THE BANK OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

PRESENT LIQUIDATION CONTINUED.


A meeting of the shareholders in the Bank of South Australia was held yesterday, at which it was reported that the liquidation of the debt was being carried out in a satisfactory manner. It was proposed that the liquidation should be continued under the supervision of the Court of Chancery, and that the Bank should receive the support of a small minority of those present, the majority preferring that it should be carried out on the present lines.

SIR F. D. BELL.

Sir Francis Dillon Bell, K.C.M.G., C.B., formerly Agent-General for New Zealand, will sail for New Zealand by the Polyphemus.

MR. J. SPENCER BALFOUR.

EXTRADITION REFUSED.


Mr. James Spencer Balfour, formerly Gladstone M.P. for Burnley, and the well-known Company Director, is in the Argentine Republic. A warrant having been issued for his arrest in connection with the Liberator Bond Scandal of 1848, Mr. Balfour has evaded prosecution by levelling it, and having obtained 15,000 notes. The British authorities have tried to extradite him, but the Argentine Republican Government refuses to accede to their request, because the British authorities refused to give up an Argentine Republican officer under an extradition order.

THE UNITED EMPIRE TRADE LEAGUE.

GLADSTONE REFUSES TO BE INTERVIEWED.


The United Empire League has requested the Premier to receive a deputation from their Association, to press upon him the importance of taking steps to increase the trade and commerce between the various parts of this Empire. Mr. Gladstone has replied, declining to grant the request on the ground that the scheme advocated by the League is injurious to the great mass of the community, and that it would introduce into industry and commerce an unfavourable effect upon the industry and commerce of the Empire.

SYRIAN MANUSCRIPT OF THE GOSPELS.

THE OLDEST EXTANT.


A manuscript has been discovered in the library at Mount Sinai, and it is stated to be a Syrian manuscript of the four Gospels in a fair good state of preservation. The manuscript has not been established, but it is presumed to be the oldest copy of the Gospels extant.

SILVER.


Silver is now quoted at 36, 1/2d. per ounce, showing a fall of 1/4d.

BRITISH SHIPPING.

The London Shipping Association of Victoria, Limited, states that the port is clear and open for trade.