

COLOMBIA.

Business Dull—Railroad Matters—Pearl Fishing—The Jamestown—Celebration—Health of Panama—Crew of the Quaker City—Want of Ice—The Election for President—Mosquera Beaten.

PANAMA, August 13, 1869.

The steamer Arizona, from New York, with 500 passengers, reached Aspinwall on the morning of the 9th. The passengers and freight left Panama the same evening for San Francisco on the steamer Montana.

Since the sailing of last steamer matters remain very quiet. Business never was duller, the country apparently being unable to recover from the disastrous effects of the past years' revolutions, and all confidence being lost in the probity of the traders from the interior, who pretend to be, or really are, all in a state of bankruptcy, so that our merchants would rather hold their goods than sell them on credit.

Instructions have been received for the sailing of the United States ship Jamestown on a cruise to the South Sea islands, spoken of in my last, and she is now being busily fitted out for the trip. She will probably sail hence on the 21st inst., and be absent ten months. I learn that the same mail which brought out these instructions has also brought instructions for the midshipmen aboard the Jamestown to return home to attend their examination.

A terrific rain and thunder storm was felt in Aspinwall on the night of the 6th instant.

The United States consul at Aspinwall, Mr. Perry, has been obliged to make a trip to Jamaica for his health.

Colonel Quesada, of the Cuban republic, reached the isthmus on the 7th instant from Kingston, Jamaica. He is a prominent patriot who made his escape in an open boat from Cuba a couple of weeks ago and was picked up at sea after being out for five days. Colonel Quesada goes to New York this steamer.

There has been a number of political rows in the State of Magdalena, both during the State and National elections, and very serious disturbances are feared on the meeting of the Assembly.

The election of President of the nation has gone against Mosquera.