





THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN.

Cape Town, December 28, 1857.

There is some chance of disturbance if not of war in the North of Europe. Schleswig and Holstein decline the honor of being incorporated with Denmark...

London, Saturday Nov. 14, 1857. We have just received news from India by the mail which brings our dates down to the 9th Oct. from Calcutta...

You may imagine that these rapid movements occasioned no slight excitement. Several large houses have failed in London, Manchester, Nottingham and the manufacturing districts...

Downing-street, Nov. 12. Gentlemen,—Her Majesty's Government have observed with great concern the serious consequences which have ensued from the recent failure of certain joint-stock banks in England and Scotland...

It will be supposed that two such grossing subjects of interest and anxiety as India and the state of the financial world, that the public mind could have but little leisure to attend to any others...

of the city of London, he repeated the same sentiments in which he was followed by Lord Granville, who however, defined the conduct of Lord Canning most zealously...

At the Lord Mayor's banquet on the 9th of November, the Prime Minister, who looked extremely well and hearty, and who spoke with the freshness of a young man of 25, instead of an old one of 75...

"We have, &c." PALMERSTON. G. C. LEWIS. To the Governor and Deputy-Governor of the Bank of England. Today there is the same improved state of things and the most satisfactory reports...

Up to the present month the trade of Great Britain has been in a most prosperous state, and the reports of the doings in the manufacturing towns have been extraordinary...

LAUNCH OF THE GREAT EASTERN.—According to the Times the launch of this monstrous construction the name of which had been previously changed to 'Leviathan'...

THE RAILWAY PROJECT.—According to the London Correspondent of the Mercantile Advertiser this project had not advanced a single step, beyond opening negotiations with the old company...

SEQUESTRATION.—The estate of J. White, of Somerset West.—First and final meeting at the Magistrate's office, Stellenbosch, on the 14th January.

INTESTATE ESTATES.—Meetings of the next of kin and creditors will be held in the following estates:—A. J. McKenzie, and surviving widow J. McMaster.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.—A proclamation in Friday's Gazette announces that the following gentlemen have been duly elected as members of the Legislative Council...

THE CAPE VOLUNTEERS.—The owner and agent of the steamer Madagascar are said to have kindly placed this vessel at the disposal of the Cape Volunteers to make a trip to Hout Bay on the 2nd proximo.

LIBERAL DONATION.—The late Mr. Jonas van der Poel having in a codicil made a legacy to the Dutch Reformed Church, the amount of which was left blank...

THE REV. MR. HOBAN.—This gentleman had completed his studies at the university of Utrecht, and taken his passage in the Coroneal He, which sailed from England on the 21 November. He may therefore be hourly expected.

MACOMO & OTHERS.—The proceedings of the Court held at Fort Hare on the 17th Nov. last, for the trial of Macomo and nine other prisoners charged with the murder of Fusan, in the month of July...

NATAL.—By the Madagascar accounts have been received from that settlement to the 17th instant. They are however of an unimportant nature. A continuation of Zulu chief and a secondary officer had been sentenced to 18 months' hard labor for destroying the hut of a witch...

THE AGONIA AFRICANA, from Rotterdam, had arrived at Natal on the 7th December, with 40 emigrants—farmers, mechanics and laborers...

LIGHTNING.—The following is an extract from a letter received from the upper district:—"We are all very much afraid of lightning this year. Three accidents have occurred up here this season; the first near the Buffalo, Isaac Meyer was riding along, his horse was killed under him and himself very much hurt..."

DESTRUCTIVE HAIL STORM.—On Wednesday afternoon nearly a very destructive hail-storm visited the neighbourhood of the Umhlanga. A gentleman who suffered from its effects thus describes it:—"We had a severe hail storm here yesterday, about 3 o'clock, which totally destroyed the advanced crops of maize, pumpkins, &c."

RIGHTFUL SCENE.—A horrible scene took place at Hanover a few days ago, on the occasion of an execution. Not only did a large crowd, many of them carrying bottles of brandy, assemble and commit gross excesses...

EVILS OF OVER-PASTURAGE.—By R. N. FURBER, Esq. The great increase in the production of wool in the country during the last few years, and the high estimation it is obtaining in the markets of Europe...

The means most effectual will be such as tend to counteract the deteriorating influences described; permitting the land to rest occasionally, giving the grass seeds time to ripen and spring up, planting everywhere practicable, so as to obliterate the paths made by the sheep...

But what, it may be asked, would be the use of raising thousands of muids of wheat on the Karoo plains when we have barely made power to bring the actual production to market? The construction of dams of the kind mentioned would cost a great deal of money, and the interest of that added to the great expense and difficulty of getting the produce to market, would leave no margin for profit...

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