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LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions.

WEDNESDAY, August 15th.—Before Mr. H. W. Kerrich-Walker.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness and fines imposed:—G. Richardson, 7/6 and costs; Jane Heslop, C. Kirkup, 5/- and costs; R. Shield, 5/- and costs; E. Hall, 2/6 and costs; Wm. Barron, 5/- and costs; Hy. Kelly, 10/- and costs; T. Rutherford, 2/6 and costs; Eliz. Rutherford, 2/6 and costs; Geo. Archer, 2/6 and costs; Jane Cummings, 5/- and costs; Hy Wardle, 5/- and costs; Guy Bewick, 2/6 and costs; Chas. Waugh, 2/6 and costs; Hy. Stones, 7/6 and costs; W. Colledge, 5/- and costs; Geo. Pearson, 5/- and costs; Sam Jones, 2/6 and costs; Wm. Watson, 2/6 and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Herbert Duffy was summoned by the Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society for having done damage to hay on July 31st, at Pelton, to the amount of 1/-.—Defendant was ordered to pay the costs.

Chas. Perkins and Co., Chester-le-Street, summoned John Hall, John Geo. Mole, Wm. Hopper, John Johnson, and Thos. Redshaw for having committed a similar offence at Ouston on July 29th, to the amount of 3/-—Defendants were ordered to pay 2/6 and costs, and the damage, the two latter defendants being fined 2/6 and costs, and 6d damage.

Septimus Kirkup, West Lamesley, summoned Nicholas Rutherford and Lewis Cribbon for having done damage to tares on July 26th.—The damage was assessed at 3d each.—The defendants were fined 2/6 and costs, and the damage.

Chris. Groves, of Chester-le-Street, summoned Geo. Proctor for having done wilful damage to railings at Grange Terrace, on August 3rd.—Complainant said the damage was 1/-. He had suffered very much.—P.C. Parkinson said he saw the defendant break the railings.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Sergt. Winn, Pelton Fell, charged Jacob Wetherley and Richard Bell with having committed a breach of the peace by fighting on July 28th.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace.

PITCH AND TOSS.

P.C. Parkinson, of Pelton, summoned Fred Collins, Robt. Jacques, and Patk. Carr for having played at pitch and toss at Twizell, on August 4th.—Defendants were fined 2/6 and costs.

Sergt. Harkess, of Chester-le-Street, summoned Ed. Graham, Chas. Coates, Wm. Hole, Wm. Warburton, and Vincent McGurk for having played at pitch and toss at Chester-le-Street, on August 5th.—Defendants were all fined 2/6 and costs but Warburton, who was fined 5/- and costs.

Sergt. Harkess also summoned Thos. Burleson, Thos. Turnbull, Jos. Hawkins, Hy. Dawson, and Jas. Mitchell for having played at pitch and toss at Chester-le-Street on August 5th.—The officer said he saw the whole of the defendants playing pitch and toss, and saw the money pass. He watched them for about half-an-hour, and then went and took their names.—P.C. Parkinson (589) corroborated.—Defendants were fined 2/6 and costs.

GAMING WITH CARDS.

P.C. Parkinson, of Chester-le-Street, summoned John Thompson and Geo. Coulson for having gamed with cards at Chester-le-Street, on August 5th, on the "Greens."—The officer stated that while on duty in plain clothes he saw defendants playing "banker" and passing money.—Coulson was fined 5/- and costs, and the others 2/6 and costs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

P.C. Bridges, of Chester-le-Street, summoned John Clark and Michael Feeney for having been drunk and disorderly.—The case was reduced to a case of simple drunkenness, and defendants were fined 2/6 and costs.

NO LIGHTS.

P.C. Bowes, of Pelton, summoned John Wood for having ridden a bicycle without a light on August 5th.—The officer said the defendant ran into another man and threw him off his machine.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Sergt. Harkess, of Chester-le-Street, summoned John Wm. Sharp for having left his horse and cart on the highway for half-an-hour, on July 25th.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

ASSAULT CASES.

Eliz. Lappin summoned Jane Aynsley, of Birtley, for having assaulted her at Birtley on July 26th.—Mr. F. Harle, Chester-le-Street, represented complainant, and said his client was deputy-landlady, and went to Mrs. Aynsley's house to warn her about her arrears of rent, when Mrs. Aynsley pushed her violently, and sent her flying down two steps, and hurt herself on the hard cement.—Mrs. Lappin corroborated Mr. Harle's statement, and Mrs. Aynsley denied ever having struck or pushed complainant.—Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 2/6 and costs.

Jane Goodfellow summoned Annie Goodfellow for having assaulted her at Birtley, on July 27th.—Defendant pleaded guilty in self-defence.—Complainant said defendant would have killed her if she had remained in the house. She struck her with the key and trailed her across the floor.—Sergt Grey said complainant sent for him, and he saw the complainant, who had a black eye.—Defendant said complainant threw three glasses at her.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs.

USING THREATS.

Martha Clark, a married woman, of Chester-le-Street, summoned Jane Ann Dobson for having used threatening language to her on July 25th. Mr. F. Harle, Chester-le-Street, defended.—Complainant said she was afraid of her life, and dare not leave her own house.—Mr. Harle, in defence, said Mrs. Clark was always making mischief with her neighbours and made a statement about her daughter, which hurt her very much. Defendant asked complainant what she meant by making such a statement, and complainant, instead of answering her question, called her a bad name and ran into the house. Defendant again saw complainant in the back-lane, and Mrs. Clark went into the house, and her husband went out and made various threats to defendant, but beyond some high words over the alleged statement Mrs. Dobson never used any threats.—Mrs. Middlemas, a neighbour, said she heard Mrs. Dobson accuse Mrs. Clark of having said something about her daughter, but Mrs. Dobson never used any threats to her; she was a quiet neighbour.—Mr. Walker said it was a pity neighbours could not live peaceably together, and as there was not sufficient evidence to prove the case, it would be dismissed.

AN ABSENTEE FROM THE DURHAM MILITIA.

P.C. Bridges, of Chester-le-Street, charged John Conlon with having been an absentee from the 3rd Durham Militia without leave.—On being asked by Mr. Walker why he had not reported himself, defendant said he had a few shillings with which he "got on the beer," and neglected to report himself to headquarters.—He was remanded to await an escort.

SCARCITY OF MAGISTRATES.

Owing to the great scarcity of magistrates a number of cases were adjourned for a fortnight, and those which were heard on Wednesday were tried by consent.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, August 16th.—Before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny (presiding), Mr. W. Logan, Mr. W. Aynsley, Dr. Wilson, and Mr. W. Holmes.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases of drunkenness were dealt with:—Wm Jennings 1/-, John Dunnigan 1/-, John Golightly 2/6, Edward Price 2/6, James Lyons 2/6, Thomas Biddell 5/-, Llewellyn Jones 5/-, Edward Jones 2/6, John Mason 2/6, James Mason 5/-, George Gray 5/-, James Lightfoot 2/6, John Hodgson 2/6, John Cutter 2/6, James McGee 5/-, John Thompson 5/-, Matthew Tinion 5/-, Edward Liddle 2/6, and Annie Smith 2/6, and costs in each case.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Wm. McGowan and James Crennell were convicted on the evidence of P.C. Hildreth of playing at pitch and toss on July 29th, and were each fined 2/6 and costs.

MINING OFFENCES.

George Armin and Patrick Benson were charged with a breach of the Mines Regulation Act on July 27th, by fighting at the Hedley Pit, Stanley.—Mr. Oliver, Durham, prosecuted, and said rule 121 stated that no fighting was to be allowed in or about the mine. The defendants were seen fighting on the pit heap on the day named.—The back overman said he saw the men fighting, Armin having his coat off. It was not only against the rules, but it was dangerous.—They were each fined 2/6 and costs, and bound over to keep the peace.

John Donnelly, whose mother appeared for him, was charged with contravening the special rules of the Morrison pit, Annfield Plain, by drawing more tubs than the rules permitted.—Mr. Parkinson, under manager, said on July 31st defendant was drawing three tubs, whereas he was only permitted to draw two. They had had two ponies killed by offences of the kind.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was inflicted.

BETTING PROSECUTION.

Thomas Elliott, bookmaker, Annfield Plain, was charged with frequenting the streets for the purpose of bookmaking, contrary to the County Bye-law.—Sergt. Macdonald said that at 1.25 p.m. on the 25th of July, in company with P.C. Pemberton, he went through the Railway Hotel premises, and from the back door he saw defendant take a bet in the back street. Witness said to him, "Now, Elliott, you are bookmaking again in the street." He said, "Yes, but I am not on licensed premises."—P.C. Pemberton said he saw Elliott standing in the back street and taking a bet from a man. Witness went towards him and he went through the public-house. He again saw Elliott in the back street making a bet.—Supt. Benzies said defendant was fined £5 and costs for betting on July 5th.—The Bench again fined him £5 and costs.

PUBLICANS AND CYCLISTS.

Several license holders applied for transfers and confirmation of transfers, among the latter being Alfred Taylor, tenant of the King's Head Hotel, Lanchester, the property of Messrs Deuchar.

Supt. Benzies said the King's Head used to be a popular house for cyclists. There was an objection to the present occupants in that they would not supply refreshments to cyclists.

Mr Geddes, representative of Messrs Deuchar, said they had always provided except on one occasion. It had already cost them £100 to cater, and it was their wish to do so. On the one occasion referred to they did not ask for refreshments in a proper manner.

Supt. Benzies said when these houses got into the hands of the brewers, all they thought of was the selling of drink. As a rule they would not go in for providing.

Mr. Geddes said the house was laid out for the purpose of catering.

Mr. Logan: If it is laid out and you don't do it what is the use?

Mr. Geddes said he had a bill for a dinner provided by arrangement, and the company never came to the place.

Mr. Logan said that was not the question.

Mr. Taylor said when the party was refused it happened in his absence. It was done by the barman, who had only been in the trade about three weeks. As soon as he heard of it he told the barman he had done wrong.

The Chairman: You must take care it does not happen again.

Mr. Logan hoped that an expression from the Bench would remedy the matter. There was a very strong expression from the Bench he remembered, about three years ago.

Supt. Benzies said there were a lot of publicans present and he hoped they would all understand the expression applied to them as well.

RAILWAY TRESPASS.

Septimus Chisholm, Stanley, was charged with having trespassed on the Pontop branch of the North-Eastern Railway on July 24th.—Inspector Rollinson, N.E.R., prosecuted, and called P.C. Whitfield, N.E.R., who said he saw defendant walking on the railway at Stanley level. He stopped him, and asked him if he was not aware he was trespassing. He replied that he was, but said witness was a county policeman and was trespassing himself. Witness told him to get off, and defendant replied that he would please himself where he got off. An accident had previously happened on the same line.—A fine of 1/- and costs was imposed.—Inspector Rollinson said the local police had authority to report all cases of trespass on the line.

POACHER HEAVILY FINED.

Bernard McClusky was charged with having been associated with Simeon Jackson, who was convicted at Consett Petty Sessions of night poaching at Harperley Hall, on land in the occupation of Mr. J. Ramsay. McClusky was further charged with having assaulted Wm. Wharton, gamekeeper, on the 5th August.

Wm. Wharton said he was looking round the grounds at about one o'clock in the morning and was accompanied by P.C. Hildreth. He saw two men, one of them being McClusky whom witness went after, and Hildreth went after the other. He got hold of McClusky who began to kick and bite. He bit witness on the hand and kicked him on the leg, and then got away.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. M. Aynsley, who appeared for the defence, witness said it was about one o'clock when the affair took place. He would swear it was after 12.30. There were three men there altogether, but the third got away without being recognised. They were putting a long net on. He was certain defendant was the man he got hold of. He kept defendant's cap and tie. He would swear that the cap and tie he got were worn by the man who bit him.

P.C. Hildreth gave corroborative evidence, and produced the cap and tie, which, he said, were found at the place. He would swear that defendant was the man he handed over to the keeper.

P.C. Dobinson also gave evidence, after which

Mr. Aynsley said his instructions were that the defendant was not there on the night in question. The keeper had told them that it took place after half-past twelve and he would prove that the defendant was never out of the house after a quarter past twelve. He would also prove that the owner of the cap and tie was not the defendant.

John McCluskey, Hill Top, Dipton, said he was in the house when the defendant came in at a quarter past twelve o'clock, and after that hour he was never out again that night.

Simeon Jackson said he was convicted at Consett for poaching. The defendant McClusky was not with him, and was not there at all. He knew the cap and handkerchief produced and they did not belong to the defendant. The man who bit the keeper was Charles McCue, who was a heavier man than defendant. He left McClusky.

The keeper re-called, said he knew McCue very well. It was not McCue who bit him. It was defendant.

P.C. Hildreth said he had no doubt of McCluskey's identity.

The Bench ordered defendant to pay £3 and costs for the assault, and £2 and costs for poaching.

FALSE PRETENCES BY PLASTERERS.

James Cameron and Patrick Feenan, plasterers, were charged with having obtained the sum of 5/8 from Richard Whittington on the 1st of August. Mr. Oliver, Durham, prosecuted and said his client was a master plasterer, and had a sub-contract at White-le-Head. The defendants were sent to work and on the representation that they had worked a certain time they were given the money.

Richard Whittington said he resided at Stanley, and that he had the contract of plastering two houses, which Mr. Joseph Dunn was building at White-le-Head. On Wednesday, the 1st of August, the defendants came to his house and asked him to "sub" them their money. He asked them how long they had worked, and they replied "four hours: we started at dinner time." He then paid Cameron 3/4 and Feenay 2/4, and they went away. From something told him the following day he went and examined the houses, and found no more work had been done than was done on the 31st July. On the 6th he went to Consett and took out a warrant against the two men.

Joseph Dunn said he was a builder, and resided at Hare Law, Annfield Plain. On Wednesday, the 1st of August, he was at some new houses he was building at White-le-Head. About 11 a.m., the two prisoners came on the job and asked what time it was. He replied five to eleven. They then said they would start work at eleven a.m. They put their coats off, and witness went to another house that he was rebuilding. About a quarter of an hour after he went on to the main road near the Waggon Inn, where he saw the two prisoners. They came to him and asked him for a shilling. He refused to give them one. The same day, before prisoners came on the job, he examined the houses inside to see what plastering there had been done, and on the following morning he examined the place again, and found that no more work had been done. He then let Mr. Whittington know of it.

P.C. Ayre said he received a warrant to execute on the two prisoners, charging them with obtaining the sum of 5/8 by false pretences from Richard Whittington. About 3.15 p.m. the same day he apprehended the prisoner, Feenay, in the Commercial Hotel, Stanley, and brought him to Stanley Police Station. At five p.m. the same day he proceeded to Consett, and from a description he had received from the prosecutor he apprehended the prisoner Cameron at 8.30 p.m. in the Bee Hive Hotel. He brought him to Stanley Police Station and read the warrant over to the prisoners jointly. In reply, Feenay said, "Yes, we worked about half-an-hour and knocked off, and we told him we had worked four hours, because if we had not we might have had to sleep out." Cameron replied "Yes, that's it."

Feenay now said they did not think they were doing any harm in going to get a sub. It was a common occurrence. They did not do it with any wilful intention to defraud. Prosecutor did not give them the chance to work it out, and said "I won't have any more to do with you; you get too much drink." Defendant added that they were willing to work it out yet.

The Bench ordered them each to pay 20/- and costs, or, as an alternative, 14 days imprisonment.

CLUB LIFE AT DIPTON.

Edward Lakey, James Rourke, Edward Rourke, and Edward Lamb were charged with the larceny of six pint bottles of stout valued at 2/-, from the "Ewehurst Head Constitutional Club," Flint Hill, Dipton on the 12th of August. Mr. J. M. Aynsley defended.

Wm. Southern said he was a timber merchant at Flint Hill, Dipton, and was proprietor and manager of the club. At about a quarter past ten o'clock on Sunday night August 12th, he secured the doors of the Club. He went back about six o'clock next morning, and found a partition between the sawmill and the Club had been broken down, and that half-a-dozen bottles of stout had been taken. They were the property of the Club, of which he was steward. The committee had the dealing with it, but the whole of the members had shares. The property was vested in the committee. Witness was a member and proprietor. He might say that he did not wish to press the case, as he had known the young fellows for many years.

Mr. Aynsley: You secured this place about a quarter past ten on Sunday night?—Yes.

How?—I locked the doors.

Have you the key?—No.

Where is the key now?—I can tell you where it is. Why do you ask such a question?

Where is it?—It is at Miss Charlton's.

Who is Miss Charlton?—You had better go and see.

Who is she?—She is a most respectable lady.

Do you know this key (produced) is the key of your club?—No.

Are you quite sure you turned the key in the door that night?—Yes, quite certain.

Were you sober?—Certainly, as sober as I am now.

It is a wooden erection, and have you carried on a timber trade in this particular building?—Not at all.

What is it?—It is a joiner's shop.

Very well; and for the purposes of this Club did you not divide the whole place into two by putting a half-inch deal across?—Not at all.

Is it in two parts now?—It was when it was built.

At the side is there a door leading from the back part into the front?—Yes.

How long has this club been in existence?—For about three weeks.

What does it consist of?—Of members and gentlemen.

How many members are there?—About 265.

Have you a Committee?—Yes.

How many members of the Committee are there?—Thirteen.

Who purchases the liquor for the Club?—The Steward, by all means.

You order it from the brewers?—Yes.

And do you pay for it?—The Committee does so.

Do you hand over the receipts to the Committee?—Most certainly so.

Do you remember a week past Monday night having a meeting at this Club?—Yes.

Did you at that meeting, or previous to the meting let the Club to a man named McKinley?—Not at all.

Was he for some days behind the bar serving?—No, he was not.

Did he go for some time?—No, only for one day.

Why for one day?—Because of his idea of taking possession of the Club subject to the approval of the members.

What at?—£40 a year.

And for that purpose he had the key of the Club?—For one day only.

During that day were any members in the Club?—None whatever, the place was locked up.

Was any drink sold?—How could there be when it was locked up?

The Clerk: Did you keep any record of drinks?—No.

Mr. Aynsley: There is a door across the end of this Club?—Yes.

Are there any chairs in the Club?—There is one.

One chair; where do the people sit?—Well, what is the good of asking a question like that. The seats are round the room.

Are there any tables in the Club?—No.

What time do you keep open to?—That is a matter of indifference to you. (Laughter.)

I ask the question.—Ten o'clock on Sundays and eleven during the week, the same as the public houses.

At the meeting of the members a week past Monday night did you tell them that if any of them wanted a drink and nobody was there, they knew how they could get it?—No by any means.

Were you sober on that night?—Most certainly so.

Have you ever broken into this Club yourself?—I had no call when I had the key.

A week past Monday night did you not smash into it?—Most certainly not.

Have you any printed rules?—Yes.

Have you a copy here?—I have not.

How often does you Committee meet?—When there is a notice put up.

Are the defendants members of the Club?—No.

Were they members of the Club at the time of this meeting a week past Monday night?—No.

Have you a register of members?—Yes.

Are their names down?—Yes, down in the book and paid for.

You say they are not members?—They are not.

Are their names down?—Those who are members are down, but defendants are not.

Was there any Committee formed on this Monday night?—Yes.

Were any of the defendants elected on the Committee?—No, not one of them.

Was McKinley in the chair that night?—Yes, he was.

That was when it was discussed about him taking it?—Yes.

Did McKinley not form a committee in your presence?—Not at all.

And elect Rourke?—No, not at all.

Do you remember Rourke asking to sign his name?—He could not get it signed.

What was he going to sign?—He would naturally sign his own name.

On what?—The book of members.

The Clerk: Does that constitute membership?—Yes, and payment of 2/6.

Mr. Aynsley: Did you not have names down before you took the money at all?—I might simply take your name down.

Did you have any names?—Certainly so, providing someone proposed him.

Do you remember taking your coat off that Monday night to put a man out?—What do you want to be at there? (Laughter.)

Do you remember it?—I had no call to do so.

Did you do so?—I did not, there. (Laughter.)

P.C. Robinson said on Sunday, August 12th, about 11.15 p.m., in company with Sergt. Lawson, he visited Mr. Wm. Southern's Club at Flint Hill, Dipton. He found the end door unfastened. They entered the Club and Sergt. Lawson put a "stay" behind the door and then they concealed themselves in the Club. About 11.45 p.m. he heard someone try the end door. On finding it fastened they attempted to force it with a large stone, but failed, they then came round and tried the side door, but again failed to get in. They then went into the sawmill, which adjoined the Club. There was a door in the partition which was nailed up, and cleaded over and properly fastened. They took up a heavy piece of timber and forced this door partly open, and the prisoner Edward Lakey got through into the bar. He handed four pint bottles of stout through the opening, and had other two in his hand when witness seized him, and Lakey dropped the bottles. At 12.15 a.m. on August 13th witness proceeded to James Rourke's house at Hill Top, and apprehended him there. He then went to the residences of Edward Lamb and Edward Lakey. In going to Consett James and Edward Rourke said "we did not break into any Club, we were standing on the road at the time, beside the gate." The men in going from the end door to the side door passed a widow, and witness recognised them.

Cross-examined: He did not see the Rourke's on the road or in the building. He saw them in front of the sawmill when they passed the window. He heard Lamb say "go for the money man." He had been in the club many a time but did not know how it was worked.

Sergt. Lawson corroborated P.C. Dobinson's examination in chief, and said there was a door in the partition which was railed up and cleaded over and properly fastened. After several attempts the defendants succeeded in forcing the door partly open, using a heavy piece of timber to do so.

Mr. Aynsley said this was rather an unusual case. It appeared that prosecutor commenced a club, and as far as the management went it seemed to be carried on in a rather loose sort of way. The four defendants were members of the club, and everything in the club, and particularly the licensed portion, belonged to the members. The defendants were made members a week past Monday night at the time negotiations were being entered into with McKinley, who had arranged to take over the club, and pay £40 a year and run it as he thought fit. After these arrangements the key was handed over to McKinley, and he had it the whole of the next day. Then Southern went to McKinley and knocked the arrangement on the head and got the key back. The defendants were members, and when passing on the night of the 12th of August, they thought there were some members in, and wished to get in themselves. Lakey and Lamb went to the door, but the Rourke's never went into the building at all. There was no felonious intent until Lakey got into the Club. Lakey would admit handing the bottles out to Lamb, but Southern had told the members that they knew how to get drink if the door was locked. Having regard to the loose way in which the club was carried on, and to the whole of the circumstances he asked their worships to dismiss the case.

Edward Rourke then gave evidence, and said he had had many a drink in the club, but had never paid anything. He was on the Committee.

James Rourke said a general meeting was called by Southern by word of mouth. At the meeting Southern handed drinks round to the members, and also to himself. Southern was the worse for drink. McKinley was chairman, and when he got up to make a speech Southern would not "give order." At the finish up Southern wanted money for the drink. Then McKinley agreed to take the club their names were signed, and witness was put on the Committee. There was no money taken that night for membership, and witness did not pay for any beer. There would be about 70 men in the club and they were all supplied with drink free.

Lamb and Lakey also gave evidence, and after consultation the Bench fined Lamb and Lakey each 10/- and costs, and the Rourke's 5/- each and costs.

The Chairman, addressing Mr. Southern said: If you take the advice of the Bench you will stop the business altogether.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, August 20th.—Before Mr. J. Annandale (Chairman), Mr. W. Aynsley, Mr. H. Palmer, Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen, and Mr. Geo. Ainsworth.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

John Armstrong, who was represented by his mother, was charged with cruelty to a horse at Flint Hill, on August 12th.—Sergt. Lawson said about 9 o'clock at night from what he was told by Mr. Thos. Swallow, he went up to Armstrong who was in a trap at Flint Hill. He was the worse for drink. Witness examined the horse and found it in a very poor condition. He found marks on the back as though the animal had been severely whipped. He ordered defendant to take it out of the trap but he was not in a fit state to do so. The horse was hardly fit to stand. Defendant, he believed, had only got the horse that day from some hawkers and was trying it.—Mr. Swallow said he saw defendant using the horse in a shameful manner, thrashing it all along the road.—Mrs. Armstrong said her son had had some drink and when he was in drink he did not know what he did. He had only had the horse for about an hour.—The Bench imposed a fine of 20s and costs.

Geo. Nicholson was charged with cruelty using a horse at Dipton, on August 1st.

P.C. Curtis said about 5 p.m. on the 1st of August his attention was drawn to an aged grey gelding attached to a hay-rake working in a field belonging to Mr. Nicholson. Owing to the way in which the horse was walking when going down the field, and especially when turning round, he went in and saw a lad named Robson who was driving the horse. He asked the lad what was the matter with the horse, but he made no answer. Witness noticed an old wound about the size of a shilling on the top of the horse's back. The wound was dry, but was covered with flies. He afterwards unyoked the horse and removed the saddle. There was a pad under the saddle and underneath it there was a quantity of white matter quite fresh and about the size of a five shilling piece. He then noticed on the near side of the back a piece of ordinary sticking-plaster about three inches square. The lower part of the plaster was loose and matter had been oozing from underneath it. Witness afterwards lifted the plaster and saw nothing but matter over a wound. He told the lad not to yoke the horse again. About five minutes afterwards he met the defendant on the road and he asked him if he was aware the horse had a bad back. Defendant said, "Oh, that's nothing." Witness told him the horse was not fit to work and defendant might possibly hear something more about it. He replied, "You can make the best of it." Inspector Greatorex came on the following day and examined the horse in the presence of the defendant. The horse was in a very weak condition, and could scarcely walk.

Inspector Greatorex said he went to the defendant's place on the 2nd of August, and saw the horse. On the near side of the back he found a plaster measuring about three inches square, and matter oozing from underneath. He got some warm water and removed the plaster and found a very painful wound.—In reply to defendant witness said he admitted to him that the horse was capable of doing chain work.

Defendant said when he met the policeman he was not aware the horse was in the field. He went with the officer and examined the horse and there did not seem to be anything the matter with him. He called in a veterinary surgeon and also Mr. William Holmes, J.P., and they said there was nothing the matter with the horse. He had been working the horse on chain work that day. The horse had a plaster over an old sit-fast and he put the plaster on to keep the flies off. He had yoked the horse every day since the Inspector was there. There was not the slightest sign of the matter with it.

Mr. W. J. Foreman, V.S., said Nicholson sent the horse to him on July 5th, to get the sit-fast removed, and a fortnight after it was perfectly healed. There were no other wounds on the horse at all. Nicholson brought the horse again at about six o'clock on the same day. Curtis was there. He pressed on the plaster where it was said matter had been oozing. There was no matter, nor was there the least contamination. With regard to the horse being unable to walk he never heard of such exaggeration. The horse had a peculiar gait and had had for many years. He was in good working condition. He told defendant to go on working the horse as he considered him fit for work.

The Chairman said the Bench thought it was proved that there was matter on the wound, but as the veterinary surgeon had told defendant to work the horse the case would be dismissed on payment of costs.

A SERIES OF CHARGES.

Edwin G. Wilkinson and his wife, Alice Wilkinson were charged with having assaulted Mary Rocks at Consett on August 11th.

Complainant said that the Wilkinsons got a bedstead and pair of mattresses from her, and after keeping them for a fortnight she went and asked for the money. Mrs. Wilkinson told her to go and get them. They then tossed the bedstead and mattresses out of the house. Mrs. Wilkinson struck her and they both fell. When she was down Wilkinson kicked her.

Wilkinson: Did I not say "For God's sake take the things away and don't let us have any bother?"—Yes, you did.

Were you sober?—Yes: I had had a gill of beer but I was not drunk. It is a thing I don't do—to get drunk. I was not fighting with Mrs. Wilkinson. I don't use bad language.

John Thomas Hogg, a boy, gave evidence as to having seen Wilkinson kick the complainant. She was not extra sober: she was very drunk; she was just drunk. (Laughter.)

Wilkinson stated that Mrs. Rocks sold the bed to his wife. He believed she was going away to "slope" the landlord. She sold his wife the bed for a shilling and afterwards she came and demanded the bed. To prevent the women from arguing he said to Mrs. Rocks, "You stay out and I will get the bed for you." He got the bed downstairs and outside. Shortly after Mrs. Rocks began banging at the door, and he said to his wife, "You are as big as her and you can go out and take it out of each other." He sat on the doorstep and never touched the woman at all.

Rose Aken having given evidence, the Bench dismissed the case and ordered each party to pay their own costs.

Wilkinson was then charged with having assaulted P.C. Richardson and of having damaged his uniform and hat on Aug. 18th.

P.C. Richardson said on Saturday night last at 11.15 he was on duty in William Street, Consett, when he saw defendant, who was very drunk and using threats to some women in reference to a summons he had received. When he saw witness he shouted, "Oh I see him coming; it's the big Sergeant. Let the ——— come and I will cut his ——— lug off." Defendant then threw a piece of iron (produced) which hit and cut witness. He afterwards struck him severely across the legs and arms with a poker. With the assistance of P.C. Parkinson he eventually got defendant outside, where he flung himself down and tore witness' tunic and kicked his hat to pieces. They had a great deal of trouble in getting him to the police station.

Witness, in reply to defendant, said he did not burst the door in. Defendant was not sitting in the house when witness went up William Street. He did not draw his truncheon and hit defendant or defendant's wife. He did not go into the cell with P.C. Parkinson between 12 and 1 in the morning and give defendant a terrible kicking. Witness did not put him in the cell and did not see him in the cell.

Wilkinson: I am black and blue all over. He kicked me fearful in the sides.

P.C. Parkinson corroborated Richardson's evidence, and

Inspector Best said he saw the struggle in Victoria Street as the officers were taking defendant to the station. Defendant was never badly used in the cells. Richardson and Parkinson went off duty at 12 o'clock. Defendant might easily be black and blue from the way in which he carried on in Victoria Street. Richardson was bleeding badly and covered with dust.

Defendant: I hope you will be as lenient as you can; I have other two cases against me yet.

Supt. Benzies said defendant and his wife were nothing but a proper nuisance. There were rows from week end to week end.

The Chairman said the assault on P.C. Richardson was a very serious matter, and he might have killed the officer. He must go to gaol for a month with hard labour, and for the damage he would be sentenced to a further term of seven days.

Wilkinson was further charged with obscene language on August 14th.—P.C. Frazer said he was in company with Sergt. Dryden when defendant used the language written on the summons.—For this offence he was fined 1s and costs with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

Wilkinson was further charged with having done wilful damage to a window the property of Elizabeth Aken on August 13th.—Complainant said she was going to bed about twenty minutes to twelve o'clock when the stone produced was thrown in through the window, not only breaking the glass but the stanchions as well and doing damage to the extent of 10s.—John Thomas Hogg said he saw the defendant throw the stone and break the window.—The Bench ordered Wilkinson to pay a fine of 2s 6d and costs and 10s damage, or go to prison for seven days.

APPLICATION FOR NEW TRIAL.

Mr. Wynn Parry, Gateshead, said he appeared on behalf of Messrs. Pyle and Lockey, traction engine proprietors, Blaydon, to apply for a new trial. A man named Wm. Green was summoned to appear at that Court on Bank Holiday. He was served with a summons on the Thursday night about 10 o'clock, charging him under the Locomotives Act, with running an engine at Blackfine at the rate of five miles an hour. Green handed the summons to his employers, Messrs Pyle and Lockey, on the Friday. On the Saturday his (Mr. Parry's) office at Gateshead was closed at one o'clock and Mr. Pyle came to him at Whitley to instruct him to appear at Consett. The Monday being Bank Holiday he told him he would have to take further instructions and that he would write to Mr. Ornsby and Supt. Benzies to have the case adjourned. He posted the letter himself at Whitley, where he was staying, between six and seven o'clock, naturally thinking it would get to its destination on the Monday morning. It seemed it was not delivered until the Tuesday, the case being heard in their absence, and Green being fined 10s and costs. His application was to have the case re-heard. There had been other postal delay, and only last week in Newcastle 45 letters were not delivered in their due course. It was alleged that the traction engine was driven by Green at the rate of five miles an hour. He was prepared to prove beyond a doubt not only by Mr. Pyle who had driven the engine for six months, but also by Messrs Fowler and Co., of Leeds, the builders, that it could not go beyond four miles an hour. His clients were quite willing to bear the expense of a test trial. He also had a letter from Messrs. Fowler who were surprised to hear of the case, as the engines were fixed with two speeds, one at two miles an hour for towns, and the other at four miles for the country. That was in accordance with the Act of Parliament and their traction engines were constructed to comply with that Act. All his clients asked was that they should be heard either that day or on some day to be fixed. He had two men in Court to prove that on the day in question the engine was only going at the rate of a mile and a half an hour. The officer never spoke to the man on the engine and they knew nothing about it until they got the summons. His clients had not been heard, and they thought they ought to be.

Sergt. Dryden reminded the Bench that the engine was running down the incline at the time.

Mr. Parry said they were prepared to prove it could not go down the bank at five miles an hour.

Sergt. Dryden said they ought not to go more than two miles.

Mr. Parry said they wanted to be heard on the speed they were going.

The Chairman, after the Bench had consulted, said they did not see their way to re-open the case. It was unfortunate that Mr. Parry posted the letter at a time when it could not possibly reach Consett on the Monday morning, but that was not the Magistrates' fault. They heard the evidence put before them, and as the man Green did not appear, they had no knowledge that he would be represented or they would certainly have delayed the case.

Mr. Parry remarked that his clients would not have engaged Green unless they knew him to be a competent man.

The Chairman said they had come to the conclusion that they could not re-open the case. The evidence was very distinct.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT MEDOMSLEY.

Edward Jewitt was charged with having assaulted Joseph Marsh at Medomsley on August 4th. Mr. T. W. Welford prosecuted and Mr. J. M. Aynsley defended.

Mr. Welford said the plaintiff was in his own yard when defendant and another man named Longstaff came up and asked about some beer and some supper. Complainant's son came in and said, "You will get no supper here. Defendant then said he would do something and the complainant turned round and said, "No, you won't." Defendant then caught him by the arm and struck him two blows on the face.

Joseph Marsh said he was a miner and lived at Medomsley. The defendant lived next door to him and came and asked if he had any beer in the house. Witness said he had two bottles and defendant asked if he would sell him one. He replied that he would not, and then defendant asked him if he would give him one, and witness said he would. Jewitt said he would give him half-a-gallon the next day. Soon after Jewitt said he would knock his soul out, and he struck him on the face. Witness said, "You would not have done that if you had not been under the influence of drink." Jewitt said he would give him another, and he struck him again on the other side of the face.

Cross-examined, witness said he had been in defendant's father's house, but that was before this occurred. He was not aware of Jewitt ever having been in his house. His son did not go out and take a running kick at Jewitt. They did not close.

Mr. Welford objected. He said he purposely avoided going into that matter, because the son got his shoulder put out and County Court proceedings were being taken.

Mr. Aynsley said he had a right to show if any assault took place what provocation his client received.

Witness in reply to further questions, said it was not true that before the assault took place his son and Jewitt were fighting and fell down. They did fall down and his son's shoulder was put out.

The Chairman: Was that before the assault or after?

Witness: After he struck at me. My son could not stand and see me struck at.

In further reply to Mr. Aynsley, witness said his younger son said, "You will get no supper here. Defendant and Longstaff did not tell the son to go into the house and not be so impertinent. Witness was on one side of the gate and defendant on the other. The gate was shut.

Mr. Aynsley asked the witness if before he took out the summons he went to Jewitt's house and asked for compensation?

Mr. Welford objected. What had that to do with the assault? His friend was trying to get the son's case, but it had nothing to do with this assault.

Mr. Aynsley withdrew the question.

John Longstaff, called by Mr. Welford, said he was in company with Jewitt, and they went to Marsh's gate. There was some conversation about some beer. He did not see Jewitt strike Marsh, and he would swear he did not strike him. He was close to and could have seen. He did not hear Jewitt say, "He struck me and I will do for the two ——— next day." There were no blows struck at all that witness could see.

Mr. Aynsley said he would not ask the witness anything.

Wm. Marsh, son of the prosecutor, said he heard what took place at the gate. Jewitt and Longstaff wanted supper and beer. It was about 10 o'clock. He saw his younger brother come in through the gate, and he heard him say to Jewitt that he was not going to get any supper there. Jewitt started to call him names, and said what he would do with his father. He then struck his father twice on the face. His father had not said anything wrong to the defendant.

Cross-examined, he said he had been in Jewitt's father's house, but had never had beer there. He had never tasted beer in his life. He was the man who got the shoulder put out.

John Robert Marsh also gave evidence, and in reply to Mr. Aynsley he said he was just having a bit of fun when he said to Jewitt he would get no supper there.

Mr. Aynsley: Was your father having a bit of fun with him?—Yes.

It was a bit of fun altogether?—Yes. (Laughter.)

George Tebb said the row was over when he got there, but he heard Jewitt using threats.

Cross-examined, he denied having gone to Marsh and offered to give evidence if he would pay him 7s. He had no conversation with Jewitt, and Jewitt did not tax him with having had a conversation with Marsh.

Mr Aynsley, for the defence, said the whole matter was really treated as a joke.

Robert Barker and Thomas Walton Coulthard each gave evidence to the effect that they were there the whole of the time and did not see any blows struck.

The defendant also gave evidence, and denied having struck Marsh at all. Marsh came to him and asked him if he would pay for the son's keep. That was before the summons was taken out.

The Chairman said the evidence was so suspicious and contradictory that the Bench had decided to dismiss the case.

LARCENY AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Mary McQueen, a young girl, was charged on remand with having stolen one gold ring, one silver ring, one chain brooch, one muff chain and trinket, the property of William Benjamin Garbutt, landlord of the King's Head Inn, Shotley Bridge, between the 2nd and the 10th of August.

Wm. B. Garbutt said he engaged the defendant as a day girl on the 8th. On the 12th he missed from a bedroom the articles named in the charge, and gave information to P.C. Johnson. The articles produced were his property, and he valued them at 10s. The defendant was three days in his service.

P.C. Johnson said in consequence of information he received he went to No. 26, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, on the 12th August, and there apprehended the girl. She was then wearing the gold ring. He took her to Consett Police Station, and on the road charged her with stealing the whole of the articles. She replied "I am sorry I took them." Witness, in company with Sergt. Tones, again visited the house and in a tin trunk in the kitchen they found the silver ring, and in a workbox the muff chain and trinkets.

The girl's married sister, with whom she had been staying at Shotley Bridge, and grandmother from Seghill were called, and from their evidence it appeared that since her mother's death the girl had been in Scotland, and also had been in service at Backworth. When out of service her friends provided a home for her. The grandmother stated that she had made inquiries at Backworth, and the girl's mistress there had nothing to say against her. She (the grandmother) would look after her if she would promise to be a good girl.

The Chairman said the Bench were very sorry to see a young girl like the defendant in such a position. She had heard the promise which her grandmother had made, and they advised her to take that lesson seriously to heart. She must come up for judgment if called upon.

NOLLE PROSEQUI.

A youth named Robert Dimmick was put into the dock to answer a charge of larceny of coals, the property of the Consett Iron Company, on July 28th. When the case was called upon

Sergeant Dryden said he was not in a position to say whether the lad in the dock was the one who stole the coals or not. There were two brothers very like each other, and he could not swear to the lad.

Mr Aynsley said he appeared to defend, and he could prove an alibi without a question.

The case was withdrawn.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. Balleny and Mr. Aynsley.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases of drunkenness were dealt with:—Albert Thompson 5s, John Robson 2s 6d, Armstrong Waters 2s 6d, Thomas Branford 5s Thomas Pearce 2s 6d, Henry Bell 2s 6d, and Anthony Anderson 2s 6d. For being drunk and disorderly the following fines were imposed:—Wm. Crawford 5s, James Cooper 2s 6d, Alexander Roberts 2s 6d, Charles Brodie 5s, Isaac Ledger 2s 6d, Peter Malone 5s, Peter Collins 2s 6d, John Donovan 2s 6d, and Patrick Madden 2s 6d. The last named was also fined 5s and costs for damaging Sergt. Dryden's clothing. James Haley was charged with being drunk and disorderly, but was dismissed.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Reay and Thomas Heslin, on the evidence of P.C. Thomas, were convicted of a breach of the peace by fighting at Hobson Colliery on August 12th, and were bound over.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Robert Watson, John Errington, and Thomas Nicholas were charged with having done wilful damage to apple trees to the extent of 7s 6d, the property of Christopher Bumley, Sherburn Terrace, Consett, on August 12th.—Watson and Errington were each fined 1s and costs, and Nicholas 2s 6d and costs, together with the amount of damage.

Thomas Pye and Coates Stokoe were convicted on the evidence of P.C. Wilkinson with having done damage to a corn field at Lintz Colliery, and were fined 1s each, 6d damage, and the costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

John Wright, Edward Wigham, John Cairns, Robert Clark, George Bell, and Thomas Bainbridge all pleaded guilty to playing at pitch and toss at Broomhill on August 4th, and were each fined 2s 6d and costs. P.C. Rispin prosecuted.

ASSAULT CASE.

Thomas Pyle and Coates Stokoe were having assaultd his wife, Martha Branford, at Dipton on July 29th. The evidence showed that the defendant complained about his wife going in late, and struck at her, and knocked her into a corner.—A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed.

SEPARATION ORDER.

Patrick Duffy, Consett, was sued by his wife, Jane Duffy, for maintenance under the Married Women's Act. Defendant did not appear.—Mr Aynsley appeared for the complainant, who said she had been ordered out of the house on several occasions. Her husband had frequently threatened to take her life. She had had to walk about the streets at nights, and on other occasions take refuge in neighbours' house. She was afraid to live with him.—Several witnesses were called who gave evidence as to having heard the threats used.—The Bench granted a maintenance order of 15s per week.

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

A GOOD GAME AT MEDOMSLEY.

A well-contested and enjoyable game came off at Medomsley on Saturday, when an eleven got up by the Medomsley captain (the Rev. A. C. Blunt) opposed the home team. Mr. Blunt had obtained the services of a fairly strong side, including our old friend, Tom Lambert, and other prominent cricketers. Batting first Medomsley made a very poor start, as both Hedley and Milburn failed to score, Grieveson (of Chester-le-Street) being the successful bowler in each instance. Dales and R. Cant improved matters from the home point of view, but play was dreadfully slow for some time, only two or three runs being registered during the first half-hour. After this play ruled more lively, Dales getting in some good strokes, and he was ably assisted by R. Cant (11), Campbell (14), and W. Cant (12.) With Dales and Lowes in partnership there was a prolonged stand, and with 151 registered for the loss of only half the wickets, Hedley decided to "declare." Dales carried out his bat for a spendid 70, and had the innings not been closed he would probably have reached three figures. His cutting was fine, and he watched the ball very closely, picking out the loose ones for punishment, and playing the good ones. Lowes also shaped well for his 33. None of the bowlers came out with very gay figures.

In response to the formidable total run up against them, it must be said that the scratch team responded in right gallant fashion. They met with disaster at the outset, Lambert succumbing for a "duck," but Hunter and Pumphrey made a nice stand, the latter having the misfortune to be run out after contributing a dozen. Hunter, who was in fine form, found another useful partner in Barrett, who hit up 18 ere beaten by a ball from Lowes. Lazenby and Annandale were soon disposed of, but Blunt demonstrated that he had come to stay. However, the feature of the venture was decidedly the batting of Hunter—a Medomsley man himself, by the way—who has improved wonderfully since he went to college in London, and on this occasion his 62 was a display worthy of all praise. He should have a bright career before him. The game was eventually left drawn, Mr Blunt's team at the finish having lost nine wickets for 141, the captain himself being not out with 24 to his credit. The draw was in favour of Medomsley, but at the same time the scratch combination may be congratulated upon having come out of the contest most creditably.

CONSETT'S USUAL FATE.

A miserably weak team representing Consett visited Westoe on Saturday to meet the powerful South Shields eleven. Only one outcome could be expected as the result of the game, and that a decisive defeat for the visitors. We are told by the papers that there was a good attendance, but I am afraid that the spectators would not be particularly edified by what they saw. Like most of the games the Consettonians have taken part in this season, the match was terribly one-sided, and although no doubt the home supporters would be pleased that their side won, in racing parlance I should think that it would have suited them better to have had something like a race instead of a walk-over. Consett were hopelessly out-classed, and unless they can raise a much stronger team next season, should certainly withdraw from the Senior League. They are entirely out of place in the competition. I regret as much as anybody that things should have come to this pass with the old club, but nothing is to be gained by attempting to gloss over facts that are patent to everyone who takes the slightest interest in the game. As regards the match at Westoe, the figures tell their own tale, and to attempt any detailed criticism would be quite superfluous.

THE TEMPERANCE TURN THE TABLES.

Owing to some little incidents that occurred at Pelton Fell — where Leadgate Temperance thought they were very unlucky to lose—the return game at Leadgate on Saturday was invested with more than usual interest. Then to add to the excitement both teams were in the running for the Junior League championship, and the result had a considerable bearing upon this important question. The Temperance gained a very easy win, and thus turned the tables completely upon their former conquerors. For the winners Greener put together a capital 40, whilst Little contributed 22, Kennedy and Milburn 12 each (the latter being not out), and Newton 10, the total reaching 122. With the exception of Morpeth (18), none of the Pelton Fell players could do much with the trundling of Kennedy, Snaith, and Crowther, who dismissed the visitors for 52, and thus won with plenty to spare.

HIGH GAME FOR GREENSIDE.

Greenside are a very formidable team amongst their own class, but they were flying at rather high game in taking on a strong eleven representing Eachwick Hall on Saturday. The game was played at Eachwick, who batted first. Most of those who went in scored freely, and the closure was put into force when 188 had been booked for the loss of six wickets. The Rev E. W. Walters carried out his bat for 57, whilst that successful batsman, Stanley Anderson, rattled up 55. Then G. C. Robinson (the Rugby International, I take it) put on 30 (not out), whilst Chambers (the pro.) claimed 19. Greenside found the bowling of Chambers a little bit too good for them, and they could only reply with 63, of which number G. Raisbeck made 11, and "C." of that ilk nine. The Eachwick Hall pro. captured eight wickets for 30 runs. Greenside have lost only a very few matches this season, but they can hardly expect to be able to cope with the teams that Mr Huntingdon generally places in the field each week.

BEAMISH DISMISSED FOR NINE.

Beamish give us some wonderfully in-and-out performances, and one is never exactly sure as to how they will acquit themselves. At Whickham on Saturday they fell easy victims to the home team, being all sent back for the wretched total of nine. The large proportion of eight men captured a "blob," Rankin making four, Ledger two, and Mason one, extras accounting for the other two. It was a dreadful collapse. G. Cheesman and W. Cook accomplished the mischief, and between them they had a high old time. It is noteworthy, that eight men were clean bowled. Cheesman's six wickets cost but a single run, whilst Cook had four for six. The Whickham men totalled 88, for which creditable score they were chiefly indebted to T. B. Mowbray (who carried out his bat for a well-played 41), and T. M. Burn who showed good form for a couple of dozen.

MEMS.

This season is fast drawing to a close.

And in little more than a week football will be in full swing again.

There is one club at any rate that will not be sorry when the curtain is rung down.

And that is Consett and District.

The club has experienced a most disheartening season.

Chiefly due to the fact that they have been playing out of their class.

At Westoe on Saturday the Consettonians came in for a rare drubbing.

But what else could anybody expect considering the calibre of the respective teams?

Good scoring was the order at Medomsley.

Where the home team met an eleven got together by the Rev A. C. Blunt.

Our old friend Tom Lambert figured in the scratch team.

But did not distinguish himself.

Dales again played a very fine innings.

And for the second Saturday in succession was not out.

His 70 was the result of splendid cricket.

Dales must have a fine average.

Morton Hedley again failed to score.

This is an unusual experience for this excellent bat.

The visitors acquitted themselves most creditably.

Willie Hunter (a Medomsley man, by the way) displayed admirable form.

He has improved immensely since he went to college.

And would now be an acquisition to any team.

Medomsley had the best of a drawn game.

But Mr Blunt's team had no reason to feel ashamed of their exhibition.

Included on the scratch side was the popular clerk to the Benfieldside District Council—Mr J. B. Lazenby.

A good deal was expected of the Chester-le-Street bowler, Grieveson.

He commenced well by dismissing Hedley and Milburn cheaply.

But afterwards met with no success.

There was some extraordinary bowling at Whickham.

Where Beamish were all got rid of for nine!

Geo. Cheesman had the wonderful analysis of six wickets for a single run!

W. Cook took the other four for six runs.

The breakdown of the visitors was incomprehensible.

Especially in face of what they have done in other games.

T. B. Mowbray and T. M. Burn batted well for Whickham.

And naturally the home team won easily.

Rowland's Gill had rather the best of a drawn game with Dilston.

Oliver played a capital innings for the Gill.

Stanley were at Page Bank on Saturday.

And easily disposed of the home club.

Ramsay batted exceedingly well for Stanley.

The visitors were not fully represented.

Leadgate Temperance made no mistake in their return match with Pelton Fell.

And turned the tables in decisive fashion.

Greener and Little displayed good form with the willow.

The old Medomsley man giving a taste of his one-time quality.

Kennedy, Crowther, and Snaith dismissed the visitors pretty cheaply.

I understand that the Temperance have to play a deciding game for the championship.

Any other details I am not acquainted with.

On form the Leadgate men should win.

In place of the game they should have played at Malton Colliery on August 11th Leadgate Park, I believe, will visit Malton on Saturday first.

I have a warm side for Malton, and intend, if possible, to accept the invitation of the Park men to accompany them.

There is little doubt but what the visitors will spend an enjoyable day.

The Malton people are a very hospitable lot.

I regret that, owing to their late arrival several matches had to be omitted last week.

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THE WITCH OF ETHERLEIGH.

A Historical Romance of the time of Charles I.

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CHAPTER I.

RETURNING FROM MARKET.

A pleasant prospect of undulating green sward is before us, diversified with copses and woods, with here and there the silvery gleam of a tranquil river, and in the distance the little town of Honchester, a small group of houses and trees clustering around the ancient parish church.

No great pall of smoke and fog overhangs the scene, and the meandering river flows clear and bright past the little town, innocent of the dirty pollution with which it is afterwards to be associated, for our story carries us back to 'good King Charles' golden days,' when the great manufacturing towns of the North were either non-existent or existed only as small rural places.

A tall, well-grown lad of 16 or 18 years is walking briskly along the grassy track. He wears a sleeveless doublet, displaying his shirt sleeves of coarse brown material. A soft cap resting carelessly upon his crisp brown hair, leaves his bronzed face fully exposed to the sun, and his lower limbs as far as the knee are encased in close fitting hose or knee-breeches, below which he displays a pair of shapely legs in their primitive clothing of fair white skin, for now that he has left the town, after a long and weary stand at the Market Cross, Richard Myerscough has very luxuriously taken off his stockings and shoes, and walks bare-footed over the soft grass. Judging by the humble appearance of his dress and person, we should take Richard Myerscough to be the son of a yeoman farmer or peasant farmer, but therein we should be greatly mistaken. It is true that Richard has been to Honchester market. The empty basket which he carries, he had taken forth that morning, filled with butter and eggs, and had carried six miles across country, a weary trudge. He had stood for hours at the Market Cross, with no other refreshment than a lunch of cheese and oat cake, which his sister had put up for him, and a ha'porth of ale, with which he indulged himself at the Blue Bell, feeling half ashamed even of that moderate piece of extravagance. It is true also that Richard's motive in walking bare-foot over the grass is not entirely because of the heat of the day, but also, and more so, to save his best shoes, which he had specially donned for his trip to the town. But nevertheless Richard Myerscough is no peasant farmer's son, but a gentleman and the son of a gentleman. Despite his bare legs and his market basket Richard could, if he chose, recite to you many a line from Virgil or Horace without a single slip or false quantity, and even old Cicero himself might have found pleasure in his Latin prose; for was he not the son and heir of John Myerscough, A.M., Vicar of Etherleigh village, and domestic chaplain to Sir William Etherleigh? and if John Myerscough had no other inheritance to leave his son, has he not at any rate given him, under God, a sound, healthy body, a well cultured mind, and a love for the classics? Though a gentleman with some claim to social and academic distinction, the Parson of Etherleigh, as he is called, has but a small income on which to support his rank, and his salary of £40 a year needs to be husbanded and supplemented in every possible way. So it is that the Vicar's only daughter Sue, has to milk the cow, make the butter and cheese, see to the poultry, geese, and pigs, and so on; while the Vicar's son, Richard, destined for a career at Cambridge, and for the priesthood thereafter, must in the meantime plough the glebe land, raise and sell the farm produce, tend the sheep, and the one cow, and in general see to the temporal welfare of the Parsonage, whilst his father ambles about the parish on his little grey pony, in pursuance of his pastoral duties, or for a few hours each morning endeavours to instil into the younger members of his flock, the rudiments of an English education, together with a knowledge of the Church Catechism. Such a state of things was nothing unusual nor strange in the 17th Century, and Richard Myerscough has no thought of grumbling or repining at it. Even his University career, on which he hopes to enter in a short time, does not hold out what would seem a very enticing prospect to young men of to-day. He will have to do the same as most other country parsons' sons, that is to say, he will have to set out on foot with his books and belongings packed on his shoulders, and trudge across country to Cambridge, there to enter as a servitor or poor scholar. He will have to work just as hard, and live just as plainly, when a servitor at Cambridge, as he does now, whilst man of all work on his father's farm, and he will only have time at intervals, when not engaged in menial work, to study for his own degrees. So his father won his education before him, and so most of the parsons of whom Richard Myerscough heard, had done. But though Richard Myerscough knows full well, and is likely to know what poverty and hard work mean, he would scorn the idea that he is therefore to be considered as an object for pity. He is better off, as he is proud to think, than many parsons' sons, for Etherleigh living with its good Vicarage house, and glebe farm, its aristocratic connection with Etherleigh Hall, and its £40 a year, is on the whole more eligible than the majority of livings within the Bishop's gift. Given good health, a sound and capable body and mind, a sufficiency of food and clothing, an abundance of healthy exercise, and good useful work, and what more can a man want? Richard has all this and more, for his life is flushed with the golden hue of youth and hope, and the world that lies before him is full of fair possibilities and bright dreams.

So with buoyant, springing step, and a frank, joyous countenance, Richard steps on over the soft grass, drinking in the beauty of the scene around him with a quiet delight. It is indeed a day to rejoice the heart, and to make one glad. The hot September sun is beginning to send long, sloping shadows across the green sward, and the tranquil air grows cooler. The swallows are darting busily to and fro among the tree tops, whilst their neighbours, the chaffinches and wood-thrushes, are chattering in the long grass, and amongst the bushes, commencing thus early to discuss the all important question of their migration to a warmer clime. As the youth walks noiselessly along the grassy track, now and then a hare crosses the path, or a group of rabbits scuttle off, into the shelter of the bushes, with a merry twinkle of their white tails.

Presently Richard draws near to a little cottage beside the path. A huge thatched roof, dark and moss-grown, almost seems to weigh down the low bulging wall beneath it, which is pierced with diamond paned casements on either side of the ivy-mantled porch which surmounts the low door.

It is just the ideal of a rustic cottage that the amateur artist delights to transfer to canvas, whilst the doctor perhaps views its damp walls, leaking roof, and mud floor saturated with fever germs as a very stronghold of pestilence. Richard, however, is thinking neither of the artistic nor sanitary aspect of the cottage, as he approaches it. He is thirsty, and there is, he knows, a draw-well noted for its cool, clear water in Dame Ingleton's little garden.

Moreover he catches a glimpse over the thorn hedge of a graceful figure spinning in the porch, whom he recognises as his old playmate and school-fellow, Emily Ingleton. For Richard and his sister had received the rudiments of their education in the village school along with some dozen or more village lasses and lads, together with whom they had learnt and played on terms of perfect equality and friendship, a friendship which in most cases remained until long after school days were done.

Sitting down for a few moments on a grassy bank to pull on his shoes and stockings, Richard presently enters the little wicket-gate, and passes up the garden, gracious with sweet perfumes and gay flowers to the porch where Emily Ingleton sits spinning at her wheel, a pleasant sight for the slanting sun to look upon. She is a tall and comely maiden, slender of figure, upright, and well formed, of fair complexion, but dark eyes, and dark hair, which is neatly braided above her head in a coronal form.

Emily was the niece and adopted child of Dame Ingleton, and lived alone with her. Though Dame Ingleton, or, to give her her full title, Mistress Mary Ingleton, was now both old and ugly, and her features seemed but too truly to reflect an ugly nature within, yet she had been only 12 years before a comely and prosperous matron living with her two children and her husband in great happiness and contentment.

John Ingleton had been in his time a weaver, and a substantial man, and stowed away in some snug hiding place above the smoky rafters, the old woman possessed a little horde of money which he had left her, a useful relic of her prosperous days.

But, alas! the smallpox, that most terrible scourge of old England, had invaded Dame Ingleton's peaceful home. One by one, the father, the son, and the daughter had sickened and died of it. Dame Ingleton herself, in nursing her husband and her children, had fallen ill of the same loathsome disease. Her neighbours were few and churlish, and allowed their dread and horror of the fell disease to overcome all their more humane sentiments. All had shrunk from the lonely cottage with its plague-stricken inmates, and Dame Ingleton had to fight the stern and hopeless battle with death, single handed. So, Dame Ingleton, left alone, drank to the dregs her bitter cup of sorrow. When the blinded windows announced to passers-by that one within the cottage was dead, the sexton from Etherleigh with one of his underlings had gone and brought the body away and buried it. Three times the sad task had to be performed; a busy season it was with old John Saxon that sickly autumn, when small-pox and fever laid half the village low; but each time, as old John said, he had received his pay from Dame Ingleton, and she had even set aside the fee for her own interment the last time.

Left to struggle through her illness alone, compelled in her weakness to get up and draw water from the well, to procure fruit and vegetables from the garden, or outcake from the tainted store which hung over the rafters of her poor dwelling, in spite of her neighbours' neglect, and the lack of all medical aid Dame Ingleton recovered and got about again. But she was a mere wreck and shadow of her former self, no longer a comely matron, but a withered and prematurely-aged woman, hideously marked and seared both in body and mind by the terrible ordeal through which she had passed.

Opportunely, to save Dame Ingleton from hopeless melancholy and despair, Emily Ingleton had been left with her. One of a large family, she was about eight years old when she came to Etherleigh. Her parents, who were very poor, had been glad both to get rid of one mouth to fill, and to do a somewhat tardy kindness to their bereaved and neglected relative. And so Emily had taken the place in Dame Ingleton's house of those for whom the poor woman yearned in vain, and Dame Ingleton had learnt to love her, and to find some solace for past losses in the presence of this fair and lovable young creature. But even Emily's presence and the comfort that her love and duty brought to the bereaved heart, could not wholly obliterate the past, and time, which healeth all things, though it could soften bitter memories, could never quite remove the scars of past wounds, nor give back to Dame Ingleton her lost life. She remained a blighted, ugly, repellent old woman, showing a not wholly unreasonable aversion to the company of her neighbours, bitterly remembering how every one of them had deserted her in the hour of supreme need. Such an attitude on her part was unwise and impolitic to the last degree, especially in the England of the Stuart period. "Grudge not one against another, my brethren." The maxim of the Apostle is at all times sound and seasonable advice, but it was doubly so at a time when to become an object of aversion to one's neighbour, was potentially to open the way to superstitious prejudices and suspicions, and to court the dreaded accusation of "witchcraft." For a woman to be old and ugly, unsociable and resentful, was in those days sufficient to stamp her as a witch, so that hardly a village or town in England was without someone who was accused of illicit dealings with the devil, and the charge once made and publicly accepted, was very difficult to refute. It is true that most of these witches suffered nothing worse than the jeering and shouting of mischievous lads and lasses, and other petty persecutions, but now and again the smouldering fire of superstition and hatred broke out into a stronger and more lurid flame, and this had been the case notably in Lancashire where, in 1612, nine persons had been condemned and burnt to death for witchcraft, and in 1633, only a few years before our story commences, no less than 17 persons had been arrested on the same vague and terrible charge, and had escaped the fire only with the utmost difficulty. Dame Ingleton living in a little world of her own, and in truth a very dark and narrow world, indeed it was, heard nothing of these things, and so seldom left her own door that she had never been subjected to persecutions of any kind, or been acquainted with the fact that some of her neighbours reputed her to be a witch.

But let us return to our young friend, Richard Myerscough, whom we left standing on the garden path.

"Good day to you, Master Myerscough," said Emily, as Richard approached. "You are early back from market to-day surely."

"Yes," quoth Richard, "My business hath well sped. I have sold both quickly and well to-day," and he began to relate in detail his recent exploits in the market place. "But," he went on, "it is thirsty work to-day Emily, even with one's basket empty. I have been thinking for some time of that cool well in your garden. I will go and draw myself a draught, if thou hast no objection."

"Oh, there is no need for you to go to the draw well Richard," she exclaimed, "You will find this just as cool and [illegible] a can from a large earthenware jar of water which stood on the floor she offered it to him.

"Thanks, little playmate," said Richard smiling, as he took the cup from her hand. "Here's wishing you good health and a good husband." Then emptying it at one long thirsty draught, he added, "And I'm sure Emily, John Armstrong is as good and honest a lad as one need wish to see in a day's march, and I wish you joy with him."

"Pooh, pooh," said Emily coquettishly. "Who spoke of John Armstrong? Not I, for sure. He's a decent lad enough."

"Nay, Emily," said Richard, "don't be ashamed of your sweetheart. If you lose him you'll not get a better in all Etherleigh village."

It was a well known fact in Etherleigh that John Armstrong, Sir William Etherleigh's huntsman, a fine stalwart young man, was in love with Emily Ingleton, and in that small community such an engagement caused an infinite amount of gossip. The old woman strongly resented the engagement, and attempting to exercise a parental authority, to which she had no real right, forbade Emily to associate with her lover, or to think of marrying him.

With regard to the first restriction, it was simply another case of the verification of the old proverb, "Love laughs at lock smiths." Emily and her young man were pretty often together, in spite of the utmost vigilance of Dame Ingleton.

But Emily had been brought up in such habits of duty and obedience, that she could not wholly disregard her Aunt's objection to their marriage. So from time to time she had put John off, until by argument or by some means or other she could hope for her Aunt's consent.

The very short and innocent conversation that had taken place at the door between Emily and Richard had already aroused the old woman's jealous attention, and further remarks were broken off abruptly by the harsh voice of Dame Ingleton from within, speaking in the broadest of Lancashire dialects. "Wha's yon at dur, lass, and what's he wanting wi' tho? He's bent on no gude, I'se warrant. He'd best goa his ways whoam, and thee mind thi' own wark, Emily. I'll ha no gossips at my dur, nor sweethearts nayther."

"Why mother, for shame," said Emily, who was accustomed to give her aunt the title of mother—under the circumstances a very gracious and filial act. "Why, mother, for shame, it's nobbut the parson's son, young Master Richard Myerscough. He's just called for a drink of water on his way back from market."

The old woman by this time had made her appearance at the door, and though she was so far mollified as to say that Richard was very welcome to a drink any time he was passing, and to enquire after "the parson and his dowter," yet her presence proved an effectual stop to any further exchanges of courtesies, and so presently, after wishing both a good afternoon, Richard passed down the garden walk, and out at the little gate.

"She's a fine lass," he murmured to himself, as he walked on, "and as good as she's pretty. I doubt she has more patience with Mother Ingleton than I would have. It's a pity if she's got to be tied hand and foot to that sour old witch. And yet, God forgive me for calling her such a name," he added next moment, as the thought of Dame Ingleton's past sorrow came back to him. "She may well be a bit soured and distrustful of her neighbours, after what she's gone through. It was a shame to Etherleigh folk that such a thing should be." Then quickening his steps, and with the words of an old song upon his lips, Richard joyfully walked on, quickly forgetting, as is the manner of youth, the shadow of sorrow and wrong which had for the moment crossed his path.

CHAPTER II.

OLD ETHERLEIGH VILLAGE.

On leaving Dame Ingleton's cottage, Richard Myerscough presently entered a belt of forest trees, through which the path proceeded for some hundred yards. It was the pleasantest part of the road. Beneath the shade of the great trees the grass-grown track assumed a brighter and more verdant hue, and offered a mossy softness to the tread.

The woods stretched away on either side in long vistas of peaceful shade, wherein no sound was heard save the peaceful cooing of the wood pigeons, and the occasional stir of rustling leaves as a rabbit darted out from cover, or a saucy squirrel paused in his tree climbing to look down at the intruder. At the edge of the wood the bramble bushes with their leaves varying from dark purple to the brightest russet brown offered many a tempting cluster to Richard's glance; whilst below them on the one side of the track, a little brook hidden from sight by the ferns and bracken which overhung it on either side, and the watercresses and weeds which almost covered its surface, betrayed its presence only by the soft babbling of its swiftly moving waters. Half-way through the wood a turn in the path brought Richard to a little irregular clearing where the path widened to an expanse of some 40 or 50 yards. Piles of tree trunks and branches, in various stages of dissection, from the newly felled tree, with leaves still growing upon it, to the pointed fencing stakes, or the small logs for fuel, lay beside the way, strewed upon a floor of fragrant pine bark and chips. The brook here widened out into a little pond, wherein a troop of spotless ducks were placidly sailing. Four small cottages, each surrounded by a well-fenced garden, stood irregularly on either side the track, and immediately beyond this the wood opened out, letting in the rays of the western sun in a rich stream of light, and through the leafy arch one could discern, half-a-mile away over the open ground, the little village of Etherleigh, with its grey old church tower and its vicarage, dominating the low roofs of the surrounding cottages, whilst amongst the dark trees that clothed the upland behind the village, the Elizabethan turrets and gables of Etherleigh Hall were dimly seen. Over the door of one of the cottages which Richard was now approaching and which, in spite of its somewhat neglected appearance, was built of stone and tiles, and not of mud and wattle, like its neighbours, there was a board so dark and weather stained that it was difficult to decipher anything upon it.

But if the traveller was curious enough to advance up the garden path, and examine the object at close quarters, he would perceive that it either was, or had been a public-house sign. Somewhere down in the right hand corner, were the roughly painted figures of several animals, supposed to be dogs, though they might with equal accuracy have represented pigs or sheep. A grotesque figure of a man on horseback, almost too large for the board, with a huge horn encircling his shoulder, was also visible, whilst a great circular blotch of dull red paint immediately beneath the horse's nose, was supposed to represent the setting sun. Beneath this curious picture, irregularly traced in faded white paint were the words: "Tally-ho! Bessy Turnbull, Ale and Beer." Next to Bessy Turnbull's was the smaller and more tumble down cottage, occupied by Gaffer Tomkins, a superannuated wood-cutter, whilst on the opposite side were two cottages, also tenanted by wood-cutters, named respectively Nick Mallinson, with whom lived his son Edmund, and "Owd Roger," a solitary and mysterious individual.

Local tradition asserted, though with an indifferent degree of positiveness, for to the ordinary rustic mind the statement seemed too wonderful to be true, that once upon a time this hamlet had been the only existing village of Etherleigh. Almost lost amidst briers and underwood in the forest hard by, there were still to be traced the ruins of an ancient monastic cell and chapel. Consequent on the destruction of this religious house, Etherleigh old village had dwindled and decayed to its present insignificance, while its rival, new Etherleigh, under the shelter and patronage of the Hall, had grown to a comparatively thriving and opulent state.

Though Bessy Turnbull still displayed her sign, and could on demand provide a thirsty passer-by with a mug of the very flattest and muddiest of home-brewed beer, it was very seldom that her good offices in this respect were required.

There had been a time when as many as half-a-dozen old cronies had been wont to assemble in Bessy's comfortable kitchen to drink their ale, and have their bit crack together, but one by one they died or migrated, and there never were any new arrivals at Old Etherleigh village.

The cottages that were emptied, were left to fall to decay, as though the monks of old had left a curse upon the land, which had witnessed the spoliation and destruction of their house. At one time Nick Mallinson, the woodcutter, had been a pretty frequent customer, and had run up a considerable score, which Bessy was still engaged in recovering from him by slow and scanty instalments, and by dint of voluble threats and menaces. But Nick Mallinson's custom had suddenly failed when he became "convarted," which important event was due to the influence of his neighbour and fellow craftsman, 'Owd Roger'; for it was a peculiarity of this mysterious individual that no one ever addressed him or spoke of him other than by his Christian name. "Owd Roger" was often absent from Etherleigh, sometimes for months together, and his nearest neighbours were unable to do more than conjecture as to what he did, and where he went during these periods of absence, but it was supposed by some of the most knowing ones among the villagers, that Roger combined with his innocent profession of a wood-cutter, another which in the eyes of the law in these days was less innocent, that of a Baptist or Anabaptist preacher.

Very frequently during Roger's period of residence at Etherleigh, "prophesyings," as they were called, were held, Nick Mallinson's cottage being chosen for the purpose, as larger and more commodious than that of his neighbour, which was indeed a very neglected and tumble-down structure.

"Owd Roger" always carried with him a little dumpy leather-bound copy of the Geneva bible. By constant reading of this, he was not only able to quote innumerable passages, some of considerable length, but his whole speech had become a complete jargon of scriptural expressions. One might have imagined that the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Amalekites, and other similar tribes were his near neighbours by the frequency of his allusions to them, and in accordance with the religions of his times, his vocabulary and habit of thought were derived much more largely from the Old Testament than from the New.

Nick Mallinson and "Owd Roger" likewise, when at home, attended Etherleigh Parish Church on the Lord's day. For at that time there was but one religious body in England, and all Englishmen in the eyes of the law were by their birth and baptism members of the national church.

Since the days of good Queen Bess, indeed with one brief intermission, since the days of her predecessor, Edward VI., it had been the law that all whether Papists, Anabaptists, or Independents who were absent from church without reasonable excuse, and who persisted in their conduct after being duly warned, should be subject to a fine of one shilling to be levied on their goods and given to the poor; and so Nick Mallinson, in compliance with the law of the realm, and of the Canons, sat under the ministry of Mr Myerscough, and at times received his pastoral visits, although he inwardly longed for stronger gospel meat than that worthy man was able or disposed to give. This longing was supplied in some sort by "Owd Roger" at the "prophesyings." Nick Mallinson and his son were his principal auditors on these occasions, but others were invited, amongst them Bessy Turnbull, who had, however, refused the invitation for herself and Gaffer Tomkins, in the most scornful and decisive terms. One or two shepherds and woodmen from outlying cottages sometimes attended, and also a pious linen draper from Honchester, of the name of Hoylake. At these "prophesyings" there were usually readings from scripture, accompanied by explanatory notes, and applications, expressions of approval, and so on; then after the chanting of one of the metrical Psalms, which for want of hymn books in those days, men had to know by heart, every member of the company in turn, with the exception of Ned Mallinson would offer extempore prayer. In this exercise "Owd Roger" particularly excelled, and his voice would go on, growing louder, and more harsh and terrible in its tones, until his words sounded rather like curses than prayers, and were audible not only to his trembling brethren within the room, but even to old Bessy and Gaffer Tomkins, as they foregathered in the kitchen of the Tally-ho.

Deprived of the custom of Nick Mallinson, old Bessy had to be content with the chance of an occasional caller, and the somewhat illusory support of her old friend and crony Gaffer Tomkins, who regularly spent his evenings in her kitchen though he never exceeded (from economical necessities) one small mug of beer at a sitting. This he was wont to make the most of by an infinitude of tiny sips, whilst he listened sympathetically to Bessy's denunciations of that scoundrel, Nick Mallinson, and his blackguard son. For it was curious that this little community was perpetually in a state of civil war within itself. Nick Mallinson and his son being on the one side, whilst Bessy Turnbull and Gaffer Tomkins were on the other. The cause of this warfare, as we may guess, was partly Nick Mallinson's outstanding account at the Tally-ho, but it was much more due to the mischievous propensities of Edmund Mallinson, his son.

Ned Mallinson was well-known to all Etherleigh folk as a mischievous and worthless lad, and he had none of those engaging qualities which sometimes go with an aptitude for mischief in young people. He took a savage delight in vexing and tormenting his neighbours. Dame Ingleton sometimes came in for a share of his spite, but his malice was principally directed against Bessy Turnbull, and her old crony Gaffer Tomkins. If Bessy found her cat lamed or mutilated, if her best flowers or herbs were torn up or trampled down, if her young chickens lay dead with twisted necks, she at once laid the blame upon Ned Mallinson, though, to speak the truth, the lad was so cunning with his devilry that it was impossible to catch him in the act. Bessy had frequently complained to Nick Mallinson, and, on those rare occasions when opportunity came in her way, to Sir William Etherleigh himself, and on the last of these occasions, convinced of the old woman's wrongs, that gentleman had peremptorily declared that if there was one more complaint against the lad, both he and his father should be sent off, and never allowed to show their faces again upon the Etherleigh estate. This had the effect of restraining Edmund from his worst form of mischief, but the old woman's dislike for him continued as strong as ever, and her complaints were almost as continuous. If the wild rabbits got in among her cabbage, or the fox invaded her poultry-hutch; if her beer would not brew, or when brewed blew out the bung, and flooded the cellar floor, all or any of these little accidents which might occur in any household were at once put down to the account of Ned Mallinson. Old Nick, fearful lest a complaint should come to the master's ears, would meet these accusations with a soft answer, and would endeavour to propitiate the angry dame by the tender of another groat or two towards his interminable score.

Ned Mallinson was indeed one of those rare abortions of humanity who find their only pleasure in cruelty and devilry. No dumb animal within reach was safe from his persecutions. If he found a rabbit alive in the snare, he would protract the wretched animal's existence while putting it through the most cruel tortures. If he could find any living thing to make a cockshy of, he would take a delight in slowly stoning the life out of it.

Woe to the dumb creature, bird, or beast, or reptile, that found its way into his clutches, and which he might torture with impunity.

Nick Mallinson, although he was a stern and sour individual, was by no means so wholly depraved as his son, and had made many attempts to check and control the lad's evil propensities. At a suitable age he had sent him to the village school, but the education that could be driven into him there was so small, compared with the enormous difficulties of overcoming his constant tendency to play truant, that at last Mr. Myerscough had refused to receive him at all, and his life had been left to become one perpetual playing at truant.

Nick Mallinson had never spared the rod in the home education of his son, and in his younger days Ned Mallinson had been kept within tolerably straight limits. Many a time, to old Bessy's unmitigated satisfaction, Edmund Mallinson had received a sound thrashing from his father, on her accusation against him. Up to the age of 15 it may be safely said that Ned had very rarely had a whole skin on his back, but at that age the process of tanning his hide, at any rate as far as his father's share in that process went, had to be perforce discontinued. Nick was growing older and weaker, whilst Ned, strong and wiry, was becoming more than a match for him. What effectually turned the scale in his favour was a stray mongrel cur, which Edmund by some chance got hold of. Assisted by this mongrel, which he persisted in keeping in spite of his father's prohibition, Ned was able to reverse the natural order of things, and even to give "owd feyther a larropin for his sen," as he expressed it—a painful and distressing experience for a father, which even Solomon had not provided for. In spite of his depraved and mischievous character Edmund Mallinson showed an outward respect towards "Owd Roger," and was invariably present at the "prophesyings" in his father's house, indeed there was much in their stern and imprecatory character to attract one of his disposition.

The decorum of his behaviour, and the becoming sourness of his features won for him a certain amount of respect on these occasions. As the one worldly member of the company, for Ned had made no pretence as yet of having been converted, he was generally the butt for the prayers and pious utterances of the rest, but these personalities were always received by him with a stolid indifference, which might be mistaken for a becoming humility and self-abasement, and were so regarded at any rate by one of the brethren, the Mr Hoylake already referred to.

We should not have dwelt so long upon the character of this wretched lad, and his neighbours, were it not that amongst these people and arising from some of the details which we have described, was concocted and developed the little tragedy of which our story proposes to trace the history.

As Richard Myerscough approached the little hamlet, a formidable cur rushed out at him, barking furiously, whilst a scowling dirty looking lad, looked on with apathetic indifference from over the garden fence of Nick Mallinson's cottage.

"Hullo! Ned Mallinson," quoth Richard, addressing the lad, "Call off your dog or I will thrash the mongrel." The lad made no attempt to comply, but sullenly answered, "Thee shanna thrash my dog, maister." "We'll see about that," said Richard, coolly grasping his stick, and turning on the savage brute. Richard was both quick of eye and heavy of hand. His first blow only maddened the dog still further, but stepping aside from its spring Richard laid on two or three sound and effective whacks which rolled the animal over on the ground. Yelping piteously, and with its tail between its legs, the dog on recovering itself slunk off to its boorish master.

"Thee shall suffer for this, Maister Parson's son," roared Edmund passionately, as he snatched the dog from the ground and ran into the house, covering his retreat with a continuous fire of threats and bad language. Old Bessy had hurried out, and witnessed with delight the discomfiture of her adversary. "Well done, Maister Myerscough," she said, "Thee's done gradely well to skelp yon mongrel. He's a rank bad'un, welly as bad as his maister? Will you not come in a bit, and sit daan o' th lang settle? I'd be fain and glad if tha'd accept a mug o 'yale." "No thanks, Bessy," Richard replied, "I've not far to go now, and I'll be home," and smiling at the complete discomfiture of Ned Mallinson and his ill-mannered cur, Richard hastened on, and continued his walk, until he drew near to the steep gables of the Vicarage house, nestling on the edge of the wood. But though Richard was now so near home his adventures for the day were not yet over. Suddenly he heard a noise of galloping hoofs upon the turf behind him, and the terrified cry of someone in distress. Turning quickly round, Richard saw a grey horse, evidently a run-away, wildly galloping in his direction. The rider, a lady, had lost her hat, so that her long hair was streaming in the wind, and the helpless attitude in which she crouched on her saddle, showed that she had lost all control over her horse, and was in imminent danger of being thrown. "Why," said Richard, "it's Miss Mabel Etherleigh. This'll be another of Ned Mallinson's tricks, I'll be bound. I must catch Sorrel for her or she'll get a fall."

The horse was keeping to the track pretty well, but even if the lady could continue to cling to the saddle, the ride was not without great danger, for every here and there by the way-side were little bushy hollows, varying in depth from 10 or 15 to 30 feet, and if the runaway horse plunged into one of these, there must be a very serious accident. Flinging aside his basket and stick, Richard Myerscough ran forward so as to station himself where the track ran close to the edge of one of these hollows, and nerved himself for a supreme effort.

(To be continued.)

TRAINING AND OVER-TRAINING

AMATEUR RIDER'S VIEWS.

In these days of "Long Ride" Championships, when miles by the thousand are put to the credit of many a rider, facts anent a hundred-mile ride over singularly bad roads by Mr. Samuel Lennard, will not be without interest to cyclists all over the country.

Mr. Lennard, who resides at 2, Campana Road, Fulham, is by trade a decorator, but being of an inventive turn and possessing some skill as an engineer, he a few years since made a bicycle with certain improvements of his own. The success attending his efforts brought him in contact with numerous riders, and he was induced to join a club.

"I have always worked hard all my life," said Mr. Lennard, "and the hard work of training did not distress me. There is a great deal of harm in over-training, but although I have lately been ill, my illness was in no way caused by over-training. I had entered for a club race from London to Reading. I trained slowly and carefully; but it was by no means an ideal day for cycling when the day of therace was reached It was heavy and wet travelling, and at Slough I had to give in. I can hardly explain what was wrong, but I felt queer and out of sorts, with pains in my back, and when I got home I was forced to go to bed. A doctor was sent for, and it was found that I had contracted a bad attack of pneumonia, with pleurisy. For something like six weeks I hovered between life and death; but afterwards I gradually commenced to mend, until I was able to get up and about. The worst part of my illness was the shortness of my breath; when I breathed I felt just as if a needle was running through my lungs. My doctor said I should get better in time, but I found it was a very long time. I looked more fit for my coffin than to be out in the street. I went to the hospital and they gave me medicine, but I found no relief, until one day I met Mrs. Duncan, a relative of mine, who advised me to buy a box of Dr Williams' pink pills for pale people, which had cured many cases like my own, and said that if I carried out the instructions carefully I should soon find an improvement. That very night I commenced taking them. Before that box was empty I felt already better. My breathing improved, and I could walk and eat better; and so I went on gradually until I began to think of starting work again. My friends never thought they would see me working this side of the grave, but I went on with Dr. Williams' pink pills until I felt so well that I started riding again. Within nine weeks of commencing the pills I entered for a race, and won after a very hard tussle; there is the prize—a marble clock. If it had not been for Dr Williams' pink pills I should never have won that. I went on improving, so that I really thought I would come out as a professional rider; and in order to see what I really could do, I trained myself carefully, taking Dr Williams' pink pills all the while, and after four weeks I went in for a long distance ride, and I accomplished fifty-two miles in three hours and a little under the quarter. Six of us started, and I did the fifty-two miles in the quickest time any member of our club has done it. They chaffed me about the pills, but I went on taking them, and when they presented me with that medal there, they asked me if I was going to give it to Dr Williams."

"Winds," the athlete's first need, simply means lung power; and it is remarkable that Mr Lennard, after suffering specifically from shortness of breath, should have attained eminence in a sport making such demands upon the lungs, as bicycling. But shortness of breath is a frequent symptom of anæmia (or deficent blood-supply) and Dr. Williams' pink pills have a well-earned celebrity for increasing and enriching the blood, and curing all disorders which arise from its deficiency. Other diseases they have cured include paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, rickets, indigestion, palpatations, all forms of female weakness and hysteria. They are genuine only with full name, Dr Williams' pink pills for pale people, and are sold by Dr Wiliams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London at two shilling and ninepence a box or six boxes for thirteen and nine, post free; also by chemists. They are a wholesome and powerful tonic, invigorating after overwork or worry.

MAGAZINES FOR AUGUST.

"THE STRAND MAGAZINE" is an especially interesting number for this month, To those who are spending their time at watering places and holiday resorts we can recommend nothing better to amuse and interest them than the contents of this popular magazine. The serial "The Brass Bottle" loses none of its interest, and the short stories are all excellent. The science of astronomy is taught by Sir Robt. Ball in an article on "The structure of the Sidereal System," and the continued article by Mr. H. M. Lucy "From Behind the Speaker's Chair," is full of reminiscences of those who have in the past decade, helped in the making of English history. Messrs Geo. Newnes, Ltd., 6d.

"THE WIDE WORLD MAGAZINE" emanates from the same publishers as "The Strand" and like the latter has been a successful magazine from its inception. This month there are thrilling adventures and wonderful stories drawn from all quarters of the globe and altogether it is a wonderful budget of good reading for its price, 6d.

"THE CAPTAIN" is a holiday number, and caters in the best form for boys and those older boys who have not lost interest in the pastimes of their youth. All the articles as such as boys will delight in. The stories are such as are dear to the hearts of boys, and there are articles in cricket, sport, bicycles, stamp collecting, hobbies, "How to pass the Indian Civil Service" and a host of other things. For healthy reading, this is one of the best magazines to place in the hands of boys of all ages. Messrs Geo. Newnes, Ltd., 6d.

CHESTER-LE-STREET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

On Thursday afternoon the monthly meeting of the Chester-le-Street District Council was held in the Board Room, Chester-le-Street, Mr. P. Oswald presiding. There were also present, Couns. F. Harle, J. Mitchell, T. C. Renwick, J. Dawson, E. Watson, T. F. Brass, G. Middlemas, W. S. Harris, T. Arnell, J. W. Bolam, W. C. Blackett, A. P. Stoker, and Mr. R. Dickinson, (Clerk).

WELCOME TO MR. DAWSON.

After the Clerk had read the minutes of the last meeting.

Coun. Renwick rose and welcomed Mr. Dawson, the newly elected member for Little Lumley, and trusted he would be a useful member of the Board. (Applause.)

The Chairman, Mr. Oswald, supplemented Coun. Renwick's remarks, and said he hoped the new member would be an advantage to the Council. They did not see all their members regularly—that day they were minus the chairman and vice-chairman. However they would have to do the best they could. When they undertook public offices, it was their duty to stick to it. He was glad to see Mr. Dawson, and trusted he would be at home with them. (Applause.)

Coun. Dawson briefly returned thanks.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. J. Taylor, medical officer, reported that the zymotic death-rate for the month was 2.62 per 1,000, the infantile death-rate 9.2 per 1,000. There had been 166 births, giving a birth-rate of 36.4 per 1,000; 73 deaths giving a death-rate of 16 per 1,000. He had received notification of 35 cases of infectious diseases—18 of which were scarlet fever, nine of enteric fever, 2 of diphtheria, and six of erysipelas. During the month three patients suffering from enteric fever, and two from scarlet fever had been admitted to the hospital, one having died from the former, while eight patients suffering from scarlet fever had been discharged. Thirty-two children had died under one year, giving an infantile death-rate of 192 per 1,000 born.

The report was adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Mole, surveyor, reported that the work generally had been well attended to. The contractor of the work at Washington wished to be paid £45 on account, and he saw no reason why the money should not be paid. It had been found necessary to have three polluted wells in the district closed, and taps put into the houses. He had made a complete survey at Fatfield of the part not sewered in 1897 and complaints would be laid before the local committee about that part. He had been informed that the whole of the sewerage from Birtley had been passing directly into the stream without being purified by filtration. About 60 yards of an open ditch near Perkinsville was in a filthy condition. In consequence of a complaint he had received he visited Beech Grove Terrace and Stone Row, Twizell. At the former place he found no pipes or taps for the supply of water. It would be advisable for a supply to be obtained.

THE SEWERAGE AT BIRTLEY.

With respect to this question a letter was read from the County Health Committee stating that the County Medical Inspector on visiting Birtley found the whole of the sewerage passing through the tanks without being purified by filtration.

Coun. Stoker said it was true that the sewerage had passed through the tanks as stated in the letter, because there was more than could be dealt with. It was mostly storm water, and was quite an exceptional case.

The Chairman: I think with that explanation it will die away, and we will hear no more about it.

DITCH AT PERKINSVILLE.

With respect to the 60 yards of open ditch at Perkinsville

The Chairman asked if it would cost much, when

Mr. Mole said it would cost 6d a yard to have it cleaned out.

SEWERAGE AT TWIZELL.

It was asked if it was considered necessary to have a sewerage drain put down at Twizell, and

Mr Mole said there had been a complaint sent from the Edmondsley Parish Council.

The Chairman: We had better have that letter read. The letter to the effect that Stone Row, and Beech Grove were in a very unsanitary condition was read, after which The Chairman asked what the sewerage drain would cost?

Mr. Mole: To make a sewer at Twizell it will cost £10.

It was resolved to ask the Consett Water Co. for a tender for supply of sufficient water to carry out the flushing.

SUNNISIDE SEWERAGE.

The Clerk stated that he had written the clerk of the Whickham Council respecting the disconnecting of the sewerage pipes belonging to the two authorities at Sunniside, and had received a reply to the effect that there seemed to be some misunderstanding in the matter, and suggested a meeting between the two surveyors on the spot.

The suggestion was agreed to.

The Chairman: Is there any doubt about their being connected?

Mr. Mole: There is no doubt about it, because the Whickham surveyor admitted that he had done it on the understanding that the agreement had been practically settled.

SAMPLING THE NIGHT WATER.

Coun. Mitchell said while they were busy with the sewerage work he would like to ask the permission of the Board to have a few samples of the night sewerage for the purpose to have it analysed, as the Council knew the County Council was objecting to the day water running into the river during the night time. They called it sewer but he asked them where they got the sewer from. The Council should prove it was day water by having a few samples taken at night and analized. The River Pollution Committee was going to visit the place. He moved that the sanction of the Board be given.

Coun. Harle seconded the motion, which was carried.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning the re-appointment of Mr. G. B. Brown as Inspector of Nuisances for twelve months at a salary of £104.

WATER SUPPLY AT FATFIELD.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Peace calling upon the Council to provide a proper and sufficient water supply for the village of Fatfield.

Coun. Renwick asked if there had been a complaint about the supply of water at Fatfield, as there were three or four good wells in the district.

Dr. Taylor, on being asked his opinion on the subject, said he had had no complaints. He understood the people got the water for next to nothing, and were not willing to pay for it.

Coun. Renwick: Before we have any complaint from the villagers it will be unjust to compel them to pay for a supply.

The Chairman: There are some people bad to satisfy. The water they obtain is very good indeed, it is spring water, and it is almost impossible for that portion of it to be polluted. There are other waters of a more doubtful character at the other end of the village which people use instead of going a little distance to get the good water. If they would really be at the trouble of going about 200 yards there would be no trouble. There should be a little more data before we begin to expend any money on a water supply scheme.

Coun. Renwick: I move that we write to the Clerk of the Peace saying that until there was some want the Council could not see their way clear to do anything in the matter.

Coun. W. Bolam: If people have 200 yards to go it is too far I think. If they were not complaining it seems strange that they will bear the hardship and not complain and go so far to carry the water. I move that the matter be referred to the local committee.

The Chairman: When the matter came up before a good deal of trouble was gone to. The water was tested and found to be of excellent quality. It was taken as far as it would go, to its own level. If we had taken it another hundred yards it would have met the case.

Coun. Mitchell: I am afraid that something will have to be done. The Health Committee is very determined about the water supply for Fatfield. It is reported by the County Medical Officer of Health, who says it is contaminated with the churchyard, and you will have to prove to them that it is not. I am doubtful that the water is pure and good, and of a sufficient supply. They are determined to take steps to have it put in.

Coun. Renwick: The existing wells cannot be improved upon.

The Chairman: From the analysis it is acknowledged to be "A.1." in quality.

Dr. Taylor said the result of the last analysis was that it was of a doubtful purity, and might be easily contaminated.

It was resolved to write the Clerk of the Peace informing him that the matter had been referred to the local committee.

CLAIMING DAMAGES.

A letter was read from Messrs Johnsson, Gordon and Co, Ltd., claiming damages from the Council for laying a sewer through their land near Usworth Hall to the extent of some £300.

Coun. Blackett; What is being done with Mr. Dodds? I think, however small the first matter might be we should take it up in the light of what it may develope to.

The Clerk: We have made an offer of £3 per yard.

Coun. Blackett: If he is not prepared to accept that we ought to be prepared to go to arbitration.

The Chairman: We gave Mr. Dodds an answer, and have not heard anything from him lately.

It was resolved to follow out the custom in such cases.

PRESSING HER CLAIM.

Miss Anderson, of Great Usworth, wrote in reply to the clerk's letter of the 8th inst. declining to accept the sum offered by the Council. It was unreasonable, and the parties mentioned knew it. She asked for a cheque for the full amount claimed, £25, to be sent without delay, or the case would have to go to arbitration. She claimed not merely for actual but also "prospective" damage.

The Chairman: I have never heard of anything of the kind about "prospective" damage. He suggested that no further offer be made.

Coun. Douglas said some firm action would have to be taken in that question. If the Council paid Miss Anderson, Johnasson, Gordon, and Co., Ltd., would be asking the Council to pay them. The whole of the money would have to be paid by Johnasson, Gordon, and Co., Ltd.

The Chairman: We are entitled to pay the crop damage.

Coun. Douglas: You haven't got our crop damage yet, but you will get it We must not be taxed by paying Bowes and Partners.

The Chairman: I think this Council has never agreed to pay Bowes and Partners.

Coun. Stoker: Does this Council think that the contractor has made Miss Anderson a fair and just value of the damage.

The Chairman: It is most liberal in my opinion.

Coun. Stoker: I am satisfied with that. The contractor had a right to pay anything for land damage. You have now to leave her.

Coun. Douglas: Then I move that we do leave her. (Laughter.)

THE RECENT MINING CASE FROM LANGLEY PARK.

In his monthly circular to the members of the Durham Miner's Association, Mr. John Wilson refers to the above case as follows:—

During the month there has been a very important mining case heard before the Lanchester Magistrates. Its importance arises from the fact that it makes clear a portion of the Mines Act of 1887, upon which there has been a misunderstanding. I mention it simply because of the settlement of the question, and not because there is room for reflection upon anyone. The case was instituted by the Government Inspector of Mines. There were two points in the indictment one of which was withdrawn. The point to be decided by the Magistrates was, as to whether it was a violation of the Act, if a manager did not order an examination of the working places, when there was an intervening time between the back-shift hewers leaving the face, and the shifters going in. The portion of the Act in dispute, is part of general rule 4 of the Act—

"A competent person or competent persons, appointed by the owner, agent, or manager, for the purpose; not being contractors for getting minerals in the mine, shall within such time, immediately before the commencement of each shift, as fixed by Special rules made under this Act, inspect every part of the mine, situate beyond the station, or each of the stations, and in which workmen are to work or pass during that shift, and shall ascertain the condition thereof, so far as the presence of gas, ventilation, roof, and sides, and general safety are concerned."

"No workman shall pass beyond any such station, until the part of the mine, beyond the station, has been so examined, and stated, by such competent person, to be safe."

The length of time intervening between the back-shift hewers leaving, and the shifters going in, was about three-hours-and-a-half. The Mines Inspector held that in every case where above two hours elapsed there should be an inspection, as set forth by the Act, before a workman of any kind was allowed go in. On behalf of the manager (while it was admitted there had been a technical violation of the act), it was held the rule was not clear upon the point. It was simply a matter of construction. The lawyer on the owners' side said the manager had given it one meaning, and the Mines Inspector another. "The practice at this colliery was in use at many others in the county, and there could not be any charge of laxity or carelessness on the part of the management." This view, the prosecuting lawyer accepted, and argued, it was the custom at several collieries to regard the shifters and hewers as a continuous shift; whereas the Mines Inspector contended, that they were different shifts, and, therefore, there ought to be two different inspections of the mine, instead of only one inspection. The Inspector was anxious that his construction of the rule should be enforced throughout the county.

An assurance being given that separate inspections should take place, both before shifters went in, and again before the fore-shift hewers went in; and as this would effect the purpose the Inspector had in view if the Bench accepted such assurance; and, further, as the publicity given to the case would confirm his interpretation of the rule, and bring the examinations in the county into line with that definition, "which would be in the interest of the miners," the case was not pressed. If there be any vagueness in the special rules, and there must be, or the management at the colliery in question would not violate it openly, should there not be an attempt made to correct the looseness of the language? It is thirteen years since the special rules were formed. During that time, our experience will have thrown light upon portions of them. A friendly meeting of the parties interested will do no harm.

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A list of the Prize Winners in the July Competition will be sent free to anyone upon application.

CONSETT SWIFTS ATHLETIC SPORTS

On Saturday last the members of the Consett Town Swifts Amateur Football Club were favoured from a weather point for the holding of their first annual athletic sports on the Vicarage Field. Of late it has been a game of touch and go with the elements, and promoters of out-door entertainments who have had a dry atmosphere to assist their enterprise have had reason to class themselves among the lucky ones. More particularly are the Swifts to be congratulated in being thus forunate inasmush as it was their initial effort, and though the outcome may not be to add greatly to the coffers of the club the venture may be regarded as having been a satisfactory one, and one which promises to become the popular event of the district in years to come. Everything had been done by the committee in the way of pre-arrangements to give the public a quid pro quo for their patronage, and despite the fact that there were other attractions in the neighbourhood there was an attendance of upwards of 1,500 to witness the various events set down for decision. Excellent music was provided by the Leadgate Saxhorn Band, under the leadership of Mr Robt Death, and a large marquee was erected where refreshments were served on the Lackhart system. The secretary, Mr W. G. Reed, not only worked energetically himself, but he was loyally supported by the president, Mr T. Henderson; the treasurer, Mr R. Russell, and the committee, Messrs J. Batey, E. Crawshaw, H. McArdle, M. Eustace, J. Turley, John McArdle, J. Massey, A. Carter, J. Green, T. Richards, F. Falconer, A. Frosdick, J. Blair, James McArdle, and J. Dempsey. The chief events on the card was the 120 yards foot handicap for which 104 entries had been received. The amounts offered in pries were £9 for first, £2 10s for second, and £1 for third. Mr J. Charlton, of Victoria Garesfield, was the handicapper, and as an outcome of his allotments there were some excellent finishes. The entrants were divided into twenty heats, and in the great majority of them there was a most satisfactory acceptance on the part of sprinters. The final heat was one of the best seen in the district for some time and proved a fine tussle between Knight, of Blaydon, and Grey, of Byker, who were both off the 22 yards mark. The local man took the lead early on, but in the last 20 yards Grey put on a splendid burst and was gaining ground when Knight broke the tape with only a few inches to spare. Mr. Charlton also acted as judge, and Mr. T. Davison, of Castleside, as pistol-firer. During an interval between the heats and the final interest centred in several of the other events chief among them being a tug-of-war, putting the weight, kicking at goal, and quoits. Details:—

120 yards handicap—Winners of heats—J. Lloyd, Consett, 24 yards start; J. Kelly, Westwood, 23½; J. Archer, Blackhill, 17; T. Grey, Blackhill, 23; J. Arnold, Blackhill, 24; W. Baty, Tow Law, 21; V. Ord, Leadgate, 22; W. Amos, Blaydon, 23½; W. Lockwood, Medomsley, 24; J. Barbour, Leadgate, 24; A. Grey, Byker, 22; J. Maughan, Beamish, 22½; J. Porteous, Consett, 24; W. Rowe, Elswick, 23½; T. Kirsopp, Newcastle, 18½; J. Ryder, Consett, 24; F. Cairns, Consett, 24; J. Jennings, Blackhill, 24; E. Knight, Blackhill, 22; and J. Jones, Blackhill, 23.

Ties, heat 1.—Grey (Blackhill), 1; Arnold, 2; Kelly, 3; Lloyd, 0; Archer, 0. Won by a couple of yards.

Heat 2.—Ord, 1; Barbour, 2; Baty, 3; Amos, 0; Lockwood, 0. Won by half-a-yard.

Heat 3.—Grey (Byker), 1; Kirsopp, 2; Maughan, 3; Porteous, 0; Rowe, 0. Won by half-a-yard.

Heat 4.—Knight, 1; Jones, 2; Cairns, 3; Ryder, 0; Jennings, 0. Won by about three yards.

Final heat.—Knight, 1; Grey (Byker), 2; Grey (Blackhill), 3; Ord, 4. Knight took up the running and assumed a clear lead with Grey, of Byker, next and the others a couple of yards behind. Twenty yards from home Grey challenged the leader and although he gained ground he was never able to reach the Blackhill man who won on the tape. Grey, of Blackhill, was third two yards away, and Ord close up last.

Tug-of-war.—Smith's team beat Young's team; Rafferty's team beat the Blastfurnacemen's team; and Rafferty's team beat Smith's team twice in succession and won.

Kicking at hoop.—W. Cox, 1; D. Carthy, 2.

Kicking at goal.—W. Murphy, 1; W. Oliver, 2.

Putting the eight (12lbs.)—B. Rone, 40ft. 3in., 1; D. Rafferty, 31ft. 3½in., 2; W. Scott, 30ft. 8in., 3.

Quoits. 1st prize, £1; 2nd, 10s.—G. Hall, Tow Law, 4 lots; B. Dent, one lot, and N. Lamb, Consett, one lot, divided, Hall taking four shares and the others one each.

Several events were postponed owing to darkness.

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Business Announcements.

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NOTICE. NOTICE.

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Quality and Price of Goods Guaranteed Right.
PROMPT ATTENTION GIVEN TO ALL ORDERS.
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Public Notices.

BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

THE THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION of Chrysanthemums, will be held in St. Aidan's Hall, Blackhill, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 21st and 22nd, 1900.
Schedules now ready, and may be had on application to
ANDREW TROTTER, Hon. Sec.
522l 57, Durham Road, Blackhill.

LANGLEY PARK FLORAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND LIVE STOCK SOCIETY.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SHOW will be held on Saturday, 15th September, 1900.
When over £200 In Prizes will be given for
Floral, Industrial, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Dogs. £16 10s. Foot Handicap, £3 for Quoiting.
THE WELLESLEY TRAINING SHIP BAND is engaged for the day, with Gun Drill Party, Hornpipe Dancer, Murphy's Roundabouts, &c.
For Schedules apply to
5651 WM. CRAIB AND COUSIN, Secs.

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Ample Reserve Fund.
For Prospectus and further information, apply to the Secretary,
J. W. CAMPBELL,
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565h Mr. Joshua Lax), Shotley Bridge.

H. P. JASINSKI,

CROWN AND CROSS SWORDS HOTEL SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
(Late of the Vaudeville Restaurant, Newcastle),
BEGS to Inform the Public that he has taken over the management of the above Hotel (lately occupied by Mr. Morgan), and trusts that past experience, and a determination to give the closest attention to Business will meet the Public Approval and Patronage.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, LUNCHEONS, DINNERS, TEAS, PROMPTLY PROVIDED.
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SUBSCRIPTIONS may be paid to
Mr. T. L. GLEDSTONE, Hon. Treasurer, N.E. Bank, Consett;
or further information from the Hon. Secretaries—
Mr. W. S. DAVIES, Brynglass, Consett; or
Mr. G. T. HYDEN, Blackfyne House, Blackhill.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

FUND in aid of the Wives and Families of of Soldiers and Sailors serving with the Colours.
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	£	s.	d.
Amount acknowledged	1011	4	6
Consett Iron Co's. Workmen's 15th contribution	33	15	1
Hamsterley Colliery Workmen's 7th contribution	7	8	6
539i	£1051	8	1

RESUSCITATION OF THE RENOWNED ORIGINAL BLACKHILL ETHIOPIAN MINSTREL TROUPE.

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WILL BE HELD IN THE
TOWN HALL, CONSETT,
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1900.
In aid of the Consett and District Cricket Club Bazaar Scheme.
High-class Solos. Up-to-date Coon and Corner Songs. New Original Side-splitting and Laughter-Evoking Jokes. Brilliant Soloists. Funny Corner Men. Stump Speech. Zither Solos. Comic Songs. Unique Sand Dance. Sketch, &c., and
GRAND MILITARY ENSEMBLE AND PHANTASMAGORIA.
Plan of Hall may be seen, and seats booked, at Messrs. Ramsden's Piano Warehouse, Front Street, Consett.
Reserved Seats (Numbered), 2s.; Second Seats, 1s.; Back Seats (Limited), 6d.
COME AND SEE THE BOYS AND ENJOY THE FUN.

WHICKHAM FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND POULTRY SOCIETY, ANNUAL SHOW, SATURDAY, SEPT. 1st. Flowers, Fruits, Plants, Vegetables, Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits, will be on Exhibition in the Grounds kindly granted by Miss Brown. The Popular and Successful SOUTH DERWENT BAND will Render Splendid Selections of Music at the Show and Ball. SPORTS.—£30 will be given for open Leaping and Pony Racing. Programme: Class 1.—Open Leaping (entry fee 5s. close Thursday, August 30th, post entries 10s.) First Prize, £6; Second, £2; Third, £1. Class 2.—Leaping, confined to a radius of Six Miles from Whickham, and to have been the *bona fide* property of owner for three months prior to August 30th (entry fee 3s, close August 30th, post entry 5s.) First Prize, £3; Second, £1; Third, 10s. Class 3.—Open Pony Race, One Mile (for 14 hands and under, to be Measured and Handicapped by Start according to Height and Merit. Entry fee 2s. 6d., close August 30th, post entry 5s.) First Prize, £3; Second, £1; Third, 10s. Refreshments will be undertaken by the Committee in a Special Tent, at Moderate Charges. No Stall-holders will be allowed in or near the Grounds. Admission to Show, 1-30 to 3 p.m., 1s.; 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., 6d. Schedules and Entry Forms may be had on application to EDW. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec., The Durdans, Whickham, Swalwell, R.S.O. 612i

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PRICES AND PARTICULARS on Application to the Lessee,
SIMON ROWE,
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(Copy of a Recent Letter from Messrs Snowball, Son, and Co., Ltd., Drapers and Furnishers.)
Kent House, Gateshead.
July 28th, 1900.
Dear Sir,—We are very pleased with the excellent Tea supplied in connection with the picnic on July 11th, 1900. All the arrangements were carried out to our entire satisfaction, and we shall be most happy to recommend you to anyone at any future time.
For SNOWBALL, SON, AND CO., LTD.,
ARCHIBALD J. SNOWBALL,
Secretary.

Public Notices.

WILLIAM BRAND,

FISH MERCHANT,
RAGLAN STREET CONSETT,
Begs to intimate that he has taken the Shop in
HAVELOCK STREET
Lately occupied by Mr. Courtney, and will OPEN it on FRIDAY, AUGUST 17th, with a Fine Stock of FRESH FISH, DRIED FISH, FINDON HADDIES, BLOATERS, KIPPERS; also, SHELL FISH.
NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS:
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

SHOULD any ASHPITS or PRIVIES be Overlooked or not properly Cleaned, please notify the Contractor at once when they will be attended to. Signed,
572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

LEADGATE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB

SPORTS,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1900.
£15 HANDICAP, (splendid cinder track), Entries 1s. 1d. to P. SMALL, Handicapper, Leadgate, or the Secretaries.
30s. Quoiting; 15s. Bowling at Wicket; 15s. Kicking at Hoop. Prizes for Bicycle Handicap, Comic Costume Race, Skipping, Boys' Race, Old Men's Race, &c.

LEADGATE SAXHORN BAND will attend.
Applications for space for Swings, Roundabouts, Stalls, &c., to the Secretaries, J. Ross and J. E. KINLESIDE, Leadgate. 594i

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KYO AND ANNFIELD PLAIN FLOWER SHOW.
The Thirty-Second Annual

EXHIBITION

OF
FLOWERS, FRUITS, PLANTS, & VEGETABLES, will be held in a field belonging to the Co-operative Society, Annfield Plain, on
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1900.
THE SOUTH DERWENT PRIZE BAND has been engaged.
SPORTS.
£20 120 Yards Foot-race.—Mr. P. SMALL, Leadgate, Handicapper.
£3 10s Quoit Handicap.—Mr. W. EMBLETON, Kyo, Handicapper.
£1 10s.—Largest Attendance of Club Cyclists.
12s 6d.—Comic Costume Cyclists.
12s 6d.—High Leap.
CHILDRENS' GAMES.
A GRAND BALL will be held at night, M.C., MR. T. MAUDLIN.
Refreshments supplied on Ground.
Applications for Stands apply to MR. RICHARDSON, Olympia, Sunderland.
For Schedules and other information apply to MESSRS. G. BULLERWELL and G. PACE, East Kyo, Annfield Plain, R.S.O.
The Show Ground adjoins the Railway Station. 472i

SHOTLEY BRIDGE
FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Fifty-first Annual

EXHIBITION

In the Spa Grounds, Shotley Bridge, on
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1900.
Plants, Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables.
Dogs (under K. C. License).
Poultry and Pigeons.
Bread, Butter, Eggs, and Honey.
Bicycle Handicap and other Sports.
Grand Cricket Match.
RISE CARR ROLLING MILLS PRIZE SILVER BAND.
RICHARDSON'S ROUNDABOUTS.
GRAND BALL in the Marquee after the Show.
Admission to Show.—From 10-30 to 4, 1s.; from 4 to 7-30 6d.
Cheap Excursions from Middlesborough, Hartlepool, Darlington, Newcastle, and Sunderland.
Schedules and Entry Forms may be had on application to the Secretary. Entries close 18th August.
J. HEDWORTH COUPLAND, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge. 494i

TANFIELD FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
THE ANNUAL

EXHIBITION

Will be held in a Field, kindly granted by T. H. SMITH, Esq., Tanfield,
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1900.

BREAD BAKING COMPETITION
(OPEN TO ALL).
Plain Loaf of White Bread not to be under 3lbs. in weight.—First Prize, Tablecloth; Second, 2s. 6d. Entrance Threepence.
Loaf of Brown Bread, not to be under 4lbs. in weight.—First Prize, Stool; Second, 2s. 6d. Entrance Threepence.
TROTTING HANDICAP (Open). About 1½ miles. 5 p.m. First prize, £3 10s; 2nd £1; 3rd 10s. Entries close Aug. 23rd.
£10 120YDS. FOOT HANDICAP First prize, £7; second, £2; third, 15s.; fourth, 5s. Entrance 1s. (close August 23rd), to Mr. J. CHARLTON, Handicapper, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green; or W. WALLACE, Sec., Tanfield.
QUOITING (open). First prize, £1; Second, 10s.; Third, 5s. Entrance Sixpence. Handicapper: Mr. T. Green, Tanfield.
BOWLING AT WICKET. First prize, 5s.; Second, 3s.; Third, 2s. Entrance Threepence.
Best two half-pounds of Sweet Butter. First prize, 5s.; Second, 2s. 6d. Entrance 3d.
THE TANFIELD LEA SILVER MODEL BAND
Will Play Selections and Dance Music during the Afternoon.
A GRAND BALL will be held in the Tent at Night. M.C's: Messrs. J. Shippin and W. Robson.
Refreshments will be supplied on the Ground by Mrs. Irwin, Tanfield.
No Stall-holders allowed to sell Lemonade. Applications for Stands to be made to Mr. G. Pinniger.
Admission to Show: Adults, 6d.; Children, 3d. To Ball: Gents, 1s.; Ladies, 6d.
Any further information may be had on application to
W. WALLACE, Tanfield,
540i Tantobie, R.S.O.

NEW THEATRE,

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(Also of the Royal Theatre and Opera House, Barrow-in-Furness, and Theatre Royal, Jarrow-on-Tyne).
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Great Success and Last Three Nights of—

THE HAND OF IRON.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1900.
MR. FRED JARMIN'S CO., in the Thrilling Drama—

UNDER THE CZAR.

EDMUND TEARLE is Coming.
Please record your Votes as to what he shall Play.
Voting Papers may be had at the Theatre.

PRICE THREE SHILLINGS
OR POST FREE, 3s. 3d.

THE LANCHESTER COMMON ACT

With the awarded Roads, Quarries, Wells, Watering Places, etc., set out out by the Commissioners by their award, dated 13th June, 1871; also a note of the various
CUSTOMS OF THE COPYHOLD OF MANORS OF THE SEE OF DURHAM.
Edited and compiled by Robert Jackson, for upwards of thirty years Managing Clerk in the Copyhold Office, Durham, and late Bailiff of the Manor.
The whole of the remaining copies of this useful work, which was published at 3s. 6d., having been purchased by Robert Jackson, *Guardian* Office, Consett, he has determined to reduce the price to 3s. per copy, (post free 3s. 3d.), in order to effect a speedy clearance.
Also on hand a few copies (being an exact facsimile) of the Original Lanchester Common Act, published by the late MR. JOHN CALVERT, at the reduced price of 2s. each, (post free 2s. 2d.)
☞ Every Owner or Occupier of Property, within the boundary of Lanchester Common, should possess a copy of either of these editions.
We will be glad to forward copies of either of these editions by return of Post, for which Halfpenny Postage Stamps, or Postal Orders made payable to ROBERT JACKSON Consett, must be received. 583i

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Public Notice.

DIPTON AND DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB GYMKHANA and CYCLE PARADE August 25th, and 29th (postponed on account of bad weather.)
Four Events on Wednesday, and Six on Saturday, for which valuable Prizes will be given. Handicapper, Mr G. Simpson, Gateshead.
559i F. HODGSON, Hon. Sec.

NOW ON SALE AT "GUARDIAN" OFFICE, CONSETT,

LIFE OF THOMAS HARKER,

Coal-Winner and Soul-Winner.
Price: One Shilling, or Post Free, 1s. 2d.
Or may be obtained from MR. JOS. HARKER, 86, Addison Road, Heaton. 408

BIRTLEY SHOW.

Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Flowers, Industrial Work, &c.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1900.
£170 in Prizes. Numerous and valuable Specials.
Splendid Classification.
Popular Judges.
120 YDS. FOOT HANDICAP. £15 in Prizes
Mr. Speed, Handicapper.
Write for Schedule
J. H. RIPPON,
268 Birtley, Co. Durham.

Church Notices.

ST. IVES, LEADGATE.
ANNUAL FLOWER SERVICES on Sunday, August 26th, at the usual hours. 521i

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1900.
Morning, 10-30— MR. T. BERRYMAN.
Evening, 6 — MR. T. HUDDLESTONE.
ALL SEATS FREE.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1900.
Morning 10-30 } REV. GEO. PENMAN,
Evening 6 } Didsbury College.
ALL SEATS FREE.

CHOPWELL WESLEYAN METHODISTS.
In connection with the above, the New Wesleyan Chapel will be

OPENED

On Wednesday, August 29th, 1900,
When a SERMON will be preached by the
REV. THOMAS WAUGH, Connexional Evangelist,
At 3 p.m. Subject of Sermon, "Sinful Silence."
After the Sermon, a KNIFE AND FORK TEA will be provided in a large Marquee. Tea on the Tables at 4 o'clock prompt. Tickets 1s. each.
In the Evening at 6 p.m., the REV. THOS. WAUGH will deliver his Popular LECTURE, entitled "The Story of my Conversion." Chair to be taken by THOS. H. BAINBRIDGE, Esq., J.P., Newcastle. Collection at each Service. Silver Collection after Lecture.
On Sunday, September 2nd, OPENING SERMONS will be preached, in the Afternoon at 2-30, and Evening at 6 o'clock, by MR. GEORGE REDHEAD, of Walbottle.
Sunday, September 9th, Sermons by the REV. G. E. POLKINGHORNE.
A Collection at all the Services in aid of New Building Fund. 573

Excursions

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
Excursion Train from BLACKHILL, Thursday, Aug. 30th, at 9 21 p.m., for LONDON, 2, 4, 5, or 8 days, and the CONTINENT.
For further particulars see bills.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, August, 1900. General Manager.

Stud Notices.

THE CLEVELAND BAY STALLION,

"LUCKY PRINCE."

Will travel the Consett and Blackhill District and Stand at Surtees' Builders Yard, Benfieldside, Blackhill, this Season.
Tuesday Route:—Burnopfield, Blaydon, staying at Belsay over night, and return by Wylam to Blackhill every night. 684

Sales by Auction.

By Mr JOHN CRAWFORD

Smailes Farm, near Rowlands Gill Station.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by W. Robinson, Esq., to SELL BY AUCTION, a large quantity of Potatoes. Date and particulars next week. 609

JOHN CRAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION and HOUSE AGENT. Also, appointed Bailiff by his Honour Judge MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street Consett.

By Mr A. Phillipson

No. 1, Blue Row, White-le-Head.
Monday, 27th August, 1900.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from Mrs. Dodds, who is declining housekeeping, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, as above, the whole of her Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. This Lot of Furniture is in good order and excellent quality. See Bills for particulars.
Sale to begin at 1-30. 325

SPECIAL NOTICE.
A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Valuer, House, Land, and Emigration Agent, will undertake AUCTION SALES upon most reasonable terms, and conducted in the best style. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., bought right out for cash. Appointed by His Honour Judge MEYNELL, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888 Office, Front Street, Dipton. by Lintz Green

By Mr J. G. Usher

Horses, Traps, Harness, &c.
High Crown Yard, Chester-le-Street.
SALE on Wednesday, August 29th, 1900.
Sale at One p.m.
J. G. USHER, Auctioneer,
Chester-le-Street
Entries Respectfully Solicited. 618

By Mr John S. Murray

IMPORTANT SALE OF COTTAGE PROPERTY at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday, September 5th, at 7 o'clock in the evening, all that one-storey Block of Property at Blackfine, viz: 6 Houses in Armstrong Street, 2 in Durham Road, and 1 in Buckham Street, and 9 in Silver Street, Blackhill.
615i J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

JOHN SWINBURNE MURRAY,
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WHITEHALL LODGE, BLACKHILL.

By Mr Jackson Green

BLACKHILL FARMERS' MART CO., LTD.
MONDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1900.
MR. JACKSON GREEN, AUCTIONEER.
25 Fat Cattle, 200 Sheep and Lambs, Cows, Calves, Pigs, Grey Horse, 15 h.h., quiet and a good worker; Poultry, Shovels, Gripes, &c. Ballot at 12-30. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock

A SPECIAL SALE for LAMBS and STORE CATTLE will be held on Wednesday, August 29th, 1900. Expected forward:
500 Sheep and Lambs.
30 Bullocks and Heifer Stirks.
Ballot at 12-30: Sale to commence at 1 o'clock
J. W. OSBORNE, Secretary,
615i 10a, Durham Road, Blackhill

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Sales undertaken on Commission according to arrangement.
All Classes of Furniture or property purchased outright for cash, or Sold by Auction.

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Business Announcements.

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Sales by Auction

By Mr T. D. Dryden.

To Investors, Members of Building Societies, &c.

Important Sale of Freehold Property, Delacour Street, West Stanley, on Wednesday, Aug. 29th, 1900.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, honoured with instructions from Mr. John G. Eltringham, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mrs. Chaytor's, Queen's Hotel, Stanley, on Wednesday, August 29th, 1900, at 6 o'clock, all that Valuable TENEMENT PROPERTY, being Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16, Delacour Street, Stanley. The Houses are Stone-built, with Stone Facings, and command the very best class of Tenants, bringing in a Rental of £106 12s. 0d. per annum.

The Auctioneer would call special attention to this block of Property, as the material and workmanship is of the best, the Buildings have the latest Sanitary improvements, and the most modern style.

Further particulars may be had from Messrs. Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley, Solicitors, Consett, or the Auctioneer.

T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer Consett.

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T. D. DRYDEN, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, 56, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

By Mr. Joseph Vickers.

Freehold and Copyhold Farm at Mount Pleasant, near Rowley.

MR JOSEPH VICKERS will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Railway Hotel, Consett, on Friday, August 24th, 1900, at 4 p.m., all that FREEHOLD and COPYHOLD FARM, together with the DWELLING-HOUSE, Stable, Byre, and the usual Outbuildings attached thereto, comprising 64 acres and 17 perches of Land, of which 1 acre 2 roods and 3 perches are Copyhold, and the remainder Freehold, situate at Mount Pleasant, near Rowley, at present in the occupation of Mr. Fred Gascoigne, as tenant thereof.

The tenant will allow inspection and for further particulars apply to Mr. John Johnson, Springwell, Tow Law, the Auctioneer, Mart Office, Tow Law, or to

MR. J. McCARTAN, Solicitor, Durham and Consett.

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By Mr James Turnbull.

To Greengrocers, Potato Merchants, and Others.

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FATFIELD.

Drowning Fatality.—A lad named Lewes about 16 years of age, who was employed in North Biddick Pit as a driver lad, and resided at the Wood Houses near Penshaw Railway Station, was bathing in the Wear on Thursday afternoon, when, getting out of his depth, he sank, and, despite every effort at rescue by his companions, was drowned.

Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

William Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday.—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. DEPOSITS received at four per cent. interest, repayable on giving one month's notice.

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, August 24th, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

The Medomsley Election. It is somewhat curious that whereas only two gentlemen were nominated to represent Medomsley on the Board of Guardians and District Council of Lanchester, at the last triennial election—the late Mr. John Hunter being afterwards added as the third representative by virtue of having previously occupied these positions—there was no fewer than three candidates for the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Hunter. It was generally expected until quite recently that the contest would rest beween Mr. R. Moffitt and Mr. J. Jamieson; but at the last moment almost Mr. Arthur Watson, of Burnopfield, decided to come forward, basing his claim to the seat on the fact that Hamsterley was entitled to one representative seeing that Medomsley had already two. The Medomsley township is a scattered one, and consequently there were polling-booths at Hamsterley, Westwood, and Medomsley. Although very little stir of an unusual nature was observable, the electorate turned up in very satisfactory numbers at the various booths—297 out of 400 on the list voting at Hamsterley, 192 out of 320 at Medomsley, and 193 out of 250 at Westwood. When the poll closed, and the boxes had been conveyed from Hamsterley and Westwood to Medomsley, the counting was speedily accomplished under the superintendence of Mr. W. W. Thompson, the Returning Officer. It was generally expected that Mr. Jamieson would be returned, and these anticipations were fully borne out, this gentleman obtaining no less than 417 votes, whilst Mr. Watson secured 160, and Mr. Moffitt just 100. It was a very decisive victory—due in a great measure to hard work on the part of the candidate and a large section of his supporters.

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A Successful Band. The Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Band are certainly enjoying a splendid run of success. Their triumphs up-to-date have been little short of wonderful. The band competed at Wingate Flower Show on Saturday, and, in the words of their energetic secretary, "literally swept the deck." For both selection and march the Consett band gained first prize, and, in addition, carried off the medals for the best soloists—truly a rare day's work, and one upon which our local musicians are to be warmly congratulated. The band possess a record for the present season which perhaps no other band in the north can boast of. They have taken part in eleven contests, and been placed first nine times and second twice, as well as capturing nine medals. This is a really splendid performance and bears eloquent testimony in the first place to the admirable manner in which the bandmen have been taught, and in the second to the assiduous attention paid by the members to practice.

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A Criticism. It will perhaps be remembered that a month or two since, at a meeting of the Tow Law Council, a rather heated discussion took place, in which the Surveyor (Mr. Hillary) and the Gas Manager (Mr. Kemp) were concerned. "The Gas World," the trade organ, which is largely patronised by the Gas Managers of the United Kingdom, comments in the following terms upon the discussion referred to:—"Tow Law is happily not a place of such importance as to justify the fear that the treatment of the gas manager by the local authority there may form a precedent for other local authorities. At a meeting of the District Council the Surveyor complained that the manager, Mr. J. Kemp, had actually refused to carry out certain requests made by him. One request appears to have been for the supply of a bucket of tar for use in the Pretoria celebrations! The Council apparently regarded Mr. Kemp's conduct as extremely insubordinate, and a proposal was made that a month's notice should be given him. An amendment was proposed to the effect that he should be directed to obey the surveyor or send in his resignation. The milder counsel prevailed only through the casting vote of the Chairman. The policy of allowing the surveyor to interfere with the management of the gas undertaking has been tried in other places, and has not proved very successful."

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A Pleasant Outing. The members of the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society have engaged in many enjoyable outings, but their excursion to Ushaw College on Wednesday afternoon of last week will undoubtedly stand out prominently as one of the most pleasant undertaken under the auspices of this flourishing society. A look through Ushaw College—with its wealth of priceless treasures and relics—is at any time a privilege and a pleasure, but, with such excellent cicerones as the Rev. Father Magill and the Rev. Father Rickaby, of the Brooms, the delight invariably experienced by a visit to this famous seat of learning was greatly enhanced. Both reverend gentlemen are, we believe, old Ushaw boys, therefore it was only natural that they should take a pride and pleasure in pointing out and explaining the numerous works of art, etc., to the naturalists. Father Magill further laid the visitors under obligation by reading to them a splendidly-prepared and very interesting paper upon Ushaw College. Altogether it was a day to be remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present. We may say that we have in type a lengthy report of the proceedings, but, owing to very great pressure upon our columns, we are compelled to hold it over until next week.

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The Operatic Society. Although not much is heard concerning the Consett and District Operatic Society, it must not be inferred from this that the members are idle. Far from it. The practices are proceeding most satisfactorily, and all the performers have a good grasp of the respective characters they will assume. Whilst this is so, the committee on their part have been labouring most energetically—and there is more work connected with an undertaking of this kind than the average outsider has the slightest idea of. We understand that it has been decided to give the first performance of "Patience" on Monday night, Nov. 19th, and two further representations of the opera will be given during the same week. Naturally, much will be expected from our local amateurs after the splendid fashion in which they acquitted themselves in "H.M.S. Pinafore," and we have reason to believe that lovers of opera will not be disappointed. "Patience" perhaps is not quite such a popular work as that mentioned above, but nevertheless it contains some charming music, and affords full scope for clever acting. Good headway is being made at the rehearsals; and, without wishing to pose as prophets, we venture to predict an unqualified success for the society on the night of Nov. 19th.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

OF THE SHOP, SHOPPY.

Time and again does this phrase occur to my mind when in the company of professional or business men conversation drifts unintentionally into that groove which takes one back to the desk, to the counter, or to the workshop, instead of giving the mind and the body that recreative rest which the off hours are supposed to permit. No class is altogether free from the disease, and while I am not prepared to give it a wholesale condemnation, I do object to one or any class monopolising the conversation in a weary iteration and reiteration of the weals and woes which they experience in their own particular shop until it brings upon me a feeling of anhelation and makes me glad to escape and go in search of someone who can talk to me about the weather. This is perhaps a roundabout way of saying that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, but Jack as a boy is very often more sensible than Jack as a man. There is nothing very magnetic about his school books after school hours and he can transfer his affections from a game of rounder or prisoners' base, to a game of marbles or to a clandestine bathe as easily as he can polish off a slice of fruit cake at any particular moment of the day. A few years later and Jack divides his year into eight months of football and four of cricket, and gives sympathetic glances at his elders who don't know the difference between off-side and a catch at third man. Then he settles down to the serious side of life, and often becomes a misanthrope and a boor. A place for everything and everything in its time is equally good. There are many healthy ways of directing the mind that no one ought to be at a loss for means of ceasing to be of the shop, shoppy.

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A PLEASANT DIVERSION.

Mr. J. B. Lazenby, the genial Clerk to the Benfieldside District Council, is evidently a believer in timely recreation for on Friday night last he called the members together for a meeting where the principal item on the agenda were raspberries and cream, bowls, and reminiscences, with a thick black mark through the word "shop." I was favoured with an invitation and from the moment of being cordially welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Lazenby to the grounds of Summerdale one felt the exhilarating effects of being so pleasantly drawn away from the world of ledgers, of note-books, of bye-laws, and sewage disposal works. Delightfully hidden by stately trees and surrounded by beds of flowers and well-groomed greens, it was impossible to feel otherwise than being "far from the madding crowd" and in a haven of happy forgetfulness. A thunderstorm unfortunately interrupted what was stated to be likely to develope into a very scientific game of bowls where all the intricacies of "bias" and the cajoleries of dealing with "Jack" were to be exemplified in a marked degree by gentlemen who, I learned for the first time, were experts at the game. Though driven indoors there was never a break in the feeling of absence from the work-a-day world. Metaphorically we spent a considerable time in Norway and heard so much about that interesting country that although I have never been there I feel inclined to say the next time I go I will prepare myself against certain contingences which the novice will never think about. Altogether it was a delightful interlude and we were all glad to join Mr. Parnaby in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Lazenby for their kind and most enjoyable entertainment.

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PACKED IN THE RACKS.

"These racks are not intended for heavy parcels" is a notice familiar to the railway traveller, but it is a well-known fact that the racks are frequently used for articles of a weightier nature than umbrellas, bouquets, and handbags. On civilised lines the tender feelings of directors are no doubt respected but the Annfield Plain line is not civilised. Only a week or two ago friend Bulmer, of Tanfield Lea, gave a doleful account of the way in which he and other "cattle" were huddled together in a fourth class compartment, otherwise the Guard's Van, owing to the large consignment of "live stock" which the Company found it necessary to convey from the Central to "Sheeld Rah." One can well imagine how a thoroughbred like the Mayor of Tanfield Lea chafed under the ungainly movements of the heavier breeds in the narrow confines of the Guard's cage, and how active would become his mind in the framing of more grievances against an intolerant directorate. But after all the mind of man is feeble as compared with the gentler creature, whether it becomes a question of inventive genius or of laying down the law. Think of this. On Saturday night last the train from Newcastle to Annfield Plain was, as usual, patronised not wisely but too well. At Birtley station the sharp eye of an official detected one compartment which seemed to be more than ordinarily solid and curious to know the cause he cast his eagle eye over the interior. He must have had his optical agents rubbed with Rontgen ray lotion, for through and above a crowd of women his eyes wandered and up there in the "racks not intended for heavy parcels" he found no less than six children of various sizes. This was altogether too emphatic an answer to Mr. Bulmer's objection to the Guard's Van and as soon as two or three of the women folk could be induced to "step this way" for a moment the sky larks were removed with all the gentility for which railwaymen and policemen are famous. If this sort of thing goes on much longer Mr. Bulmer will soon have a constituency large enough to send him to Parliament and then—well, let the N.E.R. look out.

LEADGATE NOTES.

[BY "GEORDIE."]

THE GRIM DESTROYER.

It was with much regret that I learnt last week of the death of Mr. John Snaith, of Lanchester. It is something like six years since Mr. Snaith left Leadgate, where for many years he was the popular landlord of the Queen's Head Hotel. He possessed a kindly and genial disposition, and was highly esteemed and respected in both Leadgate and Lanchester. The late Mr. Snaith was a comparatively young man, and his early demise is deeply lamented. Death has claimed another victim in a young man named Robert Lock, who passed away at the residence of his mother in St. Ives Road, on the same day that Mr. Snaith was laid to rest. Soon after the war broke out he tried unsuccessfull to secure a place in the yeomanry sent out from Durham and Northumberland. A short time after he was taken ill, and never left his bed again. Much sympathy has been expressed for his widowed mother and the other members of the family. The deceased was only 23 years of age, and was a very smart and intelligent young fellow.

MUSICAL HONOURS.

In the list of successes gained by the pupils of those talented musicians, Miss and Dr. Sloane, and published in last week's "Guardian," I was pleased to see that Leadgate was fairly prominent. Miss A. Robson, of Front Street, passed with honours in the Seniors Honours Grade of the Theoretical Examination—an achievement upon which she is to be congratulated. In the Intermediate Division, Master John Robert Burnhope, of Durham Road, also passed with honours, and I understand that he gives promise of becoming a more than usually proficient performer on the piano. Others who distinguished themselves were Master Francis McCabe, and Miss Lucy M. Kinleside. The fact that upwards of 330 certificates, and several diplomas and United Kingdom medals have been gained by the pupils of Miss and Dr. Sloane speaks eloquently as to their skill and ability.

A SMART CAPTURE.

Sergt. Newton accomplished a very smart capture on Monday. Information reached him on the day mentioned that a bicycle had been stolen from Keswick, and that the culprit was supposed to have gone in the direction of Leadgate. The Sergeant consequently became on the alert, and seeing later on a young fellow whom he thought might be the person wanted riding a machine, he made inquiries, and before the day was out the purloiner of the "bike" was arrested and safe under lock and key and the bicycle recovered. It was an exceedingly smart piece of work on the part of the Sergeant, who is deserving of every commendation. The prisoner has been handed over to the Keswick authorities.

THE LISTS OF VOTERS.

It does seem curious that the County Council cannot grant permission to the District Council to revert to the old method of making out the lists in alphabetical order, seeing that they permitted the previous alteration. What puzzles me is why the Council ever decided to adopt the system now in vogue, which for all practical purposes is miles behind the alphabetical method. The latter is much more convenient for all concerned, and should never have been altered.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

I am told that all was not exactly harmony at the recent meeting of the Flower Show committee. It appears that a small section wanted one shilling a part to be paid, the same as the previous year, but if this had been carried it would have meant drawing upon the reserve fund to the extent of several pounds. I am pleased to hear that it was defeated, and a resolution to pay threepence per part approved of. This means that the reserve will not have to be touched. I wonder if those who are so anxious for one shilling per part to be paid have ever considered what it would amount to if the show dropped on a wet day, and there was no reserve in hand. It would probably spell ruin to the society. As I have remarked before, I don't think anybody would care much if there were no flowers, fruit, and vegetables, so long as the other attractions of the show were retained.

WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "ROWLEY."]

METHODISM AT ROWLAND'S GILL.

Seldom is it the privilege of any small local denomination to boast of having raised the grand sum of £190 by one effort. Such a distinction falls to the lot of those ardent members connected with the Strathmore Road Temporary Wesleyan Chapel, Rowland's Gill, who are now in the happy position to announce that as a result of the recent bazaar and garden party, the building fund is the richer by the above amount. This sum represents the figure realised after paying all expenses, and which came to no small item. The society now stands upon a sound financial basis, the present structure is free from debt, while the nucleus of a fund has been provided for the erection of a more costly and handsome building, which, when completed, will be worthy of the district. It would indeed be strange if Methodism did not prosper in the beautiful and growing district of Rowland's Gill, when we find such capable and devoted gentlemen like Mr. John Jackson, Mr. J. R. Thompson, and others, who are ever ready to give their services to the cause they have at heart. They find active co-workers in Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Bedson, Mrs. Bustin, and Mrs. Hisco, whose names are well-known in local Methodist circles. Assuredly the Wesleyan Methodists of Rowland's Gill have a bright future ahead of them.

TRAM FACILITIES.

Truly the persevering efforts and passionate energy of the electrician has brought to accomplishment a noble work. A glance suffices to show the progress that has been made in transforming the face of the material world. Bringing the forces of nature under their subjection they have likewise transformed the conditions of existence: while death itself is said to almost recoil before the march of the human mind. Electricity—that worker of wonders—may be expected to further develop the prosperity of our district. I have already touched upon the proposed electric tram service for Dunston. However, it is not generally known amongst the inhabitants of that peaceful little community of Whickham, who, in regard to either train, tram, or boat facilities are almost shut off from the outer world, that there is just a probability of the establishment of an electric tram service. A scheme is said to be under contemplation, but whether it will become an accomplished fact remains to be seen. Whickham people must live in hopes.

STANLEY POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY, August 22nd.—Before Dr. Wilson (Chairman), Messrs F. Burn, J. Green, and Wm. Holmes.

DRUNKEN CASES.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness and the fines imposed:—B. McGurk, 2s 6d; N. Cook, 2s 6d; J. Cousins, 2s 6d; M. Ellwood, 5s; C. McCartan, 5s; M. Pearson, 2s 6d; F. Telford, 10s; J. Fannan, 5s; C. Myers, 7s 6d; J. Stephenson, 10s; J. Connelly 2s 6d; Wm. Robinson, 5s; C. Southern 5s; Wm. Taylor, 2s 6d; Robt. Pattinson, 5s; M. Stephenson, 10s; costs following in all cases.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

P. C. Ferguson, of Shield Row, charged Richard Stanton, miner, Stanley, for having been drunk on the licensed premises of the Blue Bell, Kip Hill, on July 28th.—Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

P.C. Crisp, of Craghead, charged Harrison Scott, Charles Cain, and Jas. Hughes, for having played at pitch and toss at Craghead, on August 5th.—They were each fined 2s 6d and costs.

P.C. Phizacklea, of Stanley, charged Donald Frazer, Matthew Sullivan, and Jos. Dixon, Dan Kilty, J. Potter, and W. Rogan, for having committed a similar offence at Stanley, on July 21st.—Dixon and Rogan were each fined 5s and costs, and the rest of the defendants 2s 6d each and costs.

P.C. Ayre, of Stanley, preferred a similar charge against George Reavley Jos. Fairless Matthew Sullivan, Sam Hardman, Wm. Dodds, and John Bailey, committed on July 28th and August 12th.—Fairless and Reavley were each fined 7s 6d and costs; Bailey was fined 5s and costs; and the rest of the defendants 2s 6d each and costs.

GAMING WITH CARDS.

P.C. Davidson, of Stanley, charged Wm. Crozier, Thomas George, Jacob Coulson, and Chas. Southern for having played at a game called "banker" at Stanley, on July 22nd.—They were each fined 2s 6d and costs.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Wm. Brown and Charles Calsop were charged by P.C. Phizacklea, with having broken the peace by fighting at Stanley on July 20th.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace, and ordered to pay the costs.

Joseph Greenwood and Robt. Hunter, were charged with a similar offence on August 13th, at Stanley by P.C. Ayre, and were bound over.

Pat. Connelly, was charged by P.C. Stubbs with having committed a similar offence at South Moor on July 14th.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace.

USING THREATS.

Mary Ellen Pharoah, of Shield Row, proceeded against Chris. Pharoah for having used threats to her on August 15th.—Mr. J. M. Aynsley, Consett, defended.—The case was dismissed.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Frank H Burn, owner, of Stanley Colliery, summoned Beatrice Clough, Wm. Barnes and Anthony Grieveson for having done wilful damage to turnips at Stanley Hall Farm on Aug. 12th and 15th.—Defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs, and 1d damage.

Thos. Wade, Co-operative farm manager, charged Sarah Ann Robertson, a girl, of South Moor, with having committed wilful damage to turnips, on Aug. 14th, the property of the West Stanley Co-operative Society.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs, and 2d damage.

Hy. Robinson, farmer, charged Daniel Hogarth and Wm. Layman with having done wilful damage to grass at Stanley, on July 19th.—Defendants were each fined 1/- and costs, and 1d damages.

TOWNS POLICE CLAUSES ACT.

P.C. Ayre charged Jos. Watson, miner, and Jas. Tinnion, tramp, of Stanley, on July 22nd, with a breach of the above Act.—Defendants were each fined 10/- and costs.

DESERTING HIS WIFE.

Martha Wray, a married woman, summoned her husband, Richard Wray, of Tantobie, for having deserted her.—Complainant said that she and her husband went on a holiday about two months ago. They subsequently had a quarrel, and he struck her twice, and left for his mother's house at Shields, where he was now staying. He had since returned home for three days, but then left again.—Defendant said that he had now provided a home at Shields, which his wife could come to if she wished.—Defendant was ordered to pay twelve shillings a week towards the maintenance of his wife and family of three children.

Waterhouses

Waterhouses Show Receipts.—The following is the official account of the takings at the above show on Saturday week:—Admission at gates, £325 5s 9d.; grand stand and enclosure, £31 15s 6d; carriage gates, £55 18s 7d; entrance fees, £90; members' subscriptions, £150; stands and refreshment stalls, £72. After all accounts are paid, it is anticipated there will be a balance of £60 on the year's working.

Local and District News.

Consett.

Wesleyan Church.—The Rev. Geo. Penman, of Didsbury College, will preach, morning and evening, in the above place of worship on Sunday first.

Church Lads' Brigade.—The Consett branch of the Church Lads' Brigade has been successfully launched. The Rev. W. D. Crondace (vicar) has been appointed honorary captain and chaplain, the Rev. J. P. Phair (curate) and Messrs Stokoe and Howard staff officers, and Mr. J. Cowen, drill instructor.

London College of Music.—At the recent examination held in July, the following pupils of Miss F. Cornforth, A.Mus, L.C.M., were successful. Theoretical Intermediate Division—Master W. A. Ripley, Castleside, passed in the 1st class division, with 81 marks. Practical Division, Primary Grade—Miss Annie Eltringham, Consett, 80 marks, Miss J. E. Coburn, 66 marks.

New Theatre.—Mr. Edmund Tearle, the eminent tragedian, supported by Miss Kate Clinton and powerful company, will appear at the New Theatre next week. Mr. Hugh Robertson has adopted a novel method of obtaining the verdict of the people of Consett respecting their favourite plays. Ballot papers have been issued containing the names of 15 plays, and the six which receive the largest number of votes will be performed. The result will be interesting.

A Series of Accidents.—On Wednesday morning a man named Welsh, a labourer, was admitted to the Consett Infirmary suffering from severe burns to the foot sustained while following his employment at the blast furnaces.—Matthew Peary, a driver, working at Delves Colliery, was admitted on Tuesday suffering from an injury to his arm which he got badly crushed between the tubs and the wall.—Edward Jackson, employed at the ballast tips at the Consett Works, had the misfortune to have his heel badly hurt by getting his foot underneath a moving waggon.

Annfield Plain.

A Remarkable Circumstance.—On Thursday a pike of hay was removed bodily from a field in which it had stood for three weeks, on Mr. Wake's farm, Maiden Law, and taken to his stackyard; and when one of the men got on the top of the pike to stack it he found a nest of five rabbits about a fortnight old. A portion of the hay containing the nest of rabbits was carefully removed to the spot from which the pike was taken in the field, and on Sunday morning last some of the farm-hands went through curiosity to see how the young rabbits were getting on, when they found the old doe suckling the young. This was a remarkable circumstance, showing the faithfulness of the parent.

Chopwell

Wesleyan Methodism.—The new Wesleyan Chapel will be opened on Wednesday first, when a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Thos. Waugh, Connexional Evangelist, at 2 p.m. A knife-and-fork tea will be afterwards provided. In the evening, at 6, Mr. Waugh will deliver his popular lecture, entitled "The Story of my Conversion." The chair will be taken by Mr. T. H. Bainbridge, of Newcastle.

Dipton

Gymkhana.—The gymkhana and cycle parade promoted by the Dipton and District Cycling Club will be held on Saturday first. There are several events, for which valuable prizes are offered, and there should be keen competition in the various contests.

Leadgate.

St. Ives Church.—The annual flower services will be held on Sunday first at the above church, at the usual hours.

Death of Mr. J. R. Ord.—We regret to record the death of Mr. J. R. Ord, of Haughton Hall, Haughton-le-Skerne, head of the well-known firm of Messrs Ord and Maddison, of Darlington and Stockton, and a cousin of Mrs. Thos. Foreman, of East House Leadgate. The deceased gentleman, who was 75 years of age, was one of the family of Ords, of Newton Ketton, near Brafferton who have been landowners and connected with that district for nearly 200 years. As a young man the late Mr. Ord was connected with the staff of the Darlington and Stockton Railway, being at one time the assistant-secretary. On relinquishing this post, he, together with his friend, the late Mr. Henry Maddison, commenced business themselves, taking over first some quarries from the Railway Company in Weardale, and working them. To these were subsequently added quarries at Middleton-in-Teesdale, Aycliffe, Bolam, Pickering, Leyburn, etc., and these, with the operations involved at the Victoria Works, Darlington, and the works at Stockton, occupied pretty fully the attention of the partners. The firm has steadily flourished and increased their connection till at present Messrs Ord and Maddison, Ltd., employ in their different ventures nearly 1,000 men. The late Mr. Ord was a Churchman, and for many years was one of the wardens at Haughton-le-Skerne Church. Mention should be made of the great efforts he made between 20 and 25 years ago in fighting the cause of the leaseholders against the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and in this he was assisted by Sir Joseph Pease in Parliament, and in other ways, resulting in arrangements being come to between the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who had taken over the Dean and Chapter's leases and the leaseholders fairly satisfactory to both parties, thus ending a dispute which had been going on more or less for fifty or sixty years. Mr. Ord fought very hard for the cause being a leaseholder himself, and having many friends holding leases too, spending a great deal of time and money. His name is one which should ever be remembered by leaseholders in the county of Durham. Another thing to be noted of Mr. Ord is that through a long series of years he kept a collection of newspaper cuttings, and these he dated, numbered, and indexed, so that anyone wishing to look up a reference or an occurrence might feel sure of getting it from Mr. Ord.

Rowlands Gill

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robson, of Sherburn Green, Rowland's Gill, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday, Aug. 12th, at the above place, all the members of the family being present, and also numerous friends. The aged couple were the recipients of a few nice presents. Mr. Robson, who is a native of the district, is still hale and hearty, he being able to follow his employment as furnaceman at the Lily Drift at the ripe age of 72 years. His wife, who is 71 years old, has been less fortunate, having suffered a great number of years through ill-health, yet with fained while following his employment at age her household duties despite her infirmities and advanced age.

Wesleyanism.—In connection with the Strathmore Road Temporary Wesleyan Chapel, Rowlands Gill, a most successful "field day" was held on Saturday, and was patronised by over 400 people. Beautiful weather was experienced, consequently the proceedings were much enjoyed. An attractive programme of sport was gone through, in which considerable interest was manifested. All present seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves; and all praise is due to those who had the management in hands for the success achieved.—During the proceedings the happy announcement was made that a sum of over £190 had been realised as a result of the recent bazaar and garden party, after paying all expenses.

Swalwell.

Visit by a Rambling Club.—On Saturday, the Newcastle and District Rambling Club had a thoroughly enjoyable outing at Swalwell. At the invitation of the energetic and enthusiastic secretary, Mr. Alf Thompson, a large number of the club members and friends met at the Railway Station, Swalwell, and made their way to Axwell Park, kindly granted for the occasion by the Rev. Napier-Clavering. Here Mr. Wm. Bourn traced the history of the hall and Clavering family in a very instructive manner. At 4.30 prompt high tea was generously provided by the secretary at the Crowley Hotel, Swalwell, and after votes of thanks had been given, the party mounted the hill to Whickham, where a most exhaustive paper was read by Mr. W. Bourn, on the history of the old church. There can be no doubt but what this gentleman has added much to his reputation as a local historian by his last effort. On returning to Swalwell, the evening was spent in harmony of a very acceptable character.

Shotley Bridge

Flower Show.—This popular event takes place on Saturday first, and gives promise of being a great success, providing fine weather is vouchsafed. The entries in the floral department are considerably in excess of those of last year, and there will probably be keen competition. There are 24 classes for dogs, poultry, and pigeons, and these have secured excellent entries, including 53 for dogs, 97 for poultry, and 70 for pigeons. Many other attractions have been provided by the committee, and a large attendance may be confidently looked for. The energetic secretary (Mr. J. H. Coupland) and his co-workers are leaving no stone unturned to achieve success.

Stanley.

Rare opportunity at THE CASTLE WATCH WORKS for good Watches, Jewellery, and Silver Plate, &c. &c. Awaiting Removal Sale.

Tradesmen's Trip.—On Wednesday the tradesmen of Stanley held their annual trip to Scarborough, the renowned health resort. There was a good company of tourists, who availed themselves of the cheap ride, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Co-operative Horse Procession.—In connection with the opening of the new premises at South Moor, a horse procession was held in the Co-operative Field. The judges were Mr. W. J. Foreman, of Leadgate, and Mr. R. Wood, of the Middles Farm. The following is the decision of the judges.—Class 1.—(Best turn-out of double horses)—Thos. Masterman, 1, £1; T. Grundy, 2, 15/-; Joseph Knotts, 3, 10/-; Thos Elliott and Wm. Morpeth, equal 4th. Class 2.—Wm. Haworth, 1, 15/-; Thos. Burdon, 2, 10/-; Jos. Foster, 3, 7/6. Class 3.—Wm. Wrangham, 1, 15/-; Geo. Shiely, 2, 10/-; Wm. Scott, 3, 7/6. Class 4.—(Farm men)—Jos. Clark, 1, 15/-; Wm. Younger, 2, 10/-; Ed. Reed, 3, 7/6. Special prizes for best groomed horses—Thos. Elliott, 1; Thos. Masterman, 2; Jos. Knotts, 3. Best blacked harness—Thos. Grundy. Special given by Teasdale and Son, saddlers, for the best kept harness—Wm. Younger, 1, Geo. Shiely, 2.

Tanfield

Flower Show.—The annual exhibition will be held on Saturday first, and an unusually attractive programme has been provided. In addition to the show proper there will be a £10 120 yards handicap, a trotting handicap, and other sports. The services of the Tanfield Lea Silver Model Band have been secured, and there will be a ball in the evening. With favourable weather the event will undoubtedly be liberally patronised.

Whickham

Flower Show.—We have received a letter from Mr. Ed. Taylor, hon. sec. to the above show, stating that the South Derwent Band have been engaged for the Whickham Flower Show on September 1st., and that they will not perform at Kyo, as stated in our advertising columns, on that date. Mr. Taylor informs us that he holds a confirmation of this from Mr. Humble, the secretary to the band.

Waskerley

The Primitive Methodist Bazaar.—The amount taken at the separate stalls at this bazaar were:—Mrs. W. Reed's £18 1s 9d.; Miss E. J. Reed's flower stall, £2 5s; Master Herbert Reed's sweet stall, £1 16s 6d. The total receipts for the two days were £95. To Mrs. Reed and family praise is due for their assiduous efforts towards achieving so financial a success. In addition to those mentioned last week Mrs. Green, Consett, and Mrs. Reed, Castleside, were among those who presided at the tea tables, and Mrs. Ford and Miss Featherstone, Consett; Miss Staley, Shildon; and Miss Thompson, Burnhill, at the stalls.

AUCTION MARTS

Tow Law.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday 65 dairy cows and heifers, 9 fat cattle, 25 calves, and 110 fat sheep and lambs. Calved heifers, £12 10s to £15; calved cows, £14 12s 6d to £21 2s 6d; incalving heifers, £14 7s 6d to £16 10s; incalving cows, £14 17s 6d to £22 15s; fat cattle to £14 2s 6d; calves, 16s to 44s each. Fat sheep, 38 3d, from Mr. Turnbull, Bradley Hall; 37s 6d, Mrs. Watson, Chapman Hill, 35s, Mr. J. Milner, Witton Park; 31s 9d, Mr. Fenwick, Heatherlea; 30s, Mr. Vickers, Elm Park; 37s 3d, Mr. J. J. Willis, Stonechester; 30s, Mr. Maughan, Horsley Head. Fat lambs, 29s 6d, from Mr. J. J. Willis, Stonechester; 24s 6d, Mr. Hebden, Hole House, 24s, Mr. J. Nelson, Rear Dene; 24s, Mr. Bradwell, Gibbett Hill; 24s 6d, Mrs. Watson, Chapman Hill; 23s 6d Mr. Fenwick, Heatherlea; 22s 9d, Mr. J. Ruecroft, South Park; 22s, Mr. Vickers, Elm Park. Pork pigs to 67s each. A splendid show of dairy cows met a brisk trade. Beef and mutton unchanged.

The Blackhill Farmers' Mart Co. Ltd.—Mr. Jackson Green had another busy time on Monday, having forward 394 fat sheep and lambs, 27 fat cattle, 3 milk cows, 3 grazing beasts, 9 calves, 3 pork pigs, 5 donkeys, and a considerable quantity of poultry. Trade was a little slack, but there was a fairly good clearance, considering the number of stock brought under the hammer. Prices:—Young sheep: From Mr. Dodds, Kipper Lynn, 45; Messrs Taylor, Dodds, Kipper Lynn, 45s; Messrs Taylor, Field, 44s; Lambs: From Messrs W. and G. Taylor, 34s 6d; Mr. Graham, Whittonstall Hall, 31s 3d; Mr. Dodds, Kipper Lynn, 30s 6d; Mr. J. Watson, Whittonstall, 30s 6d; and Mr. Makepeace, South Newlands, 30s. Fat bullocks: From Mr. J. Potts, Shotley Field, £16 15s; and Mr. T. S. Stephenson, Newbiggin, £16 10s. Fat heifers: From Mr. Jonathan Pattinson, High Waskerley, £16 10s; Mr. J. Drummond, Kilnpit Hill, £16 5s; Mr. George Graham, Kipper Lynn, £15; Mr. J. Graham, Whittonstall, £14. Cows up to £15 10s. Store cattle up to £6 2s 6d. Store pigs up to 47s; and calves to 56s.

IMPRISONED IN A TREE.

A Russian peasant climbed a high tree in hope of finding honey in its hollow trunk. He was not disappointed. There was, in fact, too much honey, for, missing his footing, he slipped down into the comb and stuck fast, as if glued to the spot. It was no laughing matter, however, for though he had something to eat so long as the honey lasted, he seemed to be imprisoned for life, for he could not climb out. Two days had been passed without rescue, but on the third relief came in a startling manner. Bears are notoriously fond of honey, and it happened that one came to this very tree. It slid down tail first, and the man at once seized firm hold of its shaggy coat. The animal, unprepared for such a reception, in a state of the greatest alarm clambered out of the trunk as quickly as it could, hauling the prisoner up with it. As soon as the man reached the top he dropped to the ground and bolted for home before the bear had time to take in the situation.

THE MINISTER'S DOG.

We are unable to determine how many words, or how much of human action, intelligent animals are able to comprehend.

The following is a story of a four-footed worshipper who thought that he understood the exhortation of the minister, and, unlike many hearers, he made haste to obey it.

The minister's pew was a large, square one, very near the pulpit, and exposed to a raking fire of eyes.

Mr. Tyler, the minister, owned a large dog, named Watch; and Watch was bent on going to church with Mrs. Tyler. She, in her turn, was much opposed to his going, fearing that it might excite the mirth of the children.

Every Sunday a series of manœuvres took place between the two, in which Watch often proved himself the keenest.

Sometimes he slipped away very early; and Mrs. Tyler, after having searched for him to shut him up, would go to church and find Watch seated in the family pew, looking very grave and decorous, but evidently aware that it was too late now to turn him out.

Sometimes he would hide himself until the family had all started for church, and would then follow the footsteps of some tardy worshipper who tiptoed in during prayers with creaking boots; and then didn't Watch know that Mrs. Tyler would open the pew-door in haste, to prevent his whining for admission?

When Mr. Tyler became in earnest in his appeals, he often repeated the same word with a ringing emphasis and a blow on the desk-cushion that startled the sleepers in the pews.

One day he shouted out, quoting the well-known text: "Watch! Watch! Watch, I say!" when, with a rustle, rustle, and a bounce, came his big dog almost in his very arms.

The boys all took occasion to relieve their pent-up restlessness by one uproarious laugh, before their astonished parents had time to frown them into silence.

Honest Watch had been sitting with his eyes fixed, as usual, on the minister. At the first mention of his name, up went his ears, and his eyes kindled; at the second, he was still more deeply moved; at the third, he obeyed, and flew completely over pew-rail and pulpit-door with leaps that did equal honour to his muscular powers and his desire to obey.

After such a strict interpretation of the letter rather than the spirit, Watch was effectually forbidden church-going.

"Passengers' Luggage, and the Best Way to Deal with it," is the title of a handbook, which the North-Eastern Railway Company have prepared for free distribution, with the object of making more widely known the different methods of forwarding and conveying passenger's by rail. There is no doubt that the average tourist is not conversant with the easiest and cheapest way of dealing with his luggage, and it is hoped that this small brochure, by explaining the matter in as clear and concise a form as possible, will be the means of assisting many to travel at less expense and more comfort than has hitherto been the case. The handbook can be obtained from any North Eastern Station Master, and in addition will be disributed during the holiday season at the principal hotels, boarding-houses, &c., in the tourist resorts on this railway.

DIPTON.

The first portion of the gymkhana promoted by the Dipton C.C., should have come off on Wednesday, but had to be postponed on account of the miserable weather. The events announced for Wednesday last will be decided on Wednesday first.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondents are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—(Ed. "C.G.")

THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS OF COOKERY AND LAUNDRY WORK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—I shall be extremely obliged if you will be kind enough to permit me to direct attention to the special facilities now provided in Newcastle-upon-Tyne for enabling ladies to train as teachers of cookery and laundry work. There is an increasing demand both in Elementary Schools and Technical Institutions for thoroughly qualified teachers in these subjects, and the remuneration offered compares very favourably with that available in other branches of the teaching profession. Under School Boards, and other bodies responsible for elementary education, special teachers for cookery and laundry work are appointed at salaries ranging from £60 to £90 a year, for Technical Institutes and classes organised by County Councils, from £70 to £120 a year. It should be stated that the Board of Education has recently arranged to examine candidates for cookery diplomas and has issued new regulations which extend the course of instruction and render indispensable a satisfactory secondary education on the part of those who wish to qualify. The course for a cookery diploma now extends for forty-eight weeks and includes instruction in artisan household, and superior household cookery, domestic economy, theory and practice of education, hygiene and chemistry. The laundry course occupies twenty-four weeks. As there is no training school nearer than Leeds or Edinburgh, it is desirable that the facilities which exist in this city and which we hope will soon be considerably extended by the erection of a new building, should be known throughout the north-eastern counties. Thanking you in anticipation for your help in this matter,—I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY W. NEWTON,
Chairman of the Committee.

August 20th, 1900.

A GRAVE INJUSTICE IN NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

With respect to the letter which appeared in last week's issue under the above heading two or three important points were omitted, and we have been requested to publish it again:—

Sir,—Permit me through your paper to bring before your readers and the public generally, a grave injustice enacted upon the common owners of North-West Durham, whereby the Ecclesiastical Commissioners can work out every partical of coal, wrecking everything on the surface, without paying anything to the cottage owner or the surface owner for the damage done. The Act, passed, I think, in 1773, provides that the surface owners compensates themselves by a rate levied on themselves, and only part of them are liable to pay. Those exempt are those who have common that was sold to meet the expense of allotting the remainder. At the same time they can have a rate levied on the others for their damage. The rating system, for those who have to pay, means putting your hand into your pocket and paying half at least of the amount away for expenses and to persons not liable, and putting the remainder into your pocket as compensation for the damage done. At the time of the passing of the Act a certain part of the land was set aside, the rent of which was to pay the damage of the other, and on this being sufficient then a rate had to be levied for the deficiency, giving the parties who brought the Act into the Commons, and the members of the Commons who passed the Act of 1773 the benefit of the doubt, "that they were ignorant of the extent and manner in which the coal would be worked as at present." As then, the surface could not be let down; at the most only one-half of the coal could be taken out, and the remainder would be left to keep up the roof of the mines. I am thoroughly convinced that the Act was to mean that the only damage expected to be met with was that caused by the erection of engine-houses and other buildings necessary for the working of the mines, and roads also, and that no hindrance was to be put in the way of those responsible for the working of the mines by the common owners, but at the same time they were to be paid for their sufferings. Now, as time has gone on, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners get pay for the whole of the coal instead of only half. Through the improved methods of mining, the whole of the coal is now worked, which means at least double the amount of money. This must be enormous. Everything on the surface is unmercifully wrecked, the sufferers getting nothing. The dwellers on the surface and the land are just as necessary for the miners to live in and on (to win the coal and make it marketable and valuable) as the coal itself. And no matter how a man may have improved his holding, or the expense that he may have been put to, to bring the land into cultivation (he may have erected a cottage out of his hard earnings) the whole may be wrecked and he loses his all. The time is fast approaching when the damage will be more complete, as the top seams are being worked, and from these most damage is sustained. Some say, "Why did they buy these holdings?" The answer is simply—because there is no other choice. People must have dwellings to live in, and many—in fact, all—were ignorant of the Act until just a few years ago. I contend that there is not a greater injustice in the Transvaal, for which we are shedding our countrymen's blood than this injustice in North-West Durham. Do not think for a moment that I am opposed to the war in South Africa. I am a staunch supporter of justice, and I think the above subject is sufficient to cause a war at home. I am afraid our representative is not the one to get the Act repealed, or he should have done so before now had he had the interests of his constituents at heart. I hope this letter will stir the people and affect the heart of a member of the Commons who is not representing the district, who will take up the cause.—I am, etc.,

FAIRPLAY.

AN APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—May I be allowed to call the attention of your readers to the object of the Church Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animal, which is to aid, by means of the Church's organizations, in enforcing the christian obligation of showing kindness to animals, and in endeavouring to induce preachers and teachers everywhere to inculcate man's duty to animals. I shall be glad to send pamphlets and papers to anyone desiring them.—Obediently yours,

F. LAURENCE, Hon. Sec.

Westow Vicarage, York, Aug. 14th, 1900.

ENDOWMENT OF FRUITLESS RESEARCH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In the report of the Scientific Grants Committee, given in the "British Medical Journal" of July 21st, 1900, p. 150, those interested in the anti-vivisection movement, will find some information as to the kind of experiment which have been practised in our vivisection laboratories during 1899. Six recipients of the grant occupied themselves in making experiments of the [illegible] type, on the nervous system, consisting in extirpation of brain areas, the infliction of injuries in the spinal cord; electric stimulation of various nervous processes, etc.; though with what definite results that can be used to benefit mankind, is not apparent. Dr. J. S. Collier operated on six monkeys and eleven cats, and the morbid condition (abolition of the natural plantar reflex) induced by extirpation of the foot centre in the cerebral hemisphere, was present six and nine months after the mutilation, for which length of time the animals must have been kept alive. Dr. J. O. Wakkel Barrett's experiments, involving the [illegible] moval of the kidneys of dogs, and those of seven other investigators on the alimentary canal appear to the lay mind, exhibitions of physiological dilettantism. As similar experiments have been recorded again and again, it would be interesting to know what ultimate gain to medical science and to humanity, is likely to accrue from them.—I am, sir, yours truly,

MAURICE L. JOHNSON.

47, Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol.

BLACKHALL MILL.

Death of Miss Welch.—On Thursday morning last Mr. A. Welch, watchmaker, Blackhill, sustained a bereavement by the death of his daughter Miss B. A. Welch, after a somewhat prolonged illness. The young lady suffered from a growth in the mouth, and five or six weeks ago an operation was performed at Newcastle Infirmary. For a week or two the patient rallied considerably, but a relapse set in and death resulted as stated. The interment took place at Hamsterley Churchyard on Sunday.

DIPTON NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

MEETING AT HOLY ISLAND.

The members of the above club held their third field meeting on Wednesday, August 15th, at Holy Island. They left Lintz Green Station by the 8.30 train in a saloon carriage, and arrived at Beal about 11 a.m., where traps were waiting to take the party over the sands to the island, a distance of about four miles. After partaking of dinner, which was supplied in grand style by the host and hostess of the Iron Rails Hotel, they were met by the Rev D. Fryson, late of Consett, at the Church gates, who conducted the party into the church and afterwards over the ruins of the Abbey, including the "Popping Stone," which caused a great amount of amusement. Mr. G. Murray, in a neat little speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the respected vicar for his kindness in conducting the party and rehearsing to the club the history of the old church and the ruins of Lindisfarne Abbey. Mr. R. Jackson, of the "Consett Guardian," seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously. After visiting the Castle, the party returned for luncheon, then took the traps for Beal Station, all having spent an enjoyable day, the weather being extremely fine. Those present were:—Mr. G. Murray, Mrs. G. Murray, Mr. and Mrs Raine, Mr. R. and Miss Jackson, Miss Frazer, Miss Chapman, Mr. R. Dobinson Mr. C. Cooke, Mr. Jos. Allen, jun., Mr. Jos. Allen, sen., Mr. F. Allen, jun., Mr. A. Southern, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Moseley, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. G. Dixon, Miss S. Dixon, Miss M. J. Dixon, Mr. F. Rumsum, Miss Dixon, Mr. T. Lawron, Mr. G. Brown, Miss Robson, Miss Forster, Mr. M. Walker, Mr. J. Dowson, Mr. W. Burgess, Mr. G. Bolam, and the Secretary, Mr. R. Baty.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD

On Monday evening, the monthly meeting of the Kyo School Board was held in the Annfield Plain New Infant Schools, Mr. R. Kay (chairman) presiding. There were also present—Messrs J. Bainbridge, J. Storey, J. Reece, Mr W. H. Ritson (Clerk), Mr. W. W. Thompson (Deputy-clerk), and Mr T. Robson (Attendance Officer.)

A PERMANENT APPOINTMENT.

The Chairman and Mr Eltringham were appointed permanent representatives of the Board to the conference for considering the question of the provision of a school for the education of epileptic and defective children.

TAKING PITY ON THE REPORTERS.

Coun. Storey mentioned the fact that a table should be purchased for the reporters. The first time he went to the Board meeting and saw those chairs (pointing to the pressmen), he thought it was time they had a proper place. He moved that a table and chairs be provided for the Press.

The Clerk (smiling): If they put one desk on the top of each other they would be provided for.

Mr Storey: No; it's a table and chairs we want for the reporters, to make them as comfortable as we are ourselves.

Mr Reece seconded the motion.

Mr Storey: Is there not a table in the school?

The Chairman: We can look around on Wednesday and see what we can do.

The motion was carried.

MR. LAW'S SALARY.

Mr J. L. Laws, assistant-master of the Annfield Plain Mixed School, applied for an increase of salary.

Mr Storey gave notice of motion to move that his salary be raised £5 per annum.

Consett Iron Co.'s Werkmen's Band.

Success at Wingate.

The above band attended Wingate Flower Show and contest. The test piece was "Memories of Balfe," and the judge, Mr. J. Walker, Batley. Result:—Consett 1st, Murton Colliery and West Hartlepool Borough dividing 2nd and 3rd prizes. Selection—1st, Consett, and medals for best soloists; 2nd, Murton; 3rd, Seaham Harbour; 4th, West Hartlepool Borough; 5th, Wingate Model. Below will be found the judge's remarks upon the Consett band's performance at Wolsingham:—No. 2 (Consett Iron Works: conductor, Mr. M. Hobday: valse, "La Chatelaine.")—Intro.: Allo. con Spirito: A grand opening, with good attack, tune and balance, tromb. solo opens out firm and solid, whilst the accompts. are nicely given, euph. grand, and band brings out nice effect up to close. 1st Valse: Opens grandly, a neat delivery by soloists, 2nd: All going well, sop. beautiful, grace notes grandly done. Repeat just as good. 2nd Valse: Band in very good hands. Tempo very nice, Euph. plays well everywhere. In fact the whole combination is grand in these beautiful valses. 3rd Valse: Cor. good, interior well in tune, and all portions well manipulated. 2nd: Cor. and sop. are grand. 4th Valse: Sop. slips here, euph., cor. and band good, and basses a feature in this figure. 5th Valse: Syncopation good. I may say capital all round, euph. very clever both times in latter part of second strain; everything is excellent in this figure. Coda: Splendidly introduced. Valse: Sop. capital and all interior doing an equal share. Valse as per first well carried out, horn and inside good, and so is presto to finish. A capital performance. You have set a task for someone.—(1st prize, £8.)

Interesting Wedding at Blackhill.

On Tuesday, a wedding which aroused a considerable amount of interest was solemnised at St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, the Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Storey, officiating. The contracting parties were Mr. Henry Raine, of Cope House, Hawthorn, Hetton-le-Hole, and Miss Margaret Ann Hall, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. Hall, of Blackfine. There was a good company gathered in the sacred edifice to witness the ceremony. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Hall. The bridesmaids were Miss Harriet Hall (sister of the bride), Miss E. Raine (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Clark, of Blackfine. Mr. J. Raine (brother of the bridegroom) acted as "best man," and Mr. T. Hall (brother of the bride) as groomsman. The bride looked charming in a dress of blue silk poplin, trimmed with lace, silk, and pearl trimmings, and chiffon toque to match. Miss H. Hall was dressed in heliotrope, with silk and lace trimmings, and white picture hat, whilst Miss Raine wore a pale blue dress with white Leghorn hat. Miss Clark was dressed in blue, with white picture hat. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party returned to the residence of the bride's mother, where an excellent repast was partaken of, and the rest of the day was devoted to enjoyment, a large company accepting the invitations issued. The newly-married couple afterwards departed for London amid the good wishes of their numerous friends. The bridegroom is engaged in business in London, and the happy pair will take up their residence in the metropolis. Many handsome and useful presents were received by Mr. and Mrs. Raine.

TRAP ACCIDENT AT CONSETT

On Tuesday night, about six o'clock, Mr. Thomas Forkin, of Bessemer Street, Blackhill, was rather badly injured by being thrown from a trap. It seems that he was driving from Medomsley, and when passing along Number One towards Blackfine, a youth on the road set off some pigeons, and threw the empty paper bag away in front of the pony. Mr. Forkin was accompanied by a boy, who had hold of the reins with his feet set against the footboard, and this probably saved him from a similar fate to Mr. Forkin. At the sight of the bag the pony reared up, and then fell forward on to its head. The footboard gave way, and the boy fell between the trap and the pony and escaped unhurt. Mr. Forkin, however, was thrown heavily on to his face, and became temporarily unconscious. Help was soon at hand, and Dr. Allen drove Mr. Forkin to his surgery, where he made a careful examination. Fortunately no bones were broken, but the face was badly cut and bruised. These injuries having been dressed Dr. Allen drove his patient home, where, we are glad to say, he is doing well. The pony was injured about the head and fore-legs.

DIPTON.

Collierley School Board.—On Monday evening a special meeting of the Collierley School Board was held in the Board Room of the Dipton Schools, to consider the applications for the post of head-mistress for the girls' school, in succession to Miss A. E. Dickinson, resigned. There were seven applications for the position, and after careful consideration it was decided to ask Miss Moody, of Hetton-le-Hole; Miss Robson, Burnopfield; Miss Dermott, Heaton; and Miss Naylor, of Birchfield, to attend a special meeting of the Board, with the view to an appointment being made.

BLACKPOOL HAPPENINGS.

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Blackhill & District Naturalists' Field Club.

No. 4 Ramble.

On Saturday week this popular and flourishing society held their No. 4 Ramble, starting from Blackhill, and thence to Crookhall, Iveston, Redwell Hills, and Leadgate. The following interesting paper was contributed by Mr. Samuel Leybourne, the energetic secretary of the society:—

To the older inhabitants of the district, it will be quite superfluous to describe the scraggy appearance of the fields and "Blue Mountains," where the Blackhill and Consett Park now adorns the neighbourhood.

To the munificence of the Consett Iron Company, we owe a lasting debt of gratitude to them for transforming these wastes into such a pleasant retreat, unasked, and entirely at their own expense.

This beautiful park is entirely maintained at a considerable outlay, by the Consett Iron Company. It was designed, and laid out, and the trees and shrubs planted by Messrs Robson, of Hexham, to the order of the above generous donors, under the supervision of G. Douglas, Esq.

The park was opened to the public on the 11th day of July, 1891, by Lady Dale, of Darlington (then Mrs. David Dale), the wife of the respected managing director of the Consett Iron Company.

Three memorial trees to commemorate the event were planted by Lady Dale, the late Mrs. William Jenkins, of Consett Hall, and the late Thomas Siddell, Esq., of Viewfield, Benfieldside. These trees—the elm (Siberian)—are situated on the north, east, and south of the bandstand respectively; and bear the date of July 11th, 1891, the name of the tree and planter, on a metal tablet at the foot of each tree.

The trees and shrubs planted by Messrs Robson number about 40,000, of which the following list comprise the principal assortments:—The alder (cut-leaved and common), ash, mountain ash, beech, (common and purple-leaved), black Austrian pine, birch (common and cut-leaved), chestnut (horse), elm (English, Wych or Scotch, and Siberian), hazel, hornbeam, laburnum, lime, poplar (black Italian, white, balsam, and Lombardy), sycamore (purple), willow (Huntingdon and bitter), berberis (Mahonia), berberis vulgaris (common Barberry), box tree, broom (common), holly (common), laurel (common and Portugal), privet (common and evergreen), rhododendron, sweet briar, thorn (single scarlet, double scarlet, double white, etc.), whin (common), dogwood (cornus), elder (yellow, green, etc.), gurider rose, lilac (white flowering), ribes (flowering currants, white and scarlet), snowberry, spiraea, syringa (white and purple), vinca, and weigelia (rosea and amabilis), &c.

The roads are well made and traverse the park in all directions, the total length extending fully two miles. Innumerable seats invite the pedestrian to linger and admire the many attractions the park affords them, particularly the seats situated near the flagstaff, from which point a bird's-eye view can be had of the principal portion of Blackhill, and the valley of the Derwent beyond, with many of its well-known picturesque features and smiling farm-steads brought well within easy reach of sight; from here you have a fine view of the hills that run in a sort of semi-circular form from Weather Law to below Hedley-on-the-Hill, with a far-away vision of the mountains of Northumberland beyond the Coquet, to be had through a gap in the first line of hills near Whittonstall. At our feet we have the figure of a young child, a fit emblem of innocence, welcoming the thirsty to his innocuous libations. A little nearer we find some boulders piled in the centre of the road as a monument, no doubt, to record the remnant of the relics of the glacial age left on this side of the valley.

The bandstand is one of the most spacious and handsome structures to be found, of a similar character, in the North of England. Around this pavilion, the ironworkers, after their hard daily toil, may find sufficient accommodation to rest their limbs, and enjoy the discourses of music, which the generous donors provide, at intervals, during the summer months, whilst their sons and daughters may find recreation on the tennis-courts above.

An able staff of workmen, under the superintendence of Mr. Alexander Ganny, is employed by the Consett Iron Company, to keep the park in good order.

About one-half of the park is situated in the parish of Benfieldside, and the other in Consett parish, the former lying to the north-west and the latter to the south-east; the altitude rising from about 730 feet at Blackhill entrance gates to about 875 feet at Consett entrance gates.

Leaving the park we proceed along by the old footpath to Sherburn Terrace and then by road to Crookhall.

Through the kindness of Mr. J. W. Fawcett, of Satley, the following interesting paper on Crookhall has been sent for the use and benefit of our members:—

CROOKHALL.

Crookhall was formerly a large rectangular stone mansion, standing within spacious grounds. Now, however, it is in ruins. There is a historic interest associated with this old mansion. In the Boldon Book this estate was entered as freehold, being held by the De-la-Leys, who soon after that date made it over to the Church of Durham. When Bishop Hatfield occupied the see (from 1345 to 1381) the estate was in possession of the Kirkleys, from whom the Thorntons received it, and through the last-named it came to the Lumleys. In 1588 it was acquired by the Shaftoes, and fifty years later (1638) it was bought by George Baker, Esq. It was the abode of that family for a long period, and finally became the property of the Consett Iron Company. There are many interesting associations connected with Crook Hall and its neighbourhood. It was the birth-place of Thomas Baker, an eminent antiquary and learned divine, born 1656, died 1740, whose large collections of valuable manuscripts are now in the British Museum and the Cambridge Public Library. It is also noteworthy as the site of a Roman Catholic College, from 1794 to 1808, and as the place where Lingard, the celebrated historian, wrote his "History of England." Deprived of the means of obtaining suitable education in their own country, English Roman Catholic students were formerly sent to the secular college at Douay in French Flanders, which was founded in strict accordance with the decrees of the Council of Trent by Cardinal Allen (an Oxford student who ultimately became Archbishop of Mechlin), and opened in 1568. Of the numerous priests who were sent to the English Mission from Douay, about one hundred and sixty perished on the scaffold, under the penal laws, besides very many more who died either in prison or in banishment. When this establishment was seized by the Republican army on the 12th October, 1793, during the stormy day, of the first French Revolution, the professors and students, some forty-five in number, who had not previously escaped were seized and imprisoned in the fortress of Dourlens in Picardy. Of these four escaped from their guards on the journey, and fifteen, in three several companies, effected their escape during the night, by scaling the walls of the castle. These fifteen, after a long train of troubles, managed to reach England in safety, and settled at Crook Hall, on the 9th of September, 1794, with the Rev. Thos Eyre as first president and Professor of Divinity, and the celebrated and learned historian, Dr. John Lingard, as vice-president and Professor of Philosophy. The twenty-six students who remained at Dourlens were joined by four members of the secular college of St. Omer's, and they remained in captivity until the fall of Robespierre in July, 1794, after which event they were released and made way to England at the beginning of 1795. About 1800, Crook Hall becoming too small for the growing establishment, Bishop Gibson, the Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of the North of England, conceived the design of founding a Roman Catholic College on a larger scale, and with the assistance of the Catholic clergy and laity, he was enabled to purchase from Sir Edward Smythe, Bart., a small estate of 250 acres at Ushaw, near Esh. Here in 1804, was begun the building of the present college of St. Cuthbert, and four years later on July 19th, 1808, the community from Crookhall took possession of their new abode. During the fifteen years of its existence in the North of England, twenty-five priests were ordained for various missions in the north of England. The mansion at Crook Hall, built about the year 1716 after the removal of the college in 1808, stood empty for a considerable time. After coming into the hands of the Consett Iron Company, it was again unoccupied and neglected, and finally, through the colliery workings, fast fell to ruins. In 1882 the whole of the east side of the building was pulled down, and the stone thus obtained removed to build the adjoining farm-house. From thence the place presented a ruinous aspect, and, in 1896, to prevent accident, the tottering roof was removed and the walls pulled down to the first floor.

In connection with the demolition of the hall, owing to its dangerous condition, and alluded to by Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Chas E. Oliver, F.S.I., architect to the Consett Iron Company, secured the upper oak-panels of the entrance door of the hall at the time when the hall was demolished in July, 1896. Under Mr Oliver's directions, these two panels were prepared, and a beautiful photographic view of the hall, taken just before it was pulled down, was inserted in each panel. These panels now adorn the walls of West Lodge and Selby Lodge, the residence of Sir David Dale, Bart., D.C.L., and Mr. Oliver respectively, the panel in the first gentleman's possession having the view protected by beautifully worked brass miniature folding doors, the latter gentleman's panel view being left open.

I may add, that in the chamber directly above the entrance door, the famous scholar and historian, the Rev. John Lingard, D.D., wrote his first work, "The Antiquities of the Anglo-Saxon Church," and which was published in Newcastle in 1806. In this very room the great work of his life had been maturing, which was to bring to his feet a "delighted and astonished Europe." The English History stands pre-eminently as one of the masterpieces of the English language to this day.

The Crook Hall Estate was purchased by the Consett Iron Company in 1877.

Our next account of Crook Hall dating back for more than 700 years, is also from the pen of Mr. J. W. Fawcett, who desires the same to be returned to him.

The next paper, on "Thomas Baker, Antiquary and Divine," who, along with Dr. Lingard and many other eminent scholars, have made Crook Hall famous as the one-time home of so much learning amongst the world of letters, is also from the pen of Mr J. W. Fawcett, and which we return to him, as he only lent these last two papers for the use of our ramble to-day.

A little to the west of the ruins of the old Hall, the little village of Crookhall, consisting of the Blue Row and the Red Row is situated. To the south lies Carribee plantation.

From the Hall we pass, on our left, Bogle Hole pumping-engine and Bogle Hole Dean, and quickly arrive at Bogle Hole, where, to many, the romantic appearance of this little defile will come as a pleasant surprise. The small stream that passes through this valley is the Stockerley Burn, which has its rise from springs situated S.W. of Leadgate and Woody Close. At the point where we enter the road leading from Cross Hill and Crookhall the altitude is 642.1 feet; Bogle Hole Bridge, 589 feet; Bogle Hole, 599 feet.

On ascending the bank to the junction of the road leading to Lanchester, we find the altitude to be 739 feet, and at the New Inn 763.1, making a sudden rise from Bogle Hole Bridge to the aforesaid inn of not less than 174 feet.

Passing through the fields from Iveston we soon arrive at the Low and High Brooms farm-steads and the Brooms Dene. It has always been a matter of surprise to all who have recognised the beauty of the Dene why the worthy body who zealously watch over the destinies of the people of Leadgate have not, long ere this, secured this delightful dene as a health resort for the inhabitants of this district—a district where the beauty in nature in not over-abundant, and, therefore, the acquisition of the Brooms Dene would undoubtedly, prove an invaluable boon to all concerned.

The altitude above sea level on the main road near the north entrance gates to St. Mary and St. Joseph's R.C. Church is 858 feet; Eden Colliery, 836.8 feet; the Jolly Drovers, 829.4 feet; Redwell Hills Farm (Mr. Brown), 838.8 feet; St. Ives Church, 860 feet; Leadgate, at the junction of Front Street and Watling Street, the latter of which is the old Roman Road, is 833 feet; Wesleyan Day School stands about 860 feet; Carr House Crossing 844.6 feet; and New Bell, the residence of Mr. Scott, is about 870.

This outing to-day concludes the rambles for this season, and before we part I desire to record the Society's indebtedness to all who have assisted in making these excursions so pleasant and profitable; particularly Mr. Fawcett, who has so unstintingly given us the benefit of some of his private M.S.S. papers.

The third ramble did not take place owing to the very bad state of the weather (July 28th last.) Mr. Leybourne has a lot of matter prepared on Ranshields, Newlands, Whittonstall, and this district generally, which will be reserved for an excursion to be held some time next year.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

The first lamb sale of the season was held at Tow Law Mart last Friday, about 1,650 mule and double cross lambs being presented. The day being fine, the lambs were shown in grand bloom and condition, and the whole were sold out in quick order. In some instances a rise in price from 1s to 2s 9d a head was realised over last year, but in a few cases, where the lambs were less, a reduction was conceded. The top price for mule gimmer lambs was realised by a consignment from Slatyford, which made 24s each. Appended are prices of some of the principal lots:—Mule lambs: Lindisfarne, E 17s; Low Joffass, E 14s 9d, W 15s; Burn Hill, E 22s and 15s 6d, W 20s 6d; Tunstall House, E 22s 6d W 21s; East Newlands, E 21s and 22s 6d, W 20s 3d; Stanley, E 20s 9d, W 19s; West Newlands, W 21s 3d; East Greenridge, E 18s 3d and 20s 9d, W 20s; Heatherlea, E 18s 9d, W 18s 3d; Lumley Ling, E 21s 6d, 21s 9d, and 23s 9d, W 20s; Slatyford, E 21s 6d and 24s, W 13s 6d and 20s; Harthope, E 18s 9d and 20s 3d, W 17s 6d and 18s 9d; Waskerley, E 19s 3d, W 18s 9d; Red House, E 20s 6d, W 19s 9d; Hermitage, E and W 17; Bounder House, E and W, 21s. Double cross lambs: Lindisfarne, E and W, 22s 6d.

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WEST STANLEY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

OPENING OF NEW PREMISES AT SOUTH MOOR.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the West Stanley Co-operative Society had the pleasure of seeing their first branch premises opened for business under very auspicious circumstances. For some time the committee of the Society have felt the growing need of branch premises at this rapidly developing village, and eventually decided to erect suitable premises at a cost of near £10,000. The total frontage of the building is 114 feet, with a cellarage running through the whole building. On the ground floor are the grocery department, 32 feet by 44; the butchering department, 28 feet by 44; the greengrocery, 24 by 44; and the furnishing department, 26 by 44. Immediately behind the grocery department is a warehouse, 32 feet by 28; behind the butchering department a slaughter-house, 23 by 44; together with the refrigerating machinery and cold storage rooms, 24 by 8; while at the rear is a large hunger house. There are also three cottages at the rear of the building for the employees, a twelve-stalled stable and a cart-shed, 60 feet by 30 feet. On the second floor are large warehouses for the grocery department, 32 feet by 44, and 28 by 32; a drapery department, 56 feet by 44; and a boot and shoe department, 26 by 44. There are now some 400 members at South Moor, and it is expected that a large increase will be made from the Burnhope and Craghead villages. In the course of two years the committee expect to have some 1,000 members trading at South Moor. Mr. W. Foster, of Stanley, was the architect for the building, and has on all sides received the highest enconiums for the beautiful design of the building. Mr. W. B. Wood, foreman joiner, and Mr. M. H. Butler, builder, the society's own workmen, together with the Building Committee, have supervised the building operations, and to them no small amount of credit is due for the care and pains they have bestowed upon their work. Mr. L. Urwin, plumber, Shotley Bridge and Stanley, executed the plumbing work, while the electric fittings and electric lift, and the heating aparatus were put in by the Co-operative Wholesale Society. It is satisfactory to note that during the short time the new premises were open for sales on Saturday, after the inaugural ceremony, some £68 was taken.

THE LUNCHEON.

The luncheon was served up in the West Stanley Co-operative Hall, which was nicely decorated for the occasion. Amongst those present were Mr. James Fairley, Shaftoe House, Craghead; Mr. J. A. Ramsay, Harperley Hall; Mr. W. Hewison, president, West Stanley; Mr. T. W. W. Ritson, secretary, Stanley; Mr. A. Kuhlman, South Moor; Mr. W. Severs, Stanley; Mr. Jos. Fairley, South Moor; Mr. W. Hardy, South Moor, Mr. W. J. Forman, Leadgate; Mr. J. Skelton, Consett; Mr. Milburn, Consett; Mr. J. Breen, Stanley; Mr. Wilson, Clayton, Consett; Mr. M. Hepple, Marley Hill; Mr. John Brabban, Hobson Colliery; Mr. W. Foster, architect, Stanley; Mr. O Simpson, West Shield Row Colliery; Mr. J. Smith, South Moor; Mr. Geo. Foster, Stanley; Mr. W. Welsh, Stanley; Mr. J. Routledge, Stanley; Mr. M. G. Armstrong, Stanley; Mr. W. Indian, Stanley; Mr. J. G. Ridley, Stanley; Mr. J. Hunter, Stanley; Mr. A. H. Swinburn, Stanley; Mr. W. H. Kelly, East Stanley; Mr. Greener, Craghead; Mr. W. Bulmer, Tanfield Lea; Mr. W. Minitoe, Dipton; representatives from the Wholesale Co-operative Society, Newcastle, and many others. After the company had partaken of an excellent repast, Mr. W. Hewison, President of the Society, occupied the chair, when the toast list was gone through.

The Chairman, before offering the first toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," extended to all present a hearty welcome. They wanted a reasonable amount of time spent with the toast-list, and would endeavour to give the two most important toasts as much time as possible. To celebrate the opening of the first branch they felt proud to have such a distinguished company present. It was only ten years since it was decided to erect the building they were assembled in, but in that ten years their business had gone up by leaps and bounds. They had not only doubled, but increased it by 204 per cent., which was a tremendous increase. They would see the necessity for further accommodation to cope with that ever-increasing business. When they saw the branch premises they would say they had done it well. They had spared nothing to make it a proper business place and he thought all round it was a splendid business place. For design it was "A.1." and great credit was due to the architect, Mr. W. Foster. (Hear, hear.) It had been built by their own building department, and superintended by Mr. W. H. Butler, builder, and Mr. W. B. Wood, foreman joiner, to whom every credit was due. They had done their work well, and in the building of it they had proved themselves equal to their duties. They had done exceedingly well, and were two very able chaps. They had made good provision at the South Moor Branch for a great increase, although he did not think they would increase in the same ratio during the next ten years that they had done in the past ten years. They had made a reasonable provision for a fair increase of business. They had provided for six departments, and had taken into consideration the health of their employees and customers. He repeated that they had done the thing exceedingly well, and had put up a magnificent building. He would not further occupy their time, but would proceed to the toast-list. (Applause.) In submitting "The Queen and Royal Family," the Chairman said it was right and proper that the toast should precede all toasts. They had a Queen who had reigned over them a long time, and taking everything into consideration it had been a proportionately peaceable reign. There had been tremendous progress made during her reign—the coal, iron, and railways and machinery had been entirely revolutionised, and if there were forces required to protect England or any of its colonies, they did not need a better illustration of the ready response than they had had in the case of volunteers offering for service in South Africa. (Applause.) If they wanted another illustration of the loyalty of the people they could find it in the visit of the Queen to Ireland. He hoped the few remaining years the Queen might live would be as prosperous as the past ones had been. (Applause.) The toast having been loyally honoured.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Tetlow, secretary of the Northern Co-operative Union Sectional Board, and asked him to propose the toast of "The West Stanley Co-operative Society," in the regretted absence of Coun. J. W. Taylor, J.P., of Dipton.

Mr. Tetlow, on rising, said he had been honoured by being asked, although at the eleventh hour, to propose the toast of "The West Stanley Co-operative Society," upon which he looked as one of the most progressive, not only in the North of England, but throughout the country. (Applause.) There were one or two features in connection with the society upon which he wanted very briefly to touch. In the first place they were entitled to congratulate themselves upon the splendid repast which they had been the means of setting before them that day. He had been told that when they went to view the buildings they had just erected they would be equally well satisfied with them. There was one feature about the West Stanley Society which stood out very distinctly indeed. Anyone who referred to their last balance-sheet would find that the average purchases per member stood at the enormous amount of 25/0 per week. That was somewhat unique, as there were some societies which got well up in the teens of shillings. In connection with that it ought to be noticed that from 90 to 95 per cent. of their purchases were made from co-operative sources, and he thought they might find there the key to the position of the society. The society was so loyal to other co-operative institutions that their members in turn were loyal to the society. There was another feature characteristic of them. They were trying as much as possible to pay a uniform dividend. (Hear, hear). A uniform dividend was a distinct advantage to any society (Hear, hear.) He was aware that the dividend of the West Stanley Society had not been the same amount throughout, but they had adopted various expedients for making their dividends quarter after quarter for as long as possible the same amount. The West Stanley Society had been in the van of progress all along the line. It had been assisted materially in the formation of the Tin Plate Production Society, the Co-operative Sectional Convalescent Home, and had shown its adherence to the principles of co-operation by supporting all co-operative movements. He wished to couple with that toast the name of Mr. Ritson, their esteemed secretary, whom he understood had held the secretaryship for something like 22 years, and during that time he must have taken a prominent part in bringing about the magnificent results which the chairman had pointed out. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. T. W. W. Ritson, in responding, said it was a very difficult matter after the laudatory remarks of Mr. Tetlow to find words to express what he felt on that occasion. After the interesting history Mr Hewison had given in his opening remarks it would not be necessary for him to dilate on that subject. On behalf of the society with which he had been so long connected he thanked them all heartily and sincerely and with feelings which it was difficult to find words to express. (Hear, hear.) He knew Mr. Tetlow was no advocate of high or large dividends. He (Mr. Tetlow) always advocated at the profits of any society should be applied to other purposes than merely paying dividends. Having explained the reasons for which the increase in the dividend from 3/- to 3/6 in the £ was made, owing to outsiders taking advantage of the reduced prices of goods, Mr. Ritson, after again expressing his thanks for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, resumed his seat.

The Chairman said before asking Mr. Fairley to propose "The Trade of the District," he wished to say that they had erected their branch premises in the midst of the collieries which Mr. Fairley was agent for. The South Moor Coal Co., owned the land, and in erecting a large building such as theirs it was necessary, or at least convenient, to have a place on which to lay the girders and the other heavier materials, and Mr. Fairley kindly gave them permission to lay them on his ground. Mr. Fairley had also given them material for the making of their back streets and several other things with the utmost readiness—(loud applause.)—and he thought Mr. Fairley should be acknowledged for the many kindnesses he had extended to them in connection with the building of the branch premises. He then asked Mr. Fairley to propose the toast. (Applause.)

Mr. Fairley, of Shaftoe House, in doing so said it was with considerable diffidence as to his ability to creditably perform the duty laid upon him to rise and propose the toast of "The Trade of the District." To do his best, however, had been the principle upon which his life's work had been conducted, and he thought it would be unwise to depart from that rule of action on that auspicious occasion. But before proceeding to say what he had to say he wished to thank them for the honour they had done him in asking him to be present at the opening of those handsome business premises at South Moor. The fact that they had asked him to give the toast showed that he was in some way responsible for and deserved the credit of the large growth of the neighbourhood, and the consequent impetus given to business. The staple industry of the district, he need not remind them, was coal-mining, and that upon it hung the well-being of those things around them. A few facts and hints as to the possible future of the venture they had made would show that it would be a successful one. It was now 29 years since he was offered the position of viewer at Craghead Colliery. After two years' service he resigned, and after an absence of two years he again undertook the management, so that his present active connection with the South Moor Collieries was a lengthy one. Having completed 29½ years service at the collieries he had sufficiently grasped the possibilities of the place as to enable him to speak somewhat encouragingly on their undertaking, and as he understood they were spending something like £10,000 on the premises, perhaps a word of encouragement from him would satisfactorily allay any misgivings which any committee-man might have. He congratulated them upon the choice of such a central site, as it was convenient for the village, and was within walking distance of another village which would spring up on the Middles' Estate in a short time, the first twelve houses of which were now partly built. Besides being so centrally situated they had placed the building on the opposite side of the road, to that upon which the South Moor Company had arranged to build their colliery offices, and the fact of their having chosen such a site was suggestive to the members of their society. The only objection he could offer to the scheme was that by building such a fine, stylish place they had compelled him to ask his owners to erect offices of a more costly nature—(laughter)—to advise them to build so as not to be disgraced by their employees. (Renewed laughter.) He did not anticipate their building would be as imposing as the Store premises, but at all events they must try to improve upon their former proposals, so as to make the comparison of the employees creditable to the owners. (Hear, hear.) It was just 13 years since the South Moor Coal Company had 171 houses of their own, and the only private property-owners could have been counted on the fingers of their hands, whereas now the owners had 447 houses of their own—(hear, hear)—and the private property-owners were numerous. Moreover, they made a rent allowance of £3,000 a year, and several years prior to his present connection with the collieries the output was 100,000 tons per year; but that year they would have an output of one million tons—(hear, hear—or an increase for this year of ten times the quantity of the output of the year 1887. The average number of workmen employed previous to 1887 was 210, but they now employed about 2,000. The pays during the year 1887 averaged £416, whereas for this year up to date it was over £5,881 per fortnight. The figures quoted had reference to South Moor Collieries only, but as he noticed they dealt largely with the inhabitants of Craghead and Holmside Collieries, the output there was now nearly 1¼ million tons per year, and the wages, £73,523 per annum. Developments were not yet completed at either place, and he would curtail his remarks upon that subject by merely informing them that they might safely add 20 per cent to the result of the present operations in order to get an idea of what they estimated to be the capabilities of the present winnings. He might mention that fair lower seams available to the Company had not yet been won, but there was no doubt whatever that the time would come round when the working of those lower seams would have to be undertaken. The information he had supplied was for the benefit of the whole district. He was not a co-operator, but was always willing to help any good cause. Private tradesmen would have to live, and felt as confident as any of them about the future prospects of the place. Before sitting down he would like to say a few words on some other matters. The figures quoted proved that there had been a very large increase in the population of the district. Whilst provision had been made for the many temporal needs of the people, it was pleasing to know that they had men in their minds who had made sacrifices, exhibited such self-denial to supply foods incidental to a happy existence. Had they not such amongst them they would not have had the present opening ceremony that day. It was well that their inclinations did not run in the same direction. The spiritual needs of the place had not been forgotten. During the last few years churches of pleasing design had been erected by the members of the dierent denominations, and those interested in church work. For the people living in the village and neighbourhood the Church of England people had built a very nice place of worship, and had provided a convenient burial-ground in which to deposit the remains of their relatives and friends who would change that for a spiritual existence. In addition to that the Wesleyan Primitive New Connexion and Salvation Army had all done their best to meet the spiritual needs of the people, and had been graciously assisted by the owners of the colliery. The miners, too, with assistance, had provided themselves with a suitable building consisting of a large hall in which to hold meetings and concerts, and rooms for instruction and amusement. They had schools for the education of the young, and when the new ones now in course of erection were finished, who could say that they had not nearly all they required for making them happy? (Applause.) He was sorry to say that they had more amongst them than was necessary for either body or soul; he particularly referred to the licensed houses for the sale of intoxicants. He asked them not to be afraid—he was not going to give them a temperance lecture—he would only give them a few words on that subject. No matter how necessary a hotel might be for a legitimate business, they should not be allowed to exist as common drinking shops, and many of them were nothing else. When would men and women get wisdom and spend their money and time to some useful purpose? He would advise parents to save their money in some such institution as the Co-operative Society. (Hear, hear.) Many men invested their money in clubs, which were becoming common not only in that district, but all over the country. There were many families to whom clubs were a greater curse than the drinking shops, and he would advise especially wives and mothers to use their utmost influence to prevent their friends from becoming members of those abominable institutions. They were becoming too common, and he sincerely hoped no co-operator was a member of those places. (Hear, hear.) After having made fitting allusion to the formation of the district into an urban authority, Mr. Fairley congratulated all present on the good times they were having, and hoped they would continue, but hoped it would not further develope to the injury of other industries in the country. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. A. Ramsay, of Harperley Hall, in responding, said they had had a very comprehensive account of the rise and growth of Stanley, which was now one of the foremost coal-mining centres in the county of Durham. He did not know what some of the old people of the last generation would say if they had heard what Mr. Fairly had accomplished within the last ten years. The success of the district was partly due to the good feeling which had existed between the masters and the men. The rateable value of Stanley was higher than that of the City of Durham. The result had been brought about by men working shoulder to shoulder. The coal trade was at present beyond reproach—(laughter)—the coal-owner was happy and the working-men were happy. Might it long continue. They should bear in mind that where there had been fat years, lean ones had followed. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. A. Kuhlman next proposed "Our Guests," and Mr. Wm. Severs, of the Air Pit, Beamish, responded, and said that Stanley Co-operative Society had practically been made by the Air Pit man.

Mr. J. Green, J.P., Stanley, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Simpson, the caterer, for having provided them with such a splendid repast, and to the judges (Messrs Foreman and Wood) for having so ably judged the horses outside.

Mr. Shotton, director of the Wholesale Co-operative Society, Newcastle, formally seconded the motion, which was carried.

A vote of thanks was also accorded the Chairman.

OPENING CEREMONY.

The company then formed a procession, and, headed by the South Moor Band, proceeded to South Moor, followed by a procession of the horses and carts, together with two motor-rolleys from the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Newcastle.

The President of the West Stanley Society, in introducing Mr. T. W. W. Ritson, the secretary of the society, said they had reached that point in their history when that splendid branch should be formally opened. (Applause.) They would all have admired the procession of horses and carts, as they intended to make that a "red-letter day" in their history, and so far as he could see they had succeeded very well. They would all agree that the building was a splendid one, and the design was a credit to the architect, Mr. Wm. Foster. It was also a substantial building, and in that respect was a credit to the two managers of their building departments—Messrs Wood and Butler. They had done their work very well. In connection with a building like that there were a great many difficult details to work out, but they had proved themselves masters of the situation, and had carried every detail out with marked skill. From a business standpoint they had made provision for the future. They had anticipated their trade in the future. He anticipated they would have a large increase of business before the next ten years had expired. Mr. Ritson, who would perform the opening ceremony, had been secretary, temporary and permanent, for twenty-two years. He had had a fair experience of Mr. Ritson, and had some idea of his abilities and qualifications. It was essential for a large business like theirs that they should have a capable man to take charge of the clerical department, and Mr. Ritson happened to be the right man in the right place. (Applause.) He (Mr. Ritson) must have been born an arithmetician—he was exceedingly quick at figures, and had looked well after the interests of the society. Applause. There was one very important feature about Mr. Ritson, and that was that he was always up-to-date. If there was one feature he liked better than another it was that. Mr. Ritson could give them any information or figures at any time, and a large business firm which had not such a secretary was in a serious position indeed. They had not gone outside their own society for somebody to open the building; they preferred to give the honour to one of their own servants, and he had to present Mr. Ritson with a silver key for the purpose of performing the openinig ceremony. The key bore the incription:—"Presented to Mr. T. W. W. Ritson by the West Stanley Co-operative Society, on the opening of the South Moor Branch Premises. August 18th, 1900." He had great pleasure in presenting the key, and hoped Mr. Ritson would treasure it as a representation of the spirit of admiration for him in the Society, and that when that opening ceremony was done, and that day had passed away he would in future years remember the spirit in which it was given, and that auspicious occasion, and the intention with which it was given. (Applause.)

Mr. Ritson, on rising to perform the opening ceremony, said he would have their sympathy in attempting to express his feelings to them. As Mr. Hewison had said, it was mainly for his long services that they had done him the honour to present him with that handsome key with which to open the new premises. Words failed to convey to them the feelings of his heart on that occasion. He was indebted to the committee for the unanimous request which they made to him to occupy that position, and he was extremely obliged, and he would like to fancy that their action had the approval and support of the members of the Society. (A voice: "So it has.") He need hardly say how much he would treasure and prize the key. And as that was a "red-letter day" in the history of the Society, he took it that it was a "red-letter day" in his history. (Applause.) Having been connected with the society for so many years he had only done his duty—(hear, hear)—but he had done it to the best of his ability—conscientiously and fearlessly—neither courting the favour nor fearing the frown of anyone. The society was originally a branch, as many had been, of the Tantobie Co-operative Society, which they called their "mother." It had been the mother of more than the West Stanley Society. They built the old premises at Stanley on the low side of the road in 1874 and 1875. It was then taken up as an independent society, and formed as the West Stanley Co-operative Society in the year 1876, and commenced business in March of that year, with a capital of £2,004. That not being sufficient they were kindly obliged with a loan of £1,800 from the Tantobie Co-operative Society, showing the kindly feeling between the two societies. The value in fixed stock was £2,300. The society prospered so rapidly that during the year 1880 the loan was repaid with interest in spite of the strike of 1879, which lasted several weeks, and which considerably interfered with the investments of the members. The sales had increased enormously, the speaker quoting figures to substantiate his remarks. The society had been far more successful than the most ardent supporters of the Society had anticipated. One of the principal causes of the success was the efforts of the Committee of Management to know and thoroughly understand the business of the society, and to their unflinching determination to have it conducted on true, purely business lines; to their consistent loyalty to the principles of the co-operative movement; to their unswerving support of all co-operative institutions, and their unaltered determination that only goods of the very best quality should be placed before the members, feeling sure that irrespective of price the best were always the cheapest. (Applause.) The committee had not gone in for increasing the dividend. That that had been the best policy had been abundantly proved by the facts and figures placed before them, and the policy which had placed them in the front rank of the movement, noted for its loyalty and support of the great federated societies such as the wholesale and kindred institutions. He felt proud of his long connection with it. The most interesting point in that connection was to him, and would be to them, that just in proportion as the committee showed their loyalty to the federated societies, so the members had shown their loyalty to them. Another important feature in the success of the society was the building department, which was commenced in 1891, and which had been a great factor in the development of the society. During a period of nine years they had built and sold 154 houses, made advances on mortgage on 117 houses, and had thus been the means of helping members to obtain 240 houses out of a total of some 2,068. Applause. The cost in legal expenses to their members had not been one penny. (Hear, hear.) Another important feature was the investments of the capital of members, and they had always made provision for members to withdraw on very short notice when large sums were required. The reason for their opening branch premises at South Moor was the gratifying growth and success of the society, which he had been trying to prove to them. The committee wisely determined to erect that substantial building in one of, if not the most promising, thriving districts in the North of England, and he sincerely trusted that they would be so gratified that they would feel it their bounden duty to make all their purchases there, and so increase the sales of the society as to make it successful and profitable, and let the committee see they appreciated and supported their action in placing a branch store so near their homes. He trusted to see the day when further extensions and additions would be made to meet their requirements. There was every credit due to Mr. Foster, the architect, for the beautiful design, and to the builders for the able manner in which they had almost completed the work without an accident of any kind having occurred. He could not express in words the pleasure it was to him to declare the building open for business and inspection. (Applause.)

Mr. Ritson then opened the door of the central department, and an inspection of the building was made by the large crowd of people which had assembled to witness the ceremony. After the inspection a monster tea was provided in a large marque erected in the Co-operative Field, and was largely attended by members of the Society, who had looked forward to that event for some time. In the evening a concert was given in the Co-operative Hall by Mr. Winter's Concert Party, of Crook, who in himself was a veritable travelling theatre of varieties. Mr. Shotton presided over a large audience, which thoroughly appreciated the fare provided for their delectation.

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DEATH OF MR. THOMAS CARR, OF CONSETT.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr Thomas Carr, which occurred at his residence, Edith Street, Consett, on Thursday last, after an illness extending over a period of about two years, the deceased gentleman having been confined to his room during the last seven weeks of his life. Mr Carr, who was 64 years of age, was a native of a village near Berwick-on-Tweed, which he left as a young man 45 years ago to take up his residence in Consett. For the long period of 40 years he was boiler inspector for the Consett Iron Company, and it is needless to say that during his long and honourable connection with the Company he saw vast changes in the opening out of this portion of the county of Durham. Mr. Carr was not long in evincing a deep and an active interest in the social, religious, and educational well-being of the district of his adoption, and as the years passed on he increased rather than diminished his efforts in all movements calculated to be of benefit to the community. He was an active and enthusiastic co-operator, a temperance advocate, an active member of the Wesleyan denomination, being a teacher for upwards of 20 years, and until his health prevented him from further active work in that direction. He was for a long period a member of the committee of the Co-operative Society, and on his retirement about seven years ago he was presented with an illuminated address in recognition of his valuable services. In politics he was a Liberal, and was treasurer of the Consett Liberal Association, and also a member of the Executive of the North-West Durham Liberal Association. Many marks of sympathy have been extended towards his widow and his family of three sons and three daughters, all of whom are grown up. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at Benfieldside Cemetery, and despite the inclemency of the weather there was a very large attendance of friends to pay a last mark of respect. On leaving the residence the coffin was borne to the Wesleyan Church, where an impressive service was conducted by the Rev G. E. Polkinghorne and the Rev J. Bishop, who also officated at the Cemetery. From the Church to the Cemetery the procession, which was a long one, was headed by members of the Store Committee, the Sons of Temperance, and the Sunday School children. In the coaches were the chief mourners, Mr Tom Carr and Miss Carr, son and daughter; Mr and Mrs J. S. Moon, Blackhill, daughter and son-in-law; Mr and Mrs Geo. Williamson, Newcastle, daughter and son-in-law; Mr Wm. Carr, Amble, brother; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Carr, Sunderland, nephew and neice; Mr Wm. Carr, and Mr Tom Carr, Darlington, nephews; Mr James Kinghorn and Mr Hugh Kinghorn, Heaton, nephews; Mr and Mrs Robt. Lowrie, Consett, brother and sister-in-law; Mr Phillip Bennison, Hartlepool, nephew; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gowland, Consett; Mr and Mrs Wm. Gowland, Consett; Mr and Mrs Maddison, Miss Maggie and Miss Sarah Lowrie, Mr and Mrs John Gowland, jun., Mr and Mrs Elliott, Annfield Plain. The underbearers were Messrs V. Dunn, J. Wildsmith, E. Whittaker, J. Lowes, P. Surtees, and H. Davison. Among others present were Messrs Geo. Ainsworth, J.P., Consett Hall; James Scott, Consett; R. Park, Blackhill; T. J. Muse, Castleside; E. J. Kirkhouse, R. English, J. Davison, Wm. Scott, representing the Co-operative Union, Mr Davison, representing the Blaydon Co-operative Society, S. Brodie, M. Brodie, C. Stephenson, G. D. Powell, A. Russell, J. A. Jack, J. Whitehead, C. Parnaby, J. R. Maxwell, W. Green, W. Goudie, J. S. Kirkup, G. Lowes, W. Clayton, R. C. Foster, G. Eggleston, T. Shotton (Newcastle), T. Heslop, R. Heymer, G. T. Hyden, A. S. Coates, S. W. Winter, T. Lamb, J. S. Murray, B. Bailey, T. Foster, W. Lowrie, J. Routledge, and many others. Beautiful wreaths were sent by the widow, the sons and daughters, Miss Kellett, South Moor; the foremen of the Engineering department, the workmen of the angle mill, the workmen of the engine department, and the members of the Consett Liberal Association. Mr. Maddison, Consett, was the undertaker.

FUNERAL OF MR. JOS. LUMLEY, OF ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Friday afternoon the remains of the late Mr Joseph Lumley, Annfield Plain, were interred at the Lanchester Churchyard in the presence of a large company of friends. Mr. Jos. Irwin, of Oxhill, was the undertaker; Messrs Thos. Robson and Wm. Porter, Annfield Plain, bidders; Messrs D. Armstrong, Annfield Plain, A. Donaldson, T. Donaldson, T. Suddees, and R. Johnson, Loud Cottages, underbearers. The chief mourners were Mr John and Mrs Lumley (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. Geo. Bullerwell (son-in-law) and Mrs Bullerwell (daughter), East Kyo; Mr Wm. Charlton (son-in-law) and Mrs Charlton (daughter), Whickham; Masters Joseph Lumley, Miss Cissy Lumley, Annfield Plain, Mr Geo. Bullerwell, jun., Miss E. Bullerwell, and Master J. Bullerwell, East Kyo (grand-children). There were also present—Mr Richard Lumley (nephew) and family, South Moor; Mrs John Cooper, South Tanfield; Mr Jas. Lumley, Maiden Law; Mr John Lumley, Burnhope (nephew), Mr J. T. Lumley and Mrs Lumley (nephew and nieces), Mr Jno. Thirlwell, Travellers' Rest, Sunniside, Mr. and Mrs Wake, ex-Sergt. Nicholson, Mr W. H. Ritson, Mr Geo. Walton, Mr J. Towns, Mr T. Wilkinson, Mr and Mrs W. Taylor, Lanchester; Mr J. Cuthbertson, Burnopfield; Mr John Errington, Oxhill; Mr Wilson, Blackhill; Mr H. Jamieson, Lanchester; Mr Jas. Bolam, Dipton; Mr and Mrs Charlton, Mrs Maughan, Craghead; Mr. E. Wylam, Shield Row, Mrs. Leidler, Leadgate; Mrs Shepherd, Mr T. French, Mr John Humphrey, East Kyo; Mr J. Lumley, Annfield Plain; Mr Jos. Oyston, sen., Mr Jos. Oyston, jun., Logan House; Mr John Watson, Annfield Plain; Mr John Rowell, Twizell; Mr John Dixon, Bushblades; Mr R. Stephenson, West Stanley; Mr and Mrs Brown, Howden Bank; Mr March, Greencroft Park; Mr Morgan Robinson, Sacriston; Mr. W. Young, Dipton; Mr. Stoddart, Broadwood Park; Mr. W. Ambler, Clarevale; Mr R. Bolton, Burnhope; Mr E. Vipond, Peters Bank; Mr W. Brown, South Moor; Mr W. and Mrs McKinley, South Medomsley, Mr. Thos. Oliphant, Beamish; Mr. W. Smith, Mr. G. Moore, Mr J. Lumley, Mr J. McGarrity, Mr W. Cuthbert, Mr J. Jobes, Mr W. Aitchison, Mr W. Pace, Mr Geo. Pace, Dr Graham, Mr John Bullerwell, Mr F. King, Mr. W. Dodds, Mr. D. Bulmer, Mr. J. Stobbart, Mr T. Stobbart, Annfield Plain; Mr. S. Freick, Hill Top; Mr. and Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Clish, Mrs Cuthbert, Annfield Plain; Mrs Siddle, Oxhill; Mrs Humphrey, Leadgate; Mrs. Graham, South Moor; Mr. Geo. Hobson, Harperley Mills; Mr W. Maddison, Hare Law; Mr Miles Handy, Catchgate; Mr. R. Wilson, Annfield Plain; Mr G. Wailes, Hare Law; ex-Supt. Oliver, Consett; Mr and Mrs Wheatley, Tow Law; Mr. J. Mitchison, Park Head; Mr. W. Swinburn, Waggon Hill; Mr Lax, East Castle; Mr W. Eltringham, Mr T. Welch, Mr T. Watchman, Mr G. Cumberledge, Catchgate; Mr J. Porter, Carrmyers; Mr Anderson, Consett; Mr England, representative of Messrs W. B. Reid and Co., brewers, Newcastle; Mr W. Stafford, Pontop Rows, Annfield Plain; Mr J. T. Moore, Annfield Plain; Mr R. Moore, Annfield Plain; Mr J. S. Murray, Blackhill; Mr R. Ridley, Kyo; Mr H. W. Beckton, Catchgate; Mr T. L. Watchman, Hare Law; Mr T. Robson, Annfield Plain; Mr W. Porter, Annfield Plain; Mr M. Martin, jun., South Moor; Mr M. Martin, sen., South Moor; Mr W. Bates, Stanley Bank Head; Mr J. Robinson, Tanfield; Mr. J. Smith, Annfield Plain; Mr. J. Blackburn, Annfield Plain; Mr Thos. Welsh, Catchgate; Mr J. Gladders, Tantobie; Mr T. Robson, Flint Hill; and others.

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FUNERAL OF MISS ELIZ. COOPER, OF DIPTON.

On Friday afternoon, the remains of Miss Elizabeth Cooper, of Front Street, Dipton, were interred in the Hare Law Churchyard. The Rev. R. Tuson, Vicar of Dipton, conducted the service in the Church and at the graveside, while Mr. A. Phillipson, of Dipton, conducted a short service at the door of the house. The bidders were Messrs. S. Swalwell and T. Aitken, of Dipton; the underbearers were Messrs. A. Phillipson, Dipton; W. Ellison, sen., Blackhill; R. T. Bates, Dipton; and M. Southern, Dipton. Mr. W. Rutherford, of Catchgate, was undertaker, and carried out all the funeral arrangements, the hearse and mourning coaches being supplied by Mr. J. Oxley, of Catchgate. The principal mourners were:—Mr. Wm. Cooper, Mr. John Cooper (brothers), Miss Sarah Cooper (sister), Mrs. Cooper, Pontop Gate (aunt), Misses Jennie and Ethel and Master Fairless Cooper (nieces and nephew), Mr. and Mrs. M. Bates, Kyo (uncle and aunt), Mrs. W. Graham, Pontop Gate (cousin), Mrs. Swinburn, Tanfield (cousin), Mrs. Simpson, Dipton; Misses Bates, Kyo; Mrs. Mallams, Burnopfield (cousins); Mrs. R. Bates, Kyo; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, Soon (cousins); Mr. A. Cooper, Consett (cousin); Mr. Thomas Cooper, Gateshead (cousin); Mrs. Todd, Dipton (cousin); Miss Fairless, Dipton; Mrs. and Miss Todd, Birtley; Messrs. H. R. W. and M. Bates (cousins); and Mr. T. Armstrong. Amongst the general public were Mr. and Mrs. Dodd, Leeds; Miss Baker, Sunderland; Miss Cuthbertson, Crookgate; Mrs. Robinson, Catchgate; Mr. W. J. Gladders, Sunniside; Mrs. Armstrong, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. R. Biggs, Dipton; Mr. E. Wilkinson, Dipton; Mrs. Joshua Wilkinson, Dipton; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, Dipton; Mrs. Wells, Dipton; Mrs. Phillipson, Mrs. Hunter, Dipton; Mrs. Murray, Pontop Pike; Mr. W. Porter, Carrmyers; Mr W. Graham, Dipton; Mr. G. Bulmer, Dipton; Mr. A. Gillis, Dipton; Mrs. E. Nicholson, South Medomsley; Sergt. Lawson, Dipton; Mrs. A. Ramsay, Dipton; Mrs. Glenwright, Dipton; Mr. J. A. Castle, Dipton; Mrs. Teasdale, Dipton; Misses Errington, Dipton; Mr. T. Reynoldson, Dipton; Mr. J. Elliott, Annfield Plain; Mr. A. Southern, Hill Top; Mr. A. Elsdon, Iveston; Mr. W. Gibson, Dipton; Mrs. Stobbs, Dipton; Mr. J. Dunn, Hare Law, and others.

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CONSETT LADS AT THE FRONT.

Mr. M. Wake, of Delves Lane, Consett, has received the following letter from his nephew, Pte. T. Charlton, 2nd N. Fusiliers, dated from Bloemfontein, July 14th:—

I now take the pleasure of writing to you as I have a little time to myself to let you know where we three are. I left cousin Bill at Pretoria in the hospital. He is an orderly attending to the sick, so he is all right and well. I left Bob at Johannesburg in the telegraph office at the station, so he is all right as far as I know, and as hard as ever. I myself have been sent down with the provisional staff to Honing Spruit, which we were formed into at Pretoria after our escape from the Boers. We have a good commanding officer named Col. Bullock, or better known as the man with the iron Will. After arriving at Honing Spruit station early in the morning of June 22nd, at daybreak we heard an explosion in our rear. Of course it was the Boers blowing up the line, their object being to capture our train which, no doubt, they thought was loaded with provisions. Instead there were 400 of us ex-prisoners with no cavalry or artillery. In a few minutes we found out it was De Wet's force, who sent in word under a flag of truce giving us half an hour to surrender, or else he would cut us all up. Our Colonel told him he would have to fight if he wanted us, and he also told him if he came in again he would shoot him. So we formed a ring round the station, digging trenches as best we could under their shell fire as they had three guns trained on us. We hung out until our reinforcements came about four o'clock in the afternoon, our casualties being 4 killed and 17 wounded, some dying of their wounds later on. Our second in command was shot almost as soon as it commenced. His name was Major Hobbs, West Yorkshire Regiment. We gave the nemy something harder than provisions to go away with. I hear now that De Wet is hemmed in and his capture is expected any hour. This Colony will be more settled as soon as they get him as there is no one else to disturb it. I am now at Roodeval on the line of communication near Rhnoster, where the Derbys were cut up, and we are holding this position with three big guns. We are getting broken up now to join our own regiments, some having already gone. Our regiment is at Bloemfontein, so I expect to meet Bill an dBob there very shortly. It is a fine town and we shall find it much better than the veldt. I saw Sam Davis at Elandsfontein, about 100 miles from here. He is doing well, being an officer's servant. He is about 13 stone in weight. He was very pleased to meet someone from Consett.

In a postcript he adds "I don't think I am to be shot, as Ive been under fire three times now without a scratch, at Stormberg, Pretoria, and Honing Spruit.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

Since the re-opening of the New Theatre play-goers have been capitally provided for. Following upon the visit of the "Lost in Paris" Company (in which a daughter of Mr. Jas. Kelly, of Leadgate, was seen to very great advantage), we have this week what is termed the sensational comedy-drama, "The Hand of Iron." It is an interesting play brightly interspersed with the humourous element, and seems to have "caught on." Mr. Roy Jackson's company is a most able one, and comprises many excellent actors and actresses. Amongst these may be mentioned Miss Clarrie Ash, who performs admirably as "Mary Darogue," whilst the parts of "May Sutherland," "Nell Swift," and "Mrs. Duck" are admirably impersonated by Miss Kitty Douglas, Miss Josephine Preece and Miss E. C. Matthews, respectively. In the dual rôle of "Manuel Lavigne," and "Mad Pierra," Mr. R. Jackson is a host in himself, and there is not a dull moment whilst he occupies the stage. It is a superb piece of acting. Mr. Norman Hall, Mr. Arthur Lawrence, Mr. H. Humphries, Mr. Frank Edwards, and Mr. S. Perry are all good in their respective characters, whilst Mr. G. Beverley extracts any amount of fun out of the part of "Hiriam Lincoln O. U. Duck" (a journalist.) "The Hand of Iron" should do good business.

LANCHESTER BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The general annual licensing meeting for the West Division of Chester Ward will take place at Lanchester on Thursday next. The list issued by Mr J. A. Ornsby, justices' clerk, and Supt. P. G. Benzies, is as follows:—

Nathan Elsdon, spirit merchant, provisional grant of a full license (on and off) to premises to be constructed at Number One, Benfieldside.

Thos. Pearson, beerhouse-keeper, provisional grant of full license to premises to be built at East Castle Colliery.

Wm. Liddell, beerhouse-keeper, full license to Black Horse Inn, Front Street, Consett.

Michael Mackenzie, grocer Consett, beer (off.)

Wm. Leadbitter Smith, land agent, provisional grant of a full license about to be erected at Flass, on the road between Waterhouses and Durham.

Nicholas Nattress, beer retailer, full license at Langley Park.

John S. Burdon, general dealer, Woodbine Terrace, Annfield Plain, beer (off.)

Joseph Harrison, builder, Croft Terrace, Annfield Plain, beer (off.)

John Palmer, contractor, New Kyo, beer (off.)

Richard Lumley, beerhouse-keeper, full license at South Moor.

Michael Martin, general dealer, full license at South Moor.

Joseph Forster, wine and spirit merchant, provisional grant of a full license to new premises in Front Street, West Stanley.

Albert H. Higginbottom, wine and spirit merchant, provisional grant to premises proposed to be built in Front Street, West Stanley.

Wm. Johnson, contractor, provisional grant to new premises in High Street, East Stanley.

John Wm. Moffatt, ale and spirit merchant, provisional grant to new premises in Pelmaise Street, Stanley.

Thos. S. Parker, butcher, provisional grant to premises to be constructed in Front Street, West Stanley.

Thos. C. Rawes, cab proprietor, provisional grant to new premises to be built in Front Street, West Stanley.

John Geo. Ritson, brick manufacturer, provisional grant to premises to be erected in Front Street, West Stanley.

John Nevin, ale and spirit merchant, full license at Lintz Colliery.

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CRICKET MATCHES.

LANGLEY PARK v. LITTLEBURN.

Played at Littleburn. Scores:—

LANGLEY PARK.

J. Rutter c Oakley b W. Liddle ... 11
Geo. Peel b W. Harding ... 3
J. Lowes b J. Emery ... 20
Peel c Adair b W. Harding ... 5
T. Eccleston c Brown b J. Emery ... 6
E. Rutter b W. Harding ... 17
Ardley b W. Harding ... 9
Eccleston b W. Harding ... 10
Lowes b W. Harding ... 0
R. Rutter b W. Harding ... 1
J. M. Hunter not out ... 1
Extras ... 9
Total ... 92

LITTLEBURN.

S. Adair c R. Peel b J. Lowes ... 0
F. Lonsdale c J. M. Hunter b H. Ardley ... 0
S. Emmerson b H. Ardley ... 0
J. Emery b H. Ardley ... 6
W. Harding c R. Rutter b H. Ardley ... 2
W. Liddle b H. Ardley ... 7
R. Snowball c R. Peel b J. Lowes ... 6
J. Brown c J. M. Hunter b H. Ardley ... 1
J. Adair b J. Lowes ... 4
J. Oakley not out ... 1
S. Adair c E. Eccleston b H. Ardley ... 2
Extras ... 1
Total ... 30

MR. M. HEDLEY'S XI. v. LEADGATE.

Played at Medomsley on Thursday night, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Scores:—

M. HEDLEY'S XI.

Rev. A. C. Blunt b Kennedy ... 0
M. Palmer b Kennedy ... 1
W. Cant not out ... 0
M. T. Milburn b Crowther ... 16
R. H. Hill run out ... 1
W. Wilson b Kennedy ... 0
J. Wilson b Kennedy ... 4
M. Hedley b Crowther ... 1
J. Sanderson run out ... 0
J. Pattinson c Tate b Crowther ... 9
S. Wheatley b Kennedy ... 0
Extras ... 0
Total ... 32

LEADGATE.

J. Wilson b Hedley ... 2
J. Newton b Hedley ... 1
J. Kennedy c Blunt b Hedley ... 20
T. Greener b Hedley ... 6
J. Kershaw run out ... 14
J. Crowther c Hedley b Palmer ... 4
J. Birtley b Hedley ... 14
T. Atkinson not out ... 2
T. Bare b Hedley ... 4
T. Tate run out ... 2
T. Pickering b Palmer ... 0
Extras ... 9
Total ... 77

ANNFIELD PLAIN WEDNESDAY v. SWALWELL WEDNESDAY.

Played at Annfield Plain on Wednesday, August 8th. Scores:—

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

W. Wilson b Robson ... 13
W. Rutherford b Brooks ... 0
W. Hunter b Robson ... 1
J. Tindale b Robson ... 6
J. Robinson c Brooks b Lee ... 1
R. Smith b Robson ... 4
W. J. Buckton c Douglas b Robson ... 1
J. Simpson b Robson ... 0
J. Russell b Lee ... 0
C. Parker c Simpson b Lee ... 0
W. Scurfield not out ... 0
Extras ... 1
Total ... 40

SWALWELL.

J. Robson b Wilson ... 3
Geo. Brooks c Russell b Wilson ... 6
P. Douglas c Wilson b Rutherford ... 10
W. Blackbird b Hunter ... 0
W. Lee b Wilson ... 0
J. Green b Wilson ... 0
W. Simpson b Wilson ... 0
R. Wishart c Wilson b Smith ... 2
R. Moore b Smith ... 0
P. Eyle b Smith ... 2
T. Blackburn not out ... 0
Extras ... 5
Total ... 28

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PHILADELPHIA v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Played at Philadelphia, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

T. R. Hall c and b Terry ... 6
J. Cowings c and b Terry ... 16
W. Falconer c Stewart b Terry ... 7
O. Richardson c Milner b Terry ... 24
A. Tate c and b Freake ... 23
G. Dorminson b Terry ... 0
J. Speed c Hodgson b Terry ... 5
J. Grievson run out ... 12
A. Harding b Terry ... 11
R. Robinson b Terry ... 0
J. Thompson not out ... 3
Extras ... 2
Total ... 109

PHILADELPHIA.

Terry (pro) c Cowings b Falconer ... 31
J. Freake b Cowings ... 3
T. C. Milner b Grievson ... 13
T. Hodgson not out ... 4
J. Blanckley b Grievson ... 0
T. P. Stewart b Greivson ... 0
W. Cairns c and b Tate ... 11
J. Elliott run out ... 2
Geo Burrell b Grievson ... 0
E. Massey b Tate ... 0
R. Wilson c and b Greivson ... 0
Extras ... 9
Total ... 73

EACHWICK HALL v. GREENSIDE.

Played on the former's ground. The home team ran up the large score of 183 for the loss of six wickets, when they declared. Greenside did not make a very good show at their attempt, and were all dismissed for 63. Chambers, the home pro., took eight wickets at a cost of 30 runs. Score:—

EACHWICK HALL.

S. Anderson b J. Fewster ... 53
W. Seymour run out ... 2
Rev. E. W. R. Walters not out ... 57
C. S. Hunting c and b Fewster ... 5
P. L. Hunting b Fewster ... 6
Chambers run out ... 19
W. Williamson, b Fewster ... 3
G. C. Robinson not out ... 33
Extras ... 13
Total (for six wickets) ... 183

GREENSIDE.

H. Brown c Seymour b Chambers ... 4
C. Raisbeck b Chambers ... 9
J. Callender b Chambers ... 5
C. Fewster c C. Hunting b Chambers ... 4
J. Fewster b Chambers ... 2
A. Walker run out ... 6
J. Fellis b Walters ... 6
W. Nesbitt c and b Chambers ... 0
G. Raisbeck b Chambers ... 11
G. Foster not out ... 5
J. Robinson b Chambers ... 1
Extras ... 10
Total ... 63

ROWLAND'S GILL v. DILSTON ROAD.

Played at Rowland's Gill on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

J. Sewell c and b Raine ... 1
J. Oliver c Jones b Curley ... 39
R. Dixon b Curley ... 0
R. Sewell c Slade b Raine ... 1
J. Hetherington c Jones b Raine ... 10
W. Robson b Curley ... 0
W. Goodfellow c Adams b Raine ... 3
G. Goodall b Curley ... 0
R. Wilson c Slack b Raine ... 13
G. Forbes b Raine ... 2
S. Forster not out ... 3
Extras ... 4
Total ... 76

DILSTON.

McCloud c Sewell b Hetherington ... 9
Jones c and b Hetherington ... 9
T. Adams c Foster b Hetherington ... 1
Curley b Hetherington ... 5
S. Lofthouse c Goodfellow b Sewell ... 2
Ratcliffe not out ... 6
R. W. Crow not out ... 2
Raine did not bat
A. Adams did not bat
H. Slack did not bat
C. Slack did not bat
Extras ... 0
Total ... 34

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SOUTH SHIELDS v. CONSETT.

Played at Westoe in fine weather before a good attendance. Scores:—

SOUTH SHIELDS.

A. P. Stainton c and b Grey ... 57
R. Holmes, b Grey ... 31
S. Pike b Siddell ... 55
C. R. Tomer c and b Eltringham ... 1
M. Stainton run out ... 4
J. Carter, l.b.w. b Siddell ... 10
A. Segsworth not out ... 10
R. C. W. Pow did not bat
T. Lishman did not bat
T. Salter did not bat
Extras ... 10
Total (for six wickets ... 178

CONSETT.

J. Siddell b Pike ... 0
A. Hurst b Pike ... 1
J. Eltringham st. Salter b Pike ... 4
T. C. Charlton b Pike ... 6
W. Leybourne run out ... 4
A. Mathieson b Pike ... 0
T. Young l.b.w. b Clark ... 3
W. Atkinson not out ... 4
T. Turnbull absent ... 0
T. Strachan b Clark ... 1
T. T. Grey retired hurt ... 0
Extras ... 3
Total ... 26

LEADGATE TEMPERANCE v. PELTON FELL.

Played at Leadgate. Scores:—

LEADGATE TEMPERANCE.

Wm. Brown b R. Lee ... 1
J. Snaith b Emery ... 2
J. Kennedy b Barras ... 12
T. Greener c Lee b Emery ... 40
J. Newton c Wilkinson b Emery ... 10
J. Birtley b Emery ... 6
A. Little run out ... 22
J. Wilson b Emery ... 5
G. Milburn not out ... 12
J. Crowther c Smiles b Emery ... 9
J. Turnbull b Emery ... 3
Total ... 122

PELTON FELL.

A. Barrass b Kennedy ... 0
H. Barrass c Newton b Snaith ... 5
R. Lee b Snaith ... 1
J. Maddison b Snaith ... 2
J. Morpeth run out ... 18
M. Wilkinson b Snaith ... 0
J. Smiles c Milburn b Crowther ... 4
A. Bloomfield c Birtley b Kennedy ... 7
J. Emery c Little b Crowther ... 8
J. Bolton not out ... 6
W. Marshall b Crowther ... 0
Extras ... 1
Total ... 52

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MEDOMSLEY v. REV. A. C. BLUNT'S XI.

At Medomsley. Scores:—

MEDOMSLEY.

M. Hedley c Palmer b Grieveson ... 0
M. T. Milburn c and b Grieveson ... 0
T. D. Dales not out ... 70
R. Cant c Grieveson b Lovat ... 11
R. Campbell c Lovat b Barrett ... 14
W. Cant b Lazenby ... 12
J. R. Lowes not out ... 33
A. Neilson did not bat
M. Walton did not bat
T. Walton did not bat
A. Whiteley did not bat
Extras ... 11
Total (for five wickets ... 151

REV. A. C. BLUNT'S XI.

T. Lambert c Neilson b R. Cant ... 0
W. Hunter b Campbell ... 62
E. Pumphrey run out ... 12
R. Barrett b Lowes ... 18
J. B. Lazenby b M. Walton ... 0
J. K. Annandale b Lowes ... 1
A. C. Blunt not out ... 24
M. Palmer b Campbell ... 2
M. H. Wilkinson c Hedley b Campbell ... 0
J. Grieveson b Campbell ... 0
W. Lovat did not bat
Extras ... 22
Total (for nine wickets) ... 141

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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS

Medomsley.

This popular exhibition came off on Saturday in the Vicarage Field, Medomsley. The show has long been noted for the excellence of its exhibits, and the one under notice proved no exception to the rule. There was a splendid display of flowers, fruit, and vegetables, both in the open and cottagers' class. Competition was very keen, and the judges had anything but an easy task in apportioning their awards. As usual, the first thing that struck the visitor on entering the tent was the baskets of vegetables. On this occasion there were not so many entries as customary, but the basket that won the premier award was in all respects worthy of that position, and contained a most tempting collection, admirably arranged. The vegetables in all the other classes were, almost without exception, of excellent quality. The same may be said of the flowers, which were splendid in both the open and cottagers' departments, and roused general admiration. The fruit also was fully up to the average, although the season has not been too favourable. The almost unanimous opinion of those present was that the show compared very favourably with past exhibitions. The fancy butter is always a prominent feature at Medomsley, and on this occasion Mrs Carr carried off the chief honours with a very nice design. The competition in the bread and other classes was close, and some excellent loaves were on view. The dogs naturally attracted much attention. Collies and fox terriers were the principal exhibits, and some beautiful specimens of the canine species were exhibited. There were two classes for driving, and there was a large and interested crowd to witness this portion of the proceedings. That successful competitor, Mr. A. Phillipson, of Dipton, secured yet another first, with Mr. J. Allison, Hamsterley Mill, second. Mr. Allison did better in the tradesmen's class obtaining the chief award. For the comical cycle costume, "Splash" Day, of Leadgate, who is an adept at this sort of business, was placed first, being admirably got up as "Ally Sloper." The Mickley Temperance Band discoursed an excellent selection of music, and also did duty at a well-attended ball held in the marquee in the evening. Refreshments were provided by Mr. Hanson, of Consett. Mr. Robert Charlton discharged the secretarial duties in his customary efficient manner, and was well backed up by an energetic committee. Fortunately the weather remained fine throughout the day, with the result that the takings at the gate exceeded those of last year by nearly £11, so that the society should be in a good position. Everything passed off most satisfactorily. The judges were as follows:—

Flowers, fruit, and vegetables—Messrs L. Blanchard, Newcastle; F. Bolam, Axwell Park; and W. Stothart, Broadwood.

Dogs.—Mr. J. Bell, Stanhope.

Butter, etc.—Mrs. Pickering, Acton Farm Blanchland; Mrs. Thomson, Pelton House; and Mrs. Taylor, Durham Field.

Farmers' class.—Mr. Anderson, Mosswood.

Driving.—Messrs Anderson, Mosswood, and W. Walker, Consett.

LIST OF AWARDS.

OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom (dissimilar.)—1, D. Smart; 2, W. Walker; 3, M. Redshaw.

Two fine foliage plants.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, R. Charlton; 3, R. Arthur.

Two petunias (dissimilar.)—1, M. Redshaw; 2, R. Charlton.

Two fuchsias (dissimilar.)—1, M. Redshaw; 2, M. H. Marley.

Two zonale geraniums (dissimliar.)—1, M. Redshaw; 2, M. H. Marley.

Two exotic ferns.—1, R. Arthur; 2, R. Charlton; 3, M. H. Marley.

Two coleus.—1, R. Charlton; 2, D. Smart; 3, H. Coxford.

One tuberous-rooted begonia.—1, R. Charlton; 2, M. Redshaw; 3, M. H. Marley.

Best lilium auratum.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, E. Charlton.

One pot of liliums.—No awards.

Three miscellaneous plants in bloom.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, E. Smailes; 3, E. Charlton.

Four bottles of cut flowers.—1, R. Charlton.

Four gladiolis (dissimilar.)—1, M. Redshaw.

Four herbaceous flowers in bottles.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, R. Charlton.

Three phloxes (dissimilar.)—1, M. Redshaw; 2, Jas. Lonsdale; 3, R. Arthur.

Six dahlias (dissimilar.)—1, M. Redshaw; 2, W. McGowan.

Six cut roses (three dissimilar.)—1, M. Redshaw; 2, E. Charlton; 3, T. Charlton.

Three trusses geraniums in bloom (dissimilar.)—1, R. Charlton; 2, M. H. Marley; 3, W. McGowan.

Six French asters (dissimilar.)—1, M. Redshaw; 2, R. Arthur; 3, M. Armstrong.

Six globe asters (dissimilar.)—1, D. Smart; 2, M. Armstrong; 3, M. Redshaw.

Six French marigolds.—1, R. Matthews; 2, D. Smart; 3, R. Arthur.

Six African marigolds.—1, D. Smart; 2, R. Matthews.

Six pots of table decorations, pots not to exceed 6in.—1, D. Smart; 2, R. Charlton; 3, M. H. Marley.

Basket of cut flowers, not to exceed 14in.—1, E. Charlton; 2, R. Charlton.

FRUITS.

Six pears, flavoured.—1, R. Charlton; 2, W. Vasey.

Six kitchen apples.—1, R. Charlton; 2, M. Redshaw.

Six dessert apples.—1, Miss Patterson; 2, R. Charlton.

Pint of black currants.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, J. Surtees.

Pint of red currants.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, E. Dixon.

Pint of white currants.—1, G. Dixon; 2, W. Hardy.

Pint of flavoured gooseberries.—1, G. Dixon; 2, W. Vasey.

Six heaviest gooseberries.—1, G. Dixon; 2, T. Snowdon.

VEGETABLES.

Two cucumbers.—1, R. Charlton; 2, G. Ripley.

Six kidney potatoes.—1, F. Patton; 2, M. Redshaw; 3, R. Charlton.

Six round potatoes.—1, W. Vasey; 2, M. Redshaw; 3, J. Surtees.

Three turnips.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, R. Charlton; 3, G. Ripley.

Six onions, Tripoli not accepted.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, J. Surtees; 3, G. Ripley.

Three leeks.—1, R. Charlton; 2, M. Redshaw; 3, J. Surtees.

Three parsnips.—1, W. Hardy; 2, J. Surtees; 3, M. Redshaw.

Three carrots.—1, W. Hardy; 2, T. Charlton; 3, J. Surtees.

Three roots of beet.—1, T. Charlton; 2, W. Vasey; 3, G. Dixon.

Two heads of celery.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, F. Patton; 3, R. Charlton.

Twelve pods of beans.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, G. Dixon; 3, I. Lonsdale.

Twelve pods of peas.—1, Jas. Lonsdale; 2, G. E. Milburn; 3, R. Charlton.

Two cauliflowers.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, F. Patton; 3, R. Charlton.

Two early cabbages.—1, M. Redshaw; 2, T. Charlton; 3, E. Charlton.

Two red cabbages.—1, M. Redshaw.

Best collection of vegetables.—1, R. Charlton; 2, M. Redshaw.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants in bloom (dissimilar.)—1, M. H. Marley; 2, E. Smailes; 3, H. Coxford.

One fine foliage plant.—1, M. H. Marley; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, S. Coombe.

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One light fuchsia.—1, H. Coxford; 2, E. Smailes; 3, M. H. Marley.

One zonale geranium.—1, E. Smailes; 2, M. H. Marley; 3, S. Coombe.

One double geranium.—1, E. Smailes; 2, W. McGowan; 3, S. Coombe.

One coleus.—1, W. Vasey; 2, E. Smailes.

Two British ferns.—1, M. H. Marley; 2, J. Surtees; 3, H. Coxford.

One petunia.—1, H. Coxfrod; 2, W. Vasey; 3, M. H. Marley.

Four dahlias (dissimilar.)—1, G. Ripley; 2, W. McGowan; 3, Jas. Lonsdale.

Six cut roses (three dissimilar.)—1, E. Smailes; 2, Jas. Lonsdale; 3, M. Armstrong.

Six French asters (three dissimilar.)—1, E. Smailes; 2, W. McGowan; 3, S. Coombe.

Six globe asters (three dissimilar.)—1, F. Patton; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, M. Armstrong.

Six French marigolds.—1, W. McGowan; 2, T. Johnson; 3, R. Graham.

Six African marigolds.—1, M. Armstrong; 2, W. Walker; 3, W. Davidson.

Six pansies, in water (dissimilar.)—1, M. Armstrong; 2, J. Surtees.

Three bottles of garden cut flowers.—1, M. H. Marley; 2, E. Smailes; 3, T. Snowdon.

Four spikes of antirrhinums (dissimilar.)—1, W. McGowan; 2, S. Coombe; 3, H. Coxford.

Four spikes of phloxes (dissimilar.)—1, T. J. Johnson.

Four spikes of penstimons (dissimilar.)—1, H. Coxford; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, J. Surtees.

Four bottles of hardy annuals (dissimilar.)—1, E. Smailes; 2, M. H. Marley; 3, G. Ripley.

Three bottles of herbaceous flowers.—1, G. Ripley; 2, M. H. Marley; 3, J. Surtees.

FRUITS.

Six kitchen apples.—1, W. Vasey; 2, T. Snowdon.

Pint of black currants.—1, F. Patton; 2, J. Surtees.

Pint of red currants.—1, H. Coxford; 2, I. Lonsdale.

Pint of white currants.—1, G. Dixon; 2, T. Snowdon.

Pint of flavoured gooseberries.—1, G. Dixon; 2, T. Snowdon.

Six heaviest gooseberries.—1, G. Dixon; 2, T. Snowdon.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes.—1, W. Cookson; 2, I. Lonsdale; 3, M. Armstrong.

Six round potatoes.—1, G. Dixon; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, F. Patton.

Three early turnips.—1, G. Dixon; 2, R. Matthews; 3, N. Charlton.

Six onions, tripoli not accepted.—1, T. Snowdon; 2, F. Patton; 3, W. Vasey.

Three leeks.—1, W. Cookson; 2, W. McGowen; 3, T. Snowdon.

Three carrots.—1, T. Charlton; 2, W. Hardy; 3, M. Armstrong.

Three parsnips.—1, T. Charlton; 2, I. Lonsdale; 3, J. Surtees.

Three roots of beet.—1, G. Dixon; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, T. Charlton.

Two heads of celery.—1, G. Dixon; 2, H. Coxford; 3, G. Ripley.

Twelve pods of peas.—1, T. J. Johnson; 2, W. Vasey; 3, W. Cookson.

Twelve pods of beans.—1, T. Whitfield; 2, I. Lonsdale; 3, W. Vasey.

One cauliflower.—1, G. Ripley; 2, H. Coxford; 3, W. Davison.

One early cabbage.—1, W. Vasey; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, T. Cookson.

One red cabbage.—1, H. Coxford; 2, G. Dixon; 3, W. Davison.

Three stalks of rhubarb.—1, Mrs. J. Charlton; 2, T. J. Johnson; 3, N. Charlton.

Six single eschalots.—1, W. Davison; 2, I. Lonsdale; 3, H. Coxford.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Best basket of farmer's produce.—1, G. Telford; 2, W. Thompson; 3, Geo. Bell.

Six best white hen eggs.—1, G. Telford; 2, Mrs. Elsom; 3, Mrs. Carr.

Six best coloured hen eggs.—1, Mrs. Fewster; 2, M. Armstrong; 3, Miss Simpson.

Best pound of butter without salt.—1, Mrs. Carr; 2, Miss Thompson; 3, Mrs. G. Bell.

Best design of fancy butter.—1, Mrs. Carr; 2, Mrs. Elsom; 3, Mrs. G. E. Milburn.

EXTRA PRIZES FOR COTTAGERS' CLASS.

Best cauliflower, poss-stick (given by Mr. J. Wardle, Ebchester.)—1, J. Surtees.

Best collection of vegetables, 7 varieties, 1st prize, a gentleman's handbag (given by Mr. T. Ridley, Medomsley): 2nd prize, a pipe (given by Mr. H. Cornforth, Consett.)—1, T. Snowdon; 2, F. Patton.

Special prizes (given by Mr. R. Charlton, Benfieldside) for the best six pompone dahlias.—1, F. Patton; 2, W. McGowan.

Special prizes (given by Messrs. R. C. Foster, Consett, and N. Walker, Low Fell) for the best three bottles of penstemons.—1, T. J. Johnson.

Special prizes (given by Mr. A. Trotter, Blackhill) for the best six bunches of sweet peas.—1, J. Surtees; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, W. Walker.

Special prizes (given by Mr. G. Pattrick, Consett) for best bouquet of garden flowers for boys or girls under 16 years of age.—1, E. Coombe; 2, F. Marley; 3, S. A. Murray.

Special prizes (given by Mr. J. Lowes, Consett) for the best twelve pansies in water.—1, M. Armstrong; 2, J. Surtees.

Special prize (given by Messrs. W. Fell and Co., Hexham) for the best six pompone dahlias.—1, W. McGowan.

Special prize (given by W. J. Watson, Ltd., Newcastle) for the best collection of vegetables, four varities.—1, I. Lonsdale; 2, J. Surtees.

Special prizes (given by Messrs. J. Robson and Son, Hexham) for the best six rose blooms.—1, J. Surtees; 2, W. Walker.

Best six sections of honey.—1, Mrs. Carr.

Special prizes (given by Messrs. J. Biddles and Co., Loughborough) for the best collection of vegetables, six varieties (grown from their seed.)—1, J. Surtees; 2, I. Lonsdale.

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DOGS.

COLLIES.

Best rough dog.—1, J. G. Burns, Bensham; 2, H. Rochester, Dipton; 3, E. Robson, Wylam.

Best rough bitch.—1, W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea; 2, G. W. Biggens, Burnopfield; 3, J. G. Burns, Bensham.

Best smooth dog.—1, Atkinson, Edmondbyers.

Best smooth bitch.—1, Weddell, Edmondbyers; 2, Jos. Watson, Stanley.

Special prize (given by Spratt's Patent, Ltd.)—1, J. G. Burns, Bensham.

FOX TERRIERS.

Best rough dog or bitch.—1, G. Matthews, Consett; 2, G. Mordue, Low Westwood; 3, G. Barkus, Consett.

Best smooth dog or bitch.—1, W. Lee, Consett; 2, W. Robson, Burnhope; 3, A. Dodds, Allendale Cottages.

Special prize (given by the Old Calabar Biscuit Co.)—1, W. Lee, Consett.

VARIETY CLASS.

Dog or bitch, not mentioned.—1st, Mrs. Day, Newcastle; 2, W. Charlton Milkwellburn; 3, J. Wigham, Allendale Cottages, and R. Armstrong, Blackhall Mill (equal.)

Special prize (given by Mr. J. R. Wood, Consett).—1, Mrs. Day, Newcastle.

Special prize (given by the Society), best dog in the show.—Mrs. Day, Newcastle.

Driving competition (open class.)—1, A. Phillipson, Dipton; 2, J. Allison, Hamsterley Mill; 3, Dr. Marshall, Low Westwood.

Tradesmen's class.—1, John Allison; 2, Dr. Marshall; 3, Ed. Todd, Leadgate.

USHAW MOOR MINERS IN TROUBLE.

At the Durham County Police Court last week, Thomas Martin, George Rane, and Charles Seymour, three miners living at Ushaw Moor, were charged with an assault upon Andrea Canale, an Italian vendor of ice cream at Nevill's Cross, near Durham, on August 6th. The accused were further charged with doing wilful damage to a barrow, amounting to 30s, the property of Dimambra Bros., at the same time and place. Mr. H. E. Ferens prosecuted and Mr. Isaacs defended.

The case for the complainant was that on the morning of August 6th he was on his way from Durham to Sunderland Bridge. At Nevill's Cross he was met by two of the three defendants, who asked him to give them some ice cream for nothing. He refused, and the men then wanted to fight him; but the third defendant got them away, and the Italian left them. On his way back at night the defendants with other men again interfered with the complainant, and one of them wanted a ride upon his barrow. The complainant wishing to be friendly, humoured the man and let him ride a short distance, then asked him to get off. The man, however, refused, and the Italian pushed him off. It was then alleged that the defendants produced a poker, and that one of them struck the Italian with it across the head, causing an ugly wound. They next interfered with another Italian who was with Canale, pulled his barrow over, and did considerable damage to the tin which contained the ice cream.

For the defence it was contended that the defendants were not the men who had molested the Italians in the morning. At night the defendants were returning from a ball match at Broom Park when they met the two Italians, and the defendant Seymour put his hand upon the barrow and asked for some ice cream. Thereupon, it was alleged, the Italians produced a poker and commenced the assault themselves.

The Bench, after hearing witnesses on both sides, convicted the defendants, and fined each of them 10s and costs for the assault. They also ordered the defendants to pay 30s damages, and 1s each fine for the wilful damage.

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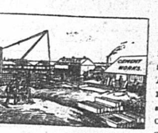
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ANNFIELD PLAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Burial Board Office, Hare Law, on Tuesday evening, Coun. J. Storey presiding. There were also present:—Couns. J. Mason, J. Reece, W. Down, T. Clark, J. G. Taylor, W. Eltringham, J. F. Smith; the Clerk (Mr. T. L. Watchman), the Surveyor (Mr. T. J. Trowsdale), and the Collector (Mr. R. Bates.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee examined and recommended for payment accounts amounting to £453 5s 1d.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Plans were examined, and it was resolved that the plan of proposed erection of two dwelling-houses at Syke View, Annfield Plain, for Messrs. Urwin and James, be approved, subject to w.c.'s being substituted in lieu of privies; that the plan of proposed erection of dwelling-house at Dudley Terrace, Annfield Plain, for Mr. Enoch Geach, be approved; that the plan of proposed erection of two dwelling-houses at Catchgate, for Mr. Thos. Storey, be approved; that the plan of proposed erection of wash-house at Co-operative Buildings, Dipton, for Mr. William Mosley, be approved; that the plan of proposed conversion into two dwelling-houses of premises at South Pontop, for the owners of South Pontop Colliery, be passed; that the plan of proposed erection of dwelling-house and shop at the corner of the Four Lane Ends at Catchgate, for Mrs. Rosemergey, be approved; that the amended plan of proposed re-construction of licensed premises at East Castle, for Mr. Thomas Pearson, be approved; that the plan of proposed erection of dwelling-house near the Railway Crossing at Delight Bank, Dipton, for Mr. W. Mackinlay, be approved; that the plan of proposed alteration to premises at Victoria Terrace, for Mr. J. G. Jackson, be approved; that the tender of Mr. Joseph Dunn be accepted for the execution of the works in connection with the culvert at Kyo; that the tender of Mr. Joseph Dunn be accepted in the sum of £30 10s for the erection of a shed, to be used as a stone-yard; that the arrangement with respect to the attendance at the Kyo Sewage Works be approved. The Clerk submitted a long circular from the Local Government Board with respect to the housing of the working classes, and he was instructed to ask for a copy for each Councillor. A letter was read from the Local Government Board, declining to sanction the proposal to erect two dwelling-houses and stating that they would sanction the erection of one house, if it were intended as a caretaker's house; and it was resolved that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare new plans showing the erection of one dwelling-house and offices.

The report was adopted.

HIGHWAYS' AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee recommended that the Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the use of a steam road-roller; that application be made to the County Council for the balance of the cost of improvements to the main road; that the tender of Mr. John Orr to paint the lamp pillars, at the rate of 6½d each, be accepted; that arrangements for lighting, etc., the oil lamps on Hare Law and Flint Hill Road be left in the hands of the Surveyor. A letter was read from the Northern Counties' Electricity Supply Company, stating on what terms they were prepared to supply electricity in the Annfield Plain Urban District, and asking for the assent of the Council to their application for a Provisional Order; when it was resolved that the Council be recommended to give their assent to the application of the Company for a Provisional Order.

The report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. T. Benson, Medical Officer, reported that there had been a marked improvement in the condition of the district as regarded notifiable diseases during the past month. The number of cases reported in that period amounted to eight, whereas those for the previous month were nineteen. The former consisted of five cases of scarlatina and one case each of enteric fever, puerperal fever, and erysipelas. The two last-mentioned diseases might in that instance be eliminated from the list of those likely to distribute infection. The case of enteric fever resided in Dipton, but how it originated nothing was evident, unless infective germs could be retained in the surroundings an unlimited time. Scarlatina occurred in the following villages, viz., White-le-Head, Dipton, Annfield Plain, and South Pontop, and all could have been infected from previous cases in the immediate neighbourhood. The mortality returns from July 14th to August 18th shewed that 18 deaths were registered, giving a death-rate equal to 16 per 1,000 per annum, being about two per cent. below the county average. A death from enteric fever was the only one due to infectious disease.

The report was received.

A HEALTHY DISTRICT.

The Clerk reported that the death-rate for the year in the administrative County of Durham in the Annfield Plain Council area was 15, and was only beaten by the Ryton district, which was 14.3, Stanhope being equal to Annfield Plain.

The report was considered satisfactory.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. R. Bates, collector, reported that he had collected £494 15s 3d on account of the general district rate: total amount collected up to date on account of general district rate, £2,350 12s 7d. The total amount standing to the credit of the Council at the Bank was £1,352 15s 0d.

The report was adopted.

BURIAL BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Cheques were ordered to be signed for £18 12s 5d in payment of the accounts of the Burial Board accounts. A cheque for £7 10s was included in the Burial Board account in favour of Mr. Trowsdale for drawing five plans for the Burial Board and supervising the levelling of the cemetery.

The report was adopted.

This concluded the business.

STANLEY.

POLICE COURT.—On Friday morning, before Mr. J. Green, a woman of respectable appearance, named Elizabeth Ockford Henderson, was charged with being drunk and with indecent conduct in the back of the Co-operative Stores, Stanley, and importuning passengers, on Thursday evening.—P.C. Ayre spoke to seeing defendant importuning passengers and committing the offence.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 1/- and costs, or seven days.—Hugh Kelly, a labourer, of Stanley, was also charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Stanley on Wednesday evening.—P.C. Phizacklea proved the case.—Defendant pleaded guilty, but asked for leniency.—He was fined 1/- and costs, or seven days.

CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Electric Lighting Question.

A special meeting of the members of the Consett Urban District Council was held on Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of meeting representatives from the Northern Counties' Electric Supply Co., on the subject of the lighting of the district. Councillor W. Aynsley, J.P. (chairman), presided, and there were also present—Councillors T. Dunne, J. Kempson, J. Lowes, E. Holliday, G. T. Hyden, G. Ainsworth, J.P.; the Clerk (Mr. T. W. Welford), and the Surveyor (Mr. W. S. Shell.)

On the motion of Mr. Dunne, seconded by Mr. Kempson, it was decided to affix the seal to the gas agreement for the present term.

Messrs C. H. Fairweather and J. Patterson, representing the Electric Company, were then admitted.

Mr. Fairweather said they wanted to establish works in this district if they could get the consent of the Council. The Board of Trade said they must have the consent of the Council, or give some reason why it should be waived, before they would grant a Provisional Order. He sent Mr. Welford a copy of one of the orders they had got embodying certain things not in the Acts, including the purchase clause whereby the Council were able to take the thing over in ten years if they so wished. The Council could compel the Company to sell, but the Company could not compel the Council to buy. It was a purely speculative business so far as the Company was concerned. They thought there was an opening in Consett. If the Council took it over the Board of Trade would fix the price. The price per unit was what they could get, but there was a maximum. In this case they were willing to fix the maximum at sevenpence. The average prices in places similar to Consett was a trifle under fivepence. That was equal to 3s. gas. That was the average price in 56 towns a little larger than Consett.

The Clerk asked if they could not say, "We will put down the plant, light your district, and say at the end of five years you shall take the thing over at a valuation."

Mr. Fairweather said that would not give them time to get properly to work. The Board of Trade said ten years was a short time.

The Clerk said he had an impression that it had been done in five years.

Mr. Patterson said it was done in one case where the Council found the purchase money at the outset.

Mr. Fairweather said one or two had done it in seven years. He proceeded to say that the cost per unit for public lighting would be 4d, and for private would not be more than sixpence, and it might be a good deal less. With that 4½d unit they could have any candle-power they liked.

Mr. Hyden said he would like to have a contrast in cost between gas and electricity. They knew what they were paying for gas.

Mr. Fairweather said if they were using fish-tail burners they would supply electricity at 20 per cent. less for an equivalent light, and the Company would take the whole of the responsibility.

Mr. Hyden asked when they would be prepared to establish the works?

Mr. Fairweather said when they got the consent of the Council they would get a provisional order about this time next year. They would be well on the way in the winter of 1901. They would be compelled to get the area lighted within two years of getting the order.

The Chairman said supposing they were to say they would accept the terms, were the Company in a position to go on?

Mr. Fairweather said they were, but they could not go to Parliament before the end of December. If they got the consent of the Council they would put their application in at once, and they might get their provisional order in May. He pointed out that the consent of the Council would create no monopoly. Any private individual could start works in opposition.

Mr. Hyden said, as Chairman of the Gas Committee, he would like the offers of the Company to be put into writing. That would enable them to make comparisons. He presumed that there would be no compulsion on the part of the Council to take the light, but that all the Company wanted was permission to supply electricity.

Mr. Fairweather said that was all. The Council were not under any obligation or liability. The Council could have an agreement embodying these terms before they went to the Board of Trade.

The Chairman said supposing the Gas Company in 1902 were charging less, would the Company still be prepared to supply electricity at 20 per cent. less than the then price?

Mr. Fairweather: No. (Laughter.)

Mr. Holliday said they might be able to do so, because the price of coal and other things might be down to such an extent to enable them.

Mr. Fairweather said the more trade they could get the cheaper they could supply.

Messrs. Fairweather and Patterson then withdrew, and after a short discussion it was resolved to refer the matter to the Gas and Lighting Committee to report to the Council.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT SHOW.

RESULT OF THE BLOCK CONTESTS.

At this show, in Axwell Park, Blaydon, two block contests were provided for those wishing to test their estimating powers. In one a bullock was put up for competition—in the other, three sheep were put forward. The result of these are now to hand. It appears that the weight of the bullock was 47st. 5lb., and the following three gentlemen have been awarded the prize, their guesses being equal:—Mr. John Dobson, Chopwell, Lintz Green; Mr. Purvis Forth Banks, Newcastle; Mr. J. Goulbourn, Dunston. The weight of the bullock seems to have been a little difficult to gauge, as some gentlemen put it at 58st. 7lb., which was the highest estimation, while others went to the other extreme, and placed it at 39st 7lbs., which eventually proved to be the lowest guess. The sheep test was just as interesting. Mr. Nicholas Beveridge, Ravensworth View, Gateshead, turned out the winner, and his estimation of the weight of the three sheep was 206lbs. Only 2lbs below—204—was Mr. John Beveridge, 62, Ravensworth View, Gateshead; while 2lbs. above—208—came Mr. W. Johnson, 109, Thomas Terrace, Blaydon, and Mr. J. W. Dixon, of Consett Stores.

BENFIELDSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Benfieldside Urban District Council was held on Wednesday evening in the Council Chambers, Shotley Bridge. Coun. G. J. Robinson (vice-chairman) presided as there were also present:—Councillors J. Annandale J.P., H. Carss, W. Telford, E. Sloane; the Clerk (Mr. J. B. Lazenby), and the Surveyor (Mr. J. Dixon.)

FINANCE AND LIGHTING.

Coun. Annandale submitted the Highway, Lighting, and Finance Committee's report. The committee recommended the payment of cheques amounting to £67 0s 3d. In view of the extraordinary expenditure in prospect for sewerage works the committee did not consider it an opportune time to extend the kerbing, channelling, and cementing above Blackfine, and consequently did not recommend the Council to undertake the work at present. The committee had had before them the Gas Company's offer for lighting the district for the ensuing season and under present circumstances recommended its acceptance. The lamps should be lighted on Saturday first.

Coun. Annandale moved, Coun. Telford seconded, and it was agreed, that the cheques be signed for payment.

Coun. Annandale moved that the recommendation of the committee respecting the cementing at Blackfine be adopted.

Coun. Telford seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Coun. Annandale moved that the offer of the Shotley Bridge Gas Company be accepted, and that the lamps be lit on Saturday first.

Coun. Telford asked what the increase was?

Coun. Annandale said it was 3s 6d per lamp, the same as Consett he believed, being an advance from £1 14s to £1 17s 6d. He saw that the Company had reduced their dividend so that they were taking part of the losses themselves.

The motion was carried.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

The Building and Sanitary Committee recommended the passing of a plan of a new stable and offices at the back of Mr. Geo. Reid's premises in Derwent Street; also a plan of a new stable for Mr. Thos. Hall, at Baxton Burn, and of a plan of a new house and alterations for Mr. Dobson, in Benfieldside Road. The inspection of cowsheds, Bottle Bank privies, and bye laws would be reported on at the next meeting.

Coun. Sloane said he noticed that the consideration of the Bottle Bank nuisance was again put off. He could assure them that it was a very serious matter that the people there should have to live in such an atmosphere. It was a perfect disgrace to have such a place in their township.

The Chairman said they had arranged to have a special meeting to consider that question, and also that of the cowsheds and the bye-laws.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Dixon reported that several inspections of the district had been made during the month. The ashpits had been well cleaned out, and he considered the district was in a good sanitary condition.

Coun. Sloane asked if Mr. Dixon thought Bottle Bank was in a good sanitary condition?

Mr. Dixon said he did not mean that every yard in the district was in good condition, but generally speaking it was. There might be one or two places not as good as they ought to be.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

"STUPID AND IDIOTIC."

The Clerk said they had received the Local Government Board's award respecting the Council's claim against the County Council respecting certain highway repairs. They had got the greater part of their claim as out of £198 they had allowed £167 7s 4d. The Local Government Board merely said that sum was due to the Benfieldside Council, but they did not say how the amount was made up. The Local Government Board wrote on July 17th:—"I am directed by the Local Government Board to forward to you the enclosed copies of the order which they had issued determining a difference which has arisen between the County Council of Durham and the Urban District Council of Benfieldside as to the refusal of the County Council to make payment of part of a certain sum claimed by the District Council during the two years ended the 31st day of March, 1898, in Derwent Road, Lobley Hill Road, and Durham Road. The order also directs the County Council and the District Council each to pay to the Board the sum of £8 9s 4d being one half of the Board's costs in relation to the local inquiry together with one half of the amount of the Stamp Duty on the award. The sum of £9 9s 4d may be remitted either by money order or by cheque made payable to the order of H. C. Monro, Local Government Board, Whitehall. The order or cheque should be crossed 'Bank of England' and any money order should be made payable at the General Post Office, London." He (the Clerk) wrote asking the Board to furnish particulars as to the way in which the amount was made up and, in reply, got one in the usual stupid and idiotic form. Their reply, dated August 21st, was:—"I am directed by the Local Government Board to advert to your letter of the 1st inst., with reference to the order issued by the Board on the 7th ultimo, under section 11 (9) of the Local Government Act, 1888, determining a difference between the County Council of Durham and the Urban District Council of Benfieldside, and to state that the Board consider it undesirable to make any exception in this case to the rule which they have adopted of declining to do more than give their decision in such cases as the present."

Anything, Mr. Lazenby proceeded to say, more stupid or idiotic it was impossible to conceive. If the Local Government Board was a body to be entrusted with the settlement of litigation it was high time they were made to settle it in a proper way instead of in this formal and stupid manner. It was absurd for them to turn round and say, "It is true we are the only tribunal to settle it and we will settle it in our own way."

Coun. Carss said the language of the reply was most arbitrary.

The Clerk said it was purely idiotic. The absurd part of it was they were bound to go to the Board to get these things settled, and they would settle them in their own way.

Coun. Telford said they had no idea which parts had been allowed and which had not.

The Clerk said they had not, but he thought in all probability part of their claim mostly disallowed was that near the Station.

Coun. Sloane said they were supposed to be an indulgent body.

The Clerk said he had never met anybody who had found them so. On that matter they had taken a whole year to give them their opinion and the sum would have to be spread over a term of years for payment.

Coun. Carss said it was like the County Court—payment by instalment.

The Clerk: Oh no, I should be sorry to characterise the County Court in the same class.

Coun. Carss said that was the position.

The Clerk thought not. The County Court Judge generally gave some reason.

Coun. Carss admitted that if they went to the County Court Judge they got the why and wherefore.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Messrs. Fairweather and Patterson, representing the Northern Counties' Electric Supply Company, attended as a deputation to ask the consent of the Council to apply to the Board of Trade for a Provisional Order enabling them to lay down electric plant in the Council's area. Mr. Fairweather repeated the remarks he made earlier in the day to the Consett Council, a report of which will be found in this issue. After answering several questions the deputation withdrew.

Coun. Annandale moved "that the deputation from the Company having waited on the Council, and explained their object in asking for the consent of the Council, it is resolved that the Clerk examine the terms of the proposed Provisional Order and report to the next meeting of the Council."

Coun. Sloane seconded the motion which was agreed to, and the meeting terminated.

TANFIELD LEA.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.—The children and teachers of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Sunday Schools of Tanfield Lea, 600 in number, had their annual tea on Saturday, kindly given to them by Mrs. W. J. Joicey, of Sunningdale Park. A very pleasant day was spent. The gathering was held in a field generously lent by Mrs. Robinson, of Tanfield Leath. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Joicey on Sunday in the schools.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday the ninth annual show in connection with the above society was held in the picturesque Lambton Park, under unfavourable circumstances. During the whole of the day rain descended in torrents, and greatly militated against the success of the undertaking. In most respects the show was up to the average, and some excellent exhibits were on view. The judges were:—Draught horses—Mr. W. Bewick, Hilly Mill, North Shields; Mr. Robt. Darling, Hart, West Hartlepool. Horses for the field and driving—Mr. J. Adamson, Hetton-le-Hole; Mr. Wm. Johnson, Carlton House, Thirsk. Cattle, sheep, and produce—Mr. Jos. Watson, Stanley; Mr. Ed. Wilkinson, Ouston. Pony putting competition—Mr. Thos. Wright, Chester-le-Street; Mr. W. Severs, Beamish. Dogs—Mr. Chas. Thwaites, Durham. Butter and eggs—Mrs. T. D. Weightman, Mossy Gate Farm; Mrs. W. L. Walker, North Moor Farm, Sunderland. Produce—Mr. W. L. Walker, North Moor Farm. Sheep dog trial—Mr. A. Hall, Langley. The stewards of the show were:—Field steward—Mr. W. W. Coxon. Agricultural horses—Mr. J. B. Turnbull, Mr. T. S. Potts, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. H. Potts, Mr. C. McIntyre, Mr. B. Shepherd, Mr. W. M. Brown, Mr. T. Smith, jun. Horses—field, riding, driving, and leaping—Mr. R. Widdowfield, Mr. J. Aitken, Mr. R. Storey, Mr. Jas. Fennel, Mr. Wm. Robinson, Mr. T. Howden, Mr. R. Turner. Cattle and Sheep—Mr Jos. Thornton, Mr. T. Beveridge, Mr. J. T. Robson, Mr. M. Harrison. Butter, eggs, produce—Mr. W. Hyle, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Jos. Innes, Mr. M. Lawson. Block test— Mr. Wm. Smith, Mr. T. Jameson, Mr. R. Watson, Mr. T. Greenfield, Mr. R. Nixon, Mr. Thos. Lumley, Mr. C. Banks. Refreshments, band, and grandstand—Mr. P. Oswald, Mr. G. E. Forster, Mr. I. Oates, Mr. Wm. Park, Mr. J. G. Paxton, Mr. J. T. Stothard. Dogs—Mr. R. Freeman, Mr. T. Kirton, Mr. T. Beveridge, Mr. T. Patterson. The Chester-le-Street Town Band was in attendance, and played an excellent programme of music. Judging in the rings commenced at 10 a.m., judging of dogs at 11 a.m., harness horses and hackneys at two p.m. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr. J. Fail, of Chester-le-Street. The beautiful Lambton gardens were opened to the public in the afternoon, by kind permission of Lord Durham. In the horse section Mr. W. L. Walker, of Silksworth, secured premier honours for the best draught mare with foal at foot, while Mr. W. R. Liddell, of Chester-le-Street, obtained a similar distinction for the best gelding over four years old. Mr. C. McIntyre, Gibside, took first ticket for the best three-year-old gelding for agricultural purposes, while Mr. Walker was again to the fore with a three-year-old filly for agricultural purposes. In the class for the best two-year-old gelding and filly for agricultural purposes, Thos. Smith and Sons, Derwent Crook, secured the top place; while Turnbull Bros., Twizell Hall, beat Mr. McIntyre with a gelding for agricultural purposes. Mr. Walker, Silksworth, came off with first colours with a yearling filly. Mr. Joseph Cook, Washington, secured first honours for the best brood mare, and Mr. Norman Robinson, of Houghton-le-Spring, secured a similar honour with a filly foal. The others were well filled, particulars of which will be found among the list of awards. In the cattle section Mr. G. H. Proctor, Durham, secured first honours for a shorthorn cow or heifer; and Mr. Fryer, Howden-le-Wear, first with a bull over one year. In the polled Angus cattle, Messrs C. Perkins and Partners, Birtley, secured first prize with a heifer, while Mr. J. B. Turnbull, of Pelton Grange, was first in the class for a bull over one year, and a bull or a heifer for grazing. The Earl of Durham obtained first prize for the pair of grazing heifers without more than two broad teeth. Mr. T. Kirton, Chester-le-Street, beat Mr. E. J. Weightman, Sunderland, with a fine dairy cow. In the section for sheep there was a fair show, Mr. Jos. Thornton, Chester-le-Street, securing the premier ticket for the best half-bred ewes that had reared lambs this season, while Mr. Thos Young, Broomyholme, secured a similar distinction for the best five lambs other than Leicester. In the six classes for butter, eggs, and produce, Miss D. H. Pattison, Tunstall, Sunderland, secured first for the best pat of plain butter; Mrs. Carr, Prudhoe, first for ornamented butter; Miss Pattison again carrying off premier honours for the best twelve eggs; and Miss D. Brewis, of Waldridge Hall Farm, Chester-le-Street, a similar distinction for pair of dressed fowls trussed for roasting. The dog section was well filled, Miss G. A. Kerrich-Walker beat Mr. Price, of Thornaby-on-Tees, with a St. Bernard dog. The other classes were well represented, and some excellent dogs were seen. The following is a list of awards:—

HORSES.

For the best draught mare with foal at foot, or stinted, the property of a tenant farmer in the County of Durham. 1st, £3; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1.—1, W. L. Walker, North Moor Farm, Silksworth, Princess; 2, J. T. Peacock, Low Newport Farm, Silksworth, Queen of Gretna; 3, J. T. Peacock, Queen of Fortune; c, W. L. Walker, Princess Louise.

Best gelding over four years old, suitable for dray or rolley purposes. Open to members. 1st, £2 2s, (given by Messrs Fenwick and Co., Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £1.—1, W. R. Liddell, Urpeth South Farm, Chester-le-Street; 2, Joseph Thornton, Tribley, Chester-le-Street.

Best three-year-old gelding for agricultural purposes. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, C. McIntyre, Gibside, Burnopfield; 2, Wm. M. Brown, Hastings Hill, Sunderland; c, F. Thompson, Hollingside, Swalwell.

Best three-year-old filly for agricultural purposes. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, W. L. Walker, Silksworth, Princess Louise; 2, Thos. Smith and Sons, Lady Scott; c, Wm. Hogarth, Plain Tree House, Pitt Hill, R.S.O.

Best two-year-old gelding for agricultural purposes. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Thomas Smith and Sons, Derwent Crook; 2, Turnbull Bros., Twizell Hall, Chester-le-Street; c, Hugh Munro, Movar House Low Fell.

Best two-yer-old filly for agricultural purposes. 1st £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Thos. Smith and and Sons, Derwent Crook; 2, C. McIntyre, Gibside.

Best yearling colt or gelding for agricultural purposes. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Turnbull Bros., Twizell Hall; 2, C. McIntyre, Gibside; c, J. B. Turnbull, Pelton Grange.

Best yearling filly for agricultural purposes. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, W. L. Walker, Silksworth; 2, Hugh Munro, Low Fell; c, M. Clark, Halgarth, Pittington, Durham.

Best filly foal by any agricultural horse. 1st, £1 10s; 2nd, 1s.—1, Robt. Shepherd, Arbour House; 2, C. McIntyre, Gibside; c, W. R. Minto.

Best colt foal by any agricultural horse. 1st, £1 10s; 2nd, 10s.—1, W. L. Walker, Silksworth; 2, W. R. Minto.

Best pair of agricultural horses, to be shown in plough harness, the property of a tenant farmer, a member of this club. 1st, £2 2s; 2nd, £1 1s. (A special prize, given by Messrs Brown and Sons, saddlers, Chester-le-Street, for the best pair of groomed horses and best kept harness; pair martingales, breast plates, high levels, and face pieces.—1, W. L. Walker Silksworth; 2, J. T. Peacock, Low Newport; 3, Thomas Smith and Sons, Derwent Crook.

HORSES FOR THE FIELD AND ROAD.

Best brood mare, suitable for breeding hunters, in foal or stinted (open). 1st, £3; 2nd, £1.—1, Joseph Cook North Biddick Hall, Washington; 2, W. H. Ferens, Neville Court, Durham.

Best foal (open). 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Norman Robinson, Houghton-le-Spring; c, W. Ryle, High Flatts, Chester-le-Street.

Best yearling (open). 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Norman Robinson, Houghton-le-Spring; 2, Robert Thompson, Thorpe Thewles, Ferryhill.

Best hackney mare or gelding, not exceeding 15.2 h.h. (to be ridden before the judges). 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, W. H. Ferens, Durham; 2, Jas. Henderson, Sunderland.

Best harness horse or mare (open), to be shown in harness. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s.—1, A. Phillipson, Dipton; 2, Jas. Henderson, Sunderland; 3, W. H. Ferens, Durham.

Best harness horse or mare, to be shown in harness, the property of a member of the club, tradesman, or tenant farmer, within a radius of five miles of Chester-le-Street. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s.—1, W. H. Ferens, Durham; 2, W. R. Minto, Coal Bank, Hetton-le-Hole R.S.O.; 3, Geo. O. Wallis, West Herrington.

Ponies not exceeding 13 h.h., to be ridden by boys (open). 1st, £1; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s. A whip for the best rider.—1, R. S. Lord, Highfield Hall, Gosforth; 2, Thos. Weavers, Durham; 3 and whip, Wm. Smith, Durham.

Leaping class (open), fencing to be taken in hunting style. 1st £6; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1.—1, Wm. Cusson, Framwellgate Moor; 2, T. B. Layin, Ripon; 3, R. Freeman, Viewley Grange, Durham.

Pony race, for ponies not exceeding 13 h.h. (to be measured by the stewards before running). 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Wm. Smith, Durham; 2, T. Weavers, Durham.

Ponies not exceeding 12 h.h. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Wm. Smith, Durham.

Best pit pony, under 11.2 h.h. 1st, £1; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s.—1, Pelton Colliery Company; 2, Lambton Collieries; 3, Owners Pelton Colliery.

Best putter in putting competition. 1st, £1; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s. (Special prize of 10/6 given by Mr. Robert Widdowfield, for the lad that does not leave the way).—1, Jas. Davison, South Pelaw; 2, Owners Pelton Colliery; 3, Lambton Collieries Ltd.

Special prize—For the best draught mare or filly, two years old and upwards. 1st, £5 5s; 2nd, £2 2s; given by the Right Hon. the Earl of Durham. Confined to tenants on his Lordship's estate.—1, E. J. Weightman; 2, P. Oswald and Son, Harraton Hall.

Special prize—For the best draught foal, colt, or filly. 1st £3 3s; 2nd, £1 1s, given by the Right Hon. the Earl of Durham. Confined to tenants on his Lordship's estate. —1, P. Oswald and Son; 2, E. J. Weightman.

Special prize—For the best animal in any of the agricultural horse classes. £3 3s, given by Sir James Joicey, Bart., M.P.—1, W. L. Walker, North Moor.

Special prize—For the best mare served by "Prince of Clay." £2 2s, given by Herbert Webster, Esq., Morton House, Fence Houses.—1, C. McIntyre, Gibside.

Special prize—For the best foal by 1899 premium horse "Sir Thomas." Silver medal, value £2 2s, given by R. Dawson, Esq., Dove Hill, Pollockshaws.—1, R. Shepherd, Arbour House; c, P. Oswald and Son.

Special prize—For the best foals by "Dalling Model." 1st, £1 1s; 2nd 10/6, given by J. Slater, Esq., Clifton, Morpeth.—1, R. W. Hall, 16, Eden Terrace, Mill Pit; 2, Jas. Brewis, Waldridge Hall, Chester-le-Street.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns.

Cow or heifer. 1st £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Geo. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham; 2, J. Fryer, Smelt House, Howden-le-Wear; c, Geo. H. Proctor.

Bull over one year. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, J. Fryer, Howden-le-Wear; 2, Geo. H. Proctor, Durham; c, E. J. Weighman, Middle Herrington, Sunderland.

Bull or heifer calf, under one year. 1st, £1; 2nd, 10s.—1 and 2, Geo. H. Proctor, Durham; c, J. Fryer, Smelt House.

Polled Angus.

Cow or heifer. 1st £2; 2nd, £1.—1, C. Perkins and Partners, Birtley; 2, C. Perkins and Partners; c, J. B. Turnbull, Pelton Grange.

Bull over one year. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, J. B. Turnbull, Pelton Grange; 2, C. Perkins and Partners, Birtley.

Bull or heifer calf under one year. 1st, £1; 2nd, 10s.—1, J. B. Turnbull, Pelton Grange.

Grazing.

Best pair steers, with not more than two broad teeth, any breed. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Earl of Durham, Bowes House, Fence Houses; 2, Geo. W Kirkup, Urpeth Riding.

Best pair grazing heifers, with not more than two broad teet, any breed. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1.—1, Earl of Durham, Picktree, Chester-le-Street; 2, Robert Crow, Cornsay House, Cornsay; c, P. Oswald, Harraton Hall.

Dairy.

Best dairy cow, open to dairymen, within a radius of five miles of Chester-le-Street, and members of the club. 1st, £2; 2nd, £1. —1, T. Kirton, Chester-le-Street; 2, E. J. Weightman, Sunderland; c, E. J. Weightman; c, Mrs. E. J. Taylor, Low Haining, Houghton-le-Spring.

SHEEP.

(Confined to Tenant Farmers and Members of the Club.)

Best half-bred ewes, that have reared lambs this season. 1st, £1 10s; 2nd; 15s.—1, Jos. Thornton, Tribley, Chester-le-Street; 2, P. Oswald, Harraton Hall; 3, T. H. Murray, Pesspool Hall, Haswell, R.S.O.

Best five lambs other than Leicester. 1st, £1 10s; 2nd, 15s.—1, Thos. Young, Broomyholme, Chester-le-Street; 2, Jas. Brewis, Waldridge Hall Farm, Chester-le-Street, c, G. W. Kirkup, Urpeth Riding.

BUTTER, EGGS, AND PRODUCE.

Best two pounds butter, plain. 1st, 10s.; 2nd, 5s.—1, Miss D. H. Pattison, Tunstall, Sunderland; 2, Miss M. J. Raine, Duncomb Moor, South Hetton.

Best two pounds butter, ornamented. 1st, 10s; 2nd 5s.—1, Miss D. H. Pattison, Tunstall, Sunderland; 2, Mrs. Carr, Durham Riding Farm, Prudhoe-on-Tyne.

Best 12 eggs. 1st, 10s; 2nd, 5s.—1, Miss D. H. Pattison, Sunderland; 2, Mrs. Carr, Prudhoe-on-Tyne.

Best pair dressed fowls, trussed for roasting. 1st, 10s; 2nd, 5s.—1, Miss D. Brewis, Waldridge Hall Farm, Chester-le-Street; 2, Mrs. Carr, Prudhoe-on-Tyne.

Best pair dressed fowls, trussed for boiling. 1st, 10s; 2nd, 5s.—1, Miss D. H. Pattison, Sunderland.

Best collection—12 heads of wheat, 12 heads barley, 12 heads oats, 12 potatoes, 6 Swede turnips, 6 any other sort. 1st, 15s; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s.—1, W. W. Coxon, Pictree, Chester-le-Street; 2, R. Shepherd, Arbour House, Durham; 3, M. W. Lawson, Low Cocken Dairy, Chester-le-Street; h.c., Jas. Brewis, Waldridge Hall Farm, Chester-le-Street.

DOGS.

First £1; Second 10s; Third 5s in each class. Specials.

For the best sporting dog or bitch of English breed in the show, value 10s 6d, the gift of Spratt's Patent, Ltd., London, E.C.—Mrs. Alex. Watson, Sunderland; for the best non-sporting dog or bitch in the show, value 10s 6d, the gift of Spratt's Patent, Limited, London, E.C.—Fred Taylor, Sunderland.

St. Bernard dog or bitch. 2 entries.—1, Miss G. A. Kerrich-Walker, Newker House, Chester-le-Street; 2, William Price, Thornaby-on-Tees.

Greyhound dog. 3 entries.—1, Shuttleworth and Thompson; 2, Robert Ord, Springwell; 3, D. Cusson, Cornforth.

Greyhound bitch. 3 entries.—1, D. Cusson, Cornforth; 2, W. Lowdon, Portobello; 3, W. Cusson, Framwellgate Moor.

Pointer or setter. 6 entries.—1, George Potter, Carlisle; 2 and 3, J. Graham, Middlesbrough.

Retriever. 3 entries.—1, J. Wright, Durham; 2, Ed. Greenhow, Hetton-le-Hole.

Spaniel. 2 entries.—1, Mrs. Alex. Watson, Sunderland; 2, Thos. Jameson, Durham.

Spaniel that has never won a 1st prize. 4 entries.—1, Mrs. Alex. Watson, Sunderland; 2, Shuttleworth and Thompson; 3, Isaac Battensby, Durham.

Fox terrier, rough or smooth. 5 entries.—Geo. H. Proctor; 2, M. Clark, Pittington Hallgarth; 3, W. H. Ferens, Durham.

Fox terrier, rough or smooth, that has never won a 1st prize. 8 entries.—1, Geo. H. Proctor, Durham; 2, J. W. Burcham, Boumont, Dunbar; 3, Messrs Dunn and Lake, Delegate Hall, Hexham.

Fox terrier, under 12 months old on day of show. 8 entries.—1, M. Clark, Pittington; 2, J. W. Burcham; 3, W. H. Ferens, Durham.

Bedlington terrier (open). 5 entries.—1, and 2, Hunter and Bell, Chester-le-Street; 3, H. Duffy, Byker.

Bedlington terrier that has never won a 1st prize. 4 entries.—1, A. Green, Chester-le-Street; 2, Henry Simpson, Newcastle-on-Tyne; 3, Hunter and Bell.

Irish terrier. 5 entries.—1, 2, and 3, S. Wilkinson, Greenbank; 2, Wm. Addison, Howdon-le-Wear.

Bull terrier (open). 3 entries.—1, Thomas Patterson, Kimblesworth; 2, Michael Rivers, Spennymoor.

Bull dog or bitch (open). 4 entries.—1, Fred W. Taylor, Sunderland; 2, Mrs. Vester Fenwick, Birtley; 3, H. Spoors, Gateshead.

Collie dog, rough or smooth. 5 entries.—1, Miss L. Bewick, Cramlington; 2, Mrs. E. Pellen, New Seaham; 3, J. Squire, New Seaham.

Collie bitch, rough or smooth. 12 entries. —1, John Bell, Stanhope; 2, Wm. T. Thompson, Winnington R.S.O.; 3, John Joicey, Bensham; v.h.c., C. Vogtherr, Sunderland.

Collie, rough or smooth that has never won a 1st prize. (Confined to the County of Durham.) 13 entries.—1, Robt. Pearson, West Stanley; 2, J. G. Burns; 3, Shuttleworth and Thompson.

Collie puppy, under 12 months old on day of show. 1 entries.—1, W. J. Thompson; 2, J. Squire, New Seaham; 3, J. Joicey.

Whippet or rabbit coursing. 4 entries.—1, Wm. Hodgson, Chester-le-Street; 2, C. A. Brentnall, Middlesbrough; 3, Wm. Longley, Chester-le-Street.

Whippet or rabbit coursing, that has not won a 1st prize. 2 entries.—1, Wm. Longley, Miss Eva Crichton.

Any other variety over 30 lbs. that has not won more than four 1st prizes. 3 entries.—1, R. Greenwell, Birtley; 2, W. Price, Thornaby-on-Tees; 3, Jonathan Johnson, East Boldon.

Any other variety under 30 lbs. that has not won more than four 1st prizes. 4 entries.—1, Mrs. Day, Newcastle-on-Tyne; 2, Mrs. H. Spoors, Gateshead; 3, J. Kell, Chester-le-Street.

Pomeranian, self-coloured, over 8 lbs. (Confined to the counties of Durham and Northumberland.) 7 entries. 1, F. I. Gilchrist; 2, Mrs. Day, Newcastle-on-Tyne; 3, Wm. Henderson, Elswick.

Foxhound dog puppy, the property of the North Durham Hunt. 5 entries.—1, T. Calvert, Pity Me, Durham; 2, U. A. Ritson, Burnhope; 3, C. Thurlow, Durham.

Foxhound bitch puppy, the property of the North Durham Hunt. 5 entries.—1, W. C. Blackett, Sacriston; 2, W. Hunter, Witton Gilbert; 3, Corsley, Shadforth.

LEADGATE.

SMART CAPTURE.—On Monday night last, Sergt. Newton effected a smart capture of a youth who is alleged to have stolen a bicycle at Keswick. The officer received an intimation of the theft, and circumstances connected with the case led the Keswick police, to believe that the thief would in all likelihood make his way towards Leadgate. This surmise turned out to be correct, for Sergt. Newton, after a close observation was able to run his quarry to earth at about 11 o'clock at night, tracing him to a house in Leadgate, where he not only found the prisoner, but also the bicycle, a "Mohawk" valued at £12. The youth, whose name is James Turner, a barber's assistant, was arrested and conveyed to the police-station at Consett, where he was detained pending the arrival of an officer from Keswick, who conveyed him back to that holiday resort.

FOOTBALL.

AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

TO THE SPORTING EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—It is with pleasure I pen the following on behalf of junior football in Consett district. My idea is that a strong league should be formed for the coming season, as there are plenty of junior clubs under 18 being formed. Seeing that there is nothing being done to encourage junior football, I propose that a meeting should be called at once to see if anything can be done towards getting a league formed in this district. For instance, there are clubs such as Blackhill St. Cuthbert's Juniors, Leadgate Athletic, Leadgate Young Exiles, Medomsley Juniors, Allendale White Star, Blackhill Athletic, Elm Park Old Boys, and many others. If some gentleman or gentlemen would kindly give a cup or medals, or perhaps both, I don't see why there should not be a good strong Junior League formed in the district. Hoping to meet with the approval of the clubs mentioned above, and thanking you for the space alloted, I beg to remain,

A LOVER OF JUNIORS.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

At a special meeting of the Stanley and District Junior League, representatives were present from West Pelton, Craghead, Stanley, South Moor, Leadgate Park Juniors, Leadgate Athletic, Leadgate United, and Hobson United. Mr Anderson (Craghead) was in the chair. A letter was read from Mr F. H. Burn, Stanley Colliery, offering a challenge cup. Applications were heard from Blackhill St. Cuthbert's, Tanfield Lea, Cement Rovers, and Catchgate Lilywhites. All were admitted. The fixtures were arranged with the exception of Blackhill, and the referees for September were chosen.

September 1st.

Cement Rovers v. Leadgate Park Juniors—S. Clarke.

Hobson United v. West Pelton Green Tree Rovers—W. Turnbull.

Tanfield Lea v. Catchgate Lilywhites—R. Patterson.

Craghead Juniors v. Leadgate United—R. Mullen.

September 8th.

Leadgate Park Juniors v. Leadgate United—W. Bell.

Catchgate Lilywhites v. Hobson United—T. Shepherd.

Cement Rovers v. South Moor United—J. Carr.

West Pelton Green Tree Rovers v. Tanfield Lea—H. Makepeace.

September 15th.

Hobson United v. Leadgate Park Juniors—J. Smailes.

South Moor United v. Craghead Juniors—W. Milburn.

Catchgate Lilywhites v. Cement Rovers—W. Harvey.

Leadgate United v. West Pelton Green Tree Rovers—J. Turner.

Tanfield Lea v. Leadgate Athletic—R. Holmes.

September 22nd.

Catchgate Lilywhites v. Leadgate Park Juniors—G. Lock.

West Pelton Green Tree Rovers v. Hobson United—T. Donkin.

Cement Rovers v. Leadgate—D. Cartmell.

Leadgate v. Tanfield Lea—E. Scott.

September 29th.

Hobson United v. Catchgate Lilywhites—J. Lee.

South Moor United v. West Pelton Green Tree Rovers—T. Jobson.

Craghead Juniors v. Leadgate Park Juniors—F. Rooney.

Leadgate United v. Leadgate Athletic—W. Bartle.

On the ground of the first-named club in each instance.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS PRACTICE MATCH.

MAROONS v. WHITES.

On Saturday. Teams:—

Maroons.—Goal, Graham; right back, R. Patterson; left back, Jos. Finnighan; right half-back, P. McNally; centre half-back, W. Atkinson; left half-back, R. Wake; forwards—outside right, W. Walton; inside right, T. Dempsey; centre, R. McAlear; inside left, P. McKie; outside left, E. Pratt. Linesman, T. Henderson.

Whites. Goal, T. Coleman; right back, S. Ellwood; left back, G. Wood; right half-back, P. Carthy; centre half-back, Pinkney; left half-back, S. Wood; forwards—outside right, Pyle; inside right, B. Rafferty; centre, Higgins; inside left, J. Turley; outside left, T. Boyle. Linesman, J. Batey.

Kick-off. 3 p.m.

FATAL FALL AT CONSETT.

SAD DEATH OF A WOMAN.

Shortly after eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, the death occurred of Mrs. Ellen Cain, of Albert Row, Consett, under somewhat distressing circumstances. It seems that she had gone into the backyard at one o'clock on Monday morning, and on returning had stumbled near the door leading from the kitchen to the back door. She caught her forehead either on the neck of the door or the arm of a settle placed against the wall, or both, and sustained a bad wound, which bled profusely. Dr. Mason was called in and found it necessary to put a number of stitches in the wound on the forehead. Mrs. Cain was very short-sighted and in a declining state of health, and never rallied from the shock, her death taking place on the following day.

Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Police Station on Wednesday into the circumstances attending her death

Henry Cain, 25, Albert Row, labourer at the Steel Works, said the deceased was his mother, and was the widow of John Cain. She was 60 years of age and lived with witness, and died on the 21st. She told him that she went out towards the back-yard to a shed and fell. Her sight was very defective.

Laura Cain, grand-daughter of deceased, said she was eleven years of age, and slept with her grandmother in the kitchen. They went to bed about eleven o'clock, and about one o'clock in the morning deceased got up to go to the back-yard. Witness heard her fall when she was coming back. She (witness) turned the lamp up and found her grandmother lying on the floor near the back door. Deceased said she knocked her head up against the sneck and then fell over on to the floor. She told witness that she took a weakness in the head. She fell on her mouth and nose, and was bleeding severely. She was subject to giddiness, and also suffered from bad legs. She was in a bad state of health.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

ELECTION AT MEDOMSLEY.

On Tuesday, polling took place at Medomsley to fill the vacancy on the Lanchester Board of Guardians and Rural District Council, caused by the death of Mr. John Hunter, of the Grange Farm, Medomsley. There were three candidates viz.:—Mr. A. Watson, colliery owner, Burnopfield; Mr. R. Moffitt, contractor, Medomsley; and Mr. J. W. Jamieson, colliery manager, Medomsley. All the candidates issued addresses. Voting took place at three booths situated at Medomsley, Westwood, and Hamsterley respectively. At Medomsley, Mr. W. W. Thompson (who also acted as Returning Officer) was the presiding officer, with Mr. Walton as poll clerk; Mr. T. D. Dales and Mr. W. Robinson, jun., fulfilled similar positions at Hamsterley; whilst Mr. R. J. Chavtor and Mr. J. W. Lowdon officiated at Westwood. Matters were pretty quiet during the day, but still there was a capital poll—297 voting at Hamsterley, 192 at Medomsley, and 193 at Westwood, a total of 682. When the poll closed the boxes were conveyed from Hamsterley and Westwood to Medomsley, where the counting was proceeded with and expeditiously carried out. About half-past nine the Returning Officer declared the result as follows:—

JAMIESON	417
WATSON	160
MOFFITT	100
Majority	257

There were five spoiled papers.

The Returning Officer having declared Mr. Jamieson duly elected, the latter gentleman said, as being the successful candidate he had much pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Thompson and his assistants for the able manner in which they had conducted the election.

Mr. Moffitt seconded the motion, and hoped everything would go off as pleasantly in the future as they had done that day. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Thompson returned thanks, saying that they had done their duty to the best of their ability.

CRICKET

DIPTON v. SOUTH MOOR II.

Played at South Moor on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

DIPTON.

J. Spinks b T. Wilson	5
F. Wilson run out	0
Jas. Allen b T. Wilson	8
R. Coates b W. Raine	19
F. Allen c Brass b Wilson	15
T. Simpson not out	19
J. Muse b Wilson	0
Sub c Nicholson b Brass	0
Sub b Brass	1
Sub b Wilson	0
Extras	2
Total	72

SOUTH MOOR.

M. Liddle c Simpson b Allen	2
T. Brass b R. Coates	5
J. E. Elliot b Jas. Allen	21
T. Wilson b R. Coates	0
W. Raine c Muse b Jas. Allen	3
J. Low run out	0
R. Tindale b J. Spinks	17
F. Brass c and b J. Spinks	0
W. Brass b J. Spinks	5
J. Nicholson not out	1
Extras	8
Total	62

SWALWELL UNITED II. v. RYTON.

Played at Swalwell, and resulted in an easy victory for the homesters. Score:—

SWALWELL II.

T. Ryding b Graham	9
W. Errington run out	1
A. A. Fletcher b Graham	14
J. B. Robson b Tilley	0
J. Bruce b Tilley	12
G. Bruce b Graham	3
C. Holmes c Walker b Graham	0
A. Shield c Ferguson b Tilley	0
J. R. Curry c Benson b Tilley	0
J. Robson b Graham	0
F. Barron not out	0
Extras	0
Total	39

RYTON.

T. Smith b Ryding	0
W. Ellerington b J. Bruce	0
R. Ferguson b J. Bruce	3
F. McDonald b J. Bruce	0
J. Graham c and b J. Bruce	0
J. Tilley b J. Bruce	0
W. G. Forster b Ryding	0
J. Harbottle lbw b Ryding	0
T. Walker run out	3
W. Benson run out	1
J. Turner not out	0
Extras	1
Total	8

WHICKHAM v. BEAMISH.

Played at Whickham, and ended in a most easy victory for the homsters. Score:—

WHICKHAM.

T. Cheesman b Ledger	1
R. Thynn b Brayson	6
J. Mowbray c D. Laverick b Brayson	1
G. Cheesman c G. Laverick b Brayson	4
T. B. Mowbray not out	41
T. M. Burn b G. Laverick	24
W. Cook b Finlay	0
R. Mordue b Finlay	0
W. Thynn c Rankin b G. Laverick	0
W. Cheesman b Finlay	0
R. Cook c Ledger b Brayson	3
Extras	2
Total	88

BEAMISH.

M. Ledger b G. Cheesman	2
R. Turnbull b G. Cheesman	0
D. Laverick b G. Cheesman	0
R. Rankin c W. Cook b G. Cheesman	4
J. Brayson b G. Cheesman	0
G. Finlay b W. Cook	0
G. Laverick b W. Cook	0
J. Wraughan b W. Cook	0
J. Mason c W. Thynn b G. Cheesman	1
W. Hewitson b W. Cook	0
G. Laverick not out	0
Extras	2
Total	9

CRAGHEAD v. TUDHOE.

Played at Craghead on Saturday and ended in a win for the homesters. Score:—

CRAGHEAD.

J. Peel b Weatherall	0
R. Holmes b Urwin	0
Jos. Fairley b Weatherall	6
C. Snowdon b Weatherall	31
M. Dodds b Urwin	16
S. Evans b Cameron	9
F. Horne lbw b Cameron	22
Dr. Fox b Cameron	0
W. Railton b Weatherall	1
H. Moorhouse not out	6
W. Faulkner b Cameron	2
Extras	3
Total	96

TUDHOE.

W. Booth b Snowdon	2
R. H. Wainford b Snowdon	3
A. G. Black c Fox b Moorhouse	1
J. W. Harrell b Snowdon	54
W. Nichol lbw b Snowdon	0
J. W. Weatherall c Snowdon b Horne	0
J. Cameron b Railton	20
M. Barrass run out	1
J. Urwin b Railton	11
R. Laidler c Horne b Faulkner	2
J. W. Harrison not out	0
Extras	6
Total	85

CRAGHEAD II. v. GATESHEAD FELL.

Played at Gateshead on Saturday and resulted in a win for Craghead. Score:—

CRAGHEAD II.

W. Wilkinson b Thwaites	1
J. Hunter c Daniels b Thwaites	6
N. Sheraton b Thwaites	8
J. Johnson c Thwaites b Daniels	19
S. Strain c Wilkinson b Daniels	0
R. Gill c Deane b Thwaites	8
T. Strain c Wilkinson b Thwaites	2
H. Walker c Daniels b Thwaites	1
M. Howard not out	3
T. Brown b Daniels	1
M. Bruce b Thwaites	1
Extras	5
Total	54

GATESHEAD FELL.

T. Gray c Hunter b S. Strain	0
W. Curry b S. Strain	0
A. Gray b S. Strain	0
R. Wylie b T. Strain	4
F. Thwaites c and b T. Strain	3
R. Daniels c Hunter b T. Strain	0
J. Oliver b S. Strain	7
T. Thwaites c Wilkinson b S. Strain	0
R. Deane lbw b T. Strain	1
A. Green b T. Strain	4
F. Wilkinson not out	0
Extras	1
Total	20

DEATH OF THE VICAR OF WESTGATE (WEARDALE).

We regret to record the death of the Rev. Jas. Schofield, Vicar of Westgate, which took place last week. On Saturday afternoon, the remains of the late Mr. Schofield were interred in Westgate churchyard amid every token of respect. The coffin, which was of polished oak and massively mounted, was borne, covered with beautiful wreaths, by a group of the young men of the parish of which the deceased had been pastor for 22 years, through the village, where all the blinds were drawn and shops closed, to the church, where the service was conducted by the curate of the late Vicar, Mr. Brownridge, and the Rev. J. B. Knight, Eastgate, at the conclusion of which a hymn by the united Wesleyan, Primitive, and Church Choirs was beautifully rendered. Advancing to the head of the bier the Bishop of Richmond delivered a solemn homily and tribute to his departed clerical brother, dwelling lengthily on his example to all in and out of the church to which he belonged, and instancing with pungent pathos and touching eloquence the even-tide of such a life to the setting sun. The flowers in their lovely-bearing whiteness on the coffin were symbols of the purity and beauty of the Future Home, which, in the words of a late Archbishop, reversed the warning "in the midst of life we are in death," to "in the midst of death we are in life," for out of the dark valley they who lived Christian lives such as their late friend were transferred to that eternal serenity as compensation for all life's trials and sorrows. Heading the cortege the large assemblage filed to the grave close by the scenes of the deceased's labours, as Miss Walton, Wesleyan organist, played the Dead March in "Saul." Here his lordship concluded the most impressive obsequies ever seen in the dale, surrounded by the surpliced clergy of the district, and the Rector of Crook, the Rev. J. King, the oldest friend Mr. Schofield had in the clergy, the Vicar of Leadgate, the local Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist ministers, and the Rev. J. Mackintosh, as well as all the leading inhabitants of the district, including the local County and Parish Councillors, Dr. Easton, and the Chairman of the Weardale Lead Company.

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Subscriptions towards the Relief of the Sufferers will be thankfully received by the EDITOR, "GUARDIAN" OFFICE, CONSETT.

WHAT THE STANLEY PEOPLE ARE SAYING.

That it is time the road at Oxhill was widened, and the footpath asphalted.

That it is high time something was done to remedy the nuisance to pedestrians who travel to Tanfield, or through the fields, caused by the effluvia from the stagnant lakes of dirty water.

That the South Moor new Store premises are a fine block of buildings.

That the Stanley Council should only pass plans for "houses" not ——

That the morality of the district would be improved in that respect.

That there is plenty of room for improvement in that matter.

That everybody should have a month's holiday every year.

That everybody can't get it unless they go for their "honeymoon."

That it doesn't always do to say too much.

LAWN TENNIS.

BENFIELDSIDE v. MR. W. J. FOREMAN'S TEAM.

Played at Leadgate, Saturday, August 18th.—Wattsford and Steggall lost to Dales and Nicholson, 4-6, 1-6; beat Davis and Tuson, 6-3, 6-1; lost to Foreman and Todd, 4-6, 4-6. Heymer and Spence lost to Dales and Nicholson, 3-6, 2-6; lost to Davis and Tuson 1-6, 7-9; lost to Foreman and Todd, 3-6, 1-6. Edwards and Walton lost to Dales and Nicholson, 0-6, 0-6; lost to Davis and Tuson 2-6, 2-6; lost to Foreman and Todd, 3-6, 0-6. Benfieldside—2 sets and 49 games. Leadgate—16 sets and 106 games.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

BROWN—SMAILES.—At St. Thomas Church, Collierley, on August 25th, 1900, by the Rev. Blyth Hurst, W. J. Brown to Margaret Smailes, both of Dipton. Silver wedding.

RAINE—HALL.—At St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, on the 21st inst., Henry Raine, Cope House, Hawthorn, Hetton, to Margaret Ann Hall, of Blackhill.

Deaths.

BURTON.—Busty Bank, Burnopfield, 18th August, Elizabeth, wife of the late Thomas Burton.

BRUNSWICK.—At 14, Tin Mill Place, Blackhill, on August 21st, Thomas Palmer Brunswick, aged 39 years. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery on Friday, at three o'clock. All friends kindly invited.

CRONE.—Blaydon, Bridge Street, 15th inst., William, husband of Elizabeth Crone.

HALL.—Birtley, South View, 17th inst., aged 49 years, George Hilson, husband of Rachael Hall.

HODGSON.—Blackhill, 10, Tinmill Place, on the 17th, Thomas, son of Margaret and the late Joseph Hodgson.

JARVIS.—Crawcrook, 15, Victoria Terrace, the father of Henry and Robert Jarvis.

KING.—Birtley, Ratcliffe Street, 17th inst., aged 59 years, Ellen, wife of Ralph King.

LIDDELL.—Dunston, 31, Athol Street, 18th inst., aged 25 years, Mary Jane, wife of the late Edward Liddell.

LUMLEY.—Railway Inn, Annfield Plain, 11th inst., aged 69, Joseph, husband of the late Isabella Lumley.

LAWSON.—Delight Row, Dipton, 15 inst., aged six weeks, Arthur Hunter, beloved son of Sarah F. and Thomas Lawson.

MURRAY.—Ebchester, August 14th, aged 26, John Robert, son of Bell Ann and the late Thomas Murray, of Sandy Ford, Blanchland.

RODHAM.—South Moor, on the 20th inst., aged 24 years, Joseph, son of William and Mary Ann Rodham.

SMITH.—Winlaton, 6, Gardeners Square, 19th inst., aged 16, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Wm. and Mary Ann Smith.

TURNER.—Barr House, Consett, on the 21st inst., aged 24 years, Barbara Ann, dearly beloved wife of John Turner. To be interred at St. Ives, Leadgate on Friday first. Cortege to leave at 3.30.

In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Wilkinson, who died at Hobson Colliery, August 25th, 1899. Also our dear father, Francis Wilkinson, who died at Hobson Colliery, August 30th, 1899.

Not lost, but gone before.

Ever remembered by their loving daughters, Polly and Lizzie.

In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Annie Brown, who died August 26th 1899, aged 54 years.

Ever remembered by her daughter, Annie.

Mrs. Thos. Carr and family desire to thank the many friends who have expressed sympathy with them during their sad bereavement.

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