

CHAMPAGNE IMPORTATIONS.

Sparkling Wines Rapidly Increasing in the Customs List.

The annual returns of the importations of champagnes into this country during the last calendar year have just been published by the Government, and show a total of 325,568 cases of all brands, being far in excess of any previous importations.

Below we print the importations of champagne as far back as 1872, and we believe that these figures will interest our readers as it has been often said that the champagne business was a good barometer of the general business of the country. They were:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Cases. Data points for 1872-1889.

A look at these tables will show how champagne importations decreased hardly one-fourth after the panic of 1873, while after the scare of 1883 they dropped fully one-third, and still, in the first case, it took over seven years to reach the former total, while after 1883 it only took six years to far overreach it; showing that the recuperative powers of this country are fast increasing.

Besides genuine champagnes these importations also include sparkling wines, so-called champagnes, from Germany, Hungary, Switzerland, etc., of which a few cases have been shipped to this country in the last two or three years. But these wines are in no way superior to what is produced here, and instead of injuring the genuine champagne, they rather serve to prove by contrast that no sparkling wine has yet been found to compare with the real champagne of the land of Dom Perignon.

Seeing this noted increase in the consumption of this wine, people will naturally wonder if the production will ever run short, and probably repeat the old exploded version, that very little genuine champagne is imported to the United States, the output being hardly sufficient to supply the crowded head of Europe. If this were so, there would be no stronger plea in favor of a republic against a monarchy.

It is a fact that since the day when Dom Perignon, at the Monastery of Hautvillers, discovered that a few bottles which he had filled a few days previously had naturally become sparkling, this proving to be the first champagne made, the production of that wine has always kept up with the demand, and so, indeed, has its value—and, from official returns published by the Chamber of Commerce of Reims, it is seen that while in 1854 the number of bottles in the hands of wholesale merchants in France was 17,757,709, in 1886 that stock had reached 83,306,952 bottles. Our importations last year having been 3,906,816 bottles (325,568 cases), it is plain that we need not fear any champagne famine yet.

It is a noteworthy fact that while these importations come from thirty or forty different houses in the Champagne, who are all trying their best to gain the favor of the American public, still considerably more than half of those importations are from only three of the most popular brands, and the third one alone is what may be called a cheap wine. This forcibly illustrates two peculiarities in the character of the American people; that is, their servility to the fashion and the lack of confidence they have in their own judgment, as far as drinking champagne is concerned; but still they are generally pretty good judges, as the amount of money has ever succeeded in forcing upon the public for any length of time an inferior brand. However, it is an undisputed fact that most of the champagne houses ship here their best cures, all fit for any kind to drink, and that many brands little known here have for years enjoyed a European reputation, and are equal, if not superior, to many of the more popular ones. This will be easily understood, if we consider that on the other side champagne wine is a staple article, like sugar or flour here; that few houses own large vineyards; that the sun does not shine especially for anybody in particular, and that whoever pays for the best quality gets it. On the other hand, as champagne wine, in order to retain enough acids to ferment in the bottle, must be bottled in the first year after it is pressed, and as, for the same reasons, one cannot use more than one-third of an old wine, reserve aged in casks, it is absolutely necessary to keep it at least three or four years in the cellars to insure perfect ripeness. But when a brand suddenly becomes fashionable and doubles its sales every year, how can this be done? Only by shipping the wine from twelve to eighteen months before it is really fit to drink, and such is the blind faith people put in fashion, that they still praise these same brands until they mistake an unripe acid wine for a "dry" wine. Or, if they notice that the quality of the fashionable brand is not any more what it used to be, they will not dare say so, and at the next dinner they give they will still offer the fashionable brand even against their own convictions.

Years ago, when so many imitations were made in this country, there was some excuse for a man refusing to drink any other than a well-known brand; but today this is not the case any more, and anybody who has any confidence in his own taste may try almost any brand on the market and judge of the quality himself.

And that is how, quite recently, in London, forty-two members of the wine trade assembled at Agricultural Hall to attend a competitive tasting of the best-known brands of champagne upon the market. Twenty brands were adjudicated upon, being designated only by numbers and poured in colored glasses. They were first tasted in four sections of five brands each; then out of the three best brands of each section they formed two sections of six brands each; then, out of the three best brands of these two sections they formed one single section of six brands, and when these were finally duly tested the Duc de Montebello came out first.—(Sunday Item, Philadelphia.)

In Department I yesterday appeared J. H. Snowden, George Bush and James Clarke for sentence. The first named of

the trio was found guilty of seduction, and the two last mentioned plead guilty to burglary. Snowden got three years and the others five each in San Quentin.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Two Events Announced for the Near Future.

On the evenings of April 1st, 3d and 7th, Mrs. Louise Humphreys-Smith will give a series of recitals at Unity church under the auspices of the Channing Club. The programmes embrace scenes from Shakespeare, and selections from the best authors. The high testimonials of Mrs. Smith given on the circular, bespeak for her a cordial support by the art-loving public. She will be assisted by several of the leading vocalists.

Tomorrow evening at the First Congregational church an entertainment will be given for which the following have volunteered their services: Mrs. Taggart, Mrs. M. Perry-Davis, Miss Prewitt, Miss Berger, Mrs. Owens, Sig. Modini, H. E. Hamilton, and Messrs. Way, Lebo, Maybin, Wallace and McQuillen. Miss Berger will play one of Rubinstein's compositions, and as this young lady possesses an artistic musical nature that makes itself felt whenever she favors the public, more than ordinary interest is taken in the concert.

HE HAD TO RESIGN.

An Alien in the Assessor's Office is Forced to Leave His Job.

One of C. C. Mason's deputies in the County Assessor's office had to resign the other day. His name is George Monroe, and he has been until very recently a subject of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. It was only last October that Monroe took out his first papers preparatory to becoming a citizen. He has been in the Assessor's office for quite a long time, and an alien himself, he has been administering oaths, etc., to American citizens. This was learned to be a fact, and certain persons who thought American citizens should hold such offices made a fight on it, and Monroe had to resign.

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For San Pedro, S. S. Mexico, March 5, 13, 21, 29 and April 6.

For Redondo, S. S. Los Angeles, March 3, 11, 19, 27 and April 4.

For San Pedro and S. S. Eureka, March 7, 15, 23, 31 and April 8.

For LEAVE SAN PEDRO.

For S. S. Corona, March 3, 11, 19, 27, and April 4.

For S. S. Mexico, March 7, 15, 23, 31 and April 8.

For LEAVE SAN PEDRO REDONDO.

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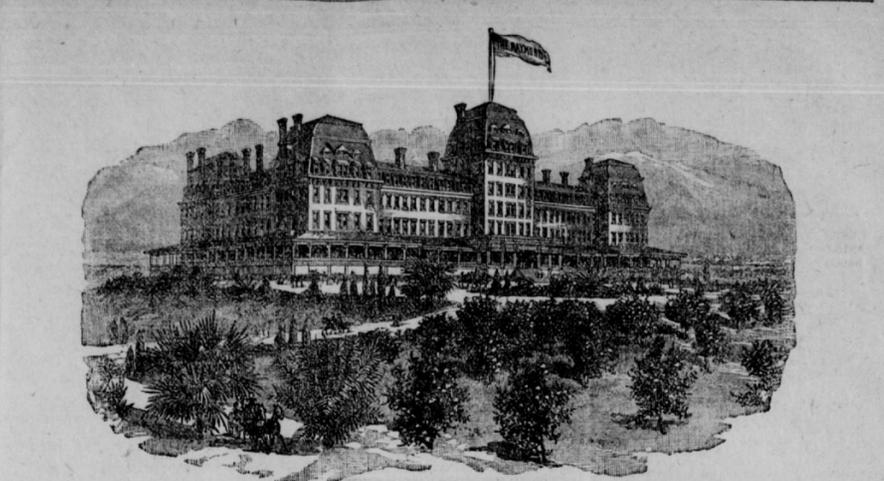
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