

Ilanga Lase Natal.

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THE CAPE COLONY'S ERROR.

Among the strange features of the political face of things in South Africa, is that the Cape Colony Representatives, that is a majority of them, are trying to foist upon the mass of their fellows a cheap and noisome fluid which they call wine; and in Natal the majority of the Representatives are utterly opposed to the masses having free access to intoxicating liquors; and both of these elements are factors of the South African Union. How they are going to pull together in the General Parliament remains to be seen; presumably one of them will have to give way to the behests of the other, and the majority will, of course, expect to be the victors, and that means that the minority will either eat the leech of their previous convictions or remain the hostile few, offering themselves as a butt for the crude jeers of their united opponents. It is a serious and disagreeable outlook for those who believe in sobriety; but we venture to say that it will prove eventually to be a far more serious and disagreeable affair to the other side. Where proud defiance shakes its fist at order, and mischief seeks an outlet for its vice, a downfall must be imminent. There can be no Union without goodwill to the neighbour. And yet it looks as though many electors suppose that the gains of the wine-farmers must be upheld though the heaven of integrity should fall! Charles Dickens's Major Joe Bagstock was held to be "devilish sly," and we know there are a few Joe Bagstocks in the world; but there is always a diamond hard enough to cut any Bagstockian gem. The Cape Legislators of the wine-alk may flatter themselves on account of what they think is a victory, but there are victories that lead to defeat. History tells us of a great General who admitted that another such victory would undo him. And is it to be supposed that the real motive for thrusting intoxicants upon the people is not known? What folly! What mean fear! Has our classical wine-profit supporter forgotten that Queen Bess Tudor was far more in dread of London's growing mass than even King Edward the VII could be? Fear invites suppression, but the man who lends himself to such dignifying passion must needs be swamped by the noisome flood which he helps to engender. A word of encouragement is due to those men who stand by what they know to be right. You have stood bravely against the mean act, and you will stand with others who know their duty to God and their neighbour, let your defeat be the bond of a united conscientious policy; you are on the side of what is right and forceful, and you will have the honour, in the near future, of cleansing the country of the stain that is being thrust upon the masses of the people by misdirection and inordinate selfhood.

THE OLD RUSE.

According to some persons, the natives are always, more or less in a state of rebellion, and the note of warning is duly given by the servitors of those whom it suits to pull the strings and gull the public. It does not matter very much to those old rusers that the respectable portion of the press vouches for the inaccuracies of such statements, or even disclaims against immorality of such alarmist reports; the fact of the start being obtained by the lie generally answers the purpose, which is to slowly but surely engrave on the minds of the neurotic, and the unsuspecting, the impression that the native people are an incorrigible menace to the peace of the Colonials. Some persons argue that as it is a falsehood there is no need to fear its results, but the teaching of history shows that no matter how preposterous the falsehood is, people will believe it if it is gradually impressed upon them. Some South African newspapers lend themselves to this sort of charlatanism, probably not knowing the danger and the meanness that they are abetting. The natives claim justice, and it is decidedly the duty of Colonials to grant justice, for whatever misadventure arises out of the lack of justice must be set down to those persons who are remiss in their behaviour. There is plenty of room for the Colonials and the native people in South Africa, wherefore this cantankerous feeling. The Colonials for their own credit sake should forbid this sort of thing, they know that slander is objectionable—we object to it.

History of the Zulus.

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17. THE STORY OF THE ZULU-KAFIR CLANS (CONTINUED)

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length grew so inordinately obese as to be incapable of generating at all. Subsequently, according to Zulu custom, a newly wedded bride—the fifth in order of marriage—named Mpikase, of the emaQungebeni clan, was affiliated with this first wife for the purpose of raising up male issue for her house. Her child was the Dingane of history. The second wife was a girl of the eLangeni clan, named Nandi, daughter of Mbengi, son of Mviyokazi, son of Bhebhe, (chief of the clan), son of Mgabi, by his wife, Mfundu, herself of the royal house of the Qwabes and sister of Pakatwayo. This was the mother of the renowned Shaka. The third wife was Langazana, daughter of Gubeshe, of the emaNzimeler clan, who died so recently as the year 1882. The fourth was Mzondwase, mother of Mhlangana, and the fifth, as said, the mother of Dingana, Magulana, Bihli, daughter of Nkobe, of the Ntuli tribe; Mangegeza; Mutuli; Songiya, daughter of Ngotya, of the Hlabisa clan; and mother of Mpande, and a couple of others.

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It therefore follows, that any nonmember having transaction with a member, or members, should know that if he, or she, having business with a member or members, as affecting the property under trust, that they would be under the necessity of abiding by the decision of the said Board, and could have no redress by going to law—provided always, that such decision was agreeable to the Rules of the Association, all of which would have been embodied in the Trust Deed as registered by the Registrar of Deeds, and as agreed to per compact by the members severally and collectively of the Association. All persons intending joining the Association should keep a memo of this item, as it is of importance that it should not be forgotten.

MR. BELL'S LECTURE.

In commenting on Mr. Bell's lecture as referred to by our correspondent "K" in our issue of the 19th of Nov. we think it is the duty of every lover of liberty to protest against, and oppose any such measure as that suggested by Mr. Bell. South Africa does not need any tinkering of its constitution. We agree with "K" that the plain going Boer should carefully avoid the tide of complications that will be subtly brought forward to imperil the straight going of the chosen constitution. History certainly affords many a serious lesson, and teaches the worth of a simple policy that can be understood and relied upon by all concerned. Truly, when we see persons going out of their way to add to the complication, we may, without being unreasonable suspect that there is some special purpose to be served. Well may our correspondent observe that "such a permanent council could grip at the throats of the Electors with the one hand while it was grabbing at the throats of the Natives with the other." Kindly straight forward neighbourship is of far more importance to us Natives than the privilege of the Franchise. South Africa cannot thrive on a wily secret service; the only policy that can put the land and the people fairly on their legs is that wherein respect for the tax-payers is studiously and honestly maintained. Unshiftable officials are not likely to aid such a policy.

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Among these branches of the actual Zulu clan, the eldest is that descended from Xoko, son of the clan's chief, Ndaba (who reigned probably between the years 1753 and 1774), and which branch is nowadays known as the Bhiyelas, after its founder, a kraal, which was named kwaBhiyela. Xoko's son, Menziwa, was one of Shaka's principal indunas; and received from him a considerable piece of ancient Qwabeland, comprising the heights and hill slopes overlooking the Mhlatuze on its northern side, opposite the Ngoye range. There the head of this Zulu sub-clan still resides in the person of Dumezweni, son of Mgitywe, son of Mvundlane, son of Menziwa, son of Ndaba. The emgazini, to whom Masipwa, son of Mamba and prime-minister of Mpande, belonged, are a more recent offshoot of the Bhiyelas.

Then there are the eba Qulusini, so called after one of Jaxin's kraals, and now inhabiting the Illobane district; the Mdalaoses, descended from a man of that name, whose present representative is Zidunge, dwelling in the Vryheid district; the Cemekulus, whose founder, Mzimba, was appointed by Shaka induna of the AMA WOMEN regiment of Senzangakona's surviving warriors, and who later received as a reward a district on the banks of the lower Ntsele river, in former Mtetwaland, where his descendants may still be found under Mkothi, son of Bizo, son of Mzimba. Finally, there were the more modern offshoots, the Nobetas and the Ntanzi.

About the sources of the Hluluwe river we nowadays find a tribe calling themselves the Hlabisas. Who are they? Prior to the time of Senzangakona, they were with their kindred, the Lala people, in Natal. Domestic feuds, as we have already seen, caused the breaking up of tribes long before Shaka was heard of. Such family strife was it that drove a section of a certain Lala clan to vacate its fatherland, somewhere south of the Tukela, and, led by their chief's son, Nqina, to seek a new home on the northern side of the river. Although there were Lala peoples still established in the latter region, union with them does not seem to have commended itself to Nqina. So, after having tarried a while amongst these Lala relatives, he moved forward once more, and, coming to the Mahlabatini district, occupied by the Zulu clan, settled there, about the year 1790, as vassals to Senzangakona, the Zulu chief. Ngotya, the son of Nqina, and then a young man, was appointed an INCERU or butler in the service of Senzangakona. In time he married and gave birth to a daughter, Songiya, who afterwards wedded the Zulu chief, and so became mother of king Mpande. Ngotya died during the reign of Shaka, and his heir, Mposwa, grew up under the guardianship of that king. Sonqula was Mposwa's son, and in time became Lokotwayo, father of Sotzi, the present prospective chief. Now, Nqina, it would seem, possessed a remarkably fine herd of milk-white cattle; and so lavish was he in their slaughter for the entertainment of his visitors, that his overlord, Senzangakona, came to dub him and his people the Hlabisa, i.e. they who eat in well with a meat-feast—an appellation by which alone these Lala vassals of the Zulu chief are now known, their original name apparently having been forgotten. When, in due course, Mpande became king, he bestowed upon his mother's people the location they at present occupy at the head waters of the Hluluwe. Where one to seek in Zululand nowadays for the Zulu clan, he would be astonished at its insignificant smallness. He would, indeed, wonder where the Zulus are; for he would discover practically none claiming that cognomen save the few direct descendants of the chief hut of Jama, the father of Senzangakona. The reason is that all such Zulus as sprang from an ancestry more ancient than Jama have since come to be formed into other clans, called by other names. Very little thinking here will show us that the Zulu tribe in pre-Jama times must have been very small indeed, comprising perhaps not more than a few dozen huts and less than three hundred souls.

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