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The Mafeking Mail.

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FOSTERING TREASON.

At Alwal North a Dutchman threatened to haul down the British flag hoisted to celebrate Talana Hill and Elandslaagte victories. He was arrested and released on finding surety £5.

At Stutterheim the R.M. refused to hoist the Union Jack in honour of the Natal victories. The inhabitants did it themselves. He and his assistant hauled it down. Naturally this caused indignation. Next day he, presumably having received instructions from Capetown, hoisted it again. He ought to have been arrested.

An ex-officer of the Cape Garrison Artillery accepted a commission in the Transvaal Staats Artillerie some short time before the outbreak of hostilities and started recruiting in Capetown. His doings were well known and in fact were made public in the press, yet in spite of that and the attention of the authorities being called to it by an inhabitant of this town, he was allowed to continue his recruiting and go scot free. Now he and his Capetown recruited men are fighting against us. This is another item of debits requiring a heavy entry on the other side to balance the account between the Bond Ministry and Mafeking.

WHAT IS THEIR GAME?

A telegram from Lourenço Marques, on 20th December announces the arrival from the Transvaal, presumably en route for Capetown, of Chief Justice Gregoroski, Messrs. Sam Marks, Dieperink, member of the Volksraad, Leo. Weinthal, and Gillingham.

Cuttings from the "CANARD RIGGERS" NEWS.

Are you not frightened now?

The *S. & D. News* says (Dec. 18th?): "The Republican forces are increasing in activity and at any moment Ladysmith and Mafeking may find themselves transported as prisoners of war to Pretoria."

This is Tragic.

"As for Charterland, it's doom is sealed."

The London *Daily Telegraph* in a description of the departure of the Guards relates of a girl who, hanging on the arm of her soldier lover, cried bravely: "Keep your pecker up, Dick." Looking down at his sweetheart the man of battle said, contemptuously: "'Taint me as needs keeping m' pecker up, but Kruger."

The Brussels Transvaal Bureau is known now, by the home press, as Dr. Leyds' Canard Factory.

THE DRIVING COMPETITION

of Sunday last brought out a capital collection of turn-outs and the manner in which the affair went off reflects great credit on the gentlemen who engineered it. The prizes were taken as follows:—

Teams of 10 Mules and Wagons:

For best Mules ... B Squadron.

" " Turn-out C " "

" Driving ... A " "

Teams of 6 Mules and Carts:

For turn-out ... B Squadron.

" Driving ... B.S.A. Police.

Teams of 4 Horses and Carts:

Major Goold Adams } Divided

Prot. Regt. Gun Team } First Prize.

Pair Horses in Harness:

Mr. Weil.

Single Horse in Harness:

Captain Cowan.

Riding Horse:

Major Baillie, 1st prize.

Corpl. Currie, C.P., 2nd prize.

Sunday, January 7th, 1900.

The Grand

Siege Driving Competition.

One Prize for the most unique and original turn out.

One Prize for the lady passenger in the vehicle that wins the race.

The race consists of driving your vehicle round a circular course while the band plays. When the halt sounds the vehicle that is nearest up to the winning post wins the race. Drivers choose their own pace, but may not stop till the halt sounds.

Any kind of vehicle, any kind of animal or team, any kind of dress is permissible, but each vehicle must be provided with some form of alarm, such as horn, or whistle, etc., which must be kept sounding during the race.

Each vehicle must carry a lady passenger, to whom the prize goes in the case of the winning vehicle.

Sundays, 7th and 15th.

VARIETY

Entertainment Competition.

A Prize will be given to the Corps producing the best Variety Entertainment.

Amount of prize will depend on number of members of the troupe; at least £1 for every performer, 10s. each bandsman or accompanist.

Corps being:—Protectorate Regiment, B.S.A. Police, Cape Police, Town Guard, Bechuanaland Rifles, Railway Division.

Each competing team will have to provide an entertainment of 6 items on Sunday next, and 6 (different) items the following Sunday.

They will have to give a performance at the following places during the day, either Hospital and Hidden Hollow, or Cannon Koppe and Ellitson's Kraal.

Trolleys for conveyance of troupes will be provided, also a stage at each point.

A committee will be formed in each audience to award marks. The aggregate of these marks, after the performance, will determine which team is winners.

"Variety Entertainment" may include songs, minstrels, acrobat, conjurors, boxing, theatricals, etc., etc.

NOTICE.

MERCHANTS, Traders, Shopkeepers, etc., are prohibited from selling Mealies, Mealie Meal, Kafir Corn or Grain of any sort. There are three Grain Stores existing at which purchase of Grain can be made, viz:—

No. 1. Native Stadt.

No. 2. Native Location.

No. 3. Lippmann's Yard, Town Store. (For Townspeople).

It has come to notice that several people who have small quantities of Mealie Meal and Grain in their possession are in the habit of handing over to their servants certain bulk quantities in order that the servants may feed themselves. This causes unnecessary waste. Servants should be put on rations by their masters daily. The following quantities should amply suffice under present circumstances:—

1 lb to 1½ lbs. of Mealie Meal or Grain, proportionate deduction being made when Native women or children have to be fed, such as ½ to ¾ lb. per diem.

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

Mafeking, 29th Dec., 1899.

ERRATA.

We printed yesterday a wire announcing the retirement of a Daily Chronicle editor. By an error the word "contributed" was placed over it. Our intelligent readers would naturally see that it was a mistake. The word "contributed" should, of course, have been placed after the title of the A.B.C. rhyme under the head of "Coming Events Cast, &c."

Our Thermometer of Hope.

One of two native runners arrived this morning. His companion it is to be feared, has been killed. Unfortunately the missing man carried the letters, therefore we are without news. The man who came in has reported nothing likely to drive the mercury down. On the contrary he circumstantially corroborates the statement that a large number of our troops is between Taungs and Fourteen Streams, and variation of date is a mere detail. We have received a paper from which we will reproduce some portions in to-morrow's slip.

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