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THE GUARDIAN.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1874.

THE BUDGET.

THE more SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE'S Budget is considered by the general public, the more, we think, are its features approved. It is not a sensation Budget, nor has it a partisan character. It lacks the boldness and originality which we might have expected from MR GLADSTONE if he had remained in power. The present Chancellor of the Exchequer could not see his way to abolishing the income-tax, reducing indirect taxation by two or three millions, and give grants in aid of local taxation out of a surplus of 5½ millions. He did not pretend to know the secret of those "readjustments of existing taxation" which were to make all this possible; but he was able to take a common-sense view of his position, and to hold the balance pretty evenly between the "interests" that had pestered him for weeks past. He conciliated at once agriculturists and the town ratepayers by adopting the principles of State aid to local expenditure; and though this year he has given only a little more than a million in this direction, yet he has set a precedent which Chancellors of the Exchequer cannot well help following in future. What he has done in relief of local taxation is quite enough until we have important reforms in local administration, and a more real supervision of the Local Government Board over local expenditure. We have been in the habit of boasting of our local government, but if we are to apply State funds in aid of local expenditure, we must forego some of the privileges of local government, in justice to the general taxpayer. The remission of a further penny in the income-tax is a safe measure compared to the abolition of the impost. Indeed, any ordinary financier, if he abolished that tax, would not be able to do more out of 5½ millions, and many interests would thus have been left dissatisfied. The only thing we could have wished SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE to have done in addition was to have still further relieved small incomes from liability to the tax. If he had raised the exemption to £200, and the untaxable portion of smaller incomes to £100, he would have done much to relieve the tax from the unpopularity still attaching to it; but still we must remember that many of the smaller income-tax payers will receive more relief from the other remissions in the Budget than if the income-tax had been abolished What the small tradesman will save upon his sugar, upon his poor-rates, and perhaps upon his house duty, will be a good deal more to him than the entire abolition of the income-tax, while he will not have the chagrin of knowing that it was principally realized property that was relieved from taxation by the Budget. As for the sugar duties, their repeal, like all repeals, gives satisfaction and dissatisfaction. Some are pleased and others displeased. The sugar-refiners, the wholesale dealers, and the grocers are, on the whole, pleased with the change. It is thought that the repeal of the duties will tend to make England the great emporium of the sugar trade, and that the Amsterdam refineries, for example, will have to go to the wall in favour of Greenock and Whitechapel. As to the grocers they will no doubt make similar reductions to those made in consequence of the last remission, even if they continue to sell sugar without profit as a bait to their customers; and the public will thus have sugar at an unprecedentedly low price. This step towards a "free breakfast table" must conciliate even MR BRIGHT, we should think, especially as it is accompanied by a remission of one penny on the income-tax. After devoting about a million in relief of local taxation, taking a million and a half off the income-tax, and remitting two millions in the shape of sugar-duties, SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE seems to have had some consideration how to dispose of the other half million which he deemed to be disposable out of five millions and a half; but eventually he made a very discreet choice. There had been no meetings and deputations about the house-duty; but by taking it off he could relieve various classes that had sought for relief in other ways. The brewers and railway companies could bear their license duty and their passenger tax more patiently if relieved from a tax which pressed heavily upon them; and if the small tradesman had an untaxed horse for use in his business, he could better afford to pay the income-tax. But this remission will also have the effect of encouraging the breeding and rearing of horses, while the accompanying liberation of horse dealers from license-duty will free a trade that there is no good reason to tax. SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE keeps a larger surplus in hand than has usually been kept of late years; but as he has discounted the probable increase in the revenue to a considerable extent, he only acts discreetly in making provision for contingencies, for no one can say that our revenue will continue to grow in the marvellous way it has done of late. Sooner or later we must expect an ebb of the extraordinary flood of prosperity which we have recently enjoyed.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

There is of course abundance of criticism on the Budget, and the financial statement is praised by some and decried by others, but I believe that the more the public look at it from a national instead of a party point of view, the more its general provisions commend themselves. The Budget is certainly not in any sense startling; there are no surprises in it; but it is plain and simple. A penny off the income tax, say a million and a half; local taxation lessened by a million; the sugar duties abolished, say two millions; and the abolition of duties on horses and horse-dealers' licenses, nearly half a million; thus making a decrease of direct and indirect taxation to the tune of five millions. This is a Budget which we can all understand and appreciate. So far as the public are concerned perhaps the most vexatious consideration is that from the greatest reduction of taxation we shall obtain the least benefit. Sugar is now almost universally sold retail at the barest fraction of profit, and in many cases at an actual loss. I have always thought that the grocers have acted in a very stupid way in this matter. The competition in sugar has been carried to an absurd point; poor people have been, so to speak, caught by traps baited with sugar. No doubt the want of profit on one article has been made up by the grocers with increased profit on some other article, but still the system is an absurd one, and I feel confident that the abolition of the sugar duties will now prove the occasion of the grocers generally endeavouring to sell sugar at a reasonable, though small profit, and that the consequence will be that the public will gain but very little direct benefit from the reduction. As for the income-tax, I see that the executive committee of the National Anti-Income-Tax League take to themselves the credit for the reduction, but Sir Stafford Northcote good-humouredly though plainly enough gave the House of Commons to understand that deputations had had no effect upon him.

Yet deputations to Ministers have by no means ceased, for on Friday there were two—one to the Duke of Richmond, to urge the opening of the national museums on Sundays, and another to Mr Cross, to bring under his notice the deplorable condition of many of the dwellings of the poorer classes in London. Notwithstanding his courtesy, I suppose the Duke of Richmond will set off the deputation on the other side of the question, which is about to wait on him, against the one he has heard, and consider, like Sir Stafford Northcote, that one has answered the other, and there is an end of the matter. But the matter of the dwellings of the London poor is one that Government might well take up. Notwithstanding the Peabody fund and the Artisans' and Labourers' Dwellings Company, the condition of the houses in the lower parts of London is a disgrace to our civilization. If this metropolis were purged of its fever dens, and all of it were as healthy as the greater part is already, the difference in our death-rate would be very considerable; for the mischief done by filthy courts and alleys is not confined to those places themselves.

If we had heard of a break-down of the ballot in some petty provincial town, we should not have been surprised; but it certainly is astonishing that in one of our Metropolitan boroughs an election should be altogether vitiated by the short comings of the officials appointed to conduct it. It is an ill wind, however, that blows no one any good, and the judgment in the Hackney election case, having led to the retirement of Mr Reed from the representation, will probably again provide Professor Fawcett with a seat in the House of Commons.

Londoners, who so dearly love an opportunity of seeing the Queen, have been rather cruelly disappointed by the denial of a premature announcement. It was stated that Her Majesty would on the first of May open the Chelsea Embankment, a continuation of that noble river wall and boulevard on the north bank of the Thames; but it is now stated that the Queen has not signified her intention to be present. Probably the Prince of Wales will do the amiable, or the Duke of Edinburgh and his young wife. At any rate so grand a work is not likely to be inaugurated without a public ceremony. When the entire line of embankment from Westminster, nearly four miles, is opened, it will be beyond question the finest embankment in the world; but at the same time the extraordinary contrast between one side of the river and the other will then be more strikingly apparent than ever. There is on the southern bank of the Thames a fine embankment as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. The fact is, that on each side of the river there should be an embankment from London Bridge to Chelsea. The expense of course would be prodigious, especially as there is very little shore that could be reclaimed below Westminster, but then we ought to throw part of this expense on posterity, who will profit even more than we can by the improvement.

This year the Autumn Manœuvres will be on an unusually extensive scale, and will last through a good part of July and August. There will be two bodies of troops, numbering each about 25,000, and the scene of the manœuvres will be at Aldershot, where arrangements are already being made with a view to the campaign. All the operations, I believe, will be undertaken with a view to test our control and transport departments, and in this respect the Autumn manœuvres will be of special importance.

There is an old French adage that Heaven sends food and that (to tone it down a bit) cooks come from another quarter. Without going quite so far as this, it is certain that the scarcity of good domestic cooks is an old standing grievance. The school of cookery at the International Exhibition is doing much to remedy this grievance. Lady Barker and two young ladies of high social position who do not wish their names to be known, are aiding Mr Buckmaster in his illustrative and illustrated lectures on cookery. The aspirants to the honours of the *cuisine* undergo a fortnight's continuous instruction, for which they pay two guineas, and if at the end of that time they pass their examination they receive a certificate which will be very valuable to them in obtaining places as cooks in private or public establishments. The money will thus not be badly laid out, and the public will gradually profit by it.

The list of cases this term in the Divorce Court numbers 168, while at the commencement of last term they were but 153; so that divorce business appears to be on the increase. But we can learn very little from this bare statement. Could we ascertain how many applications for divorce ought to be added to the first-named number we might form a better idea of our national morality. And what of our French neighbours? They have no Divorce Court, and marriage in Roman Catholic countries is a sacrament and the marriage tie indissoluble. If the French had such a court, I wonder how we should compare with them?

Greenwich Hospital, till within the last few years, was such a pleasant show-place, with its picture gallery its naval relics, and its picturesque old pensioners (great humbugs some of them were, but a chat with them was none the less agreeable), that I am glad to find that the Naval College in this fine building is to be enriched with the whole of the Naval Museum which is now at South Kensington. The collection will thus find an appropriate home.

MR C. M. PALMER, M.P., ON THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

Mr C. M. Palmer, speaking in the House of Commons on Friday on the subject of manning the Mercantile Marine, expressed a hope that this grave question might be referred to the Royal Commission on Unseaworthy Ships, as it was an undoubted fact that the character of our seamen had very much deteriorated of late years. The report of the Commission would be wanting in completeness if it did not deal with the causes and the remedy for this state of things. There were some who took a more favourable view of the condition of the service, and it was quite possible to reconcile the difference of opinion on the subject, for while the seamen in the regular lines of steamers might be as efficient and as well disciplined as formerly, it was an undoubted fact that the men in the general Mercantile Marine had very seriously deteriorated. He had known cases where, after a vessel had sailed, it was found that she had only one-fifth of her complement of men, and the captain of a ship had stated that in a gale of wind he had only one man on board whom he could trust to take his place, and that man had come from one of the training ships. This was a very serious difficulty, and considering the consequences that might arise from incompetence or want of discipline of a ship's crew, some regard ought to be had to the better training of men for the Mercantile Marine. All parties seemed to agree that there was only one method of improving our seamen, and that was by means of training ships. In his opinion there was a necessity for three descriptions of training ships—one to take boys from the streets, saving them from a life of misery and crime; the second to receive the sons of artisans and labourers; and the third for the education in seamanship of persons connected with the middle and upper classes. There was a great opening for respectable young men in the merchant service, which afforded the prospect of liberal salaries and honourable employment. The suggestion which had been made to limit the size of merchant ships was really at the present time out of place. The large ships were really more safe in navigation than smaller ships; but the difficulty was in finding seamen to navigate them. A very large portion of the losses at sea were entirely due to ignorance of navigation. The question was not one of the construction of ships or of overloading, because a vessel might be considered overladen with one captain and crew which would be perfectly seaworthy and safe with another captain and crew. One of the most important matters, therefore, in the encouragement of the Mercantile Marine was to see that the men were properly trained; and he trusted the House would accept the suggestion of the hon. member for Hull, and refer the question of the manning of the mercantile navy to the Royal Commissioners. (Hear hear.)

FEARFUL SUFFERINGS AT SEA.

By the arrival of the barque Enighton at West Hartlepool, we learn the details of terrible suffering endured by the captain (Christopherson) and crew of the schooner Amalia of Christiania, whom they rescued on April 4th, in long. 1. 30 E. It seems the schooner left port seven weeks ago, laden with pit props, for Bowness, and that when only four days at sea she fell in with a succession of heavy gales, which continued almost without cessation up to the end of March, causing the ship to leak so badly that they had to pump her almost incessantly. On the 31st ult., a still more violent gale from the W. overtook her, and it soon became quite a hurricane, one fearful sea smashing the skylight, filling the cabin, and, anon, shifted the cargo and disabled the rudder. The ship was now at the mercy of the elements, a dead log on the sea; and, to add to the horror of the situation, every drop of fresh water was exhausted, and no oil was left for the lamps nor fuel to burn. For three days and nights, saturated with water, benumbed with cold, and suffering all the agony of thirst, the poor fellows were compelled to pump unceasingly to keep the vessel afloat. On the third day they saw and signalled the Argo, s of Hull, which bore down and offered to rescue them by her lifeboat, but they determined to stand by their vessel, and begged for a cask of water, which every effort was made to give them. Finding himself unable to do more than this, the captain of the Argo had to steam away. At 8 p.m. on Good Friday the gale slightly moderated, and they then set the ship's course for Norway, trying to steer her by the sails, as she was now rudderless, and the leak gaining on her. Next morning at day-break they saw and signalled the Enighton, which came alongside, and being compelled to surrender from thirst, they took to the boats, one of which stove in the attempt to launch it, and after great peril the men at length reached the barque half dead with thirst and exposure.

The Dean Forest Coal and Iron Masters have resolved to reduce their miners' wages 25 per cent.

THE NORTH-EASTERN BANKING COMPANY LIMITED.—On and after Monday the 20th instant, a branch of this bank will be open for business daily at Lofthouse-in-Cleveland.

THE CLEVELAND IRON TRADE.—A joint committee of miners and masters in the Cleveland iron trade met at Middlesbrough on Monday and discussed the proposed reduction. The men offered to accept the reduction if a pledge were given not to make any further reductions for six months. This the masters refused, and no decision was therefore arrived at.

SUGAR CONSUMED IN BREWERIES.—Total quantity of sugar consumed in breweries for the year ending last September was: England, 58,576,259 lbs; Scotland, 574,303 lbs; Ireland, 3,960,667 lbs. In United Kingdom last year, 59,194 089 bushels of malt were charged with duties amounting to £8,270,408 5s 5½d; quantity of barley imported into United Kingdom last year was 9,241,063 cwts.

A SAD AFFAIR.

On Saturday night, a lamentable affair happened at Romaldkirk, near Barnard Castle. It appears that Miss Isabella Cleveland, twenty-five years of age, the daughter of the Rev. H. Cleveland of Romaldkirk Rectory, went for a walk about eight o'clock on that night. Soon after she was met by her mother near the house, who inquired where she was going. She replied that she was just going for a walk round the house. Some time after she went on to the Tees Valley Railway, which passes at a short distance from the house, and it is said that she lay down between the rails. The last train to Middleton was almost due at the time, and the train passed over her. The fire-box struck her head, and inflicted a fearful gash, and one of her arms was also severely cut. Her absence from home was by this time causing uneasiness to her friends, and a search was instituted, but without avail, every likely place, with the exception of the railway, having been visited. The injured lady was not discovered till next morning by a man named Scrafton, who was in an adjacent field attending to his sheep. She had lain exposed to the night for almost twelve hours, and when found never uttered a word. The man instantly ran for assistance, and the poor lady was conveyed home, where her injuries were speedily attended to.

THE SUPPOSED LOSS OF THE STEAMER AMERIQUE.

A telegram from Plymouth dated Saturday, says:—The French Transatlantic Company's steamer Amerique, of Havre, Captain Rowssaw, from New York on April 4th, from Havre, which was reported to have foundered, was towed into Plymouth Sound on Saturday afternoon by the steamship Spray, of West Hartlepool, from New York, with coals for Gibraltar; and the F. T. Barry, London, from Panama, with iron ore, for Garston. The Amerique was found in 47·40 N., at 6·30, on April the 15th, abandoned, her engine room, stoke holes, and the coal bunkers were full of water, apparently between six and eight feet of water in those compartments. The water has increased about two feet more. The other compartments are apparently free from water. The pumps are choked and useless. The spars are all intact, and the steering geer in good order. The chronometers were all preserved, and the passengers' luggage scattered through their cabins. Extra pumping assistance had to be set to work on Saturday night to free the vessel from water. The Spray took the Amerique in tow on Wednesday afternoon, and the F. T. Barry came to her assistance on Thursday morning.

A Reuter's telegram received from Paris, under Sunday's date, says:—Capt. Rousson, who commanded the steamship Amerique, has made a report to the Transatlantic Company, in which he explains the loss of the ship. He states that she sprang a leak during a gale on the 13th inst., and that the water put out all the fires successively, notwithstanding the efforts that were made to stay its progress. When the danger of sinking became apparent the officers held council, and all decided in favour of immediately abandoning the ship.

The following narrative of the disaster to the steamer L'Amerique is furnished by a passenger to the papers:—"We left New York on the 4th of April at half-past seven in the morning, in the steamer L'Amerique, owned by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. This steamer was formerly called L'Imperatrice Eugenie, but has lately been transformed and lengthened at Newcastle (Messrs. Leslie's and Co., Hebburn.) Its engines were refitted, and it was apparently one of the finest ships on the line. From her departure up to the 13th of April we had a continuance of fine weather, making at times fourteen or fifteen knots. The morning of the 13th was ushered in by a strong breeze blowing from the west, with a heavy sea. This lasted till about two p.m., when the wind veered north-west, until it finally settled nor-nor-west. The heavy rolling sea continued to increase, and one great roller struck the roof of the wheel-house. We were then about 100 miles from Brest. The captain gave orders to bring the ship's head to the wind, which orders were immediately carried out. The wind increased, and towards seven o'clock in the evening it blew a perfect hurricane. The engine-room was filled with water, in consequence of the vessel having shipped a heavy sea, and the ship continued to make water during the night in consequence, as we then supposed, of the weather thickening, at three different periods the fires were put out, but the engineers succeeded with great effort in keeping up steam. On the morning of the 14th the sea went down, but only for a short time. Everybody on board was working at the pumps, until at ten o'clock the engine was finally stopped, with no possibility of rekindling the fires. It then became certain that the ship had sprung a leak. The heavy seas shipped at various times could not have produced so large a body of water in the hold. Engineers and carpenters were examining the vessel, without, however, being successful in their researches. Every effort was used toward lessening the water; the donkey engine was set to work, but suddenly the wind and waves increased again, and the ship, which had a large quantity of water in the hold, became unmanageable. Towards half-past four in the evening the captain was compelled to inform the passengers that the ship could not float much longer, and he proposed to signal an Italian ship which since mid-day had gallantly stood by us. At first this communication was received with some surprise, because until that moment the ship's officers had endeavoured to hide from us the sad reality of our danger. In a few words, however, the captain reassured everybody, recommending each person to take a life-belt, to conduct himself as quietly as possible during the process of trans-shipment, and he would be responsible for the consequences. The transfer took place in a furious sea, with a number of children, females, and old men, who with difficulty could be persuaded that the danger would be lessened by being transferred to another ship. All was accomplished with the greatest order, commencing at five o'clock, and at seven o'clock everybody had left the ill-fated steamer without the slightest accident. This seemed really a miracle, when the state of the weather was considered. The only accident to be deplored was that of the loss overboard of the first officer, Mr Garay, by the upsetting of a boat. While the transfer was going on another ship was sighted, which proved to be the Michigan, and another, supposed to be a Norwegian. These two ships took two or three boat loads. There are various surmises as to the origin of this disaster. The leaking of the vessel could not have been attributed to the heavy seas which we had shipped. It is supposed that the quantity of cereals on board, which formed the cargo, had swollen and forced out the rivets; or it is possible that the ship had touched while loading in New York. The roofing of the engine room was started early in the commencement of the gale, and this allowed the water freely to enter the stokehole. The Italian ship Eliza Queiroto, of Genoa, Captain Gaggino, took on board 185 souls, namely, 39 passengers and 146 officers and crew.

An action has been entered in the Admiralty Court for £100,000 against the steamer Amerique.

A MAN'S HEAD PRECIPITATED DOWN A PIT SHAFT.—An accident of a frightful nature occurred on Saturday morning, at Wooley Colliery, near Crook. Luke Welsh, a mason's labourer, was standing at the top looking down into the shaft, having his head across a beam, when the cage came down from the "flat sheets," and caught his head, instantly severing it from the body, the head falling down to the bottom of the shaft, while the body rolled over at the top of the shaft, preseting a sickening spectacle.

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, BART.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer upon Mr George Elliot, late M.P. for North Durham, the dignity of a Baronet. In informing Sir George of the distinction conferred, Mr Disraeli writes:—"In laying the matter before Her Majesty I wished to show my sense of your great services to the Conservative cause, and of the enterprise and energy of your useful and honourable life." Sir George adopted the profession of a mining engineer was president of the Mining Institute some years ago, and is now the largest colliery owner in the world. He had a large share in laying down the first Atlantic Cable with Sir Richard Glasse, and he is now largely engaged in the direction of telegraphic enterprises. He is a director in the Telegraph Construction and Maintainance Company, and was the chief promoter of the Eastern Telegraph Company. Sir George represented North Durham in the last Parliament. His son, Mr George William Elliot, now represents Northallerton.

EXTENSIVE FIRE AT SUNDERLAND.

A fire of great magnitude, and resulting in most serious damage to manufacturing property, occurred at Southwick, near Sunderland, on Monday night. The fire originated shortly after five o'clock in some stacks of straw situated within the Southwick Crown Glass Works of Messrs Matteson and Co., and is supposed to have been caused by a spark from on adjacent chimney. The inflammable nature of the material, assisted by the strong wind which prevailed, speedily developed the fire and in a short time the flames were communicated to a large pitch store belonging to Messrs Davidson and Stokoe, shipbuilders, not, however, until the inflammable material which it contained had been safely removed. The premises in which the conflagration originated suffered very serious damage, a large warehouse, containing a great quantity of glass, two flattening kilns, a number of stacks of straw, and the stables attached to the works, being totally destroyed, while other portions of the works were greatly damaged. Serious injury was also sustained by Messrs Davison and Stokoe and Mr Pickersgill, whose shipbuilding yards are contiguous to the glass works. The amount of damage is estimated at £7,000, and that sum will be only partially covered by insurance.

ALARMING FIRE AT GATESHEAD.

At an early hour on Tuesday, information was received at the Gateshead Borough Police Station that a fire had broken out on the premises of Messrs Edward and Joseph Brown, cow-keepers and cart proprietors, Jackson Street. The chief-constable, Mr Elliott, and a *posse* of men with the hose and reel at once proceeded to the spot, and on arriving at the place they found the fire raging through the roof of the stable at west end of the building. In the course of a marvellously short time the chief-constable succeeded in getting the hose attached to the hydrant in front of the Masons' Arms, and commenced playing on the fire. At the expiration of about half an hour the fire was entirely got under, which it may be here stated was confined to the west end of the stable loft, where a quantity of hay and straw was stored. Three horses were in the stable at the time, but they were safely got out by persons in the employ of Mr Robson. The cows which were in a byer adjoining the stable were driven out into the street with some little difficulty as through fear they scarcely seemed able to move from the spot. The property is not insured. A word of commendation is due to Mr Kay, partner with Dr Dixon, of West Street, for the great assistance he rendered to the police in extinguishing the flames, and for assisting in getting the cows and horses into a place of safety.

SUSPECTED CHILD MURDER AT MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA.

At the Guisbro' Petty Sessions on Tuesday, Anne Storey, married woman, of Darlington, aged 28 years, was brought up in custody charged on suspicion with drowning her infant at Marske. On Monday a man employed at the Gas Works found the dead body washed up by the tide about four o'clock in the morning. He immediately gave information to Sergt. Moore, who apprehended the prisoner. At first she denied that the child was hers, but ultimately confessed that it was, and alleged that it had died in convulsions. The prisoner had been noticed wandering about Marske the whole of Monday with the child in her arms, and had taken lodgings at midnight, when she had no child with her. A child's frock, wet through, was found in prisoner's pocket. Mr Addenbrooke appeared for the prisoner, and stated that he would call medical evidence to show that the child had been subject to convulsions from its birth. The prisoner was remanded till Tuesday next. An inquest was held at Marske on Tuesday evening before Mr A. Buchanan, coroner, at the Ship Inn, when evidence was given as to the finding of the body under the circumstances mentioned above. Dr Wilson stated that he had examined the body externally, but found no marks which would enable him to give a decided opinion as to the cause of death. The inquest was adjourned till Monday next at half-past ten, to give time for a post-mortem examination.

NORTH OF ENGLAND IRON TRADE.

At Middlesbrough, on Tuesday, there was a good attendance on 'Change, and a generally improved tone of the market was apparent, though to what cause it is attributable hardly appears. Makers stood at 62s 6d, and some were asking more; while merchants were generally at about 60s nett cash for No. 3. No. 4 forge is from 56s to 57s 6d. There has been a slight improvement in the foreign demand, but on the whole it has not been sufficient to generate confidence as to the future; whilst the low condition of the finished iron trade, which is still apparent, keeps down consumption and causes stocks to become larger. The settlement of the various wages questions since last week has helped to consolidate trade, the blast furnacemen and other finished iron workers having both consented to the reduction of 10 per cent.; whilst the ironstone miners are also, it is believed, likely to accept the reduction of 2d per ton proposed by the mine-owners. A meeting of employers and employed in this branch took place on Tuesday at Middlesbrough, when the masters gave their reasons for the reduction, and maintained their intention to insist on the reduction. A few inquiries for rails are reported, but they do not seem likely to lead to fresh business. The prices of the various descriptions of finished iron do not materially differ from those of last week. There is full employment in the locomotive and engineering branches of the North of England, but some of the rail mills are slack. There is a dispute with the nut and bolt operatives and their employers at Middlesbrough. There is rather more demand for coal, but coke is not so much inquired for.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF IRON.

At Wolverhampton, on Tuesday, circulars were being issued by the makers of best Staffordshire sheet iron announcing a drop of 20s. The quotations of Messrs. E. P. and W. Baldwin of Wilden Iron Works, near Stourport, show a fall of £6 on the quotations of April, last year. when they were £24. Tuesday's circulars bring down the prices of 1 B to £18; 2 B, £19; and 3 B, £20 10s per ton. The Cookley Company, with Messrs Thompson and Hatton, and the Hope Company are announcing a corresponding reduction.

Poetry: Original and Select.

DR. LIVINGSTONE: AN EPITAPH.

The *Lancet* of Saturday publishes the following verses from a correspondent:—

"Build me a hut to die in,"
A home for this weary frame;
But carve on the tree beside him
Some record of his name!

Carve on the tree beside him,
Carve on the *world* around,
One of Time's noblest heroes
In death repose has found!

And the brave, the lion-hearted,
His rest has nobly won!
And the victor's wreath is waiting
For the race so nobly run!

The sands of Time shall discover
The print of his toil-staind feet,
The poor and the rich together
Shall call his memory sweet.

A path for the glorious Gospel!
A way for the nation's wealth:
To the heathen, a hope of heaven;
To the fever-stricken, health!

These are some of the blessings
His labour of love has won;
But onward now he's pressing
To realms beyond the sun—

The realms of light eternal,
To the regions of the blest,
Where in peace and joy supernal
The weary are "at rest."

ILALA—MAY, 1873.

Lord Houghton has written the following verses on the death of Dr Livingstone:—

The swarthy followers stood aloof,
Unled—unfathered;
He lay beneath that grassy roof,
Fresh-gathered.

He bade them, as they passed the hut,
To give no warning
Of their still faithful presence but
"Good Morning."

To him, may be, through broken sleep
And pains abated,
These words were into senses deep
Translated.

Dear dead salutes of wife and child,
Old kirkyard greetings;
Sunrises over hill-sides wild—
Hearts-beatings.

Welcoming sounds of fresh-blown seas,
Of homeward travel,
Tangles of thought's last memories
Unravel.

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'Neath England's fretted roof of fame—
With flowers adorning
An open grave—comes up the same
"Good Morning."

Morning's o'er that weird continent
Now slowly breaking—
Europe her sullen self-restraint
Forsaking.

Mornings of sympathy and trust
For such as bore
Their master's spirit's sacred crust
To England's shore.

Varieties.

Extracts from PUNCH.

Fashionable Arrivals (April 13, 1874).—The Swallows.

ADVICE TO AN AMATEUR VIOLINIST.—Rather than play indifferently, wait till you can play—differently.

"HAVING THE LAST WORD."—A correspondent suggests that Echo's real answer to the question (propounded by the Gentle Craftsman in our last)—"Where is the great Liberal Party?" must have been "*parti.*"

DEVOUTLY TO BE WISHED.—There was another Bore seen running up the Severn last week, and a third is expected in August. How much happier we should all be, if bores would but confine themselves to the Severn!

EUPHEMISTIC.—*Tompkyns* (who has swallowed a bad Oyster). "Hallo! What kind of Oyster d'ye call that?" *Opener.* "American, Sir." *Tompkyns.* "Ah, thought so. Knew him directly by his 'Twang.'"

THE BANK HOLIDAY.—*Papa.* "Now, how shall we spend Monday most advantageously? You might take the girls, my love, to the German Bazaar; and I propose that as Charley intends to come out 'a Grecian,' he and I should have an instructive day at the Museum of Economic Geology!"

SHORT AND SHARP.—The Earl of Pembroke, whose South Sea experiences (see "the Earl and the Doctor") quite qualify him to advise the Government on such a subject, when questioned on the expediency of accepting King Cacobau's offer, summoned up the character of that much perplexed Sovereign's subjects, black and white, in one word—Fiji-ty.

Extracts from JUDY.

THE RIGHT ROAD.—*Brown.* Suppose I go home and finish my great picture of "The Finding of Harold." That's the shortest way to get into the Royal Academy, isn't it? *Smith.* Yes; unless you took a threepenny 'bus, and went straight up Piccadilly.

Extracts from FUN.

CREMATION.—"A consume-ation devoutly to be wished."

SOMETHING LIKE A DOCTOR!—One who leaves his patients—in easy circumstances.

SWEET ARE THE USES OF ADVERSITY.—What a luxury would it be to the dyspeptic millionnaire if he really—wanted a dinner!

A PUZZLE FROM THE PARK.—An idler in the Ladies' Mile has remarked that the neatest carriages are most "picked out."

LIGHT UP!—Chicago wants to light her street-lamps by electricity. Can't she be satisfied with the Kerosene, which once threw her into such strong relief?

A NOSE-ENDER.—Lovely apple blossom holds out the fair promise of delicious cider-cup in the future—a pleasing contrast to the reflections attending the sight of—the grog blossom.

TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.—Think twice before making choice of a school in which the inducement is held out, "Diet unlimited." A sound education should be imparted without cramming.

THE LATEST THING IN BUDGETS.—*Clever Shopman*: —"Sweet thing in Budgets, ma'am; our own manufacture—and only five million and a trifle!" *Miss B.*:—"I don't see any great novelty in it—and there's not very much for the money!"

STAYING AND GOING.—*Mrs Stumpy*:—"That is the a'mond tree, my lady. It always flowers before it leaves; it leaves directly after it flowers; and after it leaves:—it stays the summer through just as you see it."

"THEN I'LL REMEMBER."—*Servant* (returned from an errand):—"Please, m'm, I couldn't get it." *Mistress*:—"Get what?" *Servant*:—"They said they didn't keep it, m'm." *Mistress*:—Keep what?" *Servant*:—"What you told me to fetch, m'm." *Mistress*:—"What was that?" *Servant*:—"Dunno m'm—I forget."

Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

The Premier announced in the HOUSE OF COMMONS that Her Majesty has been pleased to recommend a grant to Sir Garnet Wolseley of £25,000. The Queen's message was referred to the Committee of Supply. The Chancellor of the Exchequer brought forward the Budget in the House of Commons. After stating the results of revenue and expenditure for last year, the right hon. gentleman estimated the expenditure for the present year at £72,503,000, and the revenue at £77,995,000—leaving an estimated surplus of £5,492,000—a surplus which he expected would swell to six millions. Of this surplus he proposes to devote half a million to creation of terminable annuities, so as to reduce the national debt in 1885 by seven millions; to remit £1,010,000 of local taxation, to abolish the sugar duties, to take one penny off the Income-tax, and to remit the duty on horse and horsedealers. After deducting the cost of all these remissions, the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that he would be left with a balance in hand of £462,000. A brief discussion followed. The resolution with reference to the sugar duties was agreed to, and it was decided to consider the remaining resolutions on Thursday next.

FRIDAY.

At the sitting of the HOUSE OF LORDS the Message of the Queen, recommending a grant of £25,000 to Sir Garnet Wolseley, was taken into consideration and agreed to. There was no other business of importance before the House.

In the COMMONS, the President of the Board of Trade, in answer to questions by Mr Bentinck and Mr Bass, stated that legislation with reference to railway accidents is at present under the consideration of the Government, and that a bill will be brought in to provide compensation for railway servants who meet with accidents through the culpable negligence of their employers. Replying to Dr Lyon Playfair, the President of the Local Government Board intimated his intention, on Thursday next to bring in a bill for the compulsory registration of births, and for the better verification of the causes of death. In answer to Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the Home Secretary named Monday week as the day for the introduction of the Licensing Bill. The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that in consequence of a communication that had reached him from the Chairman of the Sugar Refiners' Committee he had promised to consider whether the date for abolishing the duty on refined sugar might not be altered from the 21st of May to the 10th of June, and would give an answer on Monday. Mr Baillie Cochrane, who had precedence with a motion on the subject of the alleged grievances of the widows and orphans of civil servants dying in the service of the Crown, contented himself with calling attention to the matter; and after a few remarks from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the subject dropped.—Mr Thomas Brassey then raised the question of the organisation of the Royal Naval Reserve, and a conversation followed, in which Mr Geschen, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr Norwood, Sir C. Adderley, and others took part, after which the subject dropped and the House went into Committee of Supply.

MONDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS the Archbishop of Canterbury called attention to the present state of the law regulating divine service in the Church of England, and concluded by laying on the table the draft of a Bill for amending the law. The Duke of Richmond having accepted the measure on behalf of the Government, it was read a first.

In the COMMONS, Mr Fielden gave notice of a motion in favour of the reduction of the malt tax. The Home Secretary stated, in answer to Mr Bass, that the subject of the law of imprisonment for debt will be considered by the Government. Replying to Mr Grieve, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the evidence he had obtained since Friday last was so strongly against any alteration of the date originally fixed on for the abolition of the duty on refined sugar that he had decided to adhere to the 21st of May. Admiral Elliot having called attention to the condition and management of the dockyards, the House went into Committee of Supply, when the vote of £25,000 to Sir Garnet Wolseley was moved by the Premier and unanimously agreed to. The First Lord of the Admirality then brought forward and explained the Navy Estimates, which amounted in the gross to £10,179,485. He entered into an elaborate review of the fleet possessed by the country, and intimated that in the coming year it is proposed to build 20,000 tons of new ships, including three corvettes, two sloops, and two gunboats. A discussion followed in which Mr E. J. Reed, Sir J. Hay, and Mr Goschen took part. At midnight the debate was adjourned.

TUESDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS the Bishop of Peterborough obtained a Select Committee to inquire into the laws relating to patronage, simony, and exchange of benefices in the Church of England. The House sat from five until shortly after six.

In the COMMONS several notices of motion were given, including one by Mr Thompson Hankey for the rejection of the Registration of Partnerships Bill, and another by Sir James Lawrence of an amendment to the Budget resolutions to the effect that incomes which do not exceed £300 shall be exempt from income-tax, and that from all incomes of above £300 and not exceeding £500 a year £100 shall be deducted before the tax is charged. Replying to Mr Macdonald, the Home Secretary promised a searching inquiry into the recent accident at the Astley Deep Coal Pit, near Dukinfield, and at a later period of the evening, Mr Cross agreed to an address moved by the Member for Stafford for a return of all the lives lost in the Dukinfield mine. The Attorney-General, in answer to Mr Watkin Williams, said there was no reason to anticipate that it would become necessary to postpone the operation of the Judicature Act beyond the 2nd of November next. A motion by Colonel Kingscote for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the laws and rights affecting the Forest of Dean was ageed to. The Betting Bill passed through Committee without discussion, and the report was fixed for Monday. Mr Butt having moved the second reading of the Municipal Privileges (Ireland) Bill, the object of which is to give to Irish Corporations the same privileges enjoyed by similar bodies in England, the Chief Secretary for Ireland expressed his approval of the measure. Mr Horsman suggested that the bill should be accepted as a Government measure, but the Premier remarked, amidst laughter, that some business ought to be reserved for hon. gentlemen from Ireland. The Bill having been read a second time the House adjourned shortly before eight o'clock.

WEDNESDAY.

In the HOUSE OF COMMONS, replying to Sir Eardley Wilmot, the Home Secretary said it was not the intention of the Government to introduce this session a bill for the appointment of public prosecutors. Mr Whitwell having postponed until the 12th of June the second reading of the Tribunals of Commerce Bill, Mr. Monk brought forward for a second reading the Revenue Officers' Disabilities Bill, the object of which is to enable persons employed in the Customs and the Post-office to canvass and take an active part in elections. The Chancellor of the Exchequer assented to the measure passing the present stage, and promised that in the interval between the second reading and the committal of the bill the Government would take the matter fully into consideration. After some discussion the bill was read a second time. Mr Lopes moved the second reading of the Juries Bill, which is substantially the same as the bill introduced by the Government in 1872. In the course of the discussion that followed, the Attorney-General gave his cordial assent to the measure, which eventually was read a second time. Another bill—the Conjugal Rights (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill—also passed a second reading on the motion of Mr Anderson.

THE STEAMSHIP FRANCE.—Lloyd's surveyor, specially delegated by the English underwriters, has just inspected the French Transatlantic Company's steamship France, now building at Newcastle, on exactly the same model as the Amerique and Europe. He reports that the construction of the France meets all technical requirements. The completion, which had been suspended, is now therefore ordered to be proceeded with.

The father of Florence Nightingale died a few days since at his residence in Hampshire, England, aged 80. His paternal name was Shore, but on attaining his majority he assumed the name of Nightingale, after his maternal grand-uncle, whose estates he had inherited. He had two daughters—Parthenope, the wife of Sir Harry Verney, M.P., and Florence, so called from the place of her birth in Italy.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT AT TYNEMOUTH.

SERIOUS INJURY TO A GENTLEMAN AND TWO LADIES.

On Sunday evening, about half-past five o'clock, a most extraordinary and appalling accident occurred on the North Pier, at Tynemouth. During the day the sea had been calm, with the exception that wreaths of sea came rolling in upon the North Pier every now and then in a remarkable and unexpected manner, but without causing much alarm. It was high water about half-past five o'clock, but the sea was then comparatively tranquil. People were promenading on the pier in apparent safety, when suddenly a huge tidal wave broke over it without warning, which caused great alarm. Those who were walking at the far end of the promenade were driven either between the rails at the side or on to the waggon-way beneath. Three persons—a gentleman and two ladies—were very badly hurt. The gentleman was Mr J. Couchman, commercial traveller, and the well-known writer on vegetarianism, living in Lovaine Row, Tynemouth. The ladies were Miss Milburn, of Lovaine Row, and Miss Grant, of Chester Street, Newcastle. They were picked up with all expedition. Mr Couchman was the most seriously injured. He is greatly cut about the head. He was taken to his home and attended by the medical gentleman of the village. He was unconscious last night, and his case is thought to be very critical. The ladies were removed to the Spanish Battery, where they were attended to, and it is hoped that they have not suffered any serious injuries. Such an accident as this has not occurred at Tynemouth within the recollection of the oldest resident. There must have been a heavy storm many leagues away in mid-ocean, and the waves have reached our shores in a calm to spend themselves upon them with their destructive force.

Local and General News.

Mr Charles Mark Palmer, M.P., has been elected an associate of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Eight parishes in Louisiana have been flooded owing to crevasses in the banks of the Mississippi. About a thousand people have thus been placed in great distress, and Government has been asked for relief.

Sir William Armstrong and Co., have constructed on the docks at Barrow-in-Furness, for the Furness Railway Company, a gigantic hydraulic crane to lift 100 tons. The strain has just been tested with highly satisfactory results.

Mr Taylor's Game-law Abolition Bill has been issued. The other names on the back of the bill are those of Mr Burt, Mr Dickinson, Mr G. Dixon, and Mr M'Combie. It proposes that the repeal of the Acts for the preservation of game shall take effect from 14th February, 1876.

A young lady, named Hallitt, died suddenly on Sunday whilst rising from her knees during the service at St. John's Church, Yeovil. Much excitement and alarm were created among the congregation.

ANOTHER QUADRUPLE BIRTH.—The wife of a labourer at Saffron Waldron, at Sussex, was on Sunday delivered of four children at a birth. Two were still-born, one died almost immediately, but the fourth infant, together with the mother, is alive and doing well.

OUTRAGE IN IRELAND.—A farmer named Gillolly, while returning home on horseback, near New Palles, Limerick, on Sunday, was attacked by three men, members of the "Three year old" faction. Fortunately, the horse being stabbed, took fright and carried his rider from his assailants. No arrests have been made. Gillolly belongs to the "Four year old" faction.

THE LATE COLLIERY EXPLOSION.—On Saturday and Sunday the remains were interred of nearly the whole of the sufferers by the explosion in the Astley Deep Pit, Dukinfield. It was estimated that from 80,000 to 90,000 persons witnessed the obsequies.

FATAL RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT.—On Monday last, a man named George Carr, belonging to Percy Main, was admitted into the Newcastle Infirmary, from injuries which he received by an engine passing over one of his feet at Percy Main Railway Works. He died on Sunday morning about ten o'clock.

SUPPOSED WIFE MURDER AT BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, a man named Enoch Nightingale, living at 7, Hawes Street, Smallheath, was taken into custody in Birmingham on a charge of murdering his wife. They were having supper on Saturday evening, when they quarrelled, and Nightingale struck his wife two blows, felling her to the ground. An alarm was given, and a neighbour going into the house found Mrs Nightingale was dead.

THE TICHBORNE CASE—MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL.—On Saturday, in the Court of Queen's Bench, before Lord Chief Justice Cockburn, and Justices Blackburn, Lush and Quain, Dr Kenealy moved for a new trial in the case of "The Queen v. Castro." The learned gentleman stated the grounds for his motion. It was evident from the remarks of the Judges that the whole Court was against him on all points but on the purely technical questions raised. Judgement was reserved.

THE UNDERGROUND FIRE AT SHIELDS.—The underground fire in Hill Street, South Shields, was on Friday burning brisker than before, and while several workmen were in the afternoon engaged in pulling down another dwelling-hoose, rendered dangerous by the action of the fire, a wall of the house suddenly fell, and buried a boy, named Thomas Brown, assistant to the bricklayers. He was with difficulty got out, and was found to be seriously injured about the head and body. One of his legs was also broken. A workman was also struck by the falling wall, and received severe injuries on his back.

A "STICKIT" PRECENTOR.—A somewhat ludicrous incident (writes a correspondent) happened on Sabbath last, on the occasion of an evening sermon in a village in the neighbourhood of Airdrie. The leading of the psalmody was, on the occasion referred to, undertaken by a young man belonging to the place, who is somewhat of a novice at the profession. He got on pretty well with the first tune he sung, but in the second he made a desperate stumble at the third note, and came to a dead stand. With praiseworthy courage he "tried back" three separate times, but at last gave up in despair, and, with sweatdrops standing on his brow declared in a loud tone of voice, "This is most tremendous wark!" The congregation began to titter, whereat the troubled "son of song" turned to the minister, and said, apologetically, "That ane'll no gang ava; however, I'll try again!" He began to torture his modulator in order to wring the proper key-note out of it; but this operation proving rather tedious, a gentleman in the audience came to the rescue, and starting "St. Paul's," the congregation joined in, and the tune began to swell and go nicely. The second line of the psalm was only reached, however, when the devotions were rudely interrupted by the discomfited precentor, who could not brook to see a rival thus carry off his laurels without a struggle. Raising his hand and his voice imperatively, he cried, "Haud on a wee, man; I've gotten't noo!" It is needless to say that the congregation did not comply with the request to "haud on," but it may be easily understood that the devotional spirit of the meeting was gone, and that some had considerable difficulty in repressing their laughter.—*Glasgow Herald.*

On Saturday, a demonstration, got up by working men, took place at Rochdale to celebrate the return of Messrs. McDonald and Burt to Parliament.

The Scotch Presbyterian churches in Italy are treating with the Minister of Grace and Justice for the recognition of the Scotch Church as a constituted body.

The estimated increase of members in the Primitive Methodist Connexion for the year is 7000. The circuits in the North contribute largely to that amount.

Mr Peter Parry, said to be the oldest coroner in the United Kingdom, died on Saturday at the age of 82. He had been coroner for the county of Flint for 57 years.

The miners employed by the Tyne Coal Company have received notice of the intended reduction of 20 per cent. Meetings have been held by the men on the subject, and they firmly resolved to resist the reduction.

Bishop Hedley (Roman Catholic), while preaching in Monmouth, on Sunday, described the press as the most powerful engine in the whole armoury of the devil; and said it greatly contributed to the immorality and darkness of this world.

An important discovery of blackband ironstone is said to have been made on the estate of Baldardie, in Lanarkshire, and extending on the neighbouring lands of Auchengray. It is about 80 fathoms from the surface, and is 16 inches in thickness.

The latest official reports as to the famine in Bengal are of a favourable character. The spring crops were generally better than expected, and there was a growing confidence that the Government was now master of the situation.

A return that has just been presented to Parliament shows that in the county of Durham there were 10,341 persons, during the year ending 27th September, 1873, prosecuted for being drunk and disorderly. Of these, 415 were discharged, and 9,926 were punished.

Mr Joseph Cowen took his seat as member for Newcastle on Monday. He expects to be able to attend pretty regularly for the remainder of the session, but the present state of his health will prevent him taking any other part in the proceedings of Parliament than that of attending discussions and voting. Though much better he is still weak, and incapable of any considerable physical or mental exertion.

The funeral of Dr Livingstone took place in Westminster Abbey on Saturday, and is described as in every sense worthy the occasion. The ceremonial was very imposing, and the streets through which the procession passed and the Abbey were densely crowded. On Sunday the funeral sermon was preached by Dean Stanley. It is stated that the ceremony of Saturday was simultaneously observed at St. Andrews.

A representative conference of blast furnace men, held at Sheffield, has passed resolutions accepting the proposed reduction of 10 per cent. in wages, and in favour of the establishment of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the North of England and other districts, to which all future disputes shall be referred. The decision of the congress will settle the pending dispute, so far as the North of England is concerned.

UNITED TEMPLAR ORDER.—A meeting of the provisional committee for Yorkshire was held in Leeds on Saturday, when there were present representatives from Leeds, Hull, York, Otley, Kilnhurst, and Morley. Mr M. Croft, York, president, occupied the chair. It was agreed to open a Grand Lodge for Yorkshire in Leeds, on the first Tuesday in May. Grand Lodges have already been instituted in Lancashire, Cornwall, and London, and another will be instituted on the 24th inst. at Newcastle, for the counties of Durham and Northumberland.

THE CHARGE OF OBTAINING £30,000 BY FALSE PRETENCES.—At the Mansion House on Saturday afternoon, Mr Henry Osborne O'Hagan was charged, on remand, before the Lord Mayor with obtaining bills of exchange for £30,000 by false pretences; and Mr John Saunders Muir was also charged with unlawfully receiving bills of exchange for £10,000 from Mr George Braithwaite, which had before been obtained by O'Hagan by false pretences. At the conclusion of the evidence, the Lord Mayor committed both prisoners for trial, and agreed to admit O'Hagan to bail, in his own recognizances in £2,000, and two sureties in £2,000 each; and Muir in his own recognizances in £500, and one surety in £500.

HANDEL FESTIVAL.—That great interest is maintained by the public in the musical celebrations that are now held triennially at the Crystal Palace is sufficiently evidenced by the very numerous applications for seats that are daily made at the offices at the Crystal Palace and at Exeter Hall for the next festival to be held in June next. The necessarily gigantic preparations are now in active progress, the organization of the several branches being from long experience tolerably perfect. The whole musical force of 4000 preformers is under the direction of Sir Michael Costa, who personally devotes considerable energy to the task, it will be seen that no pains are spared to render the festival, at least musically, a success.

UTAH MINES.—The miners who have been working the Utah mines are nearly all blind, and have been obliged to stop work on account of a poisonous gas or steam now coming in at the end of the west drift. We are not informed as to the nature of the poison, but presume it is either arsenic or copper. The miners say that it is in the water and reaches them through the steam rising from the water. It seems to affect their heads. Their faces are swollen to such a degree as to almost close their eyes, and at the same time their vision is rendered dim. It is said the water spurts into the drifts in scores of places with the force of streams thrown from the nozzle of a hydraulic pipe. All that can now be done is to wait till this water is drained off. We are informed that the miners were poisoned in the same manner a few years ago in a tunnel in the Savage mine, and also that the same thing occurred in the Yellow Jacket.—*Mining World.*

NARROW ESCAPE OF MINERS NEAR BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Thursday last an alarming occurrence, by which the lives of several miners were endangered, took place at Byers Green Colliery, near Bishop Auckland, the property of Messrs Bolckow, Vaughan, and Co. A hewer, named John Hughes, and six other workmen were working in what is known as the "nicky-nack flat," about half a mile from the shaft, and whilst the man named was hewing in the furthest corner, a great quantity of water broke out of the old workings of the Newfield Colliery, which also belonged to Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan, and Co., but which have been discontinued for a good number of years. The man Hughes and his comrades were in danger for some time, as water rushed in with great force, carrying with it a goodly amount of coal. Hughes and one or two others were washed right down to the "way," and thus escaped, but not till he had received some severe injuries all over the body. Another man named John Lowden was also injured, but not to any serious extent, and one or two others who happened to be in the place were scratched. Several putter boys, who were just entering the pit, escaped by running back to the shaft. The men Hughes and Lowden were afterwards conveyed to their homes in a cart, and were attended to by Drs. Hardy and Todd. The colliery was "laid idle" for the remainder of the day, but work was resumed on Friday.

William Christian, first mate of the Amerique, has committed suicide.

A man 26 years of age, named John Bell, has been accidentally scalded to death at North Brancepeth Colliery.

The population of Barrow-in-Furness is estimated to be increasing at the rate of 3,000 a year the present population being about 35,000.

It is announced on good authority that Dr Wordsworth, the Bishop of St. Andrews, has signified his intention of resigning his bishopric at Whitsuntide.

Henry Bennett, of Sheffield, table knife manufacturer, has been committed for trial under a charge of having forged a trade mark.

By the fall of a scaffold at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, on Friday evening, on which forty men were working, one workman was killed and four others seriously injured.

The floods in the Mississippi Valley have been the most disastrous ever known. The destruction of property has been immense, and it is stated that 25,000 persons have been ruined.

The Durham coalowners have decided to insist upon a reduction of wages to the extent of 20 per cent., to commence on the 1st of May. It is said the men will resist, and that a lock-out of all the miners in the county will follow.

Portions of the corpse of child, about one year old, were found on Friday in Plymouth. A surgical examination leaves no doubt that a barbarous murder has been committed. Surgeons state the limbs have been severed during life with a sharp instrument.

The ironmasters of Scotland met on Wednesday in Glasgow, and decided not to re-light their furnaces until the men intimated their willingness to resume work at a reduction of 40 per cent. They also resolved not to meet the men in conference.

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT AND THE REPRESENTATION OF NORTH DURHAM.—The London correspondent of the *Leeds Mercury* says:—Mr Elliot, who appears to have received a certificate of good conduct along with his title, will, I believe, contest North Durham again in the event of the petition against the sitting members being successful.

THE ALLEGED MURDER AT NEWCASTLE.—At the Newcastle Police Court on Monday Christopher English and Isabella Robson were committed for trial for the murder of a draper's assistant named Lorrimer. The evidence showed that the deceased was in company of Robson, and accompanied her home, that both prisoners undertook to show him down a large flight of stone steps, and that he was found near the bottom insensible, and having injuries which shortly resulted in his death.

THE ARAB CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM.—A telegram received in Constantinople (according to the *Levant Times*) states that the priests and four primates of the village Petzallah are still in prison, notwithstanding that the Government tribunal in Jerusalem had declared them to be innocent, and that it is the custom during Holy week to liberate prisoners who are not charged with crime. The vindictive conduct of the patriarch of Jerusalem towards these unfortunate priests excites much discontent.

THE LATE MR JOHN CANDLISH, OF SUNDERLAND.—A largely attended public meeting was held on Tuesday night in the Victoria Hall, Sunderland, to consider the desirableness of commemorating the services of the late Ald. Candlish by a public memorial. Mr James Laing, shipbuilder, presided, and was supported by Mr Gourley, M.P., Sir Henry Havelock, M.P., and others. Resolutions were passed acknowledging the eminent services of Mr Candlish and referring the subject to a committee to decide as to what form the memorial should take. The project most in favour with the meeting seemed to be a convalescent home or a life-size statue.

A WATERLOO VETERAN.—One of the few remaining Waterloo veterans (Thomas Beckford) is now an inmate of Easthampstead Union Workhouse, situated near Bracknel, Berks. Although 90 years of age, he is comparatively hale and healthy; and his wife, who is also a pauper in the same establishment, has attained the age of 94. Through the kindness of the Union authorities, the old couple are allowed an apartment to themselves. Beckford served for five years in the 54th Regiment of Foot, having previously belonged to the Royal Berks, Regiment of Militia for several years. At the Battle of Waterloo he was slightly injured, but not disabled, and he was with the "Army of Occupation" at Paris. He returned safely to England, and three years afterwards purchased his discharge.

THE EXPLOSION ON THE TIGRESS AND LOSS OF TWENTY-ONE LIVES.—Particulars are to hand respecting the fearful boiler explosion which occurred on the 2nd inst. on board the steamer Tigress, in the North Atlantic Ocean, by which 21 of the crew were killed. The Tigress is the steamer which formed one of the Polaris expedition, and after returning from the Polar seas she was fitted up as a seal fishing steamer, and was on her way south with the "catch" at the time of the accident. The explosion was very sudden. In consequence of the excessive cold nineteen of the men had turned in after the watch and slept upon the top of the boiler for the sake of the warmth. All these were instantly killed, and were fearfully disfigured. The two engineers were on duty at the time, and both were also killed on the spot. The Tigress succeeded in reaching land, and put into Bay Roberts on the Nova Scotia coast.

SHOCKING CASE OF CHILD MURDER.—On Tuesday morning Police-constable Barrett and another officer were called to a house in Lennox Street, Birmingham, where an unmarried woman, named Agnes Rudder, lived with a man named Howell. As the officers entered they perceived a smell of burning flesh. Throwing water on the fire they found some small bones, and other traces of the body of a child. The woman on being charged, said she was confined of a child six weeks ago, and it appears to be without doubt that she burned the remains on Monday night. A neighbour overheard the woman and her paramour quarrelling, the one threatning to expose the other. It is believed they were quarrelling about the child, and discovering they were overheard, the woman burned the body. The child is supposed to have been burned in the cellar, the brick flooring being disturbed, and other matters leading to that belief. The woman was arrested on a charge of murder.

SHOCKING OCCURRENCE AT PERTH.—On Monday forenoon, a distressing accident took place on the bridge over the Tay at Perth. Two cattle beasts were being driven to one of the auction marts. They looked tired and footsore, but displayed no vicious intention until at the spot named, when one of the animals rushed off at great speed, and lowered its head at a man who was advancing. The man escaped by jumping on to the parapet, and the brute next met Mrs Constable, wife of a well-known farmer in the Carse of Gowrie, and her daughter Isabella, twelve years of age. Mrs Constable narrowly escaped, but the poor girl was pitched against the parapet of the bridge, animal's horns penetrating her heart and abdomen, inflicting frightful wounds. She died instantaneously. The animal then, along with its companion, ran at a furious rate along Charlotte Street, knocking down a woman and girl, who were not much injured. Both animals subsequently crossed the South Inch, and finished their mad career by swimming across the Tay, and entering the grounds of Scone Palace.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

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MR. ANDMRS. WALLACE,
With their Performing Dogs, Prince and Wolf.
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The only Royal Cure Upside Down.
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☞ On FRIDAY, May 1st, a Pair of Handsome VASES will be GIVEN AWAY to the best Irish Comic Singer, and a CLOCK to the best Negro Comedian.

THOROUGH-BRED STALLIONS at Woodlands Stud (Mr. VAN HAANSBERGEN'S) a mile from Knitsley Station, County of Durham. Apply to stud groom for pedigrees, &c.

MACGREGOR, brown, 16 hands high (winner of Two Thousand Guineas). At 15gs.

STENTOR, bay, 16h. 2in. high, (winner of French Two Thousand Guineas) sire of Absalon, &c.. At 10gs.

HESPER, chesnut, 16h. 2in. high, (winner of many races) sire of Sir Bertram, &c. At 6gs.

Half-bred Mares, Half-price; Groom, 10s. 6d., Thorough-breds; or 5s., Half-breds.

CHEAP COALS.

THE Public can be Supplied with good Unscreened House Coals at 10s. per Ton, or 2s. 6d. per Tub of 5 Cwt., at the new Coal Drift opened out adjoining the Ebchester Railway Station; or with Unscreened Busty Coals at 12s. per Ton, or 3s. per Tub of 5 Cwt., at Broomhill Colliery, near Ebchester Station. Good Unscreened House Coals may also be had at Carr House Coal Depots, at 12s. per Ton or 7½d per Cwt. 464d

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NORTH OF ENGLAND
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THE course of instruction embraces every subject likely to aid in developing the moral and intellectual faculties of the Pupils, so as to fit them for the duties of life.

Home comforts. Liberal diet. Terms moderate. Prospectus free. Address the Principal. 419d

PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a MEETING of the Ratepayers of the Collierley District Parish will be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of April, 1874, in the COLLIERLEY NATIONAL SCHOOLS, Harelaw, at Half-past Six p.m., to take into consideration the Purchasing of additional Burial Ground.

JOSEPH ROBINSON,
JOHN URWIN,
Overseers for Collierley and Pontop.
JAMES HUMBLE,
ROBERT AYRE,
818d Overseers for Kyo.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all or any Person or Persons entering into the occupation of any House, Shop, or other building, to which Gas has been supplied to the previous occupant, upon such entry must first obtain the consent of the Secretary of the Company before consuming the Gas supplied by the said Company. In default thereof, upon proof of the use of the Gas, without first obtaining such leave, such Person or Persons will be Prosecuted as the Law directs. The Secretary can be seen daily at the Company's Office, Shotley Bridge, to whom all applications must be made.

By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1870. 24

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the Twenty-ninth day of June next, application will be made to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace assembled at Quaater Session in, and for, the County of Durham, at the City of Durham, for an ORDER for turning, diverting, and stopping up so much of the highway commonly called the Consett Hall Road, leading from Consett past Consett Hall to Castleside and Allan's Ford, all in the Parish of Lanchester and County of Durham, as commences at a point at the westernmost boundary of the Vicarage Garden at Consett aforesaid, where the said garden abuts upon the said Consett Hall Road, continues in a westerly direction, and ends at the point where the same Consett Hall Road is joined by the road leading from Castleside to Allan's Ford, in the same parish and county, and which portion of the said highway intended to be turned, diverted, and stopped up, contains 262 lineal yards and ⅔ of a lineal yard. And the new highway intended to be opened in lieu of the portion of the said highway so intended to be turned, diverted, and stopped up as aforesaid, commences and ends at the points above-described, and is situate a little to the north and west of that portion of the said highway intended to be turned, diverted, and stopped up, and contains 321 lineal yards and ½ of a lineal yard. And that the certificate of two Justices' having viewed she same and that the intended new highways will be more commodious to the public by reason of the same being wider than the portion of the highway intended to be turned, diverted, and stopped up, and because the same is also free free from an abrupt and dangerous turn which exists in the present road, with the plan of the old and proposed new highway will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the said Counuty, on the Twenty-eighth day of May next.

Dated this Twentieth day of April, 1874.
839d GEORGE DAWSON,
Surveyor of Highways for Consett Local Board.

Public Notices.

WHERE can we get good GARDEN SEEDS and CABBAGE PLANTS? Such is the inquiry frequently made.—Apply to JOSEPH NICHOLSON, Brooms Cottage, Knitsley. 685d

PARTIES visiting Newcastle should CALL at the GALLOWGATE BRITISH WORKMAN, "Come and Welcome," where they can be supplied with Refreshments at the following marvellous low scale of charges:—

Plate of Beef	8d.	Ham Sandwich	2d.
Do. Beefsteak Pie.	8d.	Cup of Tea	1d.
Do. Mutton	8d.	Do. Best	2d.

787d THOMAS SHERRITT, Manager.

OUT-DOOR RECREATION & AMUSEMENT
IN THE BEAUTIFUL
GROUNDS AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE SPA.

THE LESSEES beg to announce that they have made arrangements for the Services of the BLACKHILL TEMPERANCE BRASS BAND, which will perform (weather permitting) in the Grounds every SATURDAY AFTERNOON, until further notice. To commence at Five o'clock.

Admission from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m., One Penny; after 12, Twopence.

Temperance Refreshments to be had at the Pump Room.

The Grounds will be closed at Nine o'clock.

Shotley Bridge, April 7th, 1874. 794d

ELIZABETH WIGHAM, DECEASED.

PURSUANT to the Act of Parliament 22nd and 23rd Vict., Cap. 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of property and to relieve Trustees." NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any Claims or Demands against or affecting the Estate of ELIZABETH WIGHAM, late of Blackhill, in the County of Durham, Widow, deceased (who died on the 6th day of January, 1874, and whose Will was proved on the 11th day of April, 1874, in the District Registry at Durham of Her Majesty's Court of Probate by Henry Harvey, of Blackhill, aforesaid, Furnaceman, the Executor named in the said Will), are required to send in their Debts, Claims, or Demands, to the Executor, at the Offices of his Solicitors, St. John's Chambers, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on or before the 1st day of June next, at the expiration of which time the said Executor will proceed to administer the Estate, and distribute the Assets of the said Testatrix among the parties entitled thereto having regard to the claims only, of which the said Executor shall then have had notice, and for the assets or any part thereof so administered or distributed. The said Executor will not be liable to any person of whose debt, claim, or demand, he shall not then have had notice; and all persons indebted to the Estate of the said Deceased are reqnested forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the said Executor.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1874.
KEENLYSIDE, FORSTER, AND WINSHIP,
St. John's Chambers, Grainger Street West,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
830d Solicitors for the said Executor.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Thomas Blandford.

CREENCROFT GRASS PARKS.

MR. THOMAS BLANDFORD will LET BY AUCTION, on the ground at GREENCROFT PARK, near Lanchester, on WEDNESDAY, April 19th, 1874, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, the following GRAZING PASTURES:—

AUCTION ROLLS.

No.		Acres.
1	Plantation Lands	20·414
2	Summer House Field ..	16·074
3	Fence Banks	8·086
4	Scarlet Close	14·840
5	Far Park	24·882
		84·296

838d

By Mr Joseph Oley.

OUSTERLY WEST HOUSE, NEAR STANLEY.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from Mr. JOSEPH LUMLEY, will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at OUSTERLY WEST HOUSE FARM, on WEDNESDAY, May 6th, 1874, the whole of his Valuable FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., upon the above Farm.

HORSES.

1 Black Horse (entire), "Verdy;" 1 Black Horse, aged; 1 Grey Mare, do.; 1 Yearling Filly, by "Verdy;" and also an excellent Donkey.

CATTLE.

1 Four-year-old Cow, to Calve about the time of sale; 1 Geld Heifer, three years old; 2 Two-year-old Steers; 2 One-and-a-half-year-old Heifers; 4 Yearling Stirks; 1 Prime Fat Bull, three years old.

SHEEP AND PIGS.

19 Leicester, and three-parts-bred Ewes, and their Lambs; 6 Ewe Hogs, and their Lambs; 1 strong Pork Pig, and 1 excellent Bran.

IMPLEMENTS, &c.

1 strong Waggon, for colliery or farm purposes; 2 Coup Carts; 2 Iron Swing, and 1 Wheel Plough; 1 Ribbing Plough; Scuffler; 1 Scrubber, nearly new; 1 Grub Harrow, in good condition; 2 pair of Double Harrows; 1 Wood Roller, nearly new; 1 Stone Roller; 1 Horse Hay Rake; 2 Combined Reaping Machines, by Hornsby and Sons; Sheep Rack on Wheels; Wheelbarrow; Grindstone; 2 Ladders; Cart and Plough Gears; Sheep and Pig Troughs, with all the hand Implements, Barrel Churn, and Oak Press. Also, a number of Poultry.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the afternoon.

NEWBIGGEN GRASS PARKS, NEAR LANCHESTER.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY has received instructions from Mr. HENRY RITSON to LET by PUBLIC AUCTION, on FRIDAY, May 8th, 1874, about 210 Acres Rich OM GRASS LAND, at NEWBIGGEN and KNITSLEY, in the following Lots:—

NEWBIGGEN.

Lot.		Acres.
1	Woodlands, Field	40
2	Donlar, Field	20
3	Donlar Mill, Field	5½
4	West Field...............	10
5	Viaduct Field	20
6	Old Pasture Field...............	16
7	Meadow Field	12
8	Ewe Close Field	15
9	Hope Field	10
10	Long Field	5
11	Grass Field at Carr House.........	13

KNITSLEY.

1 Four Fields, adjoining Dyke Nook, well watered, and cotaining 25 Acres.

2 Low Haugh Fields, containing 24 Acres rich Grass Land, together with 6 Acres of Wood Land.

Both Lots, 1 and 2, at Knitaley include the Game.

The fields are all well and properly fenced, and a herd will be in attendance to look to the stock.

Payment by approved notes of hand, at five months or 6d. in the £ for cash.

Luncheon at One o'clock, Sale to commence immediately after.

N.B.—Lot 11 at Carr House and Lot 2 at Knitaley Mill may either be eaten as pasture or kept for hay.

Newbiggen Parks are situated about a mile from Lanchester and Knitsley Stations, on the Lanchester Valley Railway. 811d

Sales by Auction.

TANFIELD LEA COLLIERY.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY has received instructions from Mr. JOHN GRAHAM, who is about to remove from the above-named place, to SELL BY AUCTION, on FRIDAY, May 1st, 1874, a portion of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and other effects, for which see Hand-bills. 832d

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

KNITSLEY GRANGE FARM.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at KNITSLEY GRANGE, close to Knitsley Station, on the Lanchester Valley Line, on TUESDAY, May 12th, 1874, the following FARM STOCK, &c., belonging to Mr. JOHN SANDERS, who is leaving the above Farm,

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, Auctioneer,

1 Bay Draught Horse, 5 years old; 2 In-calving Cows, to calve in a month's time; 2 Geld Cows; 6 Two-year-old Steers and Heifers; 1 Well-bred Roaned Bull, 1 year and 9 months old; 30 Three-parts-bred Ewes and their Lambs, by a Leicester Tup; 17 Shearling Mule Ewes and their Lambs, by a Leicester Tup; 9 Fat Leicester Hogs; 1 Double Furrow Plough, with Swingle Trees for three horses; 1 Pair of Four-horse Harrows; 1 Neck Collar, nearly new; and about 1 Ton of Old Iron and Metal. 945d

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

CHOPWELL, GREENHEAD.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY respectfully announces that he has been favoured with instructions from Mrs. WILLEY, of Chopwell, Greenhead, in the Parish of Winlaton, to SELL BY AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, April 29th, 1874, the whole of her valuable FARMIMG STOCK and FARM IMPLEMEMTS, comprising Powerful Draught Horse, 4 years old, 16 hands; 1 do. Mare, 9 years old, 16½ hands; Mare, aged, 16 hands; Yearling Bay Filly, by "Glenely;" 3 Dairy Cows, Calved and to Calve; Fat Cow; 3 Two-year-old Heifers; 2 do. do. Steers; 7 Yearling Stirks; Finger Calf; a number of Hens; 2 Long Carts; 2 Coup do.; 2 Iron Ploughs; Pair of Harrows; Grub Harrow; Large Wood Roller; Scuffler; Double Turnip Drill; Combined Reaping Machine, by Gillis; Winnowing Machine; Cart and Plough Gears, for 2 Pairs of Horses; with all the Hand Implements; Large Metal Pot; 4 Cattle Tubs; Pig Troughs, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

N.B.—Chopwell, Greenhead, is two-and-a-half miles from Lintz Green Station, on the Derwent Valley Line, four miles from Prudhoe, and five miles from Blaydon Stations, on the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway. 752d

LANCHESTER.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at LANCHESTER, on THURSDAY, April 30th, 1874, all the Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE belonging to Mrs. MAYNARD, who is declining Housekeeping.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, Auctioneer,

Comprising Mahogany Couch, in Hair-seating, with Spring Bottom; 6 Mahogany Balloon-backed Chairs, in do.; 2 Mahogany Easy Chairs, in do.; Mahogany Oval Centre Table; Bed-room Suite in Buff, including Chest of Drawers, Dressing Table, and Washstand with Marble Top; Towel Rail; Dressing Glass; 3 Cane-bottomed Chairs.

No. 2 BED-ROOM.—Iron Tudor Bedstead and Mattress; Dressing Table and Washstand; Dressing Glass; Set of Chamber Ware; Kidderminster Carpet and Hearth Rug; Fender, and Fireirons.

The KITCHEN FURNITURE comprise Centre Table; Kitchen do.; square Tea Table; 6 Cane-bottomed Chairs; Dressing Glass; Cocoa Fibre Matting and Hearth Rug; Eight-Day Clock; Long-settle; Dinner, Tea, and other Ware; Table Lamp; Trays; Tea Kettle; Girdle and Frying Pan; Kitchen Fender and Fireirons; Metal and other Pans; Long and Hand Brushes; Flat Irons; 3 Galvanised Pails; Coal Box; Poss Tub and Staff; Door Mats, &c., &c.

N.B.—The above Furniture is all nearly new, having been only about six months in use.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock in the Afternoon.

SALE AT MEDOMSLEY.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at MEDOMSLEY, on MONDAY, May 4th, 1874, the FARMING STOCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, and part of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, belonging to Mr. WILLIAM HEATHERINGTON, who is declining farming.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, Auctioneer,

HORSES.

Powerful Draught Horse, 9 years old, 17 hands high; 1 do. Mare, 9 years old, 17 hands high; 1 do. Mare, 7 years old, 15½ hands high; Bay Horse, 11 years old.

CATTLE.

7 Milch Cows, Calved and to Calve; In-calving Heifer; 2 Geld Cows; 2 Two-year-old Heifers; 6 Yearling Stirks; Yearling Bull Stirk; 4 Irish Heifers, two-and-a-half-year-old; Sow, in Pig; 16 Hens and a Cock.

IMPLEMENTS, &c.

Long Cart; 2 Coup Carts; Stone Coup; 2 Iron Ploughs; Pair of Iron Harrows; Pair of Wood do.; Iron Scuffler; Wood Roller; Scrubber; Horse Hay Rake; Double Turnip Drill; Winnowing Machine; a number of Sacks and Pokes; Half-peck Measure; 2 Sets of Cart Harness; Set of Plough Gears; Cow Tubs; 2 Stackyard Ladders; Hay Rakes; Forks; Grapes; Shovels, &c.; with all the Dairy Utensils, and part of the Household Furniture.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

HAGG FARM, NEAR LINTZ GREEN.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY has the honour to announce that he has received instructions from Mr. CHRISTOPHER ARMSTRONG, who is declining Farming, to SELL by AUCTION, at the HAGG FARM, on THURSDAY, May 7, 1874, all his valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, &c., viz.:—

SHEEP.

66 Half-bred Ewes, Lambed and to Lamb, very good; 20 Cross-bred Ewes, do., do.; 17 Three-parts-bred Hogs; 2 Leicester Tups; 3 do. Tup Hogs; 12 Cross-bred Hogs, nearly fat; 60 Cheviot Hogs.

CATTLE.

2 Short-horned Geld Cows, very fresh; 3 Galloway Cows, do.; 3 Cross-bred Geld Cows, do.; 2 Two-year-old Milking Heifers; 5 Two-year-old Heifers, very fresh; 3 Short-horned Yearling Stirks; 1 Milch Calf.

HORSES.

1 splendid Draught Mare, "Jess," 4 years old; 1 do. do. Mare, "Meg," 5 years old; 1 do. do. Mare, "Bonny," 10 years old; 1 Well-bred Pony, "Fanny," 5 years old, in foal to "Prince Charley."

The IMPLEMENTS comprise 1 Oilcake Crusher, nearly new; 1 strong Coup Cart: 1 set of New Cart Harness; 1 new Sheep Dipping Machine; 2 Sheep Racks; 4 new Sheep Troughs; 6 Cow Tubs; Hay Rakes; Forks; Grapes, &c; Barrel Churn, with all the Dairy Utensils.

Lunch at Twelve o'clock. Sale to commence at One o'clock p.m. precisely.

N.B.—The Hagg Farm is about one mile from Lintz Green Station on the Derwent Valley Line.

Shotley Bridge, April 2, 1874. 808d

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Henry Brown.

MR. H. BROWN'S QUARTERLY SALE to be held at the house of Mr. JOHN SEYMOUR, Front Street, Consett, on MONDAY, the 8th May, 1874.

Entries to made to Mr. JOSEPH HOWARD, Consett, or the AUCTIONEER, Blackhill.

Particulars to follow. 820d

By Mr. J. Murray.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
AT WHITTONSTALL, ON WEDNESDAY,
MAY 6TH, 1874.

MR. JOHN MURRAY, instructed by the Assignees of the late Mr. WILLIAM BROWN, will SELL BY AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, May 6th, 1874, the whole of his SINKING UTENSILS, GIN, WINCH, TRAMS, TUBS, 100 yards BORING RODS, BLASTING GEER, METAL, &c., IRON PLATES, JACK ROLS, ROPE, &c. Also, about 5 Tons of HAY, COWS, CARTS, PLOUGHS, HARROWS, CART HARNESS, GARDEN TOOLS, DAIRY UTENSIS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

For Particulars see Bills.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 834d

THE COMMERCIAL INN, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

MESSRS. ANDERSON AND MACK are instructed to OFFER for SALE by AUCTION, at the QUEEN HEAD HOTEL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, on SATURDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1874, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon precisely, all the Freehold PREMISES known as the COMMERCIAL INN, Shotley Bridge, in the occupation of Mr. Jefferson, as tenant thereof, with the Stabling and other Outbuilding, Garden and Grass Field behind the same as shown upon the Plan, which may be seen at the Auctioneer's Offices, 43, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle.

The principal Building is a very substantial modern erection, containing a spacious Bar, Commercial Room, Coffee Room, and Back Parlour on the ground floor, with good Cellerage; and one Sitting Room, four Bedrooms, and Water-closet on the first floor. The Roof is specially constructed so as to allow of the addition of lofty Attics at a small cost. The older Building, which adjoins and communicates with the above, contains a Tap-room, Kitchen, Back Kitchen, Pantries, Coal Cellar, and four Bed-rooms. Two Carriage Entrances from the Market Place, lead into large Yards, in which are a Six-stalled Stable, Loose Box, Coach-house, Cow-byre, range of Hay and Wood Lofts, Pig-styes, and other Out-buildings. The Grass Field, Flower Garden, and Kitchen Garden have an area of 3 roods and 17 perches. There is a Spring of excellent Water in the Yard, which never fails in the dryest seasons. The unenclosed space in front of, and pertaining to, the Inn, is Let at Fairs and Hirings, and the Payments of Standage on this part of the premises and in the Yard yields a considerable annual revenue.

The Purchaser will be required to take all Trade Fixtures at a valuation.

The Commercial Inn has been ever since its erection the largest, most commodious, and best frequented house in this populous district, and under enterprising and judicious management must be a very valuable property.

Mr. John Campbell, of Shotley Grove, will show the premises to all applicants, and further particulars may be had on application to the AUCTIONEERS, or to Messrs. ALLAN and DAVIS, Solicitors, 23, Grainger Street. 823d

By Mr. William Raw.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE AT SHERBURN TERRACE, CONSETT.

MR. WILLIAM RAW will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of JOHN SEYMOUR, CONSETT, on MONDAY, April 27th, 1874, all that Freehold DWELLING-HOUSE, situate in Sherburn Terrace, Consett, now in the occupation of Mr. S. BRODIE, as tenant thereof, containing Front Sitting-Room, good Kitchen, and Pantry, on the first floor, Three Bed-rooms on the second floor, and Attic on the top floor, with self-contained Yard, well-paved and all other necessary conveniences.

To this Sale the Auctioneer kindly invites attention as being a desiresble investment. The Property is nearly new and very substantially built and the situation good.

The present tenant, on application, will show the premises, and further particulars can be obtained on applying to the Auctioneer.

Sale to commence at Three o'clock.
Sale-office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 814d

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE IN MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

MR. WILLIAM RAW having received instructions from Mr. THOMAS HALL, will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the QUEEN'S HEAD INN, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, on THURSDAY, April 30th, 1874,

LOT 1.—All that VALUABLE FREEHOLD BEERHOUSE, known as the Shakespeare Tavern, situate in Middle Street, Consett, in the occupation of Mr. GEORGE SUDDES as tenant thereof; containing Parlour, Tap-room, Bar, Kitchen, Pantry, &c., on the first floor; Sitting-room, and three good Bed-rooms on the second floor; together with Cellar, Yard, and Stable.

LOT 2.—All that DWELLING HOUSE adjoining Lot 1, in the occupation of Mr. M. BRODIE as tenant thereof; containing three good Rooms, Pantry, Yard, and other conveniences.

Subject to the conditions which will be read at the time of sale.

For further particulars apply to the AUCTIONEER.

Sale to commence at Six o'clock.
Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 826d

20, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, having received instructions from Mr. Danial Brannigan (who is leaving his present house), will SELL BY AUCTION a part of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PONY, CART, LARGE TENT, &c., &c., on MONDAY, May 4th, 1874, comprising 1 beautiful Mahogany Winged Wardrobe; 6 first-class Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Couch, in Hair-seating; Do., in American Leather; Dining Table, 8ft. by 4ft.; Do., 6ft. by 4ft., strong and good; 2 Tap-room Tables; 2 Tea Tables; Office Desk; High Press Bed; good Eight-day Clock, in Oak Case; Oak Tea Table; Painted Dressing Table and Washstand; an excellent and beautiful Oil Cloth, 15ft square; Mantlepiece Mirror, in Gilt Frame; Do., in Rosewood Frame; Arm Chair; Easy Chair; Easy Rocking Chair; about 30 Yards of Cocoa Matting, 6 Quarters wide; 2 Sitting-room Fenders; Set of Fireirons; Ash Pan; Window Cornice; 2 Trays; Dripping Tin; Coffee Mill; 3 small Spirit Casks; Single-barrelled Gun; fine Portrait of the Illustrious Wellington; also one of Napoleon on his Landing from Elba; and several other Household Articles.

1 excellent Pony, 14 h.h., well known to be an active and first-class Worker; 1 Coup Cart; Set of good Cart Harness; also a good Tent, 102ft. by 20ft. wide, made of excellent Irish Canvass. This is a very valuable lot for Pic-nics, Sports, and other Out-door Recreations.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock precisely.
Sale-office, Blackhill, County Durham. 833d

Sales by Auction.

Mr. John Jenkins.

TOWN HALL SALE-ROOM, CONSETT.

MR. JOHN JENKINS has received instructions from Mr. SIMONS, Cabinetmaker, White-le-Head, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the above Sale-room, the remaining part of his valuable stock of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, on TUESDAY, April 28th, 1874, comprising Mahogany Wardrobe, Glass Front; Walnut Suit; Walnut Lobby Chest of Drawers; 4 Mahogany Lobby Chests of Drawers; 6 Bookcases; Bed-room and Dressing-room Chest of Drawers; Washstands and Dressing Tables; 2 Mahogany Presses; Mahogany Sofas and Couches; 2 Mahogany Balloon-backed Chairs, in Hair-seating; 4 Easy Chair; Loo Tables; Card Tables; Longsettles and Forms; Kitchen Tables; Tea Tables; Windsor Chairs; Bed-room Chairs; 2 large Mantlepiece Mirrors; Window Cornices; Pole, Camp, and Iron Bedsteads; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; 2 Eight-day Timepieces; 2 Sets of Electro-plated Tea and Coffee Services; Lustres and Vases; Cruit Stand; Fenders and Fireirons; Five-chamber Revolver; Bass Fiddle; with a large assortment of other Goods.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 828d

By Mr. W. Nicholson.

FARMING STOCK FOR SALE, AT HOLLINGSIDE HALL, NEAR LANCHESTER.

MR. WILLIAM NICHOLSON, instructed by Mr. THOMAS WILLIS, who is relinquishing Farming, will SELL by AUCTION, on THURSDAY, 30th of April, 1874, the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., consisting of

HORSES.

Lot 1.—Powerful Black Draught Mare, 8 years old, about 16 hands.

Lot 2.—Grey Draught Horse, aged, 16 hands.

Lot 3.—Welsh Cob, 8 years old, 14 hands 2 inches, a perfect model, and very fast.

Lot 4.—Grey Cob Horse, 6 years old, 15 hands, quiet in all harness, with splendid action.

Lot 5.—Black Filly, 2 years old, by Blackcock.

Lot 6.—Black Colt, one year old, by Silvertop; very promising.

CATTLE.

2 In-Calving Cows; 1 Cow, recently calven; 1 Two-year-old Shorthorn Heifer, in Calf; 4 Two-year-old Shorthorn Steers; 3 One-year-old Shorthorn Steers; 39 Cheviot Ewes and Followers, by a Leicester Tup; 21 Mule Hogs, forward in condition.

IMPLEMENTS.

2 Coup Carts, with Shelvings, by Crosskill; 1 Long Cart, by Crosskill; Prize Plough, convertible into a Double-Mould Board Plough and a Potatoe Raiser; 2 Iron Wheel Ploughs; Patent Turnwrist or One-way Plough, by Davis; 1 Ribbing Plough; 2 Pair Iron Harrows, by Howard; 1 Pair of Chain Harrows, by Howard; 1 Pair of Four-Bull Harrows; Three-Horse Grubber, by Clay; Cambridge Roller; 2 Stone Rollers; 1 Pair of Potatoe Harrows; Scuffler, by Clay; 5-Rows Press Wheel Corn Drill, by Vingoes; Double Turnip Drill, with Seed and Manure Boxes; Combined Reaping Machine, by Hornsby; Hay Tedding Machine, by Nicholson; Iron Horse Hay Rake, by Howard; American Hay Rake; Chaff Cutter, for horse or steam power, with Belts and Pulleys complete, by Exall and Co.; Winnowing Machine, by Hornsby; Weighing Machine, with weights up to 20 stones; Oil Cake Crusher; Potatoe Sorting Machine; Sack Barrow; Turnip Cutter; Cart; Plough Harness for four horses; Rakes, Forks, Spades, Shovels; a large quantity of other articles too numerous to mention. Also, a quantity of Barn Door Fowls.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 1874.

Local and District News.

A Good Templar Lodge has been opened at Ebchester.

We are informed, on good authority, that Mr. Richard Murray, of Consett, spirit merchant, has purchased the Benfieldside estate.

BURNOPFIELD FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At a meeting held at Mrs. Adamson's, Burnopfield, it was unanimously agreed upon to hold a Floral and Horticultural Show at Burnopfield. A committee was appointed and subscription-lists opened.

THE CONSETT BLAST FURNACEMEN.—The blast furnacemen connected with Consett Ironworks had an interview with the manager, Mr Jenkins, on Tuesday morning, the result of which was that the men have commenced to work on the 10 per cent. reduction.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—Meetings in connection with the above Society were held during the past week, at Consett, Castleside, and Blackhill. Mr. J. B. Anderson, agent and lecturer for the Northern Counties, attended the meetings as a deputation from the parent society and explained the programme of the movement.

SUDDEN DEATH AT WASKERLEY.—An awfully sudden death took place at Waskerley on Tuesday night. It appears that a married woman named Margaret Pattinson, about fifty years of age, retired to rest with her husband about ten o'clock on the night in question, Mrs. Pattinson being at that time in apparent good health. About an hour afterwards, however, she suddenly took ill, and died within half-an-hour. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of death.

ATTENDANCE OF GUARDIANS DURING THE PAST YEAR.—The following are the attendances of the respective Guardians of the Lanchester Union for the year ending March 18th:—Mr. John Annandale, 19; Mr. Robert Dickinson, 5; Mr. Ed. Charlton; 26; Mr. Humphrey, 1; Mr. John Gledstone, 18. Mr. William Jenkins, 13; Mr. Geo. Alder. 21; Mr. John Calvert, 20; Mr. D. C. Balleny (Chairman), 25; Mr. Leybourne, 12; Mr. Elliott, 12; Mr. Hobson, 16; Mr. Wilkinson, 21; Mr. Holmes, 14; Mr. Hall, 2; Mr. H. Ritson, 18; Mr. Bowey, 20; Mr. Shotton, 17; Mr. Joicey, 8; Mr. Robinson, 18; Mr. Moffitt, 11; Mr. Clark, 7; and Mr. Cumming, 17.

CONCERT AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—A concert was given in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, by the Catchgate Choral Society, under the leadership of Mr. Dawe, and Mr. Hugh Leslie's Choir of Annfield Plain, for the benefit of Mrs. Walters, who lost her husband a short time ago by an accident in South Derwent Colliery, Mr. Thomas Lamb, presiding. Messrs. Blythe and Steele, agents for the Permanent Relief Fund, pointed out the benefits of the Society, and strongly urged upon all the miners to enter the fund and provide for their wives and families in cases of accidents. Both choirs gave every satisfaction to all present, the singing being of a high order.

THE CORNSAY MINERS AND THE PROPOSED REDUCTION.—These men have held a special meeting as to the 20 per cent. reduction. After the question had been very lengthily discussed, it was unanimously agreed not to submit to any reduction. The meeting also agreed to ask for 20 per cent. advance, seeing that a great many of the men are now working for 3s. and 4s. per day.

ACCIDENT TO A BOY AT LEADGATE.—On Tuesday evening, a serious accident happened to a boy named John Thomas Watson, residing at Leadgate. The lad, it appears, is employed at Iveston Colliery, and on the evening in question, after leaving work, he jumped on to a train of waggons that were going in the direction of Leadgate. He seems to have ridden on the last waggon but one of the train until coming within a short distance of Leadgate, when, in attempting to jump off, he stumbled and fell on the rails, the wheels of the next waggon passing over one of his legs. The poor little fellow was at once picked up and taken to his home, where he was attended by Drs. Renton and Hopper, who found it necessary to amputate the limb. It is a somewhat singular fact that about ten years ago the father of the boy was killed at Consett Ironworks, and that his brother, a boy twelve years old, was also killed near the same place.

THE CONSETT COKE BURNERS AND THE PROPOSED REDUCTION.—The coke burners connected with the Consett Iron Company having received notice that a reduction in their wages at the rate of 20 per cent. would be made after the 2nd proximo, the coke burners, &c., held a meeting at Consett on Monday night to consider the terms offered by the masters. The meeting was presided over by Mr. P. Welden, who pointed out that while the wage of the miner had been raised between 50 and 60 per cent. since 1871, that of the coke burner had only increased 25 per cent.—Mr. John Moor also addressed the meeting, and showed that the masters could afford to increase their wage rather than decrease it. When coke was at the rate of 8s. a ton the coke burners were paid 6s. a day, and now it was 32s. a ton, while they had only 7s. 6d. a day.—The meeting was also addressed by Mr. Nicholas McCourt, Mr. Daniel Cruddace, and other gentlemen, after which a resolution was submitted to the effect that the terms of the masters be not accepted. The proposition was submitted to the meeting, and unanimously approved of. At the close of the meeting, a hope was expressed that the other coke burners of the county would take the matter up, and do their utmost in resisting the masters' terms.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS OF LANCHESTER UNION.—Only three townships were contested in this Union, namely Benfieldside, Consett and Knitsley, and Lanchester. At Benfieldside three candidates contested the two seats, and at the close of the voting the numbers stood as follows:—Mr. John Annandale, St. Cuthbert's Lodge, 445 votes; Mr. Robert Dickinson, Shotley House, 359; Mr. Robert Telford, Berry Edge Farm, 323. In the township of Consett and Knitsley (two seats) the voting resulted as follows:—Mr. William Jenkins, Consett Hall, 410; Mr. Collinson, Consett, 281; Mr. Gledstone, Consett, 237. At Lanchester (two seats) the old members were re-elected, the polling standing as under—Mr. Francis Holmes, Peth House, 263; Mr. John Wilkinson, Morrowfield, 194; Mr. John Buckham, Lanchester, 127. The following were returned without opposition—Billingside and Iveston, Mr. Edward Charlton, Leadgate; Collierley and Pontop, Mr. George Wailes, Pontop Pike; Cornsay, Mr. George Alder, Cornsay; Ebchester, Mr. John Calvert, Sherburn Terrace; Esh, Mr. William Cumming, Cornsay; Greencroft, Mr. D. C. Balleny, Little Greencroft; Healeyfield, Mr. E. Leybourne, Healeyfield; Hedleyhope, Mr. George Elliott, Hedleyhope; Kyo Laws, Mr. George Hobson, Harperley Mills; Langley, Mr. A. Hall, Langley Park House; Medomsley, Mr. Henry Ritson, Benfieldside; Muggleswick, Mr. John Bowey, Middle Heads; Satley, Mr. George Parker, Satley; Tanfield, Mr. W. J. Joicey (Tanfield Lea), Mr. Thomas Robinson (Tanfield Leith Hall), Mr. R. B. Moffitt (Tanfield Leith), and Mr. N. Clark (Beamish Park).

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR LEADGATE.—On Monday morning an accident of a shocking nature occurred near Leadgate. Shortly after six o'clock on the morning in question a lad named John Thomas Rutherford, son of Michael Rutherford, builder, Consett, was despatched to The Brooms, near Leadgate, for the purpose of bring home some masons' tools. After procuring the latter, he appears to have returned to Leadgate, where it is conjectured that he was on the point of getting into a truck for the purpose of having a ride the remainder of the distance, when he met with his death. An inquest was held on the body at the house of Mr. Longstaff, Leadgate, before Mr. Graham, coroner, on Wednesday afternoon. Michael Rutherford, father of the deceased, deposed: I am a builder and reside at Consett. The deceased, John Thomas Rutherford, whose body the jury have just seen, was my son. He was a mason to business, and was fourteen years of age. He was last employed at The Brooms, near Leadgate. Early in the morning of the 20th April I sent the deceased from Consett to The Brooms for some tools, and never saw him afterwards alive.—William Anderson, in the employment of the North-Eastern Railway Company, said he was gatekeeper at the level-crossing leading from Leadgate to Benfieldside, on the Stockton and Darlington Section. On Monday morning, about twenty minutes past eight o'clock, witness found the body of the deceased lying on the railway about seventy yards from the gate, his head and shoulders being across one of the rails of the siding. The body appeared to have been run over by trucks or waggons, the marks of whose wheels were to be seen across his chest. The deceased was then quite dead, but the body was warm, and when turned over bled from a wound in the neck.—In answer to the Coroner, witness said that a short time prior to finding the body, a train of waggons left the Coke Ovens a little lower down, and would be passing the spot where the body was lying at the rate of two miles an-hour. Witness was of opinion that in attempting to get into one of the trucks he had fallen amongst the wheels.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

SINGULAR CHARGE AGAINST A YOUNG WOMAN.

At the Lanchester Petty Sessions, on Thursday, before Mr. E. T. Smith, Mr. Henry Smith, and Mr. J. Clavering, a young woman named Ann Elizabeth Thompson, of respectable appearance, was summoned for being drunk and refusing to quit the licensed premises of John Elliott, at Tantobie. Mr. Granger, Durham, appeared to prosecute. Defendant was represented by Mr. Foster, of Newcastle.

Complainant stated that on the 14th inst., the defendant, who is step-daughter to Mr. Nicholson, publican, White-le-head, came to his house and called him a murderer and a rogue for filling drink to her step-father, whom, she alleged, was made drunk at his (complainant's) house and then went home and ill-used her mother. After standing the defendant's abusive for some time he ordered her to leave the house, but as she refused he took hold of her by the shoulders and pushed her to the door, where she subsequently fell to the ground, in consequence, as complainant alleged, of being under the influence of drink.

Mr. FOSTER: How long have you been in this public-house?

Complainant: About eighteen months.

Mr. FOSTER: You were not very polite to her when she came to your house?

Complainant: I requested her to leave the house several times before I pushed her out.

Mr. FOSTER: Did you tell her to go away for a young w——?

Complainant: No.

Mr. FOSTER: Did you take hold of her?

Complainant: I took hold of her shoulders and asked her to go out.

Mr. FOSTER: You pushed her out?

Complainant: I did.

Mr. FOSTER: Who was present at the time?

Complainant: My wife, the servant, myself, and my mother. Nicholas Temperley was also in the tap-room when the disturbance was going on.

Mr. FOSTER: Do you know that the defendant is subject to fits?

Complainant: No.

Mr. CLAVERING: What time in the day did this happen?

Complainant: About one o'clock.

Mr. FOSTER: Was Miss Thompson in your house five minutes?

Complainant: Yes.

Mr. FOSTER: She got no drink in your house?

Complainant: No; she never asked for any.

Mr. HENRY SMITH: Are you quite certain that the defendant did not fall in consequence of the push you gave her?

Complainant replied that Miss Thompson did not fall for a considerable time after he pushed her out of the house. He was also quite sure that she was drunk.

Mrs. Elliott, wife of complainant, was next examined. She said she remembered the defendant coming into her house on the 14th of April. As soon as she entered, the defendant, who appeared to be drunk, began to abuse the complainant about filling her step-father drink. Complainant several times requested her to leave the house, and eventually took her by the shoulders to put her to the door. She did not fall in consequence of witness' husband pushing her out. After being ejected, Miss Thompson stood at the outside and abused complainant. She continued to do so until she got to her own home, about a quarter of a mile distant.

Mr. HENRY SMITH: Did you hear her all the way?

Witness: The neighbours said so.

Mr. CLAVERING: Did your husband push her out of the back or front door?

Witness: The back door.

Mr. FOSTER: When Miss Thompson came to your house she asked for her step-father?

Witness: Yes; she said he was in our house.

Mr. FOSTER: Did your husband then throw her out of the house?

Witness: He took hold of her by the shoulders and pushed her.

Mr. FOSTER: Did she fall down?

Witness: She fell after having been at the door a few minutes.

Mr. FOSTER: Did she fall amongst the mud?

Witness: No; the mud was six yards from the door.

Mr. FOSTER: Did she fall more than once?

Witness: No.

Elizabeth Emery said she lived as servant to the complainant. On the 14th of April she remembered Miss Thompson coming to the house and using abusive language to her master and mistress. Mr. Elliott told her to leave the house, but she refused. She had then every appearance of being drunk. Witness saw her master take hold of Miss Thompson's shoulders and push her out. Miss Thompson fell, but that was after Mr. Elliott had turned his back to her and was in the act of returning back into the house.

Mr. HENRY SMITH: Did she get up immediately after she fell down?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. FOSTER: Where were you at the time?

Witness: In the back kitchen.

Mr. FOSTER: Did you see Miss Thompson come into the house?

Witness: Yes; I was in the back kitchen when she came in.

Mr. FOSTER: Were you in the back kitchen while Miss Thompson was there?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. FOSTER: Then you would see your master push her out?

Witness: I saw him push her out by the shoulders.

Nicholas Temperley stated that he was in Elliott's public-house on the day in question. He was present when Nicholson, step-father to Miss Thompson, was in. Nichclson was not drunk. He remembered the young woman coming to seek him. On seeing her Mr. Nicholson got off his seat, spread out his fingers, and told her to go home again. He then sat down again, clapped his hands upon each knee, and said that he was miserable both at home and from home. Nicholson then drank his beer and left the house. Witness then heard a noise and on looking up he saw Miss Thompson who was telling the complainant that he supplied her step-father with drink until he became infuriated, and in that state went home and ill-used her mother. Witness did not see Miss Thompson fall down.

Mr. H. SMITH: Do you know Nicholson?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. H. SMITH: Is he a man of drunken habits?

Witness: I only once saw him drunk, and he was then lying in a gutter with his legs cocked up. (Laughter).

The CLERK: Was Miss Thompson drunk or sober when she came to Elliott's house?

Witness: I cannot say, as I did not take much notice of her.

Mr. H. SMITH: Did she talk like a drunken woman?

Witness: I did not pay much attentiou to her.

Mr. FOSTER, for the defence, characterised the case as a trumpery one, and ridiculed the idea of a young woman like the defendant being drunk in the middle of the day. The fact was that on the day in question Miss Thompson was sent by her mother, who was then ill, in search of her step-father, whom she found in Mr. Elliott's house. She accused him of supplying drink to her step-father, when he took hold of her and pushed her so violently as to knock her down. Mr. Foster then called

Mrs. Symonds, who stated that she was in Mrs. Nicholson's house on the 14th of April. She went about ten o'clock in the morning and remained until a quarter to one o'clock. During that time Miss Thompson was in the house, and performed the household duties. Witness had known Miss Thompson for some time, and had never seen her under the influence of drink. Witness had heard of Miss Thompson taking fits, but she had never seen her in one.

Mr. GRANGER: How long have you known Miss Thompson?

Witness: About eleven months.

Mr. GRANGER: When does she take these fits?

Witness: I have never seen her in one.

Mr. GRANGER: When did you hear of her having one?

Witness: When she came back from Elliott's house.

Mr. HENRY SMITH: Were you in Mr. Nicholson's house when Miss Thompson went for her father?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. H. SMITH: Did her mother send her?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. SMITH: What did her mother tell her to say?

Witness: She told Miss Thompson to go to Elliott's and tell them not to supply her father with drink until he became intoxicated.

George Allen said he went into Nicholson's house about a quarter past one o'clock on the 14th of April. After sitting in the kitchen a few minutes Mrs. Nicholson shouted to witness to go into another room, where he found Miss Thompson in fit. She did not appear to be under the influence of drink. Witness noticed that the back part of her dress was covered with mud.

In answer to Mr. GRANGER, witness said he had known the defendant since she was a little girl. He was quite certain that she was not under the influence of liquor.

This being the whole of the evidence, the magistrates, after a few minutes' consultation, said they had agreed to dismiss the case.

A RIVAL'S DOING.

Mrs. Hurd sat in the dining-room of her neat though plain little house. The tea table stood ready, but the urn had not yet been brought in. She was waiting in the twilight for her husband. The gas was turned low, and she had put her window-curtain back that she might look out into the street. She loved to watch for him, and she used to tell herself that she knew his step among a thousand. They had been married ten years, and she was just as much in love with him as in her honeymoon. And he? Surely no man ever seemed fonder of his wife.

As she waited for him this night her mind ran back to their courting days. She remembered how jealous he had been of one Colin Bray, and how jealous Colin had been of him; and she told herself that she should have been a miserable woman had she married Colin. He had turned out so ill. They said he drank a great deal, and her William was so good, so kind, so true, so noble, and so much respected by all. He was a little late to-night. Why did he not come?

"Open the window," said a voice without. She obeyed involuntarily. As she did so, a man in a rough great-coat, with his hat slouched over his eyes, tossed a crumpled note into the room, and instantly hurried away.

It was scrawled on a dirty piece of paper, and seemed to be in a feigned hand-writing. It ran thus:—

"MADAME,—Where is your husband to-night? He won't be home until very late. He 'll talk about business when he comes. Pretty business for a married man. He goes to see a young woman. She lives at No. — — street. It is not far. Wrap yourself up in something that will be a disguise, and be at the door at eight o'clock. You'll meet him. If not, I am a liar.

"I am one who is your WELL WISHER.

"P.S.—Tear this up at once."

"My William!" said she, and smiled softly to herself. "How dare I doubt him! This is some malicious trick."

And she went back to her seat by the window, and watched on, less peacefully, but with no credence of the tale she had just heard in her pure breast.

She watched in vain. It was midnight before William Hurd came home, and then he gave no explanation of his absence, and was so unlike himself that his wife was troubled. Somehow, though she strove against it with all her might, she felt conscious, as the weeks rolled by, that they were not as happy as they had been. He talked less; he frolicked less with his little child. He sat often thinking of something that troubled him. "Perhaps," thought Agnes, "wishing that he had met that other woman before he met me." One night when she sat alone trying to work at her embroidery, and crushing back the hot tears that were ready to fall, she had heard the bell ring, but paid little heed to it. In a moment more the servant opened the door.

"A letter, ma'am," she said.

The same dingy sort of envelope—the same handwriting.

"Don't you believe me now, Mrs. Hurd? He is away to-night again. Do as I told you. Were you afraid before? No. —, —— street. You will see him at the door, if you make haste. I can't bear to see so good a wife deceived. Go.

"A WELL-WISHER."

"I will not play the spy upon my husband. Even if he is false, I will be what I ought to be. I will not go."

She tore the note into fragments. But that evening was a very sad one. She had no smile for the man who came gloomily home at a late hour; and though no angry word passed between them, it was almost as though they had quarrelled. A coldness in each voice. Eyes that did not meet often, as of yore. Hands that never touched. Yet they were decorously civil. It was far worse than a quarrel, Agnes thought. It was unbearable. Then she asked herself if she had been the cause of it. If these anonymous letters had so affected her that he saw the change; but she could not think it so. Had he been as affectionate as formerly she would have told him all. His manner had frightened her.

Once or twice she had said to herself that it would have been better had she obeyed the writer of those notes, and proved him—as she hoped she should have done—a liar.

The postman had brought here these lines one morning:—

"Does Mrs. Hurd think him a liar? The lady at No. — —— street flourishes. Pretty soon there will be an elopement. That respectable gentleman, Mr. Hurd, will run away with the lady at No. — —— street. When the night is set, I will notify you. You may see them set off, and stop them if you choose. Perhaps, however, you are willing to let him go. If so forgive

WELL-WISHER.

"P.S.—Tear this to bits at once."

Mrs. Hurd had hesitated about destroying this missive. She had almost determined to show it to her husband, and then she had changed her mind and tossed it in the fire. At last, jealousy had the better of her.

"When the next note comes I will do as he advises," said poor Agnes. "And if it is true he shall see me and know that I know all."

And instead of watching for her husband in the twilight, she watched for the messenger who was to bring her news of his cunning falsehood. It was a dark night, a night with a brooding storm in the air, when after a fortnight's watchful misery, Agnes saw the figure in the sloutched hat ascend her steps. She pushed her window open almost eagerly. The man leaned forward—the envelope was in her fingers, when suddenly the iron railing, against which the messenger leant, gave way, and he fell heavily forward into the area.

Mrs. Hurd gave a scream.

"Are you hurt," she cried. There was no answer, but a groan.

While the injured man was being helped, Mrs. Hurd made a discovery. She knew him. Now that his hat was off, and his rough coat collar turned down, she recognised Colin Bray, her old lover—the rival of her husband in those old days when she was called upon to choose between them.

She went back to the parlour, and searched for the note she had dropped.

"They will be off at ten o'clock—your husband and his lady-love," were the words she read, when she had opened it. "Go to No. —, —— street, and find him there, if you choose. I will see that you are admitted."

"Is it a lie, or the truth?" she asked herself. "Shall I go? Dare I stay?"

She looked out into the street. A crowd of boys and idlers hearing of the accident, had collected about the door. Through them, at this instant, a figure forced itself. It was her husband.

"What has happened?" he cried, rushing into the room. "For heaven's sake, what does this tumult mean?"

"William," she said, "something very strange has happened. Colin Bray lies in our house, dying or dead."

"Colin Bray?" he almost screamed. "Then it was all true. Wretched woman, it is true."

"What is true?" she asked.

He looked at her. She looked at him. The woman guessed the truth.

"William," she said, "you will be sorry if you say more until I have spoken. For six weeks I have been receiving anonymous notes. A man in a sort of disguise brought them. To-night, in leaning forward toward the window, the rail gave way, and he fell. Here is the note he brought with him."

William Hurd snatched it from her, and bent above it with a face that changed from white to red and from red to white again.

"There were others, all to the same purpose," said his wife; "all bidding me to watch you—to go to No. — —— street, and prove your falsehood to me. I have not been. My dear, to-night I was sorely tempted, but I see in your face that I should have been a wicked woman to doubt you so far. Forgive me, William, I have been so wretched."

He clasped her to his heart.

"I also have been wretched," he said. "Notes in the same hand have given me terrible doubts of you. I have not been so noble as you. I have watched No. —, —— street. My darling, to-night I watched there in the shadow, with a revolver in my bosom. Had you obeyed your anonymous deceiver there would have been a tragedy. I should have shot first you and then myself. My darling, I have been mad, and you have shamed me by your nobility. The man down stairs, Colin Bray, has hated us since you preferred me to him, and this is his work."

And thus it proved to be, when, a few days later, Colin Bray upon his death-bed confessed the truth, and received the pardon of the gentle woman he had striven so wickedly to injure.

A FORTUNE LOST.

I was the eldest of nine children, the youngest being just one year old. We lived in a little country place, and my father was a Presbyterian clergyman. The congregation considered his salary tremendous, and mamma's black silk dress quite good enough for a clergyman's wife. As for mamma, she was always darning stockings, or turning dresses or carpets, or wondering how the mutton would look after the three or four brother clergymen from another town, who walked directly to the pastor's house as though it were a hotel, had finished their meal. We always had a clergyman on hand, or a deacon, or a colporteur.

Aunt Rebecca had been mortally offended when mamma married papa, and had said that "she wished she had married a chimney-sweep, because he would have earned his breakfast of a morning before he ate it." She believed in clergymen in the abstract, however, and went to church regularly herself.

Not to papa's church; to a much more stylish one at the other end of the town, near which she lived, with two servants, a man and woman, and a pet poodle. She did not often honour us with a visit or a note, but to-day one had come, asking mamma to send me over. An awful thing had happened. The man-servant had married the maid-servant, and both had taken leave together.

"This horrible ingratitude leaves me without help," wrote Aunt Rebecca. "Send Hannah to me at once."

And I had declared I would not go.

However, I obliged mamma, of course, and after some grumbling, packed a small travelling bag and walked over to my grand-aunt's residence, in no amiable state of mind. I found her no better than myself, and was told at once that I had not been invited for my company, but in order that I might remain at home while she went by train to look for new servants.

"I shall expect you to put the house to rights and have dinner well cooked by six o'clock," said Aunt Rebecca; "and by the way of payment I'll bring you home a new dress. You need one. You are dreadfully shabby."

"I wouldn't let any old woman go without her dinner," I replied. "As for your new dress, keep it yourself. You need one, too."

For Grand-aunt Rebecca had a fashion of wearing old silks and satins until they split, and of trimming her garments with real lace in its last stages, rich woman as she was. She flounced upstairs to make ready for her journey, and I took off my hat and made up my mind never to enter her doors again. In ten minutes she came down stairs in an antediluvian cloak of richest silk, and an ancient bonnet that fifteen years before had cost fifty dollars.

"Good-bye to you," said she. "Dinner is all given out; you've only to cook it—six, remember, is the hour. I'll stick to my bargain. I'll buy you a blue merino, ten yards. You can make it out of ten yards if you are economical."

I made no answer, and she departed.

I saw her leave the parlour door. I cannot say I saw her go any farther. When it became necessary for me to give my testimony I could not absolutely swear that I saw her go down the street; but my impression was then that I knew that she walked to the corner, turned it, and took the train at the station.

I was in the habit of living in the midst of a large family, and the solitude of my aunt's house oppressed me. A vague fear of burglars or sneak thieves troubled me, and my first care was to lock up all the pantries, the cellar door, the very clothes-presses, and fasten the keys to a cord at my waist. Then I swept and dusted, fed the poodle, watered the flowers, and having lunched on bread and butter, made up my mind that there was nothing more to do for several hours, and went out into the garden with a book, which so occupied me that I found that it was four o'clock when I closed it (on a wedding, of course) at the last page.

Dinner was ready punctually. I heard the train come in, and expected momentarily to see Aunt Rebecca.

I remember standing at the dining-room window and watching the people go by from the station. I was so positive that Aunt Rebecca's mantle and bonnet would appear the next moment, that when all had passed and still she came not, I felt quite startled.

"She must have stopped on the way," I said; but the hours passed on and did not bring her. It was seven—it was eight—it was nine o'clock, and my dinner simmered on the range, totally spoiled, and still no Aunt Rebecca.

There were no more trains that night. What could have happened.

I was, despite my temper, rather soft-hearted. I began to be alarmed.

"Poor old thing!" I thought; "she ought not to travel alone. If anything has happened to her in a strange city, it will be dreadful."

Then I began to cry softly to myself; but after all she was so queer. I took courage. I drove away all my tears. At ten o'clock I retired to bed, and the shriek of the early train awakened me. But Aunt Rebecca did not come by the early train, or by any other. At three o'clock that afternoon I sent a small boy for my father, and gave myself up to despair.

My father arrived post-haste.

"What's this about Aunt Rebecca?" he said.

I told him. He looked grave, and asked where she had gone. I knew the address of the register office where she expected to find her servants, and gave it to him.

"The first thing to be done," said he, "is to go there and make inquiries. If I run down on the next train I can be back by the six o'clock one."

And off my father started. He returned safe and whole at six—safe, but, alas! with dreadful tidings. Aunt Rebecca had not been at the office, nor at her friend's. She had disappeared.

This was all very dreadful. By this time the news had spread. Mamma and the two eldest had come over. The doctor had dropped in, and a number of neighbours. We sat in the front parlour, and talked of Aunt Rebecca.

"She was quite elderly," said the doctor, "and stout. Probably she has had an attack of apoplexy and been taken to an hospital."

At this mamma began to cry.

"Poor dear!" she said. "I can't bear to think of it. Why didn't you go to the hospital?"

"I'll go at once," said my father.

"There isn't another train to-night," said Mr. Bobbs, from next door. "But I tell you, why not call in Mr. Noggins? He is a city detective. He'll find her, if she's alive anywhere."

Then somebody went for Mr. Noggins, who came at once.

"Had money with her?" he asked.

"Some, I suppose," said I.

"Robbed, of course—maybe gagged and thrown into the river," said Mr. Noggins; "perhaps drugged and locked up somewhere."

"Poor aunty!" said I.

"Look here, young lady," said the detective, "I've a question to ask of you. You were here alone with your aunt yesterday?"

"Yes, sir," said I, amidst my tears.

"Were you on good terms?"

"I—I don't know—not very," I stammered.

"You had a quarrel?" he said.

"A little one," said I.

The detective looked grave.

"What are those at your waist?" he said.

"The house-keys," said I.

"Did your aunt give them to you?" asked he.

"No," said I.

"Give them to me," said he sternly. "Ladies and gentlemen, I have great experience in such matters. I have no doubt we shall find the lady weltering in her blood somewhere on her own premises. Don't allow that young lady to leave the room. My suspicions point toward her. Mr. Bradman, come with me; we must search the house."

Then came a moment in which the neighbours looked at me in horror; and my mother, with a shriek, fell over upon the sofa in a fainting-fit.

They searched the house—my poor father in a state of boiling indignation, the detective cool as a cucumber. They found no gory body under the cellar paving-stones, of course, but in an upper room, whither she had gone for her parasol, and into which I had locked her, they found Aunt Rebecca alive, though half suffocated, and nearly starved.

She said she had been shrieking all the while, and I do not doubt it from her hoarse condition.

Having beaten me with her parasol until she broke it, she exonerated me from an attempt at murder, and ordered me and everybody connected with me out of her house.

No one blamed her for her indignation, and everybody blamed me for my stupidity, of course. I was taken home in ignominy, and two months afterward my Grand-aunt Rebecca solemnised her nuptials with the detective, Mr. Noggins, and our hopes of her fortune came to an end for ever.

A gentleman asked a lady known to be utterly ignorant of languages, "How did you get along when abroad to make yourself understood?"—"Oh, my dear sir," replied she, with quite a French air, "we had an interrupter with us." The same lady having arranged some statues in an adjoining room, requested the same gentleman to "step into the next impartment and see her antics" (antiques).

GUDE MEAT.—The Marquis of Bute one day taking a walk in Auchinleck, Ayrshire, observed a herd boy whistling with great vivacity near the roadside. When he came up to the place he asked the boy if he had had his dinner; the boy answered that he had. "And what did you have?" said the other. "Kail brose," said the young boy. "What is that?" inquired the marquis. "Od mon," said the boy, "ye dinna ken gude meat!"

The *Iuka* (Missouri) *Gazette* has a fighting editor, who writes as follows of some one who had sent him an anonymous threatening letter:—"In reply to the contemptible poltroon who penned it, we would say that we are responsible for every line in the *Gazette*, and on the streets of Iuka seven days in every week, during six of which we are prepared to kick or cowhide any low-born or vulgar vagabond who may feel a desire to insult or injure us."

A Correspondent who used to live close to the residence of the late Tom Moore, sends us the following anecdote:—Once driving home to Chippenham from Devizes, I gave an old lady a lift in the trap; and in conversation I asked her if she had seen much of Tom Moore in her village when he was alive. "Tom Moore, sir?—Tom Moore?" said she. "Oh, I see you mean *Mr.* Moore. Mrs. Moore were a very kind lady, but Mr. Moore used to write all sort of varses (verses) about the moon, and such like things. He were no account!"

Leavenworth claims to be so healthy that when it lately became necessary to "inaugurate" the new graveyard "they had to shoot a man on purpose." On the other hand, a Nebraska man, when asked whether all the Kansas people were fairly honest, said, "Don't know about honest; but they do say as how the folk around take in their stone fences every night." Lawrence, the State capital, which is on the dried-up Kansas River, sneeringly says of all the new towns on the Missouri, that the boats that ply between them are so dangerous that the fare is collected in instalments every five minntes throughout the trip.—*Greater Britain.*

THE HANDSOME SINGER.—A female singer who was in high favour with a German prince was appointed to sing one of Haydn's compositions. At the rehearsal she and the conductor differed as to the time in which it should be sung. It was agreed that the composer should be referred to, when the conductor waited on him, asked if the lady was handsome.—"Very," was the reply, "and a special favourite with the duke."—"Then she is right," said Haydn, with a significant look at the poor disconcerted professor, who, in all probability, had he gained his point, would have lost his place; and this Haydn well knew.

A LONG PRAYER.—Deacon Barnes, of Ohio, a very pious man, was noted for his long prayers, especially in his family. One morning, the deacon and his wife were alone, and as was his usual custom after breakfast, a prayer was offered. There being an unusual amount of work that day the deacon's prayer was short. He seized his hat and milk-pail, and started for the barn. His wife being very deaf, did not notice his absence, but supposed him to be still engaged in prayer. On his return from milking, he was surprised to find her still kneeling. He stepped up to her and shouted "Amen," when she immediately arose and went about her work as if nothing had happened.—*American Paper.*

ENGLISH TOURISTS ABROAD.—Mr. Alfred Michel in his *History of Flemish Painters* narrates a curious incident illustrative of the snobbery of English tourists, which makes foreign guardians of museums close their doors against them. Rubens's house, at Cologne, belongs to a rich merchant, and on the historian presenting himself, the door was opened by the merchant himself. On hearing his visitor's object, he asked, "Where are you from?"—"From Brussels." "You are an Englishman, then?"—"No; I am writing a History of Flemish and Dutch Painters." "Come in then, and welcome, and pardon my cross-questioning. If you knew what scamps these English are; they scrape my walls, tear down the paper, cut pieces off my furniture and curtains, under the pretext of carrying away some relic of the illustrious painter. I have resolved to admit no Englishman in future without very good warrant of his respectability."

A FRENCH MISTAKE.—While Lamartine was at the head of the Provisional Government in France, in 1848, there appeared one day in the official journal the appointment of "Citizen David" to be the Consul at Bremen. A week elapsed, but nobody appeared to claim the necessary papers. Lamartine was applied to for the address of the appointee. After racking his memory in vain, he bethought himself of his memorandum book, on turning to which he suddenly broke out with, "You rascal, you have made a consul of the great Jewish king." Sure enough, the poet had got his poetical memoranda and his business notes mixed together, and had given the name of David instead of that of some person recommended to him. The mistake was rectified, and the next day the announcement then appeared, "Citizen Marchand is appointed Consul of France at Bremen, *vice* David, called to another position."

CONSETT BRANCH.

UP TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	,2,G P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	5·45..	10· 0..	12·30	2·30..	5·35
Scotswood .... „	5·52..	10· 7..	12·37..	2·37..	5·42
Swalwell .... „	5·59..	10·14..	12·43..	2·44..	5.94
Rowland's Gill .... „	6· 9..	10·24..	12·51..	2·54..	5.65
Lintz Green ...... „	6·15..	10·30..	12·59..	3· 0..	6 6
Ebchester .... „	6·28..	10·43..	1· 9..	3·13..	6·18
Shotley Bridge .... „	6·31	.10·49..	1·14..	3·19..	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.			1·20..	3·25..	
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) dep	6·40..	10·65..		4·20..	6·30
Knitsley .... „	6·54..	11· 9..		4·34..	·44
Lanchester .... „	7· 3..	11·18..		4·43	6·53
Witton Gilbert .... „	7.10..	11·27..		4·50..	7·26
Durham ....arr.	7·25..	11.40..		5· 5..	7·15

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS	1,2,G. A.M.	1.2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Durham ....dep.	7·40..		12· 5..	3·20..	7·55
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·55..		12·19..	3·33..	8· 9
Lanchester .... „	8 ·6..		12·30..	3·44..	8·20
Knitsley .... „	8·17..		12·41..	3·55..	8·31
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.				4·5	
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) dep	8·32..	9·15..	12 55..	3·35..	8·43
Shotley Bridge .... „	8·37..	9·20..	1. 0..	3·42..	8·48
Ebchester .... „	8·40..	9·23..	1· 4..	3·44..	8·52
Lintz Green ...... „	8·50..	9·33..	1.14..	3.54..	9. 3
Rowland's Gill .... „	8·55..	9·38..	1·19..	3·59..	9· 8
Swalwell .... „	9· 4..	9·47..	1·28..	4· 5..	9·17
Scotswood .... „	9·10..	9·53..	1·34..	4·16..	9·24
Newcastle ....arr.	9·20..	10· 5..	1·45..	4·30..	9·35

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London."—See Article in *Cassell's Household Guide*

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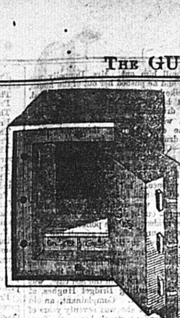
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STARTLING REVELATIONS.

Edward Ross, labourer, was charged before the Lanchester magistrates (E. T. Smith, Henry Smith, and J. Clavering, Esqs)., on Thursday, with stealing a quantity of wearing apparel belonging to Charles McCarley. Prosecutor stated that the prisoner, Edward Ross, had lodged with him for six or seven weeks prior to the robbery. On the 9th of April I went to work at five o'clock in the morning, leaving the prisoner in bed. My wife was up at that time, and prepared my breakfast for me before I left the house. I returned home the same day at half-past four, and found that my wife had absconded. The door was locked and the key had been left at a neighbours house, where I got it. On opening the door and making a search, I missed a pair of cotton sheets, a piece of shirting, a handkerchief, two pieces of red flannel, a dress, and an apron. The whole of the articles are worth about £1. I gave information to Sergeant Morland on the following night. I have no family at home, but have three sons in America. The articles produced are my property.

Prisoner: Did I not give your wife 7s. 4d. to go and get me a piece of stuff to make a shirt?

Prosecutor: No.

Prisoner: Did she not bring a piece of shirting home, and after it had been in the house a fortnight did'nt she take it away to get made?

Prosecutor: No.

Prisoner: Did'nt we all sleep in the same room and did'nt you order her to go away?

Prosecutor: No.

Prisoner: Did we not all three lie in one bed?

Prisoner: No; you and I slept together, and my wife slept on the sofa.

Mary Ann Foy said she resided with her grandmother Margaret Gordon, at Hill Top. On the 19th April prisoner came to our house about six o'clock, and asked for lodgings for himself and wife. There was a female with him at that time. They slept together that night, and went away the following morning.

Prisoner: Did you see the dress the woman put on?

Witness: Yes. It was flounced up.

Prisoner: Was it that one (pointing to a dress)?

Witness: No.

Sergeant Morland, stationed at Dipton, stated that on the 11th April, in consequence of information received, he proceeded to Hugh Arkless' house at Dipton, where he found the prisoner and Mrs. McCarley. I charged prisoner with stealing a quantity of wearing apparel, the property of Chas. McCurley on the 9th April. He replied that he knew nothing about it. I then searched him and found the dress and apron produced. The other things I got from Francis Bluet, on the 16th April.

Francis Bluet, china dealer, Dipton, deposed that on the 9th April the prisoner came into my shop and asked me for the loan of 2s. I told him that I had only 1s. 3d., which I lent to him. He then had a bundle with him, which he put on the counter and said he would call for on the Friday night following. I have known the prisoner a few months. The bundle I subsequently gave to Sergeant Morland.

Elizabeth Arkless deposed that she was housekeeper for her father, Hugh Arkless, at Dipton. On the 10th April, the prisoner and a woman came to her house and stayed all night. The prisoner had a bundle over his shoulder. Sergt. Morland came to our house the following morning and searched the bundle, which contained the articles produced.

Witness, in answer to the prisoner, denied that the latter lay by the fire all night, and that her (witness') father shared his bed with the woman.

This being the whole of the evidence, prisoner was committed to take his trial at the next Durham Sessions. Before being removed, the prisoner told the magistrates that he considered the prosecutor and his wife were as "much in the fault as he was, and that they should have been sent to prison along with him,"

EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE AGAINST AN ENGINE-DRIVER.

At the Shotley Bridge Police Court, on Monday, before Annandale Town, Esq., and R. Wallis, Esq., George Thompson, an engine-driver, residing at Waskerley, was summoned for assaulting Police-constable Best whilst in the execution of his duty at Consett. Mr. Nixon, of Darlington, instructed by the North-Eastern Railway Company, appeared in behalf of Thompson.

Complainant stated that on Friday, the 10th of the present month, he was on duty in Delves Lane. While standing at the level-crossing on the Stockton and Darlington Railway, the defendant came up with his engine, and in passing squirted a quantity of water into his face and upon his clothes.

Mr. Town: Did the defendant see you before he came to the crossing?

The Officer: He was watching me for a considerable time.

Mr. Town: Did Thompson say anything to you after he squirted the water?

The Officer replied that he was "blinded with the water and could not see anything."

Mr. Town: Was the engine going fast or slow at the time?

The Officer: Not very fast.

Mr. Nixon: The tender of the engine was in front?

The Officer: Yes.

Mr. Nixon: Was not the engine-driver busy shunting some waggons?

The Officer: Yes.

Mr. Nixon: It was a very short train at that time, I believe?

The Officer: It only consisted of the engine and tender.

Mr. Nixon: Were there no waggons attached to the engine?

The Officer: No.

Mr. Nixon: Did you see the fireman?

The Officer: He was on the tender.

Mr. Nixon: When the water squirted upon you where were you standing?

The Officer: Near the railway.

Mr. Nixon: Within the rails?

The Officer: Yes; I was talking to the gatekeeper about some business.

Mr. Nixon: The gatekeeper did not object to you passing over the crossing before the engine came up?

The Officer: No.

Mr. Nixon: The gates were shut while you were talking to the gatekeeper?

The Officer: Yes.

Mr. Nixon: Did you complain to the engine-driver at the time the water fell upon you?

The Officer: No; he came past me again in a few minutes, and I then told him that I should summons him.

Mr. Nixon: What time did this occur?

The Officer: Shortly after one o'clock.

Mr. Nixon: While you were speaking to the gatekeeper did you walk a short distance down the railway?

The Officer: No.

Mr. Nixon: How near were you to the engine when it passed?

The Officer: I was standing near the gate post.

Mr. Nixon: The gatekeeper was also splashed by the water?

The Officer: It first fell upon me and then a few drops struck the gatekeeper.

Mr. Nixon: It hit him after it struck you?

The Officer: It splashed off me on to him.

Mr. Nixon: You know that the object of closing the gates is to keep you outside?

The Officer: I was standing out of the way of the engine.

This being the case for the prosecution, Mr. Nixon contended that the police-officer was trespassing when the water went upon him, the space between the gates being the property of the Railway Company while the gates were closed. To prove an assault, a hostile intention should be shown; but in this case he would prove that the defendant was in no way responsible for the water squirting upon the officer. It was customary for engine-drivers, after giving their engines a "feed" of water, to turn on a small tap in order to test the pumps, and it was while doing so that the alleged assault happened.

Mr. Baty, locomotive inspector, Waskerley, was then called, and stated that when turned on the water squirted from the air pipe at each revolution of the wheel of the engine; and it was impossible for the engine-driver to tell to a few feet where the water would fall.

Mr. Town: Can the engine-driver not make the water run from the pipe in a continuous stream?

Mr. Baty: Yes.

Mr. Nixon: If allowed to run in the manner described, would the water squirt out continually or in occasional squirts?

Mr. Baty: It would squirt out at each revolution of the wheel.

Joseph Hall, guard of the train, was next examined. He stated that there were four waggons attached to the engine, the tender being in front. As the engine approached the level-crossing witness called to the policeman to get out of the way of the water, but he appeared to take no notice. As soon as the engine-driver saw that the officer had been struck by the water he turned the tap off.

At this stage of the proceedings, the magistrates said they were of opinion that there had been no intent to assault on the part of the engine-driver, and the case would therefore be dismissed.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT AT WESTWOOD COLLIERY.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. John Graham, coroner, held an inquiry at Westwood Colliery, touching the death of John Malone, a coke filler, who met his death in a shocking manner on Monday afternoon. The accident was of a very peculiar character, and in order to understand the circumstances of the case more fully the jury found it necessary to visit the scene of the accident. It appears that at Westwood Colliery, the property of the Consett Iron Company, a line of rails run parallel with the coke ovens, the former being slightly on an incline. At a spot near the mouth of the pit is erected a temporary crossing, which, when used, is placed across the rails of the other line. When not in use, however, it seems to have been put on one side. On the day in question the deceased went to an oven at the upper portion of the railway for the purpose of filling a truck. The latter appears to have been properly secured by a "chock" being placed before one of the wheels, and also by the brake, which was pinned down. Deceased's orders were to proceed a little further down the line to another oven, and it is conjectured that he had first lifted the lever of the brake into its catch and afterwards removed the chock, which would cause the truck to run amain. Being a stranger to the work, he appears to have been unable to put down the lever of the brake again. His brother, who had only a few minutes previously gone down the line with a coke truck, saw the deceased's truck approaching him at a great speed, and on proceeding in the direction of the crossing he was horrified to find that the waggon had leaped the obstruction and passed over his brother's head. After viewing the body the following evidence was adduced:—

James Malone deposed that he was a labourer, and resided at Westwood Colliery. The deceased, John Malone, who was thirty-three years of age, was his brother. The latter was employed at Westwood Colliery as a coke filler. There was a temporary crossing, composed of wooden battens, at right angles to the rails on the incline, which crossing was usually removed when not in use. On Monday afternoon witness and another man took a couple of waggons down the incline, and on reaching the pit the other man removed the crossing. The deceased was at that time engaged in filling a truck at the high portion of ovens, but shortly afterwards witness saw his truck come down at a quick pace. The crossing had been replaced by some person, and on reaching the pit the waggon jumped over the crossing, and did not stop until it dashed against witness' waggon, which was then standing a few yards below the crossing. Thinking that an accident had befallen his brother, witness went forward and found his body lying on the rails. The head was completely crushed, portions of his brains being attached to the wheel of the truck.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said he believed his brother had been standing on the buffer of the truck, endeavouring to keep down the lever of the brake, when the truck came in contact with the crossing and threw him under the wheel. He would of necessity be standing on the brake or buffer of the truck with his back to the obstruction, and would not therefore be able to see it.

Robert Longstaffe, foreman coke burner at Westwood Colliery, deposed that about half-past two o'clock on Sunday afternoon he walked up the coke filling siding with the deceased. On their way they passed the temporary crossing, mentioned by last witness, which was down at the time and had been since eleven o'clock that morning. Witness and the deceased went to a truck which was standing about 150 yards above the crossing. Deceased lifted the lever of the brake and let the truck run down the incline for a short distance to an oven which witness told him to fill into the truck. Deceased then fastened down the lever of the brake and witness put a chock before one of the wheels. The coke from the first oven was not sufficient to fill the truck, and witness told deceased that he would have to go to another oven a short distance below the pit to fill up. Witness then left him and went to the lower part of the coke ovens. In answer to the Coroner, witness said in coming down the incline the deceased should have had the lever of the brake down and not in the catch, where it was found to be after the accident. Had the lever been pinned down he would have been able to stop the truck before reaching the crossing.

A Juror: Whose duty is it to remove the crossing—the men who use it at the pit, or the men who bring down the waggons?

Witness replied that the crossing was usually removed by any person who happened to be on the spot.

This being the whole of the evidence, the Coroner briefly summed up, after which the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," coupled with a recommendation that the men under Mr. Longstaffe's charge should be properly notified as to the existence of the crossing.

Deceased was a married man, and leaves a widow and five children.

Local Police Courts.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, April 20.—Before A. Town, and R. Wallis, Esqs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

William Benson was charged by P.C. Riddell with drunkenness. The defendant was found near the Blackhill Railway Bridge in a helpless state of drunkenness. This being defendant's first offence, he was let off on paying a fine of 5s. and costs.

Peter McDonald was charged with a similar offence on the 18th inst. Sergt. Parkinson proved the offence, and defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined 5s. and the expenses.

Arthur McDonald, charged by the same officer with drunkenness on the 19th, was fined 5s. and costs, this being his first offence.

Hugh Goggins was charged by P.C. Stoner with having been drunk and disorderly at Consett, on Saturday night. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 10s. and costs.

James Best was summoned by P.C. Farnaby for having been drunk and disorderly at Consett on the 14th December, 1873. The officer intimated to their worships that defendant absconded shortly after the commission of the offence. He was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

Thomas Bradley and a man named Vest, labourers, were charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Blackhill. Sergt. Nattress proved that defendants were drunk and created a disturbance. Fined 10s. and costs each.

Peter Kennedy, a navvy, charged by P.C. Riddell with a similar offence, was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

Charles Sweeney and James Partling, miners, Leadgate, were summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Leadgate. The case was proved by P.C. Firn, and defendants were fined 10s. and costs each.

Peter Matthews, miner, Leadgate, was charged with a similar offence at Leadgate. P.C. Firn proved that defendant was drunk and wanted to fight the landlord of the Black Bull Inn. Defendant having been previously convicted of drunkenness, was fined 15s. and costs.

John Wilson, puddler, Blackhill, was summoned by P.C. Riddell for having been drunk and disorderly at Blackhill on the 5th inst. Defendant, who had been thrice previously convicted, was fined 10s. and costs.

Mary McQuillan and Mary Glancy, married women, Blackhill, were charged by P.C. Riddell with having been drunk and disorderly at Blackhill. The evidence went to prove that defendants were fighting. They were both drunk, and worried each other like dogs.—P.C. Gibbon gave evidence of a similar nature.—They were fined 5s. and costs.

Bridget Owens, married woman, Blackhill, pleaded guilty to a similar offence at Blackhill, and was fined 5s. and costs.

James Graham, ironworker, Consett, was charged by P.C. Farnaby with having been drunk and disorderly at Consett on the 3rd inst. The case was proved, and defendant was fined 10s. and costs. In default he was committed to prison for fourteen days.

Felix O'Neil, ironworker, Consett, charged by Sergt. Parkinson with a similar offence at Consett, was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

Patrick Matthews and Matthew Carroll, ironworkers, Consett, were summoned for a similar offence. Sergt. Parkinson said he found the defendants fighting in William Street, Consett, at one o'clock on Sunday morning.—Fined 10s. and costs each.

Joseph Smith, labourer, Stanifordam, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Stanifordam.—Fined 5s. and costs.

John Humphrey, labourer, Blackhill, pleaded guilty to a similar offence at Blackhill, on the 11th inst., and was fined 10s. and costs.

William Ward, labourer, Blackhill, was charged by P.C. Riddell with a similar offence. The case was proved, and defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

Andrew Donnelley, labourer, Blackhill, pleaded guilty to a similar offence at Blackhill, and was fined 10s. and costs.

Mary Donnelly, wife of the above, was summoned for a similar offence. Considering that defendant had been fined twice previously that day, the case against her was dismissed.

William Doyle, labourer, Blackhill, was fined 10s. and costs for a similar offence at Blackhill.

George Rogers, ironworker, Consett, charged by Sergt. Parkinson with a similar offence at Consett, was fined 5s. and costs.

Bridget Clark, married woman, Blackhill, summoned by the same officer for a similar offence, was fined 5s. and costs.

James O'Brian, labourer, Blackhill, was fined 10s. and costs for a similar offence at Blackhill.

Sarah Watts, married woman, Consett, charged by Sergt. Parkinson with a similar offence at Consett, was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

Patrick Sweeney, puddler, Consett, was summoned by P.C. Stoner for having been drunk and disorderly at Consett. The officer said shortly after eleven o'clock at night, defendant was put out of a public-house in Medomsley Road. He threatened to break a "fiddle" over the publican's head and when witness interfered he said he would serve him with the same sauce.—Fined 5s. and costs.

John Maughan, mason, and John Pooley, labourer, both of Castleside, were charged by P.C. Gibbs with having been drunk and disorderly at Castleside.—Fined 5s. and costs each.

Robert Brownlee, labourer, Castleside, charged with a similar offence at the same place, was also fined 5s. and costs.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A WIFE.

James Johnstone, labourer, Blackfine, was summoned for assaulting Elizabeth E. Johnstone, his wife, on the 6th inst. Complainant stated she wished the case to be compromised, as she did not wish to throw herself and children on the parish.—The case was then dismissed.

ASSAULTS AT BLACKHILL.

James Draffen, labourer, Blackhill, was summoned for assaulting Mary Ann Hughes, married woman, at Blackhill, on the 6th inst. Complainant stated that on the night of the day in question the defendant came to her door, began to abuse her mother, pulled her off the step, and struck her on the side of the head.—A witness named Smith gave corroborative evidence.—In defence, defendant stated that the complainant began to abuse him about some family affairs. She tried to pull his hair, and in putting up his hand to keep her off, he struck her in the manner described.—He was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

Sarah Sheenan, married woman, Blackhill, was charged by Catherine Hughes, with an assault. Complainant stated on the 5th April she was standing at her own door at Blackhill, when the defendant came up, began to abuse her, and finally struck her on the face.—Ellen McGoggon, a girl, stated that she saw defendant strike Mrs. Hughes on the "jaw." —Defendant, in defence, said she was passing complainant's door, when the latter came out, said she would spend £5 over her, and afterwards gave her a blow.—The Chairman: How did the disturbance begin?—Defendant: She borrowed some money of me, and I sent into her house for it. She was "vexed" in consequence, and came into my house the same afternoon and laid down the money without speaking.—The Chairman: Did the disturbance occur after that?—Defendant: Yes.—Defendant called two witnesses in defence, from which it appeared that complainant had been the aggressor. The magistrates dismissed the case.

James and Catherine Hughes, of Blackhill, were charged with assaulting Mary Donnelly, at Blackhill. Dr. Carr, Welsingham, prosecuted. In stating the facts of the case, Dr. Carr said complainant was passing defendant's door when she was struck by the female defendant with a hatchet. The male defendant, in the most cowardly manner, then came out and gave her a blow with a life-preserver. Complainant was then called, and said the defendants lived four doors from her. On Saturday night she was going to a neighbour's house and in passing the defendant's door, Mrs. Hughes came out and began to abuse her, and while doing so she took a weapon from behind her and struck her on the forehead. The husband then came out and struck her with a weapon.—A young woman named Ann Duffy, residing at Consett, said she was at Blackhill on the night in question. She saw the male defendant strike Mrs. Donnelly on the breast with a weapon resembling a morgan rattler. Mrs. Hughes then struck her on the head with a large hedge-knife.—Hughes: Did you not assist Mrs. Donnelly?—Witness: No.—Mary McGee, a girl, stated that she saw Mary Donnelly in the act of passing Catherine Hughes' door, when Mrs. Hughes struck her on the head with a hatchet. She also observed Hughes strike Mrs. Donnelly with a weapon which appeared to witness like a morgan rattler.—This being Dr. Carr's case, Hughes, in defence, said on the night in question a number of persons came to his house and threatened to pull him out. Mrs. Donnelly was amongst them, and he pushed her out of the house, but did not strike her. Sergt. Nattress was called, and stated that he saw a number of persons, in a beastly state of drunkenness, attempting to get into Hughes' house, while Hughes and his wife were standing at the door keeping them out. Mrs. Donnelly was drunk and was trying to get into Hughes' house.—Cross-examined by Dr. Carr: Witness could not say that the neighbours had became disgusted at the conduct of the defendants, and were trying to wreck their house.—P.C. Riddell gave corroborative evidence. In cross-examination by Dr. Carr, the officer said he saw Mrs. Donnelly at Hughes' door. She was drunk and was bleeding, having just been put out of defendant's house.—Dr. Carr said it was evident that the policemen did not come upon the scene until after tht assault had been committed.—In answer to the bench, the officers said they went to Hughes' house at the commencement of the disturbance.—The magistrates, after consulting, said they had agreed to dismiss the case.

Mary Donnelly, complainant in the last case, was then charged with assaulting Bridget Hughes, at Blackhill, on the 11th inst. Complainant, an old woman, who stated that she was seventy years of age, stated that defendant struck her on the forehead with a weapon.—Dr. Carr, who appeared for the defence, called a young woman named McGee, who said that complainant was on the point of rushing out to assault defendant, when her son-in-law pulled her back. She did not see defendant strike complainant.—The magistrates considered the case proved, and fined defendant 5s. and costs.

BREAKING A WOMAN'S ARM.

Patrick Murray, labourer, Blackhill, was charged with assaulting Eliza Murphy, at Blackhill. Dr. Carr, defended. Complainant stated that the defendant came to her house drunk, said he "would wash his hands in her son's blood," knocked her down, and broke her arm. Cross-examined by Dr. Carr: Her son Samuel was in the house at the time reading the papers. Her son was not a fighting man. When defendant went to her house, witness told him that her son wanted nothing with him. Her door was propped open with a large post, but she did not attempt to strike defendant with it.—Complainant's son was called, and stated that he saw defendant throw his mother down.—In cross-examination by Dr. Carr, witness denied that he gave a bottle of whisky to defendant's wife, while Murray was at Newcastle.—In defence, Dr. Carr said on the Wednesday previous to the alleged assault, defendant had been told by complainant that her son Samuel had been drinking whisky at his (defendant's) house with his wife, and he had gone to complainant's house to demand an explanation. Dr. Carr then called a young woman, daughter of defendant, who stated that her father came home and charged her mother with drinking whisky with Samuel Murphy. Her father went to Mrs. Murphy's house to demand an explanation, and she saw complainant attempt to strike him with a pole. Her father tried to get the pole from her, and she fell on her arm.—In answer to the bench, witness said her father was not sober at the time.—The magistrates considered the case proved, and inflicted a fine of 5s. and costs.

THREATENING LANGUAGE.

Frank Duffy, a youth, was charged with using threatening language towards James Hughes, at Blackhill.—Defendant said he wished to have the case adjourned. He had only came out of prison on Saturday, and had not had time to get witnesses in his defence.—The magistrates said they would first hear the evidence.—Complainant was then sworn, and stated that defendant went to his house and wanted him to fight. On Saturday night he again went to witness' house, and threatened to take his life.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace.

OBSTRUCTING THE FOOTPATH AT BLACKHILL.

Hugh Gaffney, Michael Kane, Owen Mullen, Henry McCluskey, and Henry Horson, ironworkers, Blackhill, were charged with obstructing the footpath. Dr. Carr defended. P.C. Riddell deposed that on the 14th inst., he found the defendants standing on the footpath in Durham Road, Blackhill.—In cross-examination by Dr. Carr, the officer said it was the first time that he had brought any person up for obstructing the footpath. Sergt. Nattress had previously cautioned the men. Witness did not see any person have occasion to leave the footpath. Dr. Carr submitted that an obstruction had not been proved.—The magistrates, after consultation, discharged the defendants with a warning.

WILFUL DAMAGE TO A FIELD.

Terrance McCabe and John Thwaites, miners, Leadgate, were summoned for wilful damage to a field in the occupation of John Jobling, farmer, Leadgate.—Fined 6d., the damage 1d., and costs.

THURSDAY, April 23rd.—Before E. T. Smith, Henry Smith, and John Clavering, Esqs.

GAME TRESPASS NEAR LANCHESTER.

Ralph Cowell, John Bell, and George Blough, miners, Burnhope, were summoned for game trespass on land belonging to John Fawcett, Esq. Mr. Geo. Parker, Lanchester, stated that on Tuesday, the 14th inst., he was in a field near Manor House, and observed a hare, followed by a dog, come out of a wood. On going through the hedge he found three men, the defendants, at a set of rabbit holes. He subsequently found a couple of nets.—Defendants were ordered to pay a fine of 40s. and costs each.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY AT CATCHGATE.

Thomas Herdman was charged by P.C. Reay with having been drunk and disorderly at Catchgate. —Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 5s. and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS AT OXHILL.

Thomas Embleton, Michael Cormack, John Cormack, Thomas White, George Coxon, Francis Hardy, and Francis Halliday, miner, were severally summoned for playing at pitch and toss. P.C. Reay proved that on Friday night the defendants were playing at pitch and toss on the road at Oxhill. Defendants pleaded guilty, and were fined 10s. and costs. Embleton, who did not appear, was ordered to pay a fine of 20s. and costs.

TRESPASS NEAR WEST KYO.

Samuel Thomas, John Gregor, and Wm. Gregor, boys, were charged by P.C. Reay with having damaged a grass field in the occupation of Robert Thompson, near West Kyo.—Fined 1s., the damage, and costs, 9s. 3d. each.

"SCHOOLING" NEAR HOBSON COLLIERY.

Thomas Collins, Patrick Morrow, Matthew Gates, John Elliott, John Blacklock, Robert Fenwick, Jas. Teesdale, and Matthew Hunter, miners, Lintz Colliery, were charged with playing at pitch and toss near the Hobson Colliery. Collins and Morrow did not appear. P.C. Thompson proved the case. Collins and Morrow were fined 20s., and the other defendants 10s. and costs.

GAME TRESPASS NEAR CORNSAY.

Nicholas Assalborourgh, pitman, Cornsay, was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on land belonging to T. Greenwell, Esq., near Cornsay.—Defendant did not appear, and he was fined 40s. and costs.

ALLEGED THEFT OF GROCERIES AT BLACKHILL.

Ann Crossing, married woman, Blackhill, was charged with stealing a quantity of groceries, the property of John Johnson, at Blackhill.

John Johnson deposed that on the 18th of this month he bought a quantity of groceries, which he took into his house about nine o'clock at night. He went out again, in order to make further purchases, leaving his son in the house. He returned in about twenty minutes, when he missed the goods now produced. I then gave information to the police, with whom I went to the prisoner's lodgings, where we found the groceries produced by P.C. Riddell. They are the same that I missed. I had bought them of Mr. George Reed, grocer, Derwent Street, Blackhill.

The Clerk: When you left the house to make further purchases did you leave the prisoner in the house?

Prosecutor: No; I met her on the street, and asked her to go to my house and look after it.

The Clerk: Was she your housekeeper?

Prosecutor: No.

The Clerk: Are you married?

Prosecutor: Yes.

The Clerk: Does your wife live with you?

Prosecutor: No; she is dead.

The Clerk: Had the prisoner previously been in your house?

Prosecutor: Yes; she occasionally cleans for me.

The Clerk: What did you want with a woman to mind your house when your own son was in?

Prosecutor: The lad is only twelve years of age. When I went out he was awake, but when I came back he had fallen asleep. I asked him if there had been any person in the house and he said no.

P.C. Riddell deposed that he proceeded to the prisoner's lodgings about a quarter past eleven and found the parcel produced. The prisoner was then lying on the floor drunk. The groceries produced were lying on the floor, and on pointing to them the pursuer's landlady informed witness that the prisoner had brought them in a short time before.

Prisoner informed the bench that she took the groceries to her own house for protection.—The magistrates thought that the prosecutor's son and the prisoner's landlady should be called to give evidence, and on being informed that these witnesses were not present they decided to adjourn the case for a week.

A FAMILY QUARREL.

Margaret Batey, married woman, residing at Burnopfield, was charged with assaulting Jane Batey, her sister-in-law, at Burnopfield, on the 8th inst. Dr. Carr, of Wolsingham, appeared for complainant, and Mr. Granger for the defendant. The evidence went to show that the parties quarrelled about some clothes that had been lent to complainant by defendant.—The assault was proved, and defendant was fined 20s. and costs.

STEALING MONEY FROM A PUBLIC HOUSE AT DIPTON.

William Ritson, labourer, was charged with stealing an ornament containing 10s. 4d., the property of John Oates, publican, Dipton, The ornament in question appears to have been a money-box, and belonged to one of the prosecutor's children. On Tuesday last he entered the tap-room, where the box was, and shortly after his departure he was seen to break the box and abstract some money. The fragments of the box were picked up by a man, who went into prosecutor's house and on showing them to Mrs. Oates the latter at once recognised them as having formed part of the money-box. Prisoner was shortly afterwards apprehended.—He was now sent to prisoner for two months with hard labour.

DISPUTE ABOUT THE RIGHT TO USE A QUARRY.

Matthew Robson, of Iveston, was summoned for assaulting Thomas Bowman, in the township of Iveston. Complainant stated that he was working at Woodside Free Quarry, when the defendant came up and said that the stone which complainant was working belonged to him. Witness told him that he had been at the trouble of "barring" it, and that it therefore belonged to witness. The defendant then uttered an oath, after which he knocked him down and kicked him.—In cross-examination by the defendant, complainant said he had been acquainted with the quarry for about seven months.—In defence, defendant said he had worked the stone in the quarry for a period of twenty years, and had a number of stones ready "barred" in it, one of which was that taken by complainant.—The magistrates were of opinion than an assault had been proved, and imposed a fine of 10s. and costs.

A ROW AT SOUTH MOOR.

Ann Sherman was charged with assaulting Hannah Shield at South Moor, just after midnight on Saturday morning last. Mr. Granger appeared for the complainant, who stated that at the time in question she was passing the defendant's house when defendant came out and struck her on the leg with a stone. Witness remonstrated with her, when she said "That b——s has nearly killed me and my laddies to-night," and on Mrs. Shield retorting "You should not strike us for that," Mrs. Sherman knocked complainant down with a stick, and struck her several times while she was on the ground.—The husband of the complainant, Wilkinson Shield, was charged with an assault on William Sherman, son of the last defendant, while John Heslop and Jonathan Waugh were charged with assaulting Ann Sherman, and these cases formed an answer to the first case. From the evidence it appeared that a row had occurred in the neighbourhood of Sherman's house, and it was alleged that Wilkinson Shield had thrown a bottle into Mrs. Sherman's house, striking her son William Sherman on the nose, which still bore sticking-plaster over the wounds inflicted, while the other defendants assaulted Mrs. Sherman, and one of the party threw in a piece of metal, part of the tier of a waggon wheel, which struck Mrs. Sherman on the arm, and disabled her up to the present time. Eventually Mrs. Sherman was fined 10s. and costs, and the remainder of the cases were dismissed.

"RUNNING A MUCK" AT LEADGATE.

Felix Trodden was charged with assaulting Robt. Tait and Henry Palmer, at Leadgate, on the 7th of March. The first named complainant said about ten minutes past eleven o'clock on the night in question, he was standing at his door when the defendant came up and struck him a heavy blow between the eyes, blocking both of them. Ten minutes later, as Henry Palmer was proceeding up Leadgate, the defendant came up with two other young men, and exclaimed "Here's one of the b——." Complainant denied he was the man wanted, but they assaulted him severely. P.C. Firn got hold of one of the men, who assaulted him as he was proceeding to the police station; and was afterwards sentenced to six months hard labour. The prisoner absconded and was only apprehended during the past week. He had no defence to make and he was ordered to pay a fine of 30s. and costs for each offence, or to undergo two months' hard labour in default.

AN IRISH ROW AT BLACKHILL.

Hugh O'Neil was charged with assaulting Patrick McCabe at Blackhill, on the 5th of April. It appeared that the complainant was standing at the door of his house on the night in question, when he was attacked by the defendant, and a number of other men, who kicked and struck in a most brutal manner. He was found guilty, and was fined 40s. and costs, or two months' hard labour in default.

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At 2, Gibson Street, on the 20th inst., aged 14 years, John Thomas Rutherford.

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