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THE Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY, 1900.

MEMS.

The concert, postponed last Sunday at the Masonic Hall at 5 p.m. Those tickets for reserved seats purchased last week, will hold good, but anyone not wishing to make use of them next Sunday, can obtain a refund on application to Messrs. Aldred & Ross.

We saw, over a fire in the open, a pot carefully watched. We were curious as to its contents. "Meat pudding, made with minced 'gee-gee' and violet powder," was the reply.

Another combination pudding we have heard of, but up till now, have not had courage enough to try, is made of violet powder, Fuller's earth, and crushed mealies.

A good natured friend put us up to an excellent move. "Get," said he, "some glycerine to eat with the Sowens. It is a very good sweetener," but he did not tell us how to get the glycerine.

Water! Ye mouths, Plumer's ribs and undercut to morrow.

They say the "Brawn" makes good Mook Turtle. More "mook" than "turtle," *bien entendu*.

We hear it whispered, and hope it is true, that at last Mafeking will take steps to let the world know how she feels towards those important questions: The Annexation, and the Treatment of Rebels.

How about the farmers, when the question of compensation comes on? Will they be "left" as per usual.

Rudyard Kipling has telegraphed the following verse to the re-formed Bloemfontein paper:

Oh! Terence dear, did you hear
The news that's going round?
The Shamrock's Erin's badge by law
Where'er her sons be found
From Bloemfontein to Bally Hoek,
'Tis ordered by the Queen.
We've won our right, in open fight
To the wearing of the green.

COUNT THEM

But the "Friend of the Free State" cannot be blamed by O.F.S. burghers. This is what that journal said in September last:—Our cry is "Equal rights for all whites in South Africa, no matter what nationality they are," and this is the policy which has hitherto been pursued in the Orange Free State, but which, it now seems, the powers-that-be in our land are going to repudiate in favour of the subjection of all but Africans. It is a lamentable stand to take, and we warn our "Raadsleden" that they will yet live to regret the foolishness of adopting it.

MR. SCHREINER.

What about Mafeking?

On returning from Government House, Capetown, the procession (which was formed by the gathering at the great Green-Market Square Meeting in favour of annexation) encountered Mr. W. P. Schreiner and his private secretary just on the corner of Adderley and Wale Streets. A halt was abruptly made, and the Premier was surrounded by a great crowd amidst tremendous hooting and hissing. Mr. Schreiner faced the multitude for a moment, and then took refuge in Kamp's Café. A rush immediately ensued, and cries of "chuck him out," came from every side. The crowd had now assumed gigantic proportions, and the door of the café was rushed pell-mell. But Chief Inspector A. Clark, with a posse of mounted and foot police, arrived just in the nick of time to stop the front line of the strong party on the very doorstep.

The crowd remained outside hooting and singing "God Save the

Queen" and "Rule Britannia." For forty minutes the police tried their utmost to disperse the multitude, even galloping their horses on the pavement, but failed absolutely. Eventually the Premier reappeared at the door and the hooting was resumed. Between a guard of policemen Mr. Schreiner proceeded towards Parliament House, followed by mounted police, while immense crowds rushed on in front and behind. Arriving at the entrance to Parliament grounds, the Premier halted and endeavoured to address the assemblage amidst tremendous hooting and cries of "Traitor." In the uproar he was heard to advise them to reserve their judgment, and said in the end they would see he was right (cries of "Traitor" and

"WHAT ABOUT MAFEKING?")

In a skilful manner Inspector Clark cleared a patch in front of the gate, and the Premier slipped in, the gate being shut and locked behind him. Hooting was kept up until Mr. Schreiner disappeared into Parliament House, and then the crowd began to disperse. During the melee some persons were arrested and conducted to the Police Station, followed by an enormous crowd.

After Mr. Schreiner had finished speaking, the crowd started "God Save the Queen," whereupon Mr. Schreiner lifted his hat; amidst cheers.

MAFEKING GARRISON

GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Balen-Powell,
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 9TH MAY, 1900.

Relief Committee.—The Relief Committee which was formed under General Order No. 1, of 13th April, having commenced their sittings, it is published for information

1. That any claims should be sent in, as soon as possible, to the Secretary Relief Committee, Headquarter Office.
2. The cases to be dealt with will be divided into the following two classes:—
 - (a). Cases of distress requiring present and immediate relief.

(b). Cases requiring eventual relief owing to the loss of relatives on whom the applicant was dependent.

3. No cases can be dealt with in which the distress did not arise out of the war.
4. Commanding Officers of Corps are requested to bring to the notice of the Committee, as early as possible, any cases of distress connected with their Corps, either under heading 2 (a) or (b).
5. No cases for compensation for loss of property, goods, etc., can be dealt with by the Relief Committee, but should be referred to the Assessment Committee, if caused by shell fire; and, in other cases, to the C.S.O.

Forage and Grazing.—Lieutenant Moncreiffe to be in charge of all forage and grazing.

Casualties.—All casualty returns will, in future, be rendered to Lieutenant McKenzie.

Garrison of Posts.—It is absolutely necessary, to secure the safety of the town, that a sufficient garrison is at all times present in a work, or post, for its defence in case of emergency, un'til reinforced on the "Alarm" sounding, etc.

Officers Commanding Corps and Units, and Post Commanders will never, therefore, permit a larger proportion than one-third of the garrison to be absent at any one time from the work, or post. It is to be specially noted that this order is to be carried out on Sundays as well as week days.

Acting Rank.—Private Pyper, Cape Police D 2, is hereby granted the acting rank of Corporal while employed as Assistant to Sergeant Abrams, in charge of the Stadt Watchmen.

Care of Maxims.—In order to prevent any chance of Maxims jamming from preventable causes O.C.'s sections of Defence will frequently inspect the guns in their respective commands.

The ammunition should also be kept thoroughly clean, as a small clot of rust or verdigris is very liable to cause the cartridge case to jam in the chamber, and the extractor to pull off the base.

Officers concerned will report every Monday morning to the Officer Commanding Artillery that the Maxims in their command, together with their ammunition, have been inspected during the past week and append for his information, any remarks on their condition, etc.

By order,
E. H. CECIL, Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

"BRIDGE."

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No. 8.

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They're our best friends, now hunger calls.

1. A foe to germs, the doctor's friend,
2. A wizard's spell, to curse or mend.
3. This cruel goddess of dusky race,
4. That fickle god, so fair of face.
5. A Sacred town in a Northern clime,
6. The most merciful king of any time.
7. A valley fair where the red men tread,
And, 'neath the redwood make their bed.

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Old Etonian's Photograph.

AT nine o'clock next Sunday morning, at the Railway Shed. It is proposed to forward a copy of the above to the "Eton College Chronicle." All are requested to attend.

STAMPS.

WANTED to purchase specimens of the following:

- 1/- Green Imperial, surcharged B. Protectorate and 2/-
- 3d. Mauve Cape, surcharged 6d.
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- 1d. Imperial, surcharged Protectorate and 3d.

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J.M.A.,
"Mafeking Mail" Office.

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THE undersigned, duly instructed by MR. J. E. JONES, will sell on SUNDAY NEXT, at 9.30 a.m., WITHOUT RESERVE, the whole of his

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Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

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