\$ a pound for bread.

7 August (176?)

Camp Education – D. H., San Antonio de Areco, 31 July letter to the Editor.

8 August (176?)

\$2500 Reward. A relative of the late poor Farrell, offers the above reward for the apprehension of, or any particulars relating to Charles, or Charlie Kenna, who stabbed his unfortunate victim, in the Partido de Areco, on the 7th of June.

River Plate Handbook. Copies of this work delivered post free in any part of England, Ireland or Scotland, on payment of 20 dollars, at this Office.

Weekly Standard. Files of this paper sent to any foreign address, 10 dollars per month. Ditto with fortnightly Packet Edition, 14 dollars.

Advert. General Drapery Warehouse. Calle San Martin. Terence Curran begs respectfully to announce to his friends and the public that he has opened a General Drapery Establishment on the above premises, where customers may have the newest and best designs in dresses etc, at the best possible terms. T. Curran⁹ depends upon the facility he has of procuring his goods from the best English Manufacturers, to offer the public a well selected stock, and at prices which cannot fail to give satisfaction.

New Hospital

⁹ Terence Curran (1828-1882) native of Dublin. Married Ana Cranwell widow of N. Kane and daughter of Edmund Cranwell and Dolores Arenillas; they had four children. See Coghlan, Vol.1, p.210.

The Sisters of Mercy beg leave to inform our countrymen, that they have established a hospital immediately adjoining their House of Mercy, here poor people from the country and sick girls in the city, will receive all the kindness and attention that their cases may require,

Subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Sisters, at their Convent of Mercy; by the Rev. A. D. Fahy; the Rev. Mr Smith, Lobos; Rev. Mr Carolan, Lujan; Rev. Mr Curran, Capilla del Senor; and Rev. Mr Connolly, Chascomus; and by Mr Michael Duggan, wool market.

Four Murderers Arrested
Villa de Mercedes 3 August

My presence here today was taken advantage of to act as interpreter, for the widow of our murdered countryman Kirby, in Lobos recently. She and another young woman named Cotter identified the murderer amongst some six or eight prisoners; also the watch, boots etc. of her late husband, that were found on the prisoner's person when arrested. The proof is clear, but he denies having done the deed and that [he] won the *prendas* at a horse race... A subscription was raised here yesterday for the man who arrested the murderer; last night 1800 dollars was paid to him as one day's collection. I presume you have seen something of this occurrence in the city papers. I sent lately a few lines about it to the *Standard*. Murders are frequent here just now You must have heard about the Frenchman having been murdered by his peon... he confessed his guilt; he is at present in Buenos Aires, but is expected back here soon to be executed in this town, as his trial is the first on the list for despatch. It is to be hoped his execution will not be long delayed, in order by his example to deter other villains of this Partido now notorious for the crime of murder... Last Saturday at noon Kirby's murderer was brought here in irons... Today a boy of fifteen was brought in charge[d] with having killed a man. Because he saw him put 500 dollars in his pocket! What work! The particulars of this row I don't know yet, but the fact: I was present when the Juez received the oficio about the boy, but could not see him as I was engaged at the time with the Escribano interpreting. From what I have said you will say with me that the Frenchman's murderer ought to be executed at once. A somebody here remarked to me "We must get rid of these pillos" a consummation highly necessary say I, encore...

Editorial : Capital Punishment

...We demand summary justice on the murderer of poor Mr Kirby and his peon (who has just been arrested through the efforts of the Irishmen), we shed tears of regret over the unfortunate victims of Las Palayas... Will it be believed that the native press of Buenos Aires chaunted "Hosanna" over the bloody holocaust; and in the next column condemns the execution of assassins. We were frustrated in our efforts to have the murderer of Davy, in Guardia Monte, arrested; we do not dare to hope that the butcher of Kirby and Devere will be

punished with death. Alas! The mercy that should be shown on the battle field to a fallen foe, is extended to the hero of the knife or ____? who murders a man for the sake of his boots and watch. The Argentine Republic will be prey to disorder and assassination until we inaugurate an era of clemency in politics, and inflexible severity towards those who imitate the murderer Cain.

Advert. The National Bank of Ireland.

9 August (177)

Camp Murders. Undated letter To the Editors of the *Standard*.

Gentlemen – We daily read in your newspaper of the numerous outrages and murders which are constantly taking place in the camp. It is now my painful duty to call your attention to another series of murders very rife among our country friends,

There is not an indignant puestero or medianero in the province who does not rush off of the *Standard*, there to state his grievance, whether it be that he has lost a friend, or a horse, or that some unscrupulous neighbour has an awkward habit of kicking his 'mojones' a little further off his camp.

Your paper is the tilling ground for all the chivalrous Irishmen, and they find you willing to allow them plenty of room for their frays. All well and good Messrs Editors; but were they not formerly some regulations to be observed by the gallant knights who came to do battle? Had they not come properly armed and appointed, and to pass muster before the heralds, previous to entering the lists? Then why not now?

Constitute yourself, then, the herald of the lists, and see that the complaints come properly clothed and appaared before admitting them to your columns.

By so acting you would spare us the infliction of a good deal of matter of the sort patronised by the gentleman who calls his eyes to witness that there was a flare up on the fall of Sebastopol. A Subscriber.

10 August

Applications have been made to us to publish the *Standard* in Spanish, but we have declined to do so on our own account. However we think it but right to say that we are open to offers from other parties for the privilege of translation.

11 August (178)

Irish Immigration. The Federal Government is importing large numbers of Irishmen, having passed a vote of three million of silver dollars to pay the passage of persons of whom they calculate to make 40,000 soldiers.

Advert. The Provincial Bank of Ireland.

13 August (179)

Marriage at the Merced Church in this city, by the Very Rev. A. Fahey on the 4th inst., Mr Thomas Taverner, Captain of the English Barque *Istria* to Miss Bridget Spratt Walsh late of Waterford.

Advert. Hibernian House. General Grocery Establishment. 78, 83, 85 Calle Piedad. Ready-made clothing, Irish Frieze... Thomas Fallon.¹⁰

15 August (182)

Notice. Passengers who came per *Raymond* from Dublin, and signed Bills for part of their passage money, which Bills bear interest from the date on which they fell due, are requested with as little delay as possible to send in the amounts, otherwise I shall be obliged to take steps to recover them. Terence Curran,¹¹ 75 Calle San Martin.

18 August (183)

Editor's Table. Yesterday was the feast of San Roque whose protection is specially invoked against fever, and who name is borne by the Irish Church in this city. High Mass was sung by Very Rev. A. D. Fahy and an eloquent charity sermon preached by Rev. John Cullen,¹² after which a collection was made for the care of the church.

19 August (185?)

Advert. Good Irish butter just arrived in 10lb jars. Paseo Julio No.48, Jacob George.

20 August (185)

Editor's Table. We are informed that the average attendance of Irish parishioners at Mass in the Villa Mercedes is 200 each Sunday, yet not a single case of disorder occurs. In Fortin de Areco, on the contrary, where there is no Irish chaplain, drunken riots sometimes unhappily arise between our countrymen on the Lord's Day, at the Fondas. The moral is clear.

The Mercedes Murders

Veritas 19 August letter to the Editor of *The Nation Argentina*. Since the paper prefer justice, impartiality and encouragement to foreigners he writes through the *Standard* to provide particulars of the recent double murder in the partido Mercedes. It is some six week ago since a gaucho rode up in the evening to the house of an industrious Irish shepherd, dismounted, and with a blood

¹⁰ According to Mulhall's 1863 *Handbook of the River Plate*, Thomas Fallon was the owner of Hibernian House and "keeps a register of sheep, cattle and land for sale."

¹¹ Mulhall's 1863 *Handbook of the River Plate* notes Terence Curran as a "Consignee" in Calle Parque. This is probably Terence Curran (1828-1882) native of Dublin and married to Ana Cranwell y Arenillas daughter of Edmundo Cranwell and widow of N. Kane. They had four children. See Gleaning 21 July 1861 (No.14) entry. See <https://www.genealogiairlandesa.com/genealogia/C/Curran/Terence.php> accessed 20 July 2020. Curran died in County Dublin.

¹² Fr John Cullen (1824-1891) see Edward Walsh "The Irish in the Argentine Republic: John Cullen's Report", *Collectanea Hibernica*, No.43, 2001, pp.239-246.

thirsty and unheard of conduct, murdered the peon in the patio. He then attacked the mistress of the house and a female friend of hers, who made a most providential escape; after which, he proceeds to the rodeo and butchers the patron in a frightful manner, robbing him of his clothes, boots, watch etc, after which he proceeds home to Santa Fe, committing it is said, some frightful atrocities on the way.

The mangled remains of his victims – men whom he never knew in his life before – were gathered up and buried, followed to the grave by a young widow who mourns over the father of her children. ...A courteous native knowing the murderer volunteered to catch him and such was the enthusiasm of the Irishmen in the partido that they offered him \$ 1500 for his expenses and \$ 5000 for capturing. He started on the task and in less than week brought the ruffian to Mercedes in irons. ...Mrs. Kirby and the other female were brought in, and not only did they identify him at once, but they recognised the boots and coat of Kirby, which he had on.

Here, then, we have a monster delivered up to the law; the identification is perfect, he does not deny his guilt, yet every foreigner – nay, every man who has a drop of honest blood in his veins – is shocked to hear it whispered that parties are intriguing to get him off for 10 years to Patagonia, as a just reward for one of the most atrocious murders ever known in any country...

Notice. There will be a sale of mestizo sheep in the Guardia del Monte, the property of James Fagan recently deceased. The place is distance from the Guardia del Monte about one league...

21 August (186)

On the Prospects of Cotton Cultivation in the Argentine Republic by Thomas J. Hutchinson, FRGS etc., HBM's Consul, Rosario.

22 August (187)

To Irish Estancieros

A respectable Irish married couple with two children, lately arrived are open to an engagement to take charge of the education of the junior members of one or more families. Highest references given.

Apply by letter, or otherwise to the Rev. A. D. Fahy, Buenos Aires.

2 September (190)

The Cheapest And Best Printing Office In Town – *Standard* Printing Office, Calle Belgrano, 72 & 74.

4 September (192)

Collection for the Irish Poor

The Reverend Mathew Fulham P.P.¹³ of Moyvore and Ballinascariga, requests such of his former parishioners as are resident in the Province of Buenos Aires, to send him some relief for the numerous poor families who are reduced to the greatest distress, many of them living on one meal of Indian meal for the twenty four hours. The subscribers can forward their alms through the Reverend A. D. Fahey.

The misery which at present afflicts both portions of the United Kingdom is unparalleled within the memory of men. Last week we called attention to the cotton-farmers of Lancashire, produced by the unhappy American war. Now we have a petition for the starving poor of Ireland, whose condition is almost as bad as in 1847, owing directly to the failure of the crops. In such an hour of universal distress it is cheering to see how both countries reciprocate friendly assistance. The London Relief Club supports whole Baronies in the West of Ireland which the city of Dublin sends £700 weekly to Lancashire. In like manner, half a dozen Irish farmers have put down their names in this office for contributions to England, well knowing that our British brethren are foremost in works of charity whether for distressed coolies or the victims of continental inundations.

British Clerks and British Library... Messrs MacKern have lately received a large importation of Irish standard literature, published by Duffy, and we believe many of our country friends might be tempted to join the Library if this acquisition were secured...

RIP at Broadway, County Wexford, Mr Wm. Whitty, formerly of Buenos Aires.

RIP in this city, on the 30th ult. Mr Patrick McLaughlin,¹⁴ sheep farmer, after a tedious illness in the 46th year of his age. Deceased was a native of County Westmeath.

5 September (193)

Charitable Contributions

We gratefully insert the following communication:-

Bs. As. September 4th '62

Gentlemen,

Herewith I remit you [200] two hundred dollars m/c, to be applied as follows, any [100] one hundred dollars for the relief of the Irish poor and [100] one hundred dollars for the Lancashire relief fund, by forwarding this amount in due form you will oblige.

¹³ Fr Mathew Fullam native of the parish of Kilmonaghan; studied at Navan and Maynooth and was ordained 1826; appointed administrator of Moyvore in 1831 and laboured there for four and a half years. Died July 1869 when parish priest of Churchtown. See Anthony Cogan "Diocese of Meath: Ancient and Modern", Vol.2, Dublin, 1867, Ch. XVIII, pp.447-450 and Vol.3, Dublin, 1870 p.668. See Edward Walsh "The Buenos Aires Westmeath 1862 Relief Fund" in *Riocht Na Midhe*, Vol. XXXII, 2021, pp.169-178

¹⁴ Patrick McLaughlin (1816-1862) b Ireland; married Margaret Downes 1847; they had five children. See Coghlan Vol.2, p.620.

Yours most obedient servant
G. Wilkes.¹⁵

Hadfield On Emigration to Buenos Ayres.

English house servants in the town are very much wanted; housemaids never remain long in any situation in or about town, being soon married. Servants wages vary from £2 to £6 per month; a stout able man, by taking piece work, such as making ditches etc., will easily earn and save £10 and £15 per month, and such are always employed, I estimate the number of British subjects, principally Irish in the town and districts bordering on the La Plata, at 28,000 or 30,000. The bulk of the British population in the country districts is Irish, and there are four or five Catholic priests distributed amongst them; in the city of Buenos Ayres resides the Rev. Father Fahey, originally from Galway who is most sincerely respected by all classes and religious denominations. There is also in the city an Irish hospital and a school under the supervision of some ladies from Dublin of the order of the Sisters of Charity. Religious toleration prevails in the widest sense, offering a striking contrast to bigoted old Spain; there is an English Episcopal church under charge of Rev. Mr Ford, a Scotch church, and American Methodist and German Lutheran. There is a Protestant burial ground, ... In the country districts there are other Protestant places of worship... Both at Montevideo and Buenos Ayres establishments exist for receiving and facilitating the movements of emigrants, who, once landed in either city can find little difficulty in placing themselves on advantageous terms...

6 September (194)

155 Irish Immigrants. Cead Mile Failthe. On yesterday *La Zingara* Captain Summers arrived in our port with 155 Irishmen.

7 September (196)

Terrible Sufferings at Sea. The crew of The British barque *Cubana* en route from Caldera to England caught fire and was abandoned and lost off Cape Horn. After 19 days of the most awful sufferings in two small boats 17 crew members were rescued by the *Perseverance* and *Victoria* of Stanley. Dr Hamelin attended the castaways and found it necessary to amputate the legs of several in order to save their lives.

11 September (197)

¹⁵ Mulhall's 1863 *Handbook of the River Plate Republics*, states George Wilkes was a fire insurance agent whose address is given as Mayo 5.

Tremendous Bargain. An Irishman who is about to move from the North to the South wants to sell off his sheep at a fair price: the sheep are the best mestiza quality and between 6 to 700; anyone who wants to buy good sheep should come one. Apply Westmeath farmer, *Standard* office.

23 September (212)

Editorial – A Word In Time. Next week, we expect. the *Raymond* will arrive from Dublin with 200 passengers, most of who will be unencumbered with worldly wealth. Let us see what they are to expect, on landing in the New World. Labourers are not scarce at present in the grazing farms, but for the near approach of shearing time, it would be extremely difficult to dispose of so many extra hands. Many of our estancieros, in need of peons, will be too busy to be able to come to town and the immigrants may not have funds to pay the diligence fare. Here we see how immensely useful would be a loan fund, to save farmers the trouble of leaving their homes in search of hands, and afford new-comers the means of procuring immediate employment. If shares of 20 dollars per annum were taken up by all our wealthy shepherds, this laudable object would be attained, and we should not have to regret seeing our countrymen in that miserable hostelry provided by the State.

In the last trip of the *Raymond*, some hundred men and women were thrown upon our shores, without any provisions or resources. Each of us tried to shelter as many as possible, yet numbers were forced to enter the Asilo de Inmigrados. Basques and Italians seem to accept such hospitality without complaining, and we know the old proverb! "not to look a gift-horse in the mouth." But let us be frank: the Asilo is a humbug! No beds, no comfort! No asylum or home where the wave-tossed immigrants may rest their weary bones. The chief mercantile houses pay a monthly subsidy to support this institution. Yet such was the misery experienced by our countrymen last year, that the English, Scotch and American residents contributed literally, to rescue them from such unintended hospitality.

The same must come to pass next week, if we do not make timely arrangement. It is humiliating to Irishmen that the begging-box should be sent round for their brethren, yet it is better thus than suffer them to be huddled together, like sheep, in the Asilo. Let each estanciero send a note to this office, specifying how many peons he may require and giving an order on the diligence for their passage to the camp. A hundred men be easily sent off in the manner, without causing any inconvenience, or leaving the new-comers to incur in this city, the risk of want, intemperance, or enlistment.

24 September (213)

Local Events. Irish Relief Fund. We have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr Michael McDonagh of the Fortin enclosing \$300 which we have handed over to the Rev. Mr Fahey.

25 September (214)

Editor's Table. ... Business in town is frightfully dull, and except we notice one very large transaction in exchange, for the packet at 65s, and the purchase of a splendid estancia to the west of Salto by an Irish sheep farmer, we have nothing doing...

Undated T. J. Hutchinson letter "Cotton in Downing Street."

Advert. Books relating to Ireland just received at G. H. MacKerns,¹⁶ 24 Calle San Martin, published by James Duffy, Dublin.¹⁷

26 September (215)

Review For British Packet. Editorial – Our Political Chapter.

...Every day brings us fresh arrivals of immigrants, but we think fit to warn our countrymen at home, that labour is not abundant, and the only classes we require are men of capital and good works. Farm servants may find employment at £3 per month, and a dozen English or French printers would readily get £7 or £8 each, per month. Tradesmen in general are not wanted. Of late some new English grocer's store have been opened here, as this business is very large particularly with the Irish shepherds. The reverend head of our Hibernian colony, Father Fahey, had opened the Irish college, near the Irish convent, thus securing the benefit of education to so large a class of our youth...

RIP – Died on 21st inst. of disease of the heart Rev. James Kirby aged 39 years. He was a native of County Kerry, Ireland.

1 October (220)

Fair Play For Irishmen.

It is refreshing to find, for the first time, a native journal do justice to our countrymen of the charge, who are the real beneficiaries of the Province. For years the Irish shepherds have laboured with perseverance to make Buenos Ayres for its wool; and their industry represented last year over one half of the total exports. Yet a truckling scribbler of the *Tribuna* had the audacity to write "Irishmen were the greatest savages on earth," and the other papers, studiously ungrateful, never acknowledged the least merit in our countrymen. ...We rejoice there that the subjoined article comes from a reliable pen, and is free from aspersions of atheism, partiality, ribaldry and error. We extract as follows from the *Nacion Argentina*. ... About three quarters of a league square in the Partido Lujan belonging to Sr Lezama was sold for 1,300,000 \$. ... It is unnecessary to state that the purchaser was an Irishman. Who can pay 1,010,000

¹⁶ William McKern (1827-1891) native of Limerick; arrived Buenos Aires 1843, owner of the famous McKern's Bookshop. Married Jane Miller (1826-1882) – they had six children/ Later married Amelia Middleton and had no children. See Coghlan, Vol.2, p.566.

¹⁷ James Duffy (1809-1971) – prominent Irish author and publisher. Set up his company in 1830 and became a major publisher of Irish nationalist books, magazines, missals and religious texts. The business was based at 7 Wellington Quay and later at 14/15 Wellington Quay, Dublin.

\$ for three quarters of a league unless an Irishman? The fact is Irishmen pay for land, what no one else can afford; and hence they are becoming owners of the best lands in the Province. There are whole Partidos in the North belonging exclusively to Irishmen.

At this rate no one can compete with them. Persevering and laborious, their first aspiration, their leading passions, is a flock of sheep, and, after that, a piece of ground whereon to feed them. Thanks to this, the Irishmen for 10 years back have been working an incredible revolution in the country.

... Meantime it is but just to acknowledge that Irishmen are the apostles of the great pacific and moralising revolution in which we are following. We hope they will continue to buy land by the million.

Editor's Table. The arrival of the *Raymond* with over 200 Irish immigrants, is an event significant of the times we live in. Since the foundation of Buenos Ayres by Garay, this is the largest number of Irish immigrants ever landed on these shores. We give them a hearty welcome, and hope that, after the lapse of a few years, we will see them attending land auctions etc. There is no reason why they should not be as successful as their predecessors. They may, and no doubt will, have many difficulties to contend with in the beginning, but by steady, persevering industry, they will ultimately attain to the position which, we are proud to say, all the old Irish residents in this country at present occupy. We call upon all our country friends who want peons, etc. to at once communicate with us, as the soon all the strong, able-bodied men are out of the city, and helping at shearing, the better.

Ship Cruelties

A letter of complaint to the editor of the *Standard* by eight passengers who sailed on *La Zingara* some time back. The majority of passengers state they were well treated by Captain Sanders. It is remarkable that out of 150 only 8 have signed the complaint. Undated letter to the Editors of the *Standard*. The eight claim that during a passage of 62 days from Liverpool they were subjected to the privations of hunger and unwholesome food – they only received a scanty measure of the worst quality rations. If called to prove they will certify according to their experience and personal knowledge of the conduct of Captain Sanders “that he is very ill-deserving the least patronage of our friends and countrymen in his present professional occupation.” Signed – Richard O'Conner, William Cardiff, Thomas Kehoe, Thomas Cardiff, Patrick Doyle, William Cardiff, Ellen Doyle, James Murphy – eight out of 150 passengers.

Editor's Table. The arrival of over 300 Irish immigrants on the *Raymond* is an event significant of the times we live in. This is the largest number of Irish immigrants ever landed on these shores.

3 October (222?)

J. G. F. Murphy, Buenos Aires letter of 1 October 1862 to Captain Wooloughan¹⁸ on behalf of the steerage passengers to express their thanks for his kind attention and warm interest during the passage from Dublin to Buenos Aires. Signed on behalf of 136 steerage passengers.

1 October 1862 – Date of Landing. An address presented to Captain Wooloughan by the cabin passengers on their arrival in Buenos Aires on 20 September 1862. "...In bidding you farewell we fervently pray in the language of truth & sincerity that God may protect you from danger and prolong your days to enjoy the honors & emoluments to which you are justly entitled..." Nine signatories noted.

4 October (223?)

Advert. Wanted – five or six single men to go to the camp. Irish preferred, wages 300 per month and tobacco supplied. Apply: estanciero this office.

Advert. 5000 ls Fortune, If this should meet the eye of Charles M. Keenan a native of Dublin, Ireland, who left his home on 21st December 1852, he will hear of something to his advantage, by applying to Captain Wooloughan on board the barque *Raymond* of Dublin, now lying at this port. Any information of his whereabouts would be thankfully received.

Advert. Wanted Peons. For and English Estancia in the South for the sheep shearing: respectable Irish, Basques, Germans and Danes preferred. Apply to George Gibson¹⁹ at No. 19 Calles de las Piedras, Scotch Church between 11 and 12 noon.

30 September 1862 letter from Captain L. T. Wooloughan on board the *Raymond* "To the cabin passengers on board the *Raymond*." Thanking the passengers for the gracious address which they gave him; passengers who always proved ready and willing to follow the instructions of his officers. May God send you every blessing and happiness in the land of your adoption..."

5 October (226?)

Tremendous Revolution.... the *Standard* is working a revolution in this country, which all you watch the current events will not fail to discern...

A line of emigrant packet ships is now about being started between Dublin and Buenos Aires...

7 October (227)

Local Events. Among the Irish immigrants on board the *Raymond* we notice, with pleasure, the arrival of some learned gentlemen bearing degrees of the

¹⁸ Captain Laurence Wooloughan (1829-1867) buried in the Wooloughan family grave at Goldenbridge Cemetery, Dublin See <https://findagrave.com/memorial/179531126> Laurence Wooloughan (Unknown - 1830) – Find A Grave Memorial, accessed 23 July 2020.

¹⁹ George Gibson – a member of the Gibson family owners of the famous estancia Los Yngleses, Tuyu, Provincia Buenos Aires.

Dublin and London universities MA, BA, DPhil, MD; such an array of literary titles has never before invaded Buenos Aires and Ireland appears to some advantage, in the new class of emigrants.

Irish College – this institution situated near the Irish Convent is progressing favourably and promises to become on the first educational establishments in this Republic. The Rector is a clergyman, but boys are prepared for all secular professions. Marriage on Monday 6th inst. by Rev. A. Fahey, John R. Montes Esq., to Miss Maria Louise Kennedy eldest daughter of the late Mr John Kennedy of this city.

8 October (228?)

Advert. For Dublin. The *Raymond* will shortly be loading for Ireland. Parties wishing to return to the native home or having parcels etc, to remit direct to Ireland, will please apply in time, H. A. Green & Co., 88 Calle Reconquista.²⁰

Marriage on the 6th inst. by V. Rev. A. Fahey, Mr Paddy Allen to Miss Rose Dalton, both of County Westmeath, Ireland. The happy couple retreated to spend their honeymoon in the immediate vicinity of Lujan.

9 October (229?)

RIP Departed this life on the 27 September in the Villa Mercedes, Mary Kenny, aged 78 years deeply regretted by her relatives and family and highly respected and esteemed by all her acquaintances; she was a native of Moyvore, County Westmeath

Advert. For Dublin. The *Raymond* will shortly begin loading for Ireland. Parties wishing to return to their native home or having parcels etc. to remit direct to Ireland will please apply in time to H. A. Gels & Co., 83 Calle Reconquista.

14 October (232?)

RIP Died on the 8 inst. at his residence Partido Villa Lujan, Mr Thomas Cunningham,²¹ aged 76, deeply and sincerely regretted by all; deceased was a native of County Westmeath and had been for many years a resident of this country.

Advert. The Standard River Plate Handbook & Directory for 1863 is now available..

17 October (237?)

²⁰ Henry Green, A. & Co., ship brokers. See Mulhall 1863 'Handbook of the River Plate Republicas.'

²¹ Thomas Cunningham (1786-1862) native of Westmeath. Arrived in the River Plate 1848 from Liverpool with his family. Married to Mary Athlumney b.Ireland; they had nine children.. Subsequent to his arrival Bishop Cantwell of Meath wrote a character reference letter about Cunningham to Fr Fahy.. See Coghlan, Vol.1, p.207. <https://www.genealogiairlandesa.com/genealogia/C/Cunningham/thomas2.htm> Thomas Cunningham & Mary Athlumney accessed 1 August 2020.

Dr Conyningham Junior. We have much pleasure in announcing the arrival of Dr V. Conyningham son of Dr Conyningham²² of this city after an absence of five years. He passed his final exam and obtained the degree of M. D. on the 15th August last at the University of Edinburgh; he also got a 3.1 mark of distinction for his dissertation amongst 100 graduates. These are sufficient titles to ensure our talented your countryman an extensive practice in this city and a high rank among his professional brethren.

Argentine Relations Abroad, ...Mr Curran²³ of Dublin, projects emigration on a vast scale to Buenos Aires, and we expect Government will avail itself of the recent Colonisation Law, by granting lands, in convenient sites, to Irish settlers...

19 October (237)

Mulhall's 1863 "Handbook of the River Plate Republics" on sale at the *Standard*.

23 October (241)

Lancashire & Irish Relief Fund. Collected by W. Allinson²⁴ – Livery Stables, \$2,093. List of 37 named subscribers.

24 October (242)

Advert. Man & Wife. Wanted employment on an English or Irish sheep farm not more than sixty leagues from town. Apply at Jacquontin's Restaurant (corner of Corrientes and Mayo).

Editorial – The Handbook of the River Plate Republics.

1 November (245)

Advert. Mr Patrick Riordan. Requires all parties indebted to him in his late establishment at No. 9 Calle Piedad to satisfy their accounts before December 1 prox. in order to avoid the trouble and expense of legal proceedings. A person properly authorised will close all accounts at the above place No. 2 Calle Piedad corner of Parque and Julio.

Advert – Provincial Bank of Ireland. ...We hailed with extravagant delight the advent of the River Plate Bank and have a live patriotic feeling of pride to salute an Irish enterprise whose name is associated with success, and which is

²² Doctor Vincent Conyningham (d. 1876) attended the British Hospital 1861-1873 while at the same time acting as Surgeon to the Great Southern & Boca Railway. See Jeremy Howat "Doctors in Practice with English-speaking Community in Argentina during the 19th and early 20th Centuries" in www.argbrit.org accessed 1 August 2020.

²³ This is probably Peter Curran, ship chandler, provision merchant and export bottler of 30 Northumberland Buildings – Lower Sackville Street to Northumberland Buildings. See *Thom's Almanac and Official Directory for the Year 1862 – Dublin Street Directory*.

²⁴ William L. Allison – stables at Rividavia 23 and Piedad 26; he and his wife and daughter all died in the 1871 Yellow Fever Epidemic. See Mulhall, *Handbook of the River Plate Republics*, 1863.

destined to form another brilliant link of nationality uniting us by a transatlantic cable with the land of our birth, our passion and our destiny.

4 November (256?)

Editorial – Talk of the Days. Another talented Irishman who is doing good service for the Republic has recently arrived: we allude to Mr Rickard of the San Juan Silver Mines...

We notice and Irish College established at Lobos by Dr Fitzsimons²⁵ and Mr Power M.A. This is a sign of the times.

5 November (251)

Advert. A. M. D. G. The College Lobos, Principals – Dr F. Fitzsimons M.A., PhD, Cuthbert Collingwood Power ex Scholar TCD.

6 November (252)

Advert. Hibernian House – New Central Wholesale & Retail Grocery Store, No.78, 83 & 85 Calle Piedad. Thomas Fallon begs to inform his friends in town and in the camp that he has taken the above commodious premises, which he intends opening on Thursday 30th inst.

Notice. Mrs. Admiral Browne is requested to contact J. A. Green clerk to the Consul at the British Consulate, Buenos Aires, 4 November 1862.

7 November (253)

Notice. Mary Carr, Mrs. Admiral Brown, Mrs. Cannon or Christopher Carr – any of the above are requested to call at the British Consulate to receive a communication from a distant relative. British Consulate, Buenos Aires, 4 November 1862. J. A. Green, Clerk to H, M. Consulate,

Notice. Sheep, Cattle & Land Agency Office. Thomas Fallon wishes to advise his countrymen and those connected with sheep farming that he has set up a Registry and agency at Hibernian House, 78, 85 Calle Piedad. The daily increase of Irish interest renders the opening of such an agency necessary.

Editorial – The Guardia Monte Butchery. An Irishman's life is not very dear to camp officials. How long will this last, is a question often put and readily answered. One or two more cases like that of Gilligan and Davy will awaken our countrymen to the wretched fact that they may expect as much protection

²⁵ Patrick Fitzsimons (1802-1872) headmaster and educationalist, a native of County Down who settled in Ennis, County Clare, where he opened a successful school with Cuthbert Collingwood Power. Because of debts, Fitzsimons emigrated to Argentina and sailed on the *Raymond* arrived in Buenos Aires on 1 October 1862. Settled in Lobos and opened a school there. Appointed head of the national school in Corrientes in 1869 by President Sarmiento. Married Bidelia Kelly c.1845 and had five children. Fitzsimons and his wife died during and Yellow Fever outbreak in April 1872. See Edmundo Murray, "Patrick Fitzsimons" in Dictionary of Irish Latin American Biography, SILAS, 2005.

from the *alcaldes, tenientes et hoc genus omne*²⁶ as Naho Salub vouchsafed to the prisoners of Cawnpors.

The Guardia Monte Butchery.

The authorities seem still to accept the local papers wink at the murder of two foreigners. Excepting the brief account in the “Nacion Argentina”, not the slightest attention has been made of the most cold-blooded murders which has disgraced Buenos Aires, during many years. ...The Juez de Paz of Guardia Monte plays ‘sortija’ or billiards, and eats ‘carne con cuero’ with quite as good a relish as if the drunken gaucho had only slain two mad dogs for alas! an Irishman’s life is not very dear to camp officials. How long will this last is the question often put, and readily unanswered. One or two more cases, like that of Gilligan and Davy will awaken our countrymen to the wretched fact that they may expect as much protection from *alcaldes, tenientes et hoc genus homnes*²⁷ as Nano Salon vouchsafed to the prisoners of Cawnpore.²⁸

...Not long ago Mayor Vila was murdered in this same district, and if he had been an Irishman the fact would have been passed over unheeded; but it suited the Policy or principles of the *Tribuna, Nacional* and *Revista* to make noise about the matter, and one of the assassins was shot in expiation. It may be said that Gilligan or Davy was a more useful citizen than Vila, but unhappily soldiers are at a premium, and shepherds below par, in the province of Buenos Ayres, Hence Vila was avenged; but the ravens may pluck out the hearts if our murdered countrymen ere it excites the notice of our philanthropic colleagues.

...Within in a brief period we can count up to a dozen Irishmen murdered in the camp, but even the oldest inhabitant cannot cite a case of a native shot for having assassinated one of our countrymen. This accumulation of unavenged blood would, if gathered together, permit one of our camp judges to swim in the gory liquid...

8 November (254?)

Caution. Subscribers to the *Standard* are hereby notified that Rafo Talquino who hitherto has been our Repartidor for the North has ceased to be in our employment. He has disappeared with \$ 1800. We have forgiven him before a similar slip. He is half-cast, medium height, almost beardless and aged about 30. The public are cautioned against paying him subscriptions even though he should present the receipt duly signed. *Standard* office, M. G. & E. T. Mulhall.

9 November (255)

²⁶ *hoc genus omne*: see note 27

²⁷ Et hoc genus omne – and allow that sort of thing.

²⁸ The Siege of Cawnpore was an episode in the Indian Rebellion of 1857. Scene of the massacre by Nana Sahib of British soldiers and English families and his later defeat by British forces. The city is now known as Kanpur.

The Guardia Monte Murders.

Contribution for the arrest, trial and execution of the assassin. [There follows by a list of 19 contributors who subscribed 8,250 \$].

Editorial : Who Defends The Murders

The *Standard* does not agree with the *Tribuna* newspaper its treatment of the shocking murders in the camp. We are the organ and representative of the most influential classes in this country, a class that has built the present greatness of this province. We ask for justice. We demand retribution. Shall we be heard? Or shall the unworthy efforts to such a paper as the *Tribuna* be permitted to shut our mouth, belie our sentiments by a tortuous translation, or shield the murderer, or even the camp authorities, if in fault. ... Who is the murderer of William Whitteker? Samuel Moore? Thomas Doyle? Price and family? Thomas Doyle? Jas. Ronayne? Young Malcolm? Christopher Rogers? John Murphy? Thomas Carr?

Killing No Murder

Three weeks have elapsed since the tragedy of Guardia del Monte yet a veil is thrown over the occurrence. ...One man has been killed, and another is dying, but according to the 'tachero oracle' this is a passing trifle not even worth of a 'local event' and our countrymen far from being irritated at the impunity of this double murder should rather be thankful that they enjoy such hospitality in this enlightened Republic!

Advert. Money Orders. Payable on demand to the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Dublin. Signed – Austin Latha, authorised by the Bank.

14 November (258)

Who Defends The Alcaldes

The *Siglo* has thought proper to attack the *Standard* and censure the parties who have subscribed for the arrest and conviction of the murderers. ...If we permitted Doyle's murder to pass in silence, because the country was at that period in the blaze of civil war, is it any reason for now when we are enjoying peace, we should pursue a like course respecting the Guardia Monte tragedy? ...We charge the *Siglo* with attacking the *Standard* and our fellow countrymen for coming forward to help in repressing crime, whilst you allow the murder to pass unnoticed and camp authorities to go unblamed....

Fuller Details of the Late Tragedy

Time is adding fresh horrors to the awful occurrence which has frozen the very blood in our veins while the *Tribune*, *Siglo* and *Nacional* have passed it over in the strange and culpable silence. Happily one of the victims is recovering, but, while able to give his depositions, where will the murderer be? It appears, as first stated, some half dozen Irishmen were parting sheep, when a gaucho name Joaquin, a famous horse tamer, rode up to corral. The gate was on the ground, and the drunken fellow was about to trample on P, when English Davy

desired him not to do so, as it would break the bars. Without more a do the gaucho dismounted and attacked the old man who defended himself while receiving some frightful gnashes. The Irishmen were some drunk, some paralysed with fear, excepting a brave youth named Gilligan who rushed upon the armed assassin and grappled with him; he was, however, unable to wrest the knife from his hand, and suffered a dreadful stab as the gaucho freed himself. Davy was fast dying, leaning against the corral fence where he had been attacked and mangled; Gilligan lay on the ground bleeding profusely. At this moment the gaucho exulting over his bloody work, approached the bewildered Irishmen and covered them with such taunts and infamy as that would seem to have merited if in their sober senses, or not asphyxiated... The Irishmen collected sufficient sense to take Davy and Gilligan to the rancho. Davy lingered three hours and Gilligan who was at first despaired of, but youth and health stood to him, and before long he recovered completely...

Davy had served some time in an English man of war. He was known in Buenos Aires as a good blacksmith and worked for several years for Mr Lumb. He leaves a wife and four children.

Gilligan is a quiet sober, exemplary young man, and his devotion in trying to save poor old man Davy at the risk of his own life is a noble contrast with the dastardly conduct of his countrymen who looked on impassive at the spectacle

Humbly Addressed to the Antetachero Chieftain²⁹

Were the murderers of the following British subjects captured? Mr Moore of Magdalena, young Mr Malcolm, Denis Ronayne of Lobos, Michael McManus who was murdered within three squares of Juzgado of Lobos in 1854; Richard Keyes of Guardia del Monte last year and Mr Graham tutor to Mr Young's children, Pilar. Were they even look after, and these are only a few of my murdered countrymen who I at the moment happen to remember, and to have been personally acquainted with... When Mr Young's house was robbed in 1857, and his brother and tutor were butchered, the Comisario was immediately informed... The Comisario informed the Alcalde who lived nine leagues away and came two days later and found himself puzzled where to begin. He requested a person who was present to accompany him to Comisario assist him in giving particulars of the case and urged the Comisario to do all in his power to capture the murderer for which "I offered him the sum of ten thousand dollars to be given as a reward." The person applied to is the author of this article...

15 November (259)

Another Frightful Murder – in the partido of Ranchos. ...We call on the Government to take immediate steps for the apprehension of this man and

²⁹ Undated letter from Dick.

regret to say he is the son of an Irishman named Bryan Thorpe... The murdered is a young man named Nicholas Thorpe... If this fellow is not arrested, quien sabe how many more he won't kill before the year is out.

Advert. Caution. Rafo Talaquino *Standard* has disappeared with \$1,000. A previous slip was forgiven. The public are cautioned against paying him any subscriptions. M. G. & E. T. Mulhall.

16 November (260)

Editor's Table. General Mitre has brought out from France some officials to drill and train soldiers. We would advise him to get out a few city of Dublin police. If the President would do this we would have some chance of our rascal repartidor...

19 November (262)

Our Trial By Jury. The trial of the *Standard* upon the charges alleged against it, by a jury composed solely of Portenos, will be nothing else than the accusers trying their own case...

20 November (263)

Editor's Table. The defence of the *Standard* by the *Nacion Argentina* is the general talk about town.

Editorial. The Mountain In Labour. The Guardia Monte murder and neglect of the authorities will cause a terrible sensation in Europe. But the persecution against camp injustice will raise a clamour and indignation through the length and breath of the British Empire... The British and Irish community in Buenos Aires is far the most influential of our cosmopolitan assemblage... Our countrymen naturally regard themselves as the chief architects of Buenos Aires greatness...

21 November (264)

Advert. For Ireland Direct. The well know British Brig *Raymond* 491 tons registry after having completed her cargo in the River Uruguay, will return to this port in more or less three weeks from date, to receive passengers, for whom Captain Wooloughan has splendid accommodation both cabin and steerage. Persons wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity will please apply to Henry R. Green & Co., *Calle Reconquista No.88*.

27 November (269)

Editor's Table. We learn with much regret that poor Gilligan is dead; this is the second victim in the Guardia Monte tragedy, and we do hope that the Government will take every measure to have the assassin caught.

Eugene Murray 26 November 1862 letter to William Dorai, Charge d' Affairs, H.B.M. Consulate – insisting on his right to gain possession of his property after

the violent and unlawful seizure by persons pretending to act as agents for the Northern Railway Co., with the tacit or express consent of the local authorities.

The date to receive passengers for whom Captain Woolughan has splendid accommodation both cabin and steerage. Persons wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity will please apply to Henry A. Green & Co., Calle Reconquista 83.

Advert. For Ireland Direct. The well-known British brig *Raymond* 401 tons having complete her cargo in the River Uruguay will return to this port in more of less three weeks time.

2 December (273)

Editorial. First anniversary of *The Standard*.

3 December (274)

Editor's Table. The news from Europe is digested, the Northern Railway is over, the first anniversary of the *Standard* is gone by and we have all sobered down to business once more.

Advert. Who Wants A Coachman. A city of Dublin coachman has just arrived; he brings with him the very highest testimonials and wishes to be engaged in an English family. Apply Dublin Coachman *Standard* office.

5 December (276)

Advert. New Hospital. The Sisters of Mercy advise their countrymen that they have established a hospital adjoining their House of Mercy where poor people from the country and sick girls in the city will receive all the kindness and attention that their cases may require. Subscriptions gratefully received and acknowledge by among others Fr A. D. Fahy.

6 December (277)

The Guardia Monte Murder.

The *Tribune* seems rather sore on the Guardia Monte business, and is taking some pains to persuade the public that they were right and we were wrong. We are not surprised by this. ...An error of one syllable in a legal document will invalidate the instrument in a court of law where justice is properly administered, and the gratuitous assertion of the impeached Guardia Monte judge, that the murdered victim was an Irishman, when it is notorious that he was an Englishman, proves that the matter was not "even to this very hour" been properly attended to by this camp official. ...The assertion that we made respecting the presence of the murderer at the Races is guaranteed to us by respectable parties, and the judge vainly tries to rebut the charge by stating he had given no authority whatever to hold public races; but this petty frogging technicality won't do; we all know that at the pulperias, on Sunday, races are

held, with or without permission, the judge and his and his alcaldes to the contrary notwithstanding...

The Guardia Monte Murders –

25 November 1862 letter from the Juez de Paz (Julian Gonzales) to the Minister of Government, Dr Mariano Acosta. On 24 November the Juez de Paz received a note dated 17 November from the Minister relating to what the minister had read in the *Standard* about the assassination of an Irishman in that partido and that the murderer had assisted at some public races without being arrested. The Juez told how he was advised on 26 October that at the puesto of D. Miguel Hogancito in the 3 Cuartel, one Lucas Ferreya had wounded David Boeel and Juan Gilligan – he went to investigate but the criminal had fled. ...David Boeel died three days later. ...He offered 1,000 \$ reward on his own part for information regarding the murderer's whereabouts. ...The Juzgado had not authorised any races and he does not know if the individual attended any public or private meeting...

A letter from the Juez de Paz to the Minister of Government – on the evening of the 24th inst. the undersigned received your Excellencies note of the 17th relating to what you had read in the English newspaper about the assassination of an Irishman in this Partido, adding that the murderer has assisted a some public races before being arrested...Julian Gonzalez, Justice of the Peace.

Opening of Anglo Porteno College Lobos.

This important event took place on 1 December last. Two years ago had any one said that in the town of Lobos in December 1862 such a college would be opened they would be regarded as "loco." Present at the opening ceremony were Rev. Don Enrique P.P. V.G., Rev. Mr Smith and the principals Dr Fitzsimons and Dr Power. After the opening ceremony the visitors were ushered into the saloon where they hospitably received by Mrs. Fitzsimons who looks after the domestic arrangements of the establishment.

New Hospital.

The Sisters of Mercy beg leave to inform their countrymen that they have established an hospital immediately adjoining their house of Mercy, where poor people from the country and sick girls in the city, will receive all the kindness and attention that their cases may require,

As the Sisters intend to erect an extensive building on the premises, they rely on the generosity of their countrymen for that assistance which will enable them to complete the hospital.

In addition to the best medical assistance, the sick will also have the consolation of receiving all the Sacraments, which is the greatest blessing they can experience in the midst of their sufferings.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Sister at their Convent of Mercy; the Rev. A. D. Fahy; the Rev. Mr Smith, Lobos; Rev. Mr Curran, Capilla del Senor; and Rev. Mr Connolly, Chascomus; also by Mr Michael Duggan, wool market.

Advert. Just Received, Guinness's Stout in pints and quarts H. M. Moss & Co., Defensa 23, 25, 27.

Advert, National Bank of Ireland, London and Dublin – agency office in Buenos Aires, No. 65 Calle San Martin. The undersigned is authorised by the Directors of the National Bank to grant money orders for any sum exceeding five pounds payable on demand at Dublin or any one the afore mentioned towns. Applications should be made at the office of Mr Wilson Jacobs, Exchange Broker, No. 66 Calle San Martin opposite the Bolsa. Thomas B. Hall.

14 December (283)

Advert. Coachman. Wanted an English or Irish coachman who has previously served in that capacity and has produced satisfactory references. Apply between 10 and 12 am at 135 Calle 25 de Mayo.

Advert. Coachman. House steward and indoor servant, by a man recently arrived from Dublin where he lived ten years with the one employer from whom he holds a first class reference.

16 December (284)

Editor's Table. Captain Wolloughan of the Dublin Brig *Raymond* informs us by letter that when lying at Fray Bentos, five or six seamen have deserted, taking with them a boat, oars etc. value £14, as also the clothes of their shipmates.

18 December (286)

Editor's Table. Mr Rickard's project of bringing out some Irish farmers to San Juan is mentioned, as a States measure in the journal of that Province, but it is doubtful whether any sons of the Green Isle will consent to try their fortunes in that Ultima Thule.³⁰

19 December (287)

Editor's Table. An Irish housemaid was put in prison last week by a native family on charge of stealing 3,000\$; subsequently the old lady found the money in a place she had forgotten, and in satisfaction to the girl, said "she was very sorry." We think the victim is entitled to 10,000 pres.

Editor's Table. Mille Anturt left yesterday evening for Montevideo. Her departure was rather sudden as she had promised us a concert for the British Hospital and the Irish Convent.

³⁰ Ultima Thule – Latin; this is the furthest North location mentioned in ancient Greek and Roman literature and cartography. The furthest possible place in the world.

20 December (288)

Local Events. General O'Brien – we have seen a fine oil painting of this distinguished officer at the Home Agency office of Messrs Davis & Co. It was taken for his daughter in Chile very shortly before his death in Lisbon when he was making arrangements to return to Buenos Aires.

21 December (289)

Another Shocking Outrage....As an Irishman (who was a passenger by *La Zingara*) was returning from Carmen de Areco last Sunday, three weeks, after hearing Divine Service, he was attacked two leagues out _____? own _____? by a gaucho who saluting him with the usual "como esta, amigo" made a violent rush at him, and throwing him from his horse, ran on him with a drawn knife. The Irishman's first thought was to seize the knife, which he did with a vigorous hold; but the ruffian enraged by the poor fellow's attempting to resist, deliberately drew it through his hand, nearly severing the wrist off; in the struggle which ensued the Irishman received several deep gashes, and was left unable to move. The ruffian quietly turned round to unsaddle the poor fellow's horse and took whatever part of the recado suited his fancy best, along with the whip, which were his sole object from committing this atrocious act. The Irishman was allowed to remain where he fell, until fortunately picked up by some passer-by. H., Fortin de Areco, Dec. 17, 1862.

23 December (290)

Editor's Table. It affords us much pleasure to call attention to the certificate sent by one of our Irish supporters in San Antonio de Areco respecting Don Jose E. Martinez. If we attack incompetent officials and demand their removal, we are also ready and willing to find room in any columns for testimonials such as the one referred to.

Advert. Provincial Bank of Ireland. Money Orders payable on demand at the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Dublin. Applications for money orders to be made at the offices of Mr Henry N. Hart, Exchange Broker, No. 23 Calle San Martin, next door to the bank. Austin Latham.³¹

24 December (291)

³¹ Austin Latham (1829-1863) born in Liverpool of a Catholic family. Educated at Ampleforth and Paris. Joined his brother Wilfred in Buenos Aires in 1851 and set up Latham & Co. an import/export business. Another business – Latham Brothers was set up in Liverpool – the two firms were separate. In 1856 Latham Brothers, the Liverpool business went bankrupt and Austin found himself liable for a percentage of the debt. He married Jane Dowdall, whose father, a native of Newry, County Down, was a powerful merchant in Buenos Aires. See Susan Wilkinson "Recollection of an Irish Born Doctor in 19th Century Argentina: Arthur Pagett Greene (1848-1933)" Washington, Tyne & Wear, 2015, p.42, No.16

Editor's Table. The midnight Mass so popular a devotion in Ireland is here called "Misa de Gaitos"³², but has been discontinued in the city owing to frequent breaches of religious decorum.

Advert. For Ireland Direct on the *Raymond*.

25 December (292)

Notice. *Standard* Office Letter Department. For the convenience of our fellow countrymen we opened a letter department in our office. We find however, now at the close of the year, a multiplicity of letters many of which have been already advertised. We require all our readers will carefully go over the list, as it is erroneous to suppose these letters are for recently arrived immigrants – on the contrary, as will be seen by the list, we have letters for bankers, clergymen, doctors, ship captains etc. subscribers letters published gratis, all other 5\$ each. [There follows a list of 67 names] Notice is hereby given that all parties applying for letters must bring with them a copy of the *Standard* in which such letters are advertised as otherwise no attention will be paid.

Editor's Table. The Editor's Table is as usual crowded to overflowing with complaints, remonstrances and latterly our Porteño friends find their way into our offices (having heard that the *Standard* courts no favour from President, Governor, Ministers, Colonel, and such exalted characters, but fearlessly speaks the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth) ...

³² "Misa de Gallo", a traditional Catholic midnight Mass on Dec.24th