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THE CAPE TOWN MUNICIPAL BILL.

The following is a copy of the petition presented to the Assembly against the above bill:

To the Hon'ble the House of Assembly and Council, &c., by householders and ratepayers of the Cape Town Municipality:—

"That your petitioners regret that, for reasons which have not transpired, the Commissioners of the Cape Town Municipality have applied, or intend to apply, to your Hon'ble House for leave to introduce a Bill altering, amongst others, the Act No. 1, 1861, in such a measure as to abolish the Board of Wardmasters, and to empower one Board only to rule without check.

"That ever since the Municipality was created in 1840, and up to the present time, the municipal affairs have been satisfactorily carried on by two Boards of Commissioners and Wardmasters; so real grievances having ever been brought forward, or any reason assigned, why the Board of Wardmasters should be abolished.

"Petitioners apprehend that the abolition of the Board of Wardmasters, and the substitution of one Board, would be fraught with great danger to the interests of the ratepayers, inasmuch as it would remove the only check which they now have upon the Commissioners, and would leave the latter free to waste the public money at pleasure—a tendency which has but too frequently been evinced by them.

"That the very reason assigned by the Commissioners for abolishing the Board of Wardmasters, namely, that the latter do not always agree with them, is your petitioners conceive, the very best argument why that Board should be upheld, and goes far to prove the wholesome control which it exercises.

"Your petitioners beg to call the attention of your Hon'ble House to the fact that, when it became known that the Commissioners intended to apply to Parliament for the alteration of the Act No. 1, 1861, about forty of the largest and most respectable ratepayers of this city went in a respectful requisition to the Commissioners to convene a public meeting, for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiments of the ratepayers on so important a subject; but that this requisition was ignored by the Board of Commissioners.

"In consequence of this arbitrary proceeding on the part of the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Wardmasters determined that their Chairman should call a public meeting of ratepayers and householders, which meeting was accordingly held at the Town Hall on the 23rd April, 1867, and was then and there a but unanimously resolved—

"That the meeting has perceived with much regret that the majority of the present Board of Commissioners, without first having asked or obtained the opinion of the ratepayers of this city—of the present Board of Wardmasters—intend applying to Parliament for a Bill altering the Cape Town Municipal Act. (No. 1, 1861), so that, amongst other alterations, the Board of Wardmasters should be abolished, &c.

"Resolves that, as it has been applied, &c., since the establishment of the Municipality in 1840, a Municipal Government by two Boards (that of Commissioners and that of Wardmasters) is a proper safeguard to the interests of all concerned, it is inadvisable and impolitic to resort to one board to administer the affairs of this city, and therefore the meeting desires that the said Act No. 1, 1861, should for the present remain as it is, and the town continue to be governed by two boards as aforesaid.

"Your petitioners, therefore, pray your Hon'ble House not to alter the Act No. 1, 1861, as now existing, even should the Board of Commissioners succeed in getting the new Bill introduced."

PERIODICAL COURT AT ST. HELENA BAY.

We have now before us a communication from a resident at Saldanha Bay, dated 23rd Mar, stating that the magistrate of Malmesbury had set two days at St. Helena Bay, and complaining that in all the cases in which the magistrate acted as agent, judgment was given in his favor. Our informant asks: "can it be that neither of the other cases was right?" He quotes the following case:

"A bastard Hottentot, not being able to purchase, obtains from a respectable farmer, with the view of giving a livelihood, two oxen, for each of which he is to pay annually £1 as compensation. Subsequently the Hottentot sells, or rather gives these oxen to a man in payment for a debt contracted some years previously. The owner of the oxen on hearing of this, gave notice to the other party that the oxen were his property, and took them away. The man from whom the oxen were taken away, brought an action against the original owner through his agent, the magistrate's son, and obtained judgment in his favor."

Our informant further states that in several cases where the opposing agent wished to examine witnesses, he was either refused, or only allowed to do so when the case was all but decided. He adds, that but for the expense and trouble attending an appeal to a higher court, that course would certainly have been adopted.

We make no comment upon the foregoing; we merely remark that we have not felt justified to publish the whole of the communication of our correspondent, which contains reflections upon the magistrate written, it may be, in a moment of excitement. Mr. Ford has no doubt acted to the best of his judgment, but if he will take our advice he will be very cautious in adjudicating upon those cases especially in which his son figures as agent.

THE WORCESTER ELECTION.—Electorates are reminded that the nomination of candidates for the vacant seat in the Assembly is fixed for the 15th inst. The Woreges people seem inclined to nominate Mr. Reitz; those of Tulbagh, on the other hand, will have Mr. Advocate de Villiers, and they have accordingly sent a requisition to that gentleman. Worcester has its representative in Capt. Van de Ven, and it would be fair, we think, to allow Tulbagh to follow its own choice. Both parties will then be satisfied.

WORCESTER.—The Divisional Council has assessed a road rate of one penny in the pound, payable in July.

NAMAQUALAND.—Mr. C. Small has been elected as member of the divisional council for district No. 2, vice Rich.

INSPECTION OF TROOPS.—His Excellency Sir Percy D'Urban, Lieut. Governor and Commander of the Forces, arrived from Graham's Town last evening, and this morning proceeded

to review the whole of the troops at present in garrison. The troops were all assembled on the ground in front of their encampment this morning at ten o'clock, in heavy marching order, and shortly after that hour the Lieut. General arrived, and accompanied by the Colonel commanding and staff, proceeded to make a minute inspection of the men and their accoutrements. This accomplished, Colonel Lowe, C.B., assumed command, and put the troops through a variety of movements, which they performed with accuracy and precision. After several volleys were fired, and the troops marched past in quick and slow time, they returned to their quarters. We believe the General has expressed himself satisfied with the result of his inspection, and the creditable appearance the men presented, as also the facility with which they performed the various manoeuvres.—P. E. Telegraph.

STOLEN THIEF.—A serious highway robbery was committed at Moordenaar's Bosch on Saturday last, the victim being a farmer of the Bedford division of the name of Botha. It would appear that Mr. Botha had been on a visit to Humansdorp to receive some money, and at the time of the robbery was on his return home. He left Humansdorp at top of Zauberg all right, and having his money (£168) safely deposited in a courier bag strapped across his shoulder. On reaching Moordenaar's Bosch he outpadded and subsequently laid him down to sleep, and it was whilst he was enjoying a comfortable nap that some kind friend must have passed that way, and relieved him of his precious burden. The money was mostly in gold, there being only £30 in notes (Port Elizabeth Bank). The spoor of a man wearing a red coat, evidently dogging the cart, was subsequently discovered and tracked back to Matthews'. Matthews' groom has since been taken upon suspicion—but our informant does not think he is the guilty party. In his opinion some of the road-party working in the neighbourhood could afford some clue as to the whereabouts of the missing bag and contents. At all events we hope the search now being instituted will lead to its solution.—Ibid.

THE DIAMONDS.—There are several reports in circulation about the diamonds. We hear that a gentleman in Hopetown has a large one in his possession, and it is said 14 others have been found. Mr. Boyes, the Clerk of the Peace for this district is off to the "Diamonds," but whether officially or otherwise we know not. We hear also that it is likely Dr. Atherton, of Grahamstown, will pay us a visit on his way to the "Elderado." We cannot, of course, vouch for the truth of all we write. We hope soon to be in possession of information on which we can depend, and shall not fail to give it to our readers.—C. Advertiser.

At the race meeting at the outspan yesterday, "Farther Boy" took the Albert and Aliva N. H. Plate—Value £30. Lightning the Critter prize. Young England the Untried prize.—Burgersdorp Gazette.

AGRICULTURE.—Our winter winds have been in earnest—blowing great gusts from the north-west in the order at present. The locusts mentioned as prevailing in the Cradock division have been swept by this wind into the southerly half of this district, creating great havoc with the veld in the neighbourhood of Whiteside and the Mspassa country. This is very unfortunate at this time of year, as the veld now eaten off will not grow again till spring, and these pests have the instinct to eat but all the sweetest of the grass. This misfortune will cause much loss to our farmers, and if the insects do not speedily depart, or become blown into Kaffraria or the sea, we shall have a poor prospect of crops next year. On other heads we have no cause of complaint—the veld is good, and stock in fair condition, and a deal of grain has already been sown.—Q. T. Representative.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

Legislative Council.

MONDAY, JUNE 3.—Petitions were presented by Mr. de Roubaix, from 192 inhabitants of George, against the voluntary principle; by Mr. Wood, from 54 inhabitants of Galesberg on the same subject; and from 54 inhabitants of the same place against the present system of leasing crown lands, and for the repeal of section 8 of Act No. 10, 1860; by Mr. de Roubaix, from 574 inhabitants of Swellendam, &c., and from the divisional council of Swellendam, in favor of the opening of Tradouw Poort.

The motion of Mr. Godfonton, for the production of certain correspondence between the Government, Faku, Adam Kok and the Government of Natal, respecting the discovery of copper ore near St. John's River, was agreed to. So also the motion of Mr. Chase, for the production of a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the two Provinces.

The Public Bodies D. bill was again considered in committee and reported with amendments.

The debate on the second reading of the Unauthorised Expenditure bill was resumed, after which the bill was read a second time and considered in committee. Progress was reported. Council adjourned till Wednesday.

House of Assembly.

MONDAY, JUNE 3.—Petitions were presented by Dr. White, from 155 inhabitants of Riversdale, against the Voluntary Principle; and from the Divisional Council, and certain inhabitants of Swellendam, &c., for the opening of Tradouw Pass; by Mr. Bowker, from Mr. R. Howland, for compensation; by Mr. Miller, from the Municipality of Port Elizabeth, respecting the Shark's River Water bill.

The House went into committee on the Voluntary Principle bill, and after a short discussion, the bill was reported without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time on Tuesday.

Three messages were received from the Governor, the first transmitting a bill for re-vesting certain powers relating to the regulation and management of pounds in the Civil Commissioners and justices of the peace; the second transmitting a letter from the manager of the railway company respecting the construction of a line from Wellington to Worcester; the third transmitting a survey of Tradouw Pass, with Mr. Bain's report.

The Pounds Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The House went into committee on the Fish River Bridge bill, which was reported with amendments. Subsequently those amendments were considered and adopted, whereupon the bill was read a third time and passed.

The Uitenhage Water bill was considered in committee and reported with amendments.

The Judges Pension bill was read a second time and ordered to be committed on Monday next.

The Divisional Council Acts Amendment bill was read a second time and ordered to be committed on Friday as were also the Foreign Fish bill, Criminal Justice bill, and Rules of Court bill.

The motion of Mr. Hopley, to request the Governor to issue a new writ for the election of a member for Albert, was agreed to.

TUESDAY, 4.—Petitions were presented by Mr. G. Wood, from the Town Council of Graham's Town, respecting the Public Bodies Debts bill; by Mr. Keyter, from 146 inhabitants of Oudtshoorn, against the annual contribution of £2500 for the maintenance of Montagu Pass.

The Uitenhage Water Bill, as amended in committee, was ordered to be considered on Wednesday. The Voluntary Principle bill was, after some opposition, read a third time and passed.

In reply to Mr. Blake's question, the Colonial Secretary said that the costs of holding the circuit court at Clarendon were £231. At Namaqualand it would cost £37.

In reply to the question of Mr. Bain, the Attorney General said, that the Government did not intend to introduce a measure to relieve proof of debt in insolvent estates from the payment of a stamp duty.

In reply to the question of Mr. Wood, the Colonial Secretary said that the Government had offered prizes for the cultivation of tobacco, but that they had not yet been taken in the matter, as thus far only five packages had been received at the Customs House or competition.

In reply to the question of Mr. G. Wood, the Colonial Secretary said that an examination of the Treasury had lately taken place.

In reply to the question of Captain Mills, the Colonial Secretary said, that the Government had no intention to alter the tenure of land in British Kaffraria.

Mr. Boyes withdrew the notice he had given with respect to the ill-treatment of an orphan girl, having found that the prosecution had been withdrawn by the Orphan Master.

The motion of Mr. Neethling, for a return of the number of letters forwarded through the Penny Post, was agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Boyes, for the production of certain correspondence between the Government, the landowners of Lushington and others, respecting a proposed settlement on the Hantam Mountains, in favour of the inhabitants of that locality, was agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Hopley, for leave to introduce a Burger Duty bill, was rejected.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the House agreed to go into committee to consider the Governor's message respecting the case of the late Postmaster General.

The motion of Mr. Walmeyer, for leave to introduce a bill to make magistrates liable for the costs incurred in appeals to set aside their erroneous judgments, was, after some discussion, rejected by a majority of 19 against 10.

Board of Executors

CAPE TOWN. CONTINUATION OF Third and Fourth Sales OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY, WITH SUCH Buildings as are erected thereon. SITUATE AT D'Urban, Somerset Road, Tyger Valley, Mossel Bay, beyond Salt River, near the Royal Observatory, Bellville, and Port Beaufort.

In the Insolvent Estate of A. J. ZEEBERG.

Will be Sold on the Stoop of the Commercial Exchange, ON SATURDAY, the 8th instant, AT NOON PRECISELY, Landed Property, Situate at and adjoining the Village of D'Urban.

1. Certain Piece of Freehold and Perpetual Quitrent Land with the Buildings thereon, called "JOHANNES BONTJIN," in extent about 1 Morgen, 36 Square Rods, and 36 Square Feet of Freehold, and 115 Morgen, 326 Square Rods, and 64 Square Feet of Perpetual Quitrent Land.

2. Certain Lot of Ground, marked No. 8, adjoining the above.

3. Certain Erf, with the Buildings thereon, marked No. 6, part of the property formerly belonging to Mr. H. Van der Sterk, 4 do, marked No. 9, do. do.

Somerset Road. Certain Piece of Ground, being Lots Nos. 8 and 9, on the General Plan, formerly the property of Mr. J. van der Merwe, extending North-West to Brick's Street, South-West to Lot No. 1, South-East to Lot No. 1, and North-East to Lots 8 and 9.

Tyger Valley. Certain Lot of Ground, marked No. 18, situate in the Cape Division, Southward of Tygerberg, being part of Perpetual Quitrent Farm TYGER VALLEY, Mossel Bay.

Certain Lot of Ground, situate in the Town of Alwal, Mossel Bay, being No. 9 of the Division of Lot No. 19, J., on the General Plan.

Beyond Salt River, Certain Half Share in a Lot of Ground, marked No. 1, situate in the Cape Division, beyond Salt River, on the North side of the New Road to Tyger Valley, formerly the property of the late Mr. T. B. VAN DER MERWE; the other Half being held by Mr. P. G. VAN DER MERWE, P.A.

Near the Royal Observatory. Certain Half Part or Share in certain Lot of Ground, marked No. 3, being part of the Divided Estate "The Grove," formerly Groot and Klein Malis; as also certain Port marked N, being part of said Estate "Malis."

Port Beaufort. Certain Erf or Lot of Ground marked No. 81. Bonus will be given.

C. J. C. GIER, Joint F. J. BROUWER, Trustees. Cape Town, 3rd June, 1867.

Messrs. R. D. JONES & Co., Auctioneers.

COLONIAL Orphan Chamber & Trust Company.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE LAND PROPERTY, SITUATED AT WELLINGTON.

In the Assigned Estate of DE VILLIERS AND HAUPT.

ON FRIDAY, the 14th instant,

Will be sold on the spot, a substantial well-built DOUBLE-STORIED HOUSE, under Slate Roof, situated in the most central part of the Village, in Bain's-tree, comprising 8 spacious Rooms, besides Kitchen, Pantry, and Servant's Room, &c. The Ground adjoining is planted with a large number of Vines, besides Fruit and other Trees.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock. LIBERAL BONUS WILL BE GIVEN.

G. W. STEYLER, J. J. MINNAAR, Assignees. Chamber Buildings, No. 3, Church-square, Cape Town, 3rd June, 1867.

J. G. STEYLER, Auctioneer.

CERES! CERES!! CERES!!!

MRS. BERGMANN, from Tulbagh, wishes to inform the Public, that she has opened a PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE in CERES in the double story House situated opposite the Residence of Mr. KAREL J. VAN DER MERWE.

MALMESBURY Agricultural & Commercial Bank.

Notice to Shareholders, ON MONDAY, THE 15th JULY, 1867, AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.,

For submitting to the Shareholders the Statement of the Affairs of the Bank, and the Report of the Directors, to declare the amount of Dividend and to elect three Directors in the room of M. Mrs. H. G. GANSEY, L. COENEN, and J. G. L. COENEN, who retire in pursuance of the 24th Section of the Trust Deed, but are eligible to be re-elected.

For the purpose of electing Directors to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of the above-mentioned Directors, the names of candidates to be proposed at the meeting are to be notified to the Directors in writing, by two Proprietors, qualified to vote, on or before the 17th instant.

No Shares in the above Bank will be transferred from the 20th instant to the 16th of July next.

From and after the 1st of July next, alphabetical lists of the Shareholders, with the number of Shares and Votes, will be obtainable by the Shareholders, at the Office of the Bank, and at the Zuid-Afrikaansche Printing-office, in Wal-street, Cape Town.

By order of the Board of Directors, W. MOOREHEAD, Cashier. Malmesbury Agricultural and Com. Bank. 1st June, 1867.

Malmesbury Board of Executors. PUBLIC SALE OF IMMOVABLE AND

Moveable Property.

In the Insolvent Estate of WILLEM DE SMIDT, Jr., of Malmesbury.

THE undersigned Trustee in the above Insolvent Estate, will cause to be publicly sold

On Monday, 17th instant, AT MALMESBURY,

the following IMMOVABLE and MOVEABLE PROPERTY, viz:

1. A House and Erf, situate at Malmesbury, at present occupied by Mr. SWITZER.

2. Two Lots of Ground, situate at Rondebosch, being part of the property called Liesbeek Cottage.

3. Certain Piece of Ground at Stellenberg, near Wynberg.

4. Three Lots of Ground, being Lots No. 51, 64 and 31, of the divided Estate Papeboom.

5. Certain Perpetual Quitrent Farm, being part of the Farms Scherphouwel and Meerlands Vloet, situate at Pikesberg.

The particulars of the said Landed Properties will be procurable here.

Further will be sold the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of the Estate, consisting of Mahogany and other Tables and Chairs, Pianoforte, Sideboard, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Washing Stands, &c., &c.

H. D. J. DU TOIT, Sole Trustee. Malmesbury, June 2, 1867.

MALMESBURY Board of Executors. PUBLIC SALE OF THE Farm "Kersfontein," And Moveable Effects.

AT PAARDENBERG.

In the Insolvent Estate of DAVID JOHANNES DE VAAL, of Paardenberg, Agriculturist.

THE Undersigned Trustee in the above Estate, will cause to be publicly sold ON TUESDAY, the 11th June next, ON THE SPOT,

the well known Farm "Kersfontein," in extent 500 morgen;

And the Moveable Effects of the Estate, CONSISTING OF

a Brandy Still, Cellar Implements, Fustage, 10 Leaguers of Wine, a Spring Cart, an Open Cart, 2 Horses, 4 Mules, 3 Cows and a Calf, a Howard Plough, a Set of Harness for 6 Horses, 2 Pair of Cart Harness, 5 Muids Wheat, 7 Muids Oats, Farming Implements, Household Furniture, &c., &c.

H. D. J. DU TOIT, Sole Trustee. Malmesbury, May 28, 1867.

MR. P. J. PENTZ, J.F.S., Auctioneer.

Notice to Creditors and Debtors. In the Insolvent Estate of the late PIETER ABRAHAM VAN ZYL, Son of Lange Vliet, in the Division of Pikesberg.

45 fat heavy Slaughter Oxen. 20 Young ditto. 20 Fat Cows.

ON TUESDAY, the 11th June, the above number of very Superior Fat Oxen and Cows will be publicly sold at Klappan Station.

J. A. LOUW, Simon's Valley, June 4, 1867. DE VILLIERS, MARAIS & Co., Adms.

High Sheriff's Office. Cape Town, 2nd June, 1867.

In Execution of the Judgment of the Supreme Court in the undermentioned Cause, the following Sales will take place, viz:—

Cape Town. RICHARD CLARENCE versus THOMAS DOOGAN, of Pikesberg.

On Saturday, the 8th June, 1867, at 11 o'clock a.m., on the Parade, a Saddle Horse, and 1 Saddle and Bridle.

Division of Knysna. WM. WALLACE & Co., versus THOMAS ARMSTRONG.

On Friday, the 14th June, 1867, at 11 o'clock a.m., at Defendant's Residence, Knysna, 7 Cows, 1 Steer, 1 Horse, 4 Cows, 4 Heifers, 2 Oxen, 1 Bull, 1 Wagon, 2 Ploughs, 1 cart, Stinkwood, Saddle, Bridle, Harness, Furniture, Kitchens Utensils, &c.

PERCY VIGORS, High Sheriff. In Execution of the Judgment of the Eastern Districts Court, the following Sales will take place, viz.

Division of Port Beaufort. GEORGE WOOD and OTHERS versus RICHARD AUSTIN.

On Thursday, the 13th June, 1867, at 1 o'clock a.m., at Fort Beaufort, 28 Sheep, 4 Cows, 3 Calves, 2 Bulls, 18 Goats, &c., &c.

PERCY VIGORS, High Sheriff. Shipping Intelligence. ARRIVALS IN TABLE BAY.

June 6.—Natalian, sc. st. 453 tons, Capt. C. Williams, from Natal, (May 2 th, East London, 23rd; Alton Bay, 28th; Mossel Bay, 1st June, to this port. Cargo grain.—Anderson & Co., agents.

4.—Oberlin, 483 tons, W. McFarlane, from Valparaiso 15th April, to this port. Co go wheat and flour.—W. Bly, agent.

4.—Alexander, 483 tons, R. Denny, from Alton Bay, 28th Mar. to Fairmouh, for orders. Cargo, rice, &c.—Put in for supplies.

DEPARTURES FROM TABLE BAY. June 1.—Hatiene, to New York.

2.—Hans, to Alton Bay.

2.—Cape of Good Hope, to St. Helena.

4.—Alexander, to Fairmouh.

4.—Sorabjee Jamsjeejeejeejee, to London.

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Van Kolonial Oproeng tot de Stads Markt openbaard van den 3 tot den 5 Juny 1867.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including items like Apples, Potatoes, and other market goods.

MARKT PRYZEN

Table listing market prices for various goods, including items like Apples, Potatoes, and other market goods.