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Saturday, February 24th, 1900.

135th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

Mafeking Garrison.

SATURDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1900.

Ordnance Shops.—A. Braidwood, Assistant Moulder, was discharged at his own request on the 18th instant, and struck off the strength accordingly. J. Campbell to be Assistant Moulder, vice A. Braidwood discharged, with pay at rate of 10s. per diem, from 20th instant inclusive.

Records of Service.—When any man's name is favourably mentioned in General Orders, a note of such favourable mention is to be invariably entered in the Man's Record of Service.

MAFEKING, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, the 26th February, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H.H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Colonel C. O. Hore.

Visiting Justice.—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

Brigade Signalling Instructor.—Sergt. Moffatt is granted the acting rank of Sergeant-Major while performing the duties of Brigade Instructor of Signalling.

Brigade Signallers.—The following will take effect from this day's date inclusive: Signaller McKean, Prot. Regiment, Signaller Hall, Bechuanaland Rifles, are raised to the higher rate of 1s. per diem.

Trooper Garland, B.S.A.P., is granted 2nd class rate of 8d. per diem.

By order,

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

AUCTION SALE.

THE undersigned, duly instructed by the Executors of the following Estates, viz.:

CAPT. R. H. GIRDWOOD,
J. CALVERT,

will sell by Public Auction,

ON SUNDAY, at 10-30 a.m.,

WITHOUT RESERVE,
Utensils, Carpenter's Tools, Clothing, etc.,
etc., also 1 Gent.'s Saddle, 1 M.M. Sporting
Carbine, 303, with Cartridges, 750 Shot
Cartridges.

ETC., ETC.

ALDRED & ROSS,
Government Auctioneers and
Sworn Appraisers.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell and
Officers of the Garrison,

A GRAND CONCERT

WILL BE HELD AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

— ON —

Sunday, February 25th 1900,

(The 20th Sunday of the Siege.)

AT 5 P.M.

Prices of Admission, 1s.

Reserved Seats, 4s.

Proceeds to be given to the Sports and
Prize Funds.

Early application for Reserved Seats,
of which there will be but a limited number,
must be made to

ALDRED & ROSS,

MARKET SQUARE.

During the Siege

MR. G. GREEN

WILL CARRY ON THE

Bicycle Repairing Department,

At Mr. Gerrans' Establishment,

For and on his own account,

TERMS CASH.

Reuben,

TAILOR & HABITMAKER,

(Late Cutter with I. Cohen.)

MARKET SQUARE,

(NEXT DOOR TO MR. ELLITSON'S.)

GOOD WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEED.

All Regimental work done on shortest
notice; also Cleaning.

FOR SALE

A FIRST-CLASS HAND CAMERA,
holding 12 Slides & Plate, Best
make and guaranteed in perfect order.
Particulars and price from

"PHOTO," this Office.

THE SOUP KITCHEN.

A visit to our Soup Kitchen at giving out time, with his camera, would cause the snap-shot fiend a thrill of unholy joy. It is decidedly a promising subject for his plates and an interesting spectacle for anyone to see that mixture of races outside waiting for a share of the racy mixture inside. Certainly the scene is picturesque and thus differs entirely from the Winter Soup doling in Spitalfields or any of the squalid quarters of our big towns at home. There, the sight is one of blank despairing misery, there is no picturesqueness in those pinched cheeks and filthy tatters, while nothing suggestive of humour can be discerned, to relieve in any way its ghastly hideousness. The average spectator ever after regrets having witnessed the sight, as recognising the hopelessness of any attempt to wipe away that fearful smirch on civilisation's face, he tries to blot out of his mind the haunting recollection of those starved beings, and soothe the uncomfortable feeling it has created, by subscribing to an elaborate organization that will spend sixteen shillings from each sovereign he gives, in dispensing the other four amongst begging-letter writing professors, and reformed (?) jailbirds. Here the Soup Kitchen visitors can chatter and laugh about their short food, and make fun on finding only a bit of bone in his tin while the boy next him has big lumps of meat in his. These soup takers have not suffered from starvation all their lives as those at home have. They have not been produced and reared on starvation, and the momentary glimpses they have had at the gaunt spectre, has not been sufficient for them to distinguish and become scared at its fleshless jaws. Besides are they not faring now as millions of our "submerged tenth" would be only too glad to fare, and if the authorities can supply them each day, till the end of the Siege with such a savory potfull as they are now having there will be little cause for complaint amongst the Natives.

LOCAL MEMS.

A brown paper parcel containing "Good Fors" printed for the Mafeking Hotel, has miscarried. Townshend & Son would be obliged to anyone for information as to where the parcel is lying so that they might send for it.

The Boers drew first white blood at the Brickfields yesterday when Pte. Churchill, of the Bechuanaland Rifles, got his neck scored just behind the ear with a fragment of an explosive bullet. Murphy, the Ambulance attendant stationed at Currie's Post, thus got some practice, his first at this place. After the enemy has spent so many thousands of rounds and effected so little, the credit of best marksmanship must certainly go to our men, who, facing them at the same ranges, have knocked over more than ten times as many as they have, with less than one-tenth of the expenditure in ammunition.

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