









THE Suid Afrikaan. Cape Town, July 6, 1898.

THE BUDGET SPEECH.

The Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary delivered his Budget Speech on Tuesday last, and was listened to with an attention, throughout which marks the genius of our Parliamentary members for statistics, just as if statistics like figures, are not the greatest liars under the sun.

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young grass down to the very banks of the Kei river. Scarcely a green blade is to be seen for miles, and farmers are at a loss to know what to do with their lambs.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.

One of those accidents which appear inseparable from the use of gunpowder occurred here this morning—says the King William's Town Gazette of Wednesday.

Latest from the Free State.

In the Tjops of the 24th June, we find the following despatch to the Governor:—

REVENUE.

It was with considerable surprise that I read the following section in the letter written by the Chief Magistrate to Your Excellency from Thaba Bosigo, the 26th February last: "I ought to add, that your Excellency may know everything that has taken place in our courts, who come to reinforce the commando consisting of about one hundred men, did get hold of eight Basuto women and six children; so much so that some of them are not likely to recover from the violence done to them."

INTESTATE ESTATES.

Meetings of the next of kin and creditors will be held in the estates of Fredrick Hendrik Jermia van de Venter, deceased, and his pre-deceased spouse, Anna Aletta Druksie, at the Magistrate's Office, Robertson, 29th July; Thomas Hunt, and subsequently deceased spouse Sophia Page, at the Magistrate's Office, Victoria West, 20th July.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The examination of competitors for the School Prizes in Literature and Mathematics will commence tomorrow Tuesday, at 9 o'clock. The examination in Cape Town will be held in the Court-room of the Mixed Commission.

INQUIRY HAVING BEEN MADE FOR FREDRICK WILHELM REINHOLD WEISE.

Inquiry having been made for Fredrick Wilhelm Reinhold Weise, it is requested that any person possessing information concerning him will be good enough to communicate the same to the Colonial Office.

THE LATE RUMOUR CONTRADICTION.

Graham's Town, 4:25 p.m. Two weeks' numbers of the Friend of the Free State by this night's mail. Not a word in any of them about the revolution, nor is there anything that purport in private correspondence.

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COMMDT. JAY VILJOEN—Letters (but of an old date) have been received in Marico at the residence of Commdt J. Viljoen, from the Commdt's party which state that they were hunting in Moselikatsa's country. The Commdt himself had gone to that chief. None of the hunters had yet returned from the interior.

THE ZULUS.

A correspondent from Wakkerstroom under date 26th May states: "It is no idle rumour but a positive fact, that the Zulu claim the half of the Utrecht district together with the Pongola bush, they are expected to arrive daily, and probably judge the present disorderly state of the country, a fitting opportunity to assert their claims."

POST TO THE GOLD FIELDS.

The Postmaster General F. J. J. van der Merwe, has received a letter from the Revd. John McKenzie stationed at Shoshong, in which the Revd. gentleman treats of the postal communication between the Gold-fields and Potchefstroom via Sechell and Marido, and adds, that difficulty will be experienced by him in dispatching the post from Machen to the Gold-fields, and the return post to Sechell.

RESTLESSNESS OF THE BORDER NATIVES.

Advice received from Marico state that a good deal of restlessness seems to prevail among the natives on that side of the border, and a corresponding amount of apprehension on the part of the Boer population.

RENOUVED PORT.

A correspondent writes 14th May from this quarter as follows: A report came in last night that the mountain Kafirs made another attack upon the Lager of Fieldcornet Strydom in Malitziesland, during which one man was badly wounded through the leg, and about 40 to 50 head of Cattle taken away from one Hans Brod, being all the man possess.

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Report on the Zoutpansberg Question as published in the Staats Courant.

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