





THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN.

Cape Town, June 29, 1860.

We would give something handsome to have witnessed the quarrel of Brutus and Cassius, which was given last Thursday by two of the principal performers of the House of Assembly.

ALEXANDRIA.—Messrs. P. C. van Niekerk and A. Robson have been elected as members for districts 2 and 4 in the Divisional Council.

INTERSTATE ESTATE.—A meeting of the next of kin and creditors will be held in the estate of O. Olivier, and surviving widow S. M. Ferreira, at the magistrate's office, George, 10th August.

GRAAFF-REINET.—Two families of Boers passed this town on Monday last, en route for the Transvaal Republic, travelling quite in patriarchal style, with twelve wagons, three or four tents, their wives, sons-in-law, children and grand children,—altogether a goodly company.

BRITISH KAFFRARIA.—SMALL-POX.—This disease is still committing frightful ravages: at one kraal ten have died, and near the Izeli some thirty in the course of the month. It is still prevalent in the vicinity of Fort White.

TRANSKEIAN NEWS.—Under date 28th May, our correspondent writes as follows:—"Nehemiah, Moshesh's son, begins now to show his true colors. Last month, or about the beginning of this, he made an attack on Umbali, chief of the Amadumi, on the Taitsa River, sweeping off 700 or 800 head of cattle, 30 or 40 horses, and killing some 20 men."

NATAL.—We learn that serious disturbances have occurred in the neighbourhood of the Uzintvubu. Tiba has just effected an alliance with a neighbouring chief, and attacked Fodo, who is reported to be endeavoring to regain the Natalian territory, and place himself once more under British protection.

Regarding "Native Affairs," the Courier, in its summary for England, says:—"The hut-tax has been collected, and as a consequence, silver is becoming less scarce. Domestic affairs remain pretty much as they were. On our Kafirland borders, however, things look disturbed. Petty tribes are destroying each other's kraals and cutting each other's throats. Faku, Fodo, Diba (Amabaco) Nehemiah's, and Adam Kok's newly arrived Griquas are all restless. It looks very much as if our foreign relations down that way were likely to become somewhat troublesome."

Original Correspondence. THE USURY LAW. SIR.—Mr. Joseph Barry got many more votes from us than Mr. Reitz, because he said he was opposed to usury. What do we now see from your paper? Why, that he did not even vote for Mr. de Roubaix's motion, but supported Mr. Stein in his motion for free trade.

of our population, who has decried against the introduction of usury? Will they crouch under the sceptre of a wretched parliamentary clique, who, in an unfortunate moment, formed a small majority in our Legislative Assembly, and whose object it is to crush and annihilate the present agricultural class?

AN AGRICULTURIST. I am, &c. P.S.—Can the agriculturists take any share in the festivities on the arrival of Prince Alfred, so long as they are not delivered from the pincushes of an unscrupulous parliamentary clique?

Malenbury Division, June 26, 1860. SIR.—I have been favored with the perusal of a letter of which the following is a copy, and with permission to publish the same in your journal.—The original being in course of signature, to be forwarded as soon as it is properly signed by the landed proprietors and farmers, as far as it can be done within a few days in this widely scattered community.

Malenbury Division, 23th June, 1860. To Messrs. Brand, Kotze, and other members of the Hon'ble the Legislative Assembly, who voted for resolution in bringing a bill into Parliament for the restriction of interest on money loans to 6 per cent. per annum.

GENTLEMEN.—We, the undersigned, landed proprietor and farmers of the Western Province, beg to tender you our thanks for having represented truly our interests and desires in the usury question before the House of Assembly; and though you were not successful in securing a majority to bring in a bill to restrict the rate of interest to 6 per cent. per annum upon the occasion alluded to, we request your able support on the bill about to be introduced by the Hon'ble the Legislative Council for that purpose, and trust that those members who have hitherto opposed any restriction of the kind, will see the necessity of consulting the interests of their constituents generally, and vote for a measure which is absolutely necessary to give security to landed proprietors and others, who are now at the mercy of capitalists to demand any rate of interest they can extort with legal impunity.

THE USURY QUESTION. SIR.—I happened to be in the Legislative Council on Monday, the 18th instant, when it was decided by a majority of one that it is necessary to have a law on the limitation of interest to 6 per cent. per annum.

Mr. Breda said that if the farmers were to be left at the mercy of unrestricted interest, it would have the effect of driving many of them beyond the boundaries of the colony. Mr. Jarvis made a capital speech going direct to the most important bearings of the question, calculating the landed property rateable in the Western and Eastern Provinces, and making a fair average allowance for under-rating. He said "there were ten millions of pounds worth of landed property that must be affected by an unlimited rate of interest on mortgage bonds; that it had the effect already of raising it in some cases to as much as 10 per cent. per annum; and that it would certainly affect the rate generally; and it was the duty of the legislature therefore, to protect the interests of landed proprietors by a restrictive law."

The plausible theory of "supply and demand" did not apply to this colony, he said, and that it was necessary to have the matters regulated upon a sure footing, to give security to farmers. Mr. de Roubaix, as well as the previous speakers, repudiated indignantly the insinuations of Mr. Stein and others, that the farmers had been induced to sign petitions sent from Cape Town, not knowing the bearings of the question, and in an able and well-argued speech, concluded in showing the absolute necessity for a protective law to restrict the rate of interest to 6 per cent. per annum.

The gentlemen who voted for it are deserving the thanks of their constituents, particularly in the country districts, whose interests and desires they have faithfully represented. A new battle has now to be fought, and it is to be hoped that the members of the Assembly will represent the interests of the farmers when the question again comes before them, better than they did when they refused permission to bring in a protective law.

Colonial Engineer's Department.

SEALED TENDERS will be received, at the Office of the Auditor-General, until TUESDAY, the 3rd of July, for the separate purchase and removal of the "Saw Mill Machinery and Building" now situate at on the 8th South Wharf, Cape Town, according to particulars to be seen at the Office of the Colonial Engineer,—the Government, however, not binding itself to accept the highest tender.

Natal Butter. PRIME NATAL BUTTER, just received per "WALTER BLENDING," and for Sale at the Stores of J. T. COCKOCK & Co, Adderley Street.

J. M. KLUPPELL, 1490 Fat Sheep and Goats. TO-MORROW, the 29th JUNE, the Undersigned will cause to be publicly sold, on the Farm of M. J. WOOD, a quantity of 1490 Fat Sheep and Goats, selected by himself and purchased for cash.

1000 excellent fat old Wethers and Wether Goats. THE Undersigned will cause to be sold TO-MORROW, 28th instant, on the Place of Mrs. the Widow DE WAAL, Joostenburg, the above number of excellent fat Sheep and Goats, which will certainly be present.

800 Excellent Fat Wethers, 50 do. do. Goats. ON FRIDAY, 6th JULY next, will be sold on the Farm of Mr. J. DE WAAL, Saksburg, the above number of excellent fat Sheep and Goats.

200 superior Slaughter, Draught and young Oxen. IN the course of this month, the day to be fixed hereafter, the Undersigned will cause to be sold on the Farm of Mr. H. L. BOSMAN, Hoek of the Paarl, the above number of superior Cattle.

125 fat slaughter, draught, and young Oxen and Cows. THE Undersigned will cause to be publicly sold on 1st FRIDAY, the 29th instant, on the Farm of the Widow DE WAAL, Joostenburg, the above number of fat slaughter, draught and young Oxen and Cows, which are sure to be present.

600 fat slaughter Oxen, 50 young Oxen, and 60 fat slaughter Cows. THE Undersigned will cause to be publicly sold on 1st FRIDAY, the 29th instant, on the Farm of the Widow DE WAAL, Joostenburg, the above number of fat Oxen and Cows, which are sure to be present.

1600 Fat Wethers. THE Undersigned will cause to be publicly sold, on THURSDAY, the 5th July, on the Farm of the Widow DE WAAL, Joostenburg, the above number of fat Wethers, which are sure to be present.

75 well-trained Saddle, Draught and Young Horses, 80 Mares, among which 5 teams trained. ON THURSDAY, 5th JULY, the undersigned will cause to be publicly sold on the Farm of Mr. H. VOS, Kate basket, the above number of Horses, which can be particularly recommended, the majority being good working Horses and in good condition, so that they are fit for immediate use.

1100 Fat Cape Wethers, 800 do. Merino do. 2000 Wether Goats. ON FRIDAY, the 6th July next, the undersigned will cause to be publicly sold on the Farm of the Widow DE WAAL, Joostenburg, the above number of Sheep and Goats, which can be particularly recommended to Butchers and the public.

500 FAT WETHERS. THE Undersigned will cause to be publicly sold on MONDAY, the 2nd July, out of the Kraal of Mr. H. L. BOSMAN, North Paarl, the above number of fat Sheep, which are sure to be present.

Notice to Relatives and Friends. BIRTH, at Worcester, on the 14th instant, Mr. B. P. J. A. BORCHERS, of a Son.

DIED, after an illness of 12 days, from Measles my dearly beloved wife EMERENTIA CORNELIA WERNICH, aged 34 years.

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JAMES DICK, GENERAL AGENT, Bloemfontein, Orange Free State.

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