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Mr LOGAN likewise gave notice to move at the next meeting that the Clerk acquaint the Local Government Board of the fact that it was their intention to group the parishes as above-mentioned, and that three additional Guardians be asked for in the townships before-mentioned.

THE WORKHOUSE WATER SUPPLY.

The House Committee reported that they had that morning visited the tanks at Margery Flat, which furnished the Workhouse with drinking water, and ascertained that the supply was running short. The was some fault in the pipe, as it was only dribbling into the tank and if this was

was only dribbling into the tank, not remedied, some of these days they would find the House without a single drop of water. The Committee recommended that the tank should be railed around, the door at the top to be blocked up, and another door put in at one end; that the water in the tank should be collected; and that

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Week ending July 25th	143
Corresponding week of last year	169
Week ending Aug. 1st	141
Corresponding week last year	158
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight..	23
" " corresponding fortnight last year	84

The Treasurer (Mr Cummins) reported that the balance in hand on August 2nd was £2,146 13s 2d. This concluded the business.

ACCIDENT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE

A somewhat singular accident occurred Wednesday night, in St. Cuthbert's Church Benfieldside, which was re-opened only a month ago. It seems that a young man, named Edward

Routledge, son of the late Mr Routledge, Comaest who is in the employment of Mr Strachan, plumber Blackhill, was engaged in fixing some gas-pipes in the interior of the church. The ladder he was using was projecting against a pillar of one of the arches the foot being resting on the front edge of the

bench and it was standing almost plum. Routledge was in the act of knocking in the last plug, when by some untoward movement of his the top of the ladder, the ladder twisted inward causing the ladder to swing backwards with a woman man standing on it. Routledge caught

The injured man was picked up in an unconscious state, and was conveyed to his lodgings at 1 Siddals, Connell where he was attended by Dr.

Wm. and Geo. Renton. Up to last night (Thursday) Routledge was still insensible, and his condition nowise changed. His head appears very much swollen.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1st.—Before Colonel SHEP
(chairman) and the Rev H. BARNETT.
MINERS LEAVING WORK WITHOUT NOTICE: IMP

Two miners named Robert Taylor and John H. Joicey were charged at the instance of Messrs. Jai and Company with committing a breach of the Employer and Workmen's Act, by leaving their work at West Pelton Colliery without giving notice.

the usual fortnight's notice.—Mr Oliver stated that the defendants were engaged on June 4th on ordinary terms which regulate the district. A working three weeks in the colliery they got a "cavil" in the Huttonseam, and refused to work any longer in the mine.—Mr J. Humble, view

stated that the loss to the firm by the defendants' action was assessed at 8s 8d per day each. The owners, however, only sought to recover 5s per day from each man, a total of £3.—For defence, Mr Warlow contended that the employers had no right to send the men into

Hutton came without giving them proper notice, as this broke the contr. of between the parties. The Bench thought the case was quite clear against the defendants. If they had not wished to sue, they should not have put in their "cavils."—The women were ordered to pay the amount claimed.

DRUNKENNESS.—John Brown was charged P.C. Marshall with having been drunk and disorderly at Pelton Fell, on the 14th ult. Fined

and costs.—John Parker, for having been drunk disorderly at Pelton, on the 14th ult., was fined 5s and costs. P.C. Marshall proved the charge. Robert Whitfield, for having been drunk and disorderly at Pelton, on July 14th, was fined 5s and costs.—George Derrins, for having been drunk

disorderly near Pelton Fell, on the 16th ult., fined 10s and costs.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND. — *Benjamin Blake*, an elderly man, was charged with having assaulted and beaten his wife, Sarah Blake, at Pelton on June 29th. Mr. Hade appeared for the

plaintain, and Mr Wario, defended.—Mrs E stated that her husband, on the night in question went home drunk, and knocked her down in house. While she was on the floor he kicked cruelly, and, after being assisted to a chair

any other known neighbors, he again struck her, and kicked her out of the house. He had frequently struck her, she was afraid to live with him. — Margaret A. Don stated that she saw the defendant strike his wife on the left side, the force of the blow knocking her down. Witness assisted her *Editha*.

but the defendant again kicked her, and threw out of doors.—George Blake, son of the complainant, gave corroborative evidence.—At this point Mr Warlow suggested that the parties make an arrangement for a separation, which was agreed to by the defendant paying costs.

ALLAN FRAED AT EDMONDSON COLLIER
lad named Robert Scott, recently employ
putter at Edmondson Colliery, was charged
fraudulently changing a token at Edmon
Colliery, and thereby robbing his employ
Samuel Tysack, on July 4th. Mr J. Tindall C

Sunderland, prosecuted, and Mr Frederick defended.—The prisoner pleaded "not guilty" to charging this particular token, "and was committed for trial at the sessions."

aged about 73 years, fell down and expired suddenly soon after his admission in the Work at Lanchester. 2

LAMSTEAD COLLIERY.—The Primitive Methodists of this colliery held a juvenile camp on Sunday last. In the morning they processed

the streets, when addresses were delivered by the teachers of the Sunday-school. In the afternoon the service was conducted by Mr J. L. Hendon and addresses were given by Master Thos. B. Miss Brown, Messrs John Harrison, Hammon & R. Maddison. In the evening a love-feat

conducted by Mr J. Harrison.

each mulcted in the penalty of 7s 6d and ex-
for drunkenness at Langley Moor.—For
drunk at the same place Thomas Wilkins
fined 10s and costs. P.C. Hall proved the
James Neal was fined 5s and costs for hav-

drug in charge of a horse at the house,
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