

AN ECUDOREAN BANQUET

U. S. Minister Sampson's Description of a State Dinner at Quito.

A friend of General Archibald J. Sampson, United States minister to Ecuador, recently received a letter from him descriptive of an interesting state banquet at Quito.

The general added in his letter that he would return to Phoenix sometime in the course of the summer.

Foreign Relations Valverde, in the name of the government and was a real success.

"On this platform was a fine orchestra of some twenty pieces, while one of the large bands, over sixty instruments, was stationed in front, in the street.

"I also had handed me a card, informing me whom I was to escort to the dining room. My partner was Senora Baquerizo, wife of the vice president.

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"Some of the foreign ministers did not like being so far from the center of the table. On the diagram, I have marked the title of those present, nearly all foreign representatives or government officials.

"You will see by the menu that we had twelve courses, the first being fresh oysters on the shell. The minister had fresh oysters, fresh fish and fresh lobsters, in abundance, brought from Guayaquil on ice, in perfect condition.

"Cards were on all the plates, showing the place of each guest at the table. One by one, shortly after arrival, each guest was shown into the dining room to locate himself, so that when the march was made to the dining room, there was no rushing around hunting seats as I have seen more than once in the homeland.

"The dining room was alloted beautiful. On the table from one end to the other, was a great bed of flowers one and a half feet wide. In this must have been about one hundred and thirty electric lights, white, red, yellow, blue and green, not larger than a small walnut.

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liantly lighted, the handsome ladies and admiring gentlemen, all presented a scene much to be enjoyed. Of course the table was laden with all kinds of 'dulces' and 'pasels,' while some six or seven kinds of wine were served and freely used. Not one person showed any signs of being in any degree affected thereby.

"On the corridor of the third story were quite a number of persons, including the soon-to-be wife of Minister Valverde and her mother, enjoying the privilege of seeing all they could and hearing the music. These felt almost as much honored as the guests of the evening.

"Now as to the ladies and their dresses, I am no 'society item' writer, hence will have to pass this subject by, simply saying they were handsome and beautifully dressed.

MONEY MAKING BIRDS

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Breeding pairs can be found in the valley that \$2500 would not buy. Nubians, not yet paired off, can be seen for which \$1000 each would not suggest a change of ownership.

The question as to the number of chicks to be obtained from any single pair of breeding birds depends entirely upon circumstances among which may be mentioned the physical condition of the housekeepers, their location, (free from or subject to intrusion and annoyance,) character and quantity of food, condition of the weather (storms destroy nests), the manner of incubation and last, but not least the experience and faithfulness of the man in charge.

Table with 2 columns: Year (First Year, Second Year, Third Year, Fourth Year, Fifth Year) and various classes of birds (Class A, B, C, D, E, F) with their respective values and feather income.

One report has recently been received and thoroughly verified, of two hundred and eighteen chicks raised from thirteen pairs of breeders, here in the valley, last year; one pair alone being responsible for thirty-two of the infants.

markable. They should indeed become the rule instead of the exception as time and experience bring us to a better understanding of the bird. However, an average of ten chicks to each 'family,' by no means unreasonable to expect, should satisfy the most avid aviculturists.

At six months of age the chick receives his first plucking. The feathers are coarse and narrow, bringing in the market but from \$7 to \$10 per bird. Eight months later comes his second 'hop to the barber shop' at which time he rewards his owner with a much better quality of plumage worth from \$15 to \$20.

Mention should have been made before this that the male bird is usually the more valuable. In sales of mixed feather birds the cocks are generally \$20 to \$25 higher than the price of the hens. This, for one reason, is because of the superior quality of the feathers. It is by no means unusual to find one of these black monsters whose single pluckings will yield \$30 to \$40.

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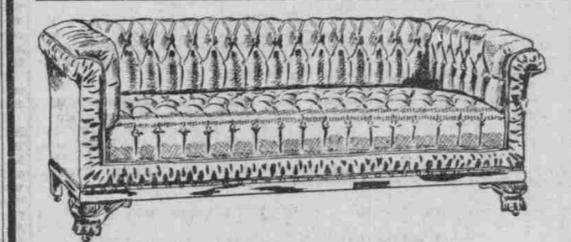
The advisability of plucking breeders is an open question. Their feathers are not as good as those from birds having no family ties, whose limited instincts are troubled with nothing more strenuous than a life of ease on large fields of clean and tender green.

least twenty-five pairs of breeders which should easily add another two hundred chicks to our increasing herds. Carry the figures through for another five years and see what could be done. The result will astonish you. But our land has been doubled. It will need to be doubled again. And the expense—but that is another story. EDWIN BARBOUR.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the articles of incorporation and of the by-laws of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association and in pursuance thereof, an election by the qualified electors of said association will be held on Tuesday, April 4th, 1905, from 8 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. of said day.

One member of the board of governors in each of the ten council districts into which the reservoir district is divided, to serve for the term of one year, also one member of the council in each of the said council districts to serve for the term of three years.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, D. C. January 12, 1905. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the United States Reclamation Service, 1108 Braly Building, Los Angeles, California, until 2 o'clock p. m., March 15, 1905, for the construction of the Laguna dam and sluice ways.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Estate of Horatio H. Wharton, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Horatio H. Wharton deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the office of Street & Alexander, room 302 Fleming block, Phoenix, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said county of Maricopa.