In late 1858, de Boos wrote a series of articles in the *Herald* on the gold rush on the Fitzroy River, upstream from Rockhampton. For this work, the Herald gave him the title ‘Our Special Commissioner’, though the last report was by ‘Our Special Corresondant’. Most of the articles were headed ‘Fitzroy Diggings’, but ‘Fitzroy Goldfields’ was also used. The first one was placed below another article headed ‘Fitzroy Gold-Fields’. Not all of the articles were numbered.

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| I | October 5 | 4 | THE Yarra Yarra, in which I had taken my passage for Rockhampton,… |
| II | October 13 | 5 | I WROTE you in my last that I was about to start at 7 o'clock on Monday,… |
| III | October 16 | 5 | IF any person will take a good chart of the North-western coast of Australia,… |
| IV | October 27 | 2 | The probabilities being so much against the occurrence of such a favourable series… |
| V | October 30 | 4 | EVERYTHING here remains in statu quo, and but for the arrivals and departures… |
| VI | November 6 | 5 | You will have learnt, by the Yarra Yarra that the report circulated here… |
| VII | November 17 | 5 | I was in hopes of being able to send you down an interesting description… |
| VIII | November 27 | 5 | The Eagle, steamer, reached Rockhampton during the time was on my trip up the Fitzroy… |
| IX | December 7 | 4 | Once more in Sydney, after a tedious passage of eight days from Rockhampton,… |