





THE Suid Afrikaan.

Cape Town, July 13, 1865.

RAILWAY EXTENSION ON THE SUB-GUARANTEE PRINCIPLE.

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THE WEATHER.—At last, after much anxious waiting, rain came down in earnest on Saturday and Sunday, and ceased up again on Monday.

APPOINTMENTS.—Mr. D. S. van der Merwe, to be deputy postmaster at Willow, division of Prince Albert, in the room of Mr. L. Grossman, resigned.

SEQUESTRATION.—The estates of Andrea Pieter Leonard Hols, first and second meetings at the Master's Office, 22nd and 29th July.

INTE STATE ESTATE.—A meeting of the next of kin and creditors will be held in the estate of Ignatius van Jaarsveldt and praescribed spouse, Herculina Johanna de Preez, at the Magistrate's Office, Gr 2nd-Beins, 26th August.

AN EXAMINATION in the practice of Land Surveying will be held at the Surveyor General's office, on the first Tuesday in September next.

THE MAIL.—The mails for St. Helena, Ascension and England by the Royal Mail Packet Celt, will be closed at the General Post Office, on Saturday, the 18th July, at 1 p.m.

CUSTOMS DUTIES.—The total receipt of customs duties at the several ports of the colony during the month of June was as follows:

Cape Town 27,706 1 7
Simon's Town 125 5 5
Port Beaufort Nil
Mossel Bay 275 11 3
Port Elizabeth 10,867 14 9
Port Alfred Nil
East London 197 16 6
Total £18,570 9 0

COPPER ORE.—Only five tons of copper ore was shipped from Table Bay during the month of June.

CSPWDER, FIREARMS, AND LEAD.—The returns published in the Gazette of Friday morning show that during the month of June the following quantities of the above were shipped from the port of Cape Town:—2909 lbs. gunpowder, 55 guns, 261 cwt. bar, 10 cwt. sheet, and 53 cwt. shot lead.

On Wednesday, the 22nd instant, the day appointed for the ploughing matches at Phinias Kraal, the Railway Company will run a special train from Cape Town to Durban Road for the convenience of visitors.

PARLIAMENTARY. Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council, on Thursday, read a third time and passed the Bill to provide for the winding up of Joint-Stock Companies.

On Friday, an address to His Excellency was agreed to, asking for all correspondence between the Government and the Railway Company. The consideration of the resolution of the Assembly authorizing the Governor to expend a sum not exceeding £3000 for the inspection of the Port Elizabeth, Worcester, and East London Harbour Works, was a matter of discussion, postponed until Thursday next.

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NOTES FROM THE EAST.—LITENHAGE, 30TH JUNE, 1865.—The weather has been very deceptive this month; in my last report that we were blessed with the heavenly reward of rain, but I regret to say that it has been a month of drought, so much so that agriculturists have relinquished ploughing.

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Transvaal. (From the Transvaal Argus.)

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

Some time after the return of the Commission of Inquiry from Schoemansdal, a "Hooge Geraght" or Supreme Court proceeded to Zoutpansberg, composed of the Landdrost W. J. Otto, B. A. van Nippen and the States Attorney at that time A. J. Munnich.

The Commission therefore, after having carefully investigated and considered all these documents, and themselves compelled to admit, that in their opinion the deplorable condition in which Zoutpansberg is at present placed, can be traced, and is attributable to the fact, that certain officials and officers who have from time to time broken the law by wilful neglect of duty.

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THE PRESIDENT.—His Honor the President arrived in town last Monday morning.

AUSTRALIA.—AGRICULTURAL REPORT.—LANTERN, FRIDAY, MAR 27.—What still remains to be done, and whether it will continue to do so long enough to meet the expectations of holders of the soil on which opinions differ.

Gawler the lowest—2 bushels 15 lbs. But even with this deficiency South Australia will have something like 10,000 tons of new flour for exportation, besides rather more than half that quantity of la at year's still on hand.

The Otago Daily Times has published a report as to the prospects of the coming harvest in that district, from which we gather that wheat and oats will give a fair average, but potatoes will be deficient owing to the wet. Barley has been cultivated to a very limited extent.

The distress that prevails amongst many of the small farmers of South Australia, from the partial or total failure of their crops, appears to be real and extensive, and their inability to obtain seed will be very likely to tell upon the next year's harvest.

It appears to me that the first duty of the Government is to invite the landlords by circular and advertisement to decide upon the terms they intend to come to with their tenants.

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