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The *Mafeking Mail*.

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SLIP No. 1.

Reprints are Now Ready.

A letter addressed to

W. E. C. SOUTHWOOD,

is in the hands of the Resident Magistrate, C. G. H. Bell, Esq., awaiting a claimant.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS.

DECEMBER 1ST, 1899.

Scouting Parties.—The Colonel Commanding, while recognising the excellent services done by scouting parties at night, draws the attention of all commanders to the fact that if various parties are allowed to go out independently, without obtaining his sanction, they are liable to work against each other and should confusion arise, as it may well do at night, they might fire into one another. In future, therefore, officers commanding sections of defence will obtain the Colonel's authorization before sending out scouting parties at night. This does not, of course, apply to the scouts sent out to the front of posts when the enemy is supposed to be in the vicinity.

Relief Committee.—It is notified for information that the Relief Committee will meet daily at 10 a.m., until further notice, at the office of the Commissioner of Customs.

Assessment Committee.—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, 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.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow (2nd), at the Court House, at 10-30 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. Presiding Officer: Major Goold-Adams, and C. G. H. Bell, Esquire.

Rewards.—It has come to the notice of the Colonel Commanding that certain persons have brought in cattle, which, from their posts they have noticed to be straying towards the enemy's lines, and expected rewards for recovering them. Rewards for this service cannot be entertained as, after all, it is considered that in bringing in cattle they are only doing their duty toward the general welfare of the town. When cattle are recovered it should be reported to the Chief Staff Officer. In the event of owners not claiming the cattle at once, any expense incurred by the finders in keep, will be admissible and recoverable from the owners prior to the cattle being finally restored to them.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,
C.S.O.

LATEST NEWS.

The rumour which has been floating about the town setting forth that there has been a big fight at Fourteen Streams and Cronje defeated, lacks, up to the time of going to press, that confirmation which would enable us to print it as reliable, anxious as we are to believe it. But it may be regarded as authentic that young Piet Cronje, who was wounded here, has since died in consequence of the wound.

One of the disappearing Boers met on his way home, was asked if he were not afraid of being shot for desertion. Admitting that possibility he said he preferred taking the risk, as, if he stayed outside Mafeking, he would most likely be shot in the trenches.

Natives who have been commanded to wait on the Boers, make their coffee, carry their food, ammunition, &c., are complaining bitterly of the treatment they receive and run away whenever they get a chance. They say the Boers will not stir out from the trenches all day, but send the wretched boys on errands of numerous kinds and our sniping is so lively, and to the point, that they have to crawl about on their bellies, which wears out their clothes. This, to say the least, is very foolish of the Boers as they will probably not be able to take from the Natives clothes sound enough to cover their nakedness when the last suits they stole are worn out.

St. John's Church, Mafeking.

Advent Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 1899.

The Rev. W. H. Weekes will hold the following services:—

Holy Communion,	7-30 a.m.
Matins	... 10-30 a.m.
Evensong	... 7-30 p.m.

We are glad to learn that in consequence of the success of the concert given by the Railway Division last Sunday it has been decided to hold another

Promenade Concert

at the North end of the Railway Camp

First Avenue,

at 4-15 on

Sunday Afternoon next.

TEA WILL BE PROVIDED.

We learn that more talent has been discovered in Mafeking, the inexhaustible; and some important addition to last week's programme may be expected.

A Gymkhana Meeting will be held, under Siege conditions, at the Polo Ground, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 1899, under the patronage of Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, commanding the Garrison. Commencing 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

SUMMARY COURT OF JURISDICTION.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 1899.

*Before Colonel Goold-Adams, C.B.,
C.M.G., and C. G. H. Bell, Esq.,
C.C. & R.M.*

Samuel Hulley was found near the Goods Shed on the Railway premises at 9-30 on Thursday evening. Mc Lean challenged him but got no answer, so he and C.P. Thos. J. Webb took him to the Acting Stationmaster, Mr. Storey, who told the Court "he could make nothing of him."

Prisoner's account of the affair is that, going to the Volunteer camp he took the road by the line because he thought he was "going wrong," which must have been the case, as the Court gave him three days hard.

Willem, coloured, charged with being drunk in the Commissariat yard, is a driver and would not leave the yard when Corporal Pitcher told him to. He said he got the drink from a white man in one of the large stores and that a Corporal was present at the time. Remanded for enquiries.

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