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Cape Town, April 17, 1865.

The Hon'ble Mr. W. S. Field, the Collector of Customs, died at the residence of the Attorney-General on Friday last.

No doubt another Collector will soon be appointed. Who that fortunate individual will be, time will show; but as this is to be the case, we can only express a hope that a proper inquiry will be instituted into the working of the entire department, with a view to its reconstruction.

The Customs department—the chief revenue department of the colony—should be the most efficient of any other, and yet, as we have pointed out on more than one occasion, it is deficient in certain respects.

Another matter which should engage the attention of the government is the scale of salaries of the several offices. In England the salaries of the officers of customs form a certain percentage upon the aggregate revenue of the department.

Our magistrates have been ill for the last couple of weeks, but we are very happy to be able to report that he is now quite convalescent.

The DroUGHT.—We regret to learn that, in consequence of the protracted drought, considerable mortality prevails among the cattle and flocks of the farmers in the Buggens and other outlying districts of this division.

COMMERCIAL MORALITY.—We have just heard from the best authority, of a most flagrant act of injustice practiced on a farmer, who sold his wool to a well-known buyer in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

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INTESTINE ESTATE.—A meeting of the next kin and creditors will be held in the estate of S. Bancroft, formerly widow of S. C. Ayton, and lastly widow of J. W. Yelling, at the magistrate's office, Graham's Town, 31st May.

BILLS.—Two bills appear in Friday's Gazette. The first, which is to be introduced by the Government, proposes to consolidate and amend the several Acts relating to the adjustment of disputed land boundaries, and to the erection and preservation of land beacons.

WYNBERG POST.—Two pillar letter boxes have been erected at Wynberg, one at the corner of Wolfe- and D'Urban-streets, and the other near the Dutch Reformed Church.

NATURALIZATION.—Mr. N. Adler, of Port Elizabeth, has taken the oath required by the Act for the naturalization of aliens.

TULBAGH 14TH APRIL.—We have had Dr. Robertson here lately, whose sermons and delivery of them has given us great pleasure.

THE KLOOF WORKS.—The Kloof Works through the Worcester extension, are, it is said, to be completed in the course of a few months.

THE GILL COLLEGE.—The trustees of the Gill College have been holding a meeting at Somerset, Dr. Dale was present.

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off. They should be got up half an hour before before sunset. If ridden great care should be taken not to heat them, and chill should be most carefully avoided.

A GENTLEMAN in Queenstown received by last mail a letter from England, in which, after setting forth the rage at present existing at home for collecting old postage stamps, the writer goes on to say, "Now could you not manage to send me some 'Kafir stamps'?"

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of the witnesses examined said that a messenger had passed through his farm, and declared to himself that he was travelling express from one chief to another to ask whether that chief would be true and would stand with his chief.

Sir Percy Douglas, in his answer, by no means contradicts the memorialists who have addressed him; but he warns them against hurry, and hints that an uprising of the farmers, without good grounds, is calculated to produce mischief.

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great events, which have all nevertheless their significance and to the same end, but we rarely have such a deep of rubbish as since the speech of Napoleon. As the opening of the session of the French Chamber is the greatest event of the period completed in my letter, I must commence with it, especially as it should serve as a basis for the discussion of the 15th of February. It is less from a profane than from a patriotic point of view that we are entering on a pacific era.

Let us examine the speech together, and first of all, let us say what we think is the truth. It seems to us that the country was more attentive than usual, and that it had not great faith in the American candidate in the discussion of the Sovereign. Clear assurance of peace, the formal promise to bring back the troops from Roum-Mexico, etc. This is the chief contents of the Imperial speech.

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Letter from our Paris Correspondent. Paris, 4th March, 1865. Sir—Politic, you know as well as I do, if not better, are composed of great and little things, little things and...



These I told you, that on the occasion of the vote of Parliament...

L. H. Twentyman & Co. HAVE LANDED HOWARD'S DOUBLE-FURROW PLOUGHS, WITH SPARE SHARES AND FITTINGS.

South African Mortgage and Investment Company. WILL BE SOLD, On Monday, 8th May, 1865, ON THE SPOT, WITH LIBERAL BONUS.

NOTICE. To Transport Companies and Carriers. THE CAPE COPPER MINING COMPANY (Limited) require Transport from their Mines in Namaqualand...

THE PAARL BOARD OF EXECUTORS. Capital, £40,000. In Shares of £200 each. FOR the Administration of Properties and Estates of which it may be appointed as Executor...

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At the same time will be sold, 200 Breeding Sheep and Wethers, 70 Cattle and Oxen, 30 Mules (broken in)...

KEATING'S Cough Lozenges. JUDGED BY THE IMMENSE DEMAND, this Universal Remedy now stands the first in public favour...

Shipping Intelligence. ARRIVALS IN TABLE BAY. April 13 - Guadalupe, with 114 tons A. Bertinette, from East London...

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Public Sale of Valuable Landed Property, AT SOMERSET WEST. In the Estate of the late Mrs. the Widow P. G. MYBURGH.

AGENTS Messrs SCHUBEL & Co. and SCHMIETTERLOW & Co. Graham's Town, Mr. W. A. FLETCHER, Port Elizabeth.

OPGAAF. Van Koloniale Oprengst de Stads Markt geponeerd van den 13 tot den 15 April, 1865.