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134th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1900.

Those Unexploded Ones!

Yesterday attention was called in "General Orders" to the fatal results following neglect to comply with the two orders, December 8th and January 10th, re Reporting and Disposal of Unexploded Shells. Three lives have now been lost to the Garrison by this pig-headed fiddling with the dangerous things, a danger which no warning seems sufficient to prevent the morbid desire to court. We understand that deceased had opened and emptied a good many, perhaps twenty, of these shells, successfully, receiving about a pound each for the operation. We cannot refrain from remarking that in our opinion anyone who offers or bargains with a man to risk his life and the lives of others about him for a sum of money, whether it be twenty pounds or one, without the collateral inducement of some high or worthy object, is guilty of that man's death and morally responsible to the community for it. If some benefit to humanity or if adequate public advantage might possibly result from emptying these missiles, we, as utilitarian, would not consider that a life should be allowed to stand in the way of the work being done, but when, as in these instances, no beneficial object is sought nor even possible to come from the operation, he does a despicable thing who tempts his fellow creature to his destruction.

THE CYCLE SPORTS.

Last Sunday's Sports it will be remembered were confined to the Cycle Races, and a capital meeting was organised, reflecting great credit on the Committee. The prizes were numerous and costly. The Band of the Bechuanaland Rifles played between the performances. The Totalisator was well patronised, and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The first race, the One Mile Siege Championship, was taken by Mitchell; Dobie making a good second. Both of these are men of the Bechuanaland Rifles, which corps, to their credit, be it said, managed to secure nearly all the prizes. A Ladies Race was down on the programme, but as there was no entry an Officers Race was run instead. This was won by Lieutenant Hope. The Team Race fell to the Rifles, as did the Costume Race, *qua race*, which was won by Sergeant-Major Gwynne, while the Costume Prize went to Cpt. Mackenzie for his excellent get-up as a Matabele warrior. Dobie and Mitchell came 1st and 2nd respectively in the Handicap, with Moss as a fair third. The Three Lap Race,

walk a lap, ride a lap, run a lap, was a most closely contested event. The nimble Crosskill making the race in the last lap (running), having saved himself in the first two laps, the whole field, with Congdon twenty yards in front, getting ahead of him at the beginning of the lap. One third round the course he had the field well in hand, half way over he tackled Congdon, coming in at the finish with ten yards to spare.

PROGRAMME OF SUNDAY'S CONCERT AT THE MASONIC HALL.

1. Song, "Irish Jubilee," Mr. Adams
2. Song, "The Lads in Red," Mr. Layton
3. Song, "Alone on the Raft," Mrs. Lees
4. Recitation ... Mr. Sherlock Holmes
5. Song (selected) ... Mr. Campbell
6. Comic Song, "It's Comin' on Again," Mr. Wedderburn

Interval of 5 Minutes.

1. Song, ... "The Holy City," Mr. Hall
2. Song, "The Coster's Sister," Mr. King
3. Song, ... "Mona," Mr. Crittenden
4. Song, "The Song for me," Mrs. Lees
5. Sketch ... Mr. Corney Grain
6. Ventriloquism ... Mr. Lees

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Messrs. Grayson and Taylor have kindly promised to act as accompanists.

NOW THE BOERS ARE BEGINNING TO ENJOY THEMSELVES.

Native rumours say that the natives in the Transvaal are looting farms, in the absence of the farmers.

FREEMASONRY.

B.B. are reminded that the photograph of all who are in the Garrison will be taken on Sunday, 3-30 p.m., outside the Masonic Hotel. Full clothing.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1900.

It is probable that the enemy will try to force natives to come into Mafeking as refugees, in order that we may have to feed them. Outposts should, therefore, be warned to refuse to pass in any except despatch runners and armed natives who have gone out to get cattle. No large parties to be admitted.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Saturday, the 24th 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 Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

Assessment Committee.—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 25th 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.

WANTED

A HOUSE KEEPER, young, and of an affectionate disposition, to wait upon two Bachelors in the Brickfields. Short hours; impartial inquiry into references; none but the comely need apply.

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