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# THE Suid Afrikaan.

Cape Town, July 19, 1868.

## A PATENT SLIP IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOCK.

THANKS to the astuteness of Sir Philip Wodehouse, we are not going to have our main sluice opened for letting in the water and filling our dock, until it becomes something more seeming than a big inland lake for the safety of the shipping that condescends to visit us; we are now to have the thing complete, and to concentrate in the hands of the harbour board of Commissioners, not only the export and import trade, but also to constitute them guardians of our asylum for lame ducks, and to monopolize for the benefit of the port, the odds and ends arising from the disasters to which ships have not unfrequently to submit on our surf-beaten and often tempestuous coast. Without a slip in connection with our dock, our diggings, boring, blasting and other engineering feats would have been comparatively worthless; in fact, we view the patent slip in connection with the Dock, as by no means the least important, but by far the most important feature in the whole scheme. The difficulties as well as risks and danger of getting a vessel safely settled on the cradle in an open and exposed sea, and that too, in a bay like our own, that unfortunately does not bear the best of reputations, are sufficient to deter shipmasters from availing themselves of our repair appliances, and unless in utter extremity, they give us a wide berth, and make for some other port in which they have more confidence, in order to refit. In future, however, should the arrangements now contemplated be completed and they must be now completed some way or the other, Table Bay will become a safe and reliable harbour of refuge, inviting vessels of all classes and of any tonnage to receive its shelter. This is a great achievement, but it has cost us a great deal of money, and if we look at our shipping in the bay to-day, which comprises only two barks, one brig, and sundry small craft, it strikes us forcibly that we ought to have first endeavoured to improve our industrial resources, and when we found that our surplus produce was rotting on the beach for want of ships to convey it away, and when we further discovered that the insecurity of our bay was the cause of the absence of shipping, then it was time to make the effort we have now done, at what cost, the country well knows, and will not forget in a hurry.

We assert no claim to the possession of the poetic feeling, but we could not help contrasting in our minds eye the Table Bay of twenty years ago, with what it is likely to become next year. Not a ship to be seen riding majestically in its waters, manfully braving the billows of the Southern ocean. Not even a schooner or a cutter will in future relieve the monotony of the waste of waters from Amsterdam Batter to Blue Berg. All are in future to be crowded into our Dock, and the poetry of Table Bay will be gone for ever. Our wharves which were constructed at so much expense are to be at once unceremoniously abandoned; our boatmen, whom there are none better in the world, are all at once to find their vocation gone. Well, this may be progress, but we think it is progress run mad. The interest of £30,000 has also yet to be made good, over and above the enormous outlay that already has been sunk or thrown away, and what are we to get for it all? The concentration of our mercantile navy in one dam, — for it is hardly to be expected that the Lords of the Admiralty would recommend the abandonment of Simon's Bay as a naval station, seeing that all the buildings and appliances are already constructed there, and therefore we can hardly expect that the naval station will be at once removed from Simon's Town to Cape Town merely at the suggestion of the Commissioners of the Table Bay Harbour Board.

But what is to become of our Boatmen in the meantime. They have hitherto been a hard faring and ill paid branch of our community. They managed however hitherto to keep the boat's head to the stream and by determined economy, were no burthen on the public. How will it be now? But we do not choose to enter upon the consideration of this question at present. We may take occasion to do so when the results of our recent legislation shall be more conspicuous in the reality than they are now in the prospect. It is to be hoped that the much-talked-of gold fields in our vicinity may turn out according to the expectations of the most sanguine, and in that case the brawny arm that could plough an oak, will not fail in the use of the oar. And how to get at them? Ay there's the rub. But should the diggings fail what then?

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**SEQUESTRATION.**—The estates of: Hugh Hen-dry, John Pearce, and Edward Jones (deceased), first and second meetings at the Magistrate's Office, King William's Town, 30th July and 6th August.

**INTESTATE ESTATES.**—Meetings of the next kin and creditors will be held in the estate of Elias Paulus Nel, and surviving spouse, at the Magistrate's Office, Uitberge, 25th August.—Christina Johanna Jaconina Joubert, and pre-deceased spouse, Hendrik Adriaan Meintje, at ditto, Graaff-Reinet, 25th August.—John Smith Maulin, and surviving spouse, at ditto, Cradock, 25th August.

**ACCIDENTS AT THE BREAKWATER.**—On Saturday last, one of the convicts engaged at the breakwater had two fingers taken off by getting his hand jammed in the cog-wheels of one of the cranes while in motion. On Monday, another accident occurred, in which a convict had his left foot completely smashed, under the following circumstances. While one of the heavy trucks was in motion, a convict named Jan ran across the road, and in doing so tripped, falling with his foot against the line. Before the man in charge could drop the stopping iron, the wheel had passed over the man's foot. The engineer of the works reports that the latter accident was entirely the man's own fault, as he had no business in that part of the docks.

**THE MALAY MAN.**—Who was arrested some time back on a charge of being connected with the late robbery at Messrs. Combrink and Ross's is still in custody. We may mention that the knife which was found on one of the desks the morning after the robbery has been identified as the property of the man.

The following telegram from East London was received in Cape Town on Monday afternoon:—  
"King William's Town, Monday.  
"Screw-steamer *Natal* arrived at East London yesterday morning. Telegraphed the following: Important news from Natal in the afternoon. Gold fields a decided success. Pick and shovels in great demand. Gold in abundance. Full particulars can be had on board. A Hottentot was murdered on Saturday night in King William's Town."

## PARLIAMENTARY.

### Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council sat on Monday, when it was resolved to send addresses to the Governor asking for returns relative to the quantity of stamps on hand and for the tenders for the printing contract. The Postal Rates Bill passed through committee, and the Council adjourned until Thursday.

### House of Assembly.

The House of Assembly was occupied all Monday afternoon with the consideration of Mr Smit's Removal of Cattle Bill. No much progress was made when progress was reported.

Tuesday a number of motions were disposed of. It was resolved, with regard to the business of the House, to give Government measures precedence on Wednesdays and Fridays, and to commence evening sittings from Monday next,

**DE MORTUIS NIL nisi BOMUM.**—Of the dead speak well, or say nothing, —is an excellent maxim, but one which is sometimes carried too far. Those, even, whom we have blamed in their life-time, it is too much the custom to praise indiscriminately when they are gone, and with a disregard to strict truth which is often harmful to the living. We shall not, we trust, have just been condemning in offering our tribute of unsung respect to the memory of Mrs. Ernestina Johanna Van Rheede Berg, born Van Oudtshoorn, whose mortal remains were followed to the burial ground of the Dutch Reformed Church last Sunday by a large number of the most respectable inhabitants of George, including the Government officials and the English Clergy. By the death of the late Egbertus Berg, formerly Civil Commissioner of George, Mr. Berg was left a widow about ten or eleven years ago, since when her inflexible resolution to pay off her husband's debts, kept her down in comparatively narrow circumstances to the end of her life. But under troubles of whatever sort whether poverty or sickness, she was remarkable throughout for a serene, placid and almost child-like elasticity of spirits which when contrasted with her rare strength and clearness of intellect, great conversational power, quick insight into character, and varied experiences of life, made her a person well worth knowing, and one known, not easy to forget. Those features of her character, however, which will always be remembered with the most enduring satisfaction were the steady Christian uprightness which she exhibited in money-matters, when a course of conduct more indulgent towards herself might very easily have been pursued, and her thoroughly Christian faith and resignation under all trials, including that of her last long sickness, at the same time that she was plainly unconscious of superior goodness, and quite free from every tinge of affection of it. All must respect her memory, and in some important particulars her example should find imitators, all the better will it be for the community at large. Her age we believe, was 69, and she had been a resident at George for 39 years.—George Advertiser

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## CAPE OF GOOD HOPE Agricultural Society.

### PLoughing MATCHES.

BY the kind permission of Mr. J. Louw, a Ploughing Match and Trial of Ploughs, will be held at

## PHISANTE KRAAL,

NEAR DURBAN,

## ON WEDNESDAY,

22nd JULY,

When the following Prizes will be given:

1. For the best Ploughman with Single Plough and Pair of Horses. £5
2. For the second best do do £3
3. For the best Colonial Ploughman with do £3
4. For the second best do do £3
5. For the best Plough with Double Plough with four or more Horses, or Mules £5
6. For the second best do do do £3
7. For the best Plough adapted for breaking up land, to be tried in land with bush on it. £5
8. For the best Sub-soil Plough exhibited satisfactory in work. £3
9. For the best Double Plough exhibited in work with Pair of Horses. £3
10. For the best Plough with Single Plough and pair of Horses to be competed for only by Prize Takers on the ground. A single farrow Howard Plough presented by H. M. Ross, Esq., and a Silver Medal by the Society

### HARROWS.

11. For the best Harrow exhibited in work with two horses and one man. £2
12. For the best do. with four horses or mules. £2
13. For the best pair of Plough Horses exhibited in work. A Swedish Plough presented by C. G. Axenzo, Esq.

For the second best Do. A Sowing Machine presented by N.B.—It must be distinctly understood that a Farrow is not to be less than 5 inches deep, and nine inches wide; and that no Single Plough with two horses is to be attended in any case in work by more than one Man, but a Double Plough with four horses may have both leader and driver.

All persons intending to become competitors or exhibitors of Implements are requested to enter their names and the particular prize for which they intend to compete on or before WEDNESDAY, 15th July.

In adjudging the Prizes those Implement will have the preference in which there is the best combination of durability, lightness of draught and general adaptability to the requirements of the colony.

By order,

J. C. HOLDING, Secretary.

## Guns! Guns!! Guns!!!

THE Undersigned begs to inform his Customers in general that he has received per S. V. R. a large and superior Stock, consisting of Snider Rifles, Double Barrel Breech-Loaders, Double and Single Rifle and Shot-Guns, Revolvers, Breech-loading Implements, and a quantity of Muskets, which he offers for Sale at the Lowest Market Prices.

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### Seventh Triennial Division of Profits

MEMBERS who with their Profits converted into a present Payment or to go towards the reduction of future Annual Premiums pay the same are hereby required to make application, in writing, before the 1st of January next, for the amount of the Profits.

By order of the Board.

J. C. GLE, Jun. Secretary.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

W. B. TURNER, has Removed his HOTEL and GENERAL BUSINESS, from the House of Mr. Wm. Jessup, to that of J. C. SCHABOT, where he hopes by strict attention to Business to merit a continuance of public patronage.

Durban, 6th July, 1868.

## H. THORNE

INDLY requests a settlement of all accounts due to him up to the 31st December last, before the end of the present month.

Burg-street, 19, Durban.

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