

THE MAFEKING MAIL

SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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TERMS: ONE SHILLING PER WEEK, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

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Friday, February 16th, 1900.

127th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

OUR BEEF PROVIDERS.

The appearance of some under-cut, juicy and succulent, on certain breakfast tables made us curious in this time of Siege as to its origin. We learned it was "Native beef," and the following account, which we prefer to give in its own picturesque language, is interesting in connection with the subject of our meat supply:—

"Mathakgong, the leader of "the expedition of 10th, whose loot was captured by the enemy a fortnight ago, said he would not have a quiet night until that fiasco had been blotted out; so on Friday he took four men with him to go and make another trial. Yesterday he and his companions were coming in with what appeared to be a span (12 head) of oxen they had captured close to Batho-Batho's, near Maritzani, at 5 p.m. They brought them down safely until they reached the Magogo Valley, where the Boers fired at them. The Boers first of all fired from their right and before they had time to reply another volley came from their left. They replied calmly, four men went to the right (where the heaviest fire was) and one to the left. The Boers soon shut up but not until they had wounded two oxen. One fell amongst the Boers and one just outside our advance trench, and 10 came in safely.

"Night before last (Saturday) 12 armed Barolongs left our advance trench, South of the Stadt, to go and annoy the Boers. They crossed their lines without being observed and were only fired at on their return. As soon as they returned the fire the Boers ran back to their trench and were silent for the night."

These people attacked the homestead of a Native farmer at Maritzani and exchanged shots, but the farmer made a vigorous defence and they retired.

WHERE'S GREITJE ?

When the Boers were seen fiddling around the big gun on Wednesday and a letter under the cover of a white flag was sent in to keep us from firing while they rigged a derrick over "Greitje" preparatory to removal, some of the more hopeful took it as a sign that the damned old blunderbuss was wanted at Pretoria and that her unpleasant belch would no more twang its woeful discord on the harpstrings of our nerves. Alas, how disappointed must these optimists have been when the following afternoon the old scarifying sound was heard coming from about four miles due West instead of East, showing us that the openings to our dug-outs were all the wrong side about. However, we may comfort ourselves with the reflection that as we have borne bombarding for eighteen weeks there is no reason to funk anything these curs can do now. They have tried all the mean tricks their low cunning is capable of inventing, and now we are nearing the end, whether they take their guns to the East or West, can make no difference to us nor to the punishment they are soon sure to receive.

The Secretary to the Sports and Prizes Funds desires to acknowledge receipt of Ten Pounds Four Shillings, being proceeds from the Concert of Sunday afternoon last.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Saturday, the 17th February, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President; Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

Officer Attached.—Major Baillie, Reserve of Officers, is attached for duty (without pay) to the B.S.A. Police from the 12th instant inclusive.

Assessment Committee.—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 18th instant, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

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

AUCTION SALE.

THE undersigned, duly instructed by Mrs. GIRDWOOD, will sell by Public Auction on

**SUNDAY NEXT,
At 9-30 a.m.**

1 Pony, 1 Gent.'s Saddle & Bridle, 1 Lady's Saddle and Bridle, 1 Cape Cart, 1 Set Double Cart Harness, 2 Shot Guns, 250 Shot Cartridges, 1 Gent.'s Bicycle, 1 Carpenter's Bench and quantity of Tools, a quantity of good second-hand Gent.'s Clothing, etc.

Also 1 Black Pony (Stallion) in the Estate of the late Corpl. Armstrong, B.S.A.P.

ALDRED & ROSS,

Government Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

Don't forget the time:

9-30 A.M.

NOTICE.

A.S.C. BUTCHERY & BAKERY.

THE following hours will hold good for issue or purchase of Bread and Meat:—

5-30 a.m.	9 a.m.
6-30 p.m.	8 p.m.

No one will be served outside these hours.

Bills for Bread and Meat.—Persons purchasing privately will be required to pay cash down. There is not sufficient Staff to justify running accounts being opened.

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,
D.A.A.G.B.

Mafeking, 16th Feb., 1900.

With the sanction of the Col. Commanding

CYCLE SPORTS

(Postponed on account of the condition of the Ground)

will be held at the

RECREATION GROUND,

— ON —

Sunday, February 18th,

Commencing at 3-30 p.m.

Lady Sarah Wilson has kindly consented to distribute the prizes, which comprise:

Watches; a Clock; a most handsome hand-painted "Watteau" Fan; Silver Glove Buttoner; Candlestick Mirror; Silver mounted Pipes; Amber Cigarette Holders; Cigarette Cases, &c.

Referee: H. H. Major Gould-Adams.

Judges: Major Godley; Capt. Cowan.
Inspector Marsh.

Handicappers: Lieut.-Colonel Walford;
Inspector Browne.

Starter: C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.
Clerk of Course } To be appointed on
Lap Scorer } the Ground.

The Totalisator

Will be upon the Grounds.

Under charge of Sergt. Major Merry.

PROGRAMME:

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| 1. One Mile Siege Championship | Start |
| 2. Team Race of One Mile | 3-40 |
| Four members of: The Prot. Regiment, the B.S.A. Police, the Cape Police, the Bechuanaland Rifles, and the Town Guard. | 4-0 |
| 3. Half Mile Bicycle Race in Fancy Costume. | 4-20 |
| One Prize for Winner, and one prize for best Fancy Dress. | |
| 4. Half Mile Ladies Race | 4-40 |
| 5. Three Lap Race | 5-0 |
| Walk a lap. Run a lap. Ride a lap. | |
| 6. One Mile Bicycle Handicap | 5-30 |

POST ENTRIES.

Bicycles will be provided for those who have not their own. Lots being drawn for them.

The distribution of Prizes will take place directly after the last race.

By the kind permission of Capt. Cowan the Band of the Bechuanaland Rifles will play during the intervals.

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