

hate verandering uitbrekt of de commissie van den Raad. Zy moeten de Assurantie van schepen... hetwelk eigenlyk tot het vak eener munitie behoort.

THE Suid-Afrikaan.

Cape Town, August 1, 1870.

APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT MAGISTRATES.

The manner in which Civil Commissioners and Resident Magistrates are appointed is to loose and unsatisfactory, as to call forth the disapproval of the public, and it is high time that more discretion was observed in the distribution of such offices.

De Diamantvelden.

Het volgende bericht ontleenen wij aan een extra van de *Colony Advertiser*:

De gebeurtenissen der afgelopen week waren "sensationnel" genoeg zelfs voor dit bewegelijk gebied. De opkomende roem van Paal behelft de volle heilichheid van het beroemde Goidon...

Men meende aanvankelijk, dat er in de nabijheid van Paal slechts kleine diamanten gevonden worden, doch dat denkwelk is nu gewis...

De heer George King schrijft aan de *G. T. Journal* op den 8 Juli en wel als volgt: "Ik was hier slechts twee dagen lang en heb mij overtuigd, dat het diamant-vind een groot loerij is."

of the accession to the Cape Town Bench by Mr. Campbell is followed up in other instances by the Government, a wholesome reform will speedily be effected, and the public will then have reason to be satisfied.

MAIL BY THE "HIMALAYA."—The mail for England by H.M. steamer *Himalaya* will be closed at the Post office at one p.m. on Thursday, the 4th August.

ELECTION FOR THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Foster having resigned his seat in the Assembly, a proclamation in Friday's *Gazette* fixes the election of his successor for the 31st instant.

THE DOCKS.—The railway connecting the docks with the city terminus is fast progressing. The bridge spanning the stream running down Loop-street being nearly finished, one across the sluic draining Zee-straight, was commenced on Friday.

WANTON MISCHIEF.—On Thursday night some malicious party managed to remove the brass plate from Mr R. de Rolen's store in St. George's-street, and throw it upon the heap of rubbish in front of the stores of Mr J. G. Steytler, now undergoing alteration.

STAR OF SOUTH AFRICA.—This "diamond" which was forwarded to England some months back has passed, says the *European Mail*, to be a matchless stone of a most resplendent quality of about 186 grains in weight.

OFF TO THE DIGGINGS.—It is said that Mr John van der Byl with a party of diggers started for the Vaal on Friday morning, from Eerste River. Several other parties are in the course of formation.

GRAHAM'S TOWN.—Wentzel has been less fortunate than Mr. Emmet. On Wednesday last he was found guilty of theft, and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

RIVERSDALE, JULY 23, 1870.—A correspondent to a contemporary says:—The severe weather which your metropolis and its vicinity experienced a few days back, visited us also.

ARRIVAL OF THE "LENA" AND "LEUCOTHA" IN ALGOA BAY IN DISTRESS.—The fine ship *Lena*, 1,061 tons, R. Minto, master, from Bimlipatan, India bound to London, with a general cargo, put into this port for repairs on Wednesday last.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.—The R.M. Steamer *Cambrion*, Captain Hammond, arrived in Table Bay on Friday night at 10 o'clock, with the late June mails.

on Wednesday last in a damaged condition, for repairs. The captain reports having experienced a succession of heavy gales of wind from the N.W., which commenced on the 2nd instant, and lasted during seven days with more or less violence.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—A melancholy accident occurred to a child of Mr. Stephenus Henning of the Alwal North district. On Monday last, it appears that Mr S. Henning was returning home from his uncle's in an open wagon, in which was seated his wife with three children, of the respective ages of 6, 4 and 2 years.

DIAMOND SEEKERS.—Mr. Bell's party, consisting of Messrs. S. Bell, E. O. Croppie, J. Austen, P. Penny, and Gradwell, left here yesterday morning for the diamondiferous region beyond the Vaal.

ACCIDENT.—On the evening of Wednesday last, a coloured man who was acting as guide to a party going to the Diamond Fields, met with a very serious accident some distance from Powell's River.

DEPARTURE OF THE 9TH FROM KING WILLIAM'S TOWN.—The first battalion 9th Regt., whose projected departure we (*Gazette*) noticed in our last issue, marched for East London at half-past five on Thursday morning.

FREE STATE.—BLOEMFONTEIN, JULY 21.—Mr. Pincus left the diamond-fields on the 16th instant, and brought with him some 30 diamonds, large and small, Messrs. Haeger, Innes, and Proctor have turned out a diamond weighing 294 carats, said to be worth from £1,500 to £2,000.

THE TRANSAAL ADVOCATE of July 12 states that eighty-eight persons at Potche'stroom have protested against the concession granted by the Executive Government to Messrs. Munich, Posso, and Webb of a large area of territory, including what is now termed the "Diamond-fields of the Vaal River."

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Mr. Gavin, Mr and Mrs. Parry, family and servant. The latest news will be found in the letter of our London correspondent.

London, June 24, 1870. The political events of the fortnight have been both interesting and important with the Education Bill in the House of Commons and the Irish Land Bill in the House of Lords.

THE EDUCATION BILL is a far more difficult question for the Government to deal with than either the Irish Church or the Irish Land Bill. On this question religious feelings and prejudices come freely into play, and it is all the more powerful, because hitherto the religious denominations have been our chief educational means.

At the last meeting of the Geographical Society for the present session, Sir Rodrick Murchison, the President, who was in the chair, explained the nature of the aid recently granted to Dr. Livingstone.

Her Majesty's Government intend to send an English officer on the present occasion to the official record of the Abyssinian campaign to the different crowned heads of Europe.

In the sitting of the Spanish Cortes on the 23rd June, Marshal Prim made a statement on the Monarchical question. He said that he had treated with four candidates for the crown, but all failed in each case. He hoped that in three months that he would be able to find an eligible King.

The great fire at Constantinople on the 5th of June, had destroyed 8,000 houses and 200 mosques. The loss of life has been much greater than on any other occasion since 1736.

General Intelligence. EFFECTS OF TOBACCO SMOKING ON CHILDREN.—It seems that the habit of smoking has taken possession of the boys in France to such an extent as to merit serious inquiry as to its results.

MARRIED MEN.—There is an expression in the face of a good married man who has a good wife, that a bachelor cannot have. It is describable. He is a little nearer the angels than the prettiest young fellow living.

STRANGE SALE OF A BABY.—A Sheffield paper tells the following story:—On Tuesday evening a farmer, who lives in the neighbourhood of Damflask, was at a public-house in market-street, Sheffield, when a woman came into the house, carrying in her arms what is said to have been a remarkably fine baby.

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