

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 12th Dec 1874

THE LOSS OF THE LA PLATA

The loss of this vessel off Ushant will possess an additional and painful interest to many in this town inasmuch as at least two of the sixty persons who were lost in her were well known here. As is now generally known, the La Plata had been chartered by Messrs. SIEMENS to take 184 miles of telegraph cable to South America, and in addition to the loss of the captain, the surgeon, three officers, and a number of the seamen, the whole of the cable staff lost their lives. Among these were Mr. **F. H. RICKETTS**, the chief engineer in charge of the expedition, who was the son of Mr. E. W. RICKETTS, of St. John's, Ryde, and Mr. C. A. CRAMER, the assistant engineer, who was the son of Mr. CRAMER, also of this town.

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