The Consett Guardian

AND DERWENT VALLEY ADVERTISER.

CONSETT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1864.

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No. 220.

Wanted.

WANTED, to purchase TWENTY CONSETT WATER CO.'S SHARES. Address, stating Price, to "Bone Setter," Post Office, Durham.

WANTED immediately, TWO CABINET MAKERS, also an APPRENTICE to the Business. Apply to John Davison, Consett.

Public Notices.

CHRISTMAS BEEF.

JOHN MILLBURN,
BUTCHER,
MEDOMSLEY,

BEGS to thank his Friends and the Public generally for their kind support for the past year, and hopes by care and attention to merit their future support.

J. M. will exhibit for Sale on the 23rd and 24th the Best of a magnificent Heifer, which cannot be surpassed in Quality, fed by J. Ayton, Esq., of Hindley Hall; also Mutton and Pork of excellent quality.

December 15, 1864.

CHRISTMAS BEEF.

R. HEDLEY,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,

RETURNS his sincere thanks to his numerous Friends and the public generally for their past support, and hopes by attention to merit a share of their future patronage.

R. H. will Exhibit for Sale at his Shambles, on the 23rd and 24th, the BEEF of an Excellent Heifer, upwards of 60 stones, fed by J. F. Ayton, Esq., Hindley Hall, also other Beef, Mutton, and Pork, of the best quality, suitable for the festive season; begs leaves to the public, being

CHRISTMAS BEEF, MUTTON, AND PORK.

JOHN PARKER, of LEADGATE, begs to tender his most grateful acknowledgments to his numerous Friends and Customers, for their kind support, and has the satisfaction of exhibiting Four very superior HEIFERS, fed by celebrated Graziers in Northumberland, averaging 69 Stones each. Also, a large quantity of excellent MUTTON, PORK, &c. An early inspection is solicited.

AN APPRENTICE WANTED. One Two or Three Years' Standing.

Take at the Trade performed.

Leadgate, Dec. 16, 1864.

CHRISTMAS BEEF.

ROBERT TELFORD,
BUTCHER,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,

RESPECTFULLY thanks his Friends and the Public for the favours received by him during the past year, and begs to inform them that he will offer for Sale this day (Saturday) the BEEF of THREE PRIME HEIFERS; also FRESH STIRKS, and DAIRY FED PORK.

Consett, December 22, 1864.

CHRISTMAS BEEF.

ROBERT SIDDLE,
BUTCHER,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE,

RESPECTFULLY returns his sincere thanks to his Friends and the Public for the liberal support he has received during the past 20 years he has been in Business, and begs to inform them that he will exhibit for Sale, on Friday and Saturday, Two Prime Heifers, fed by Messrs. Annandale, Lintz Ford; also, Prime Mutton and Pork.

December 21st, 1864.

CHRISTMAS BEEF.

WILLIAM LOVAT, BLACKHILL, returns his sincere thanks to his numerous Friends and the Public generally, for past support, and hopes by attention to business to merit a share of their future patronage.

W. L. will Exhibit for Sale on the 23rd and 24th of December, the BEEF of a Four-year-old HALF-BRED OX, and the BEEF of a Three-year-old SHORT-HORNED HEIFER, both fed by C. Blackett, Esq., Wheatley Hill; GOOD MUTTON and DAIRY-FED PORK, suited for the season.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

WE, the undersigned Tradesmen of Shotley Bridge, agree to Close on Saturday, the 24th of December, for Christmas Day; and on Friday, the 30th of December, 1865, for New's Day.

George Watson, T. Bagnall,
Turner and Sons, Robert Scott,
John Brown, jun., Wm. Wardhaugh,
Thomas Smith, J. E. Leslie,
Joshua Lax, Henry Bilson and Co.
Wilson, Brothers,
Ralph Hall,

20th December, 1864.

WOODBINE HOUSE,
TENTERS STREET, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE MISSES M'CULLAGH, assisted by PROFESSORS and MASTERS, continue to receive Young Ladies, to Board and Educate.

The School will Re-open (U. V.) on WEDNESDAY, 11th of January, 1865.

WHEN YOU WANT YOUR BOTTLES FILLED TRY WRIGHT'S NEW SPIRIT STORE, BLACKHILL, ARE NOW OPEN!

Also, Porter, and Stout, of the Finest quality always on Tap.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF BURNOPFIELD AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

MR. JOHN FENWICK, of BURNOPFIELD, has been appointed AGENT for the *Consett Guardian* in that neighbourhood; where all orders received will have due attention.

CHRISTMAS.

A SOCIAL TEA PARTY in behalf of the ANNFIELD PLAIN WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL, will be held in the NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL, Annfield Plain, on MONDAY, December 26th, 1864.

Tea on the Tables at Four o'Clock.

In the Afternoon, at Two o'Clock, a SERMON will be Preached by Mr. Thomas Hankes.

After TEA, a PUBLIC MEETING will be held, when Addresses will be delivered by Messrs. T. BAKER, PHILIPSON, ROW, ROBINSON, ARMSTRONG, BELL, SIMSON, JOHN ROW, ROBINSON, JOHNSON, RALPH JOHNSON, J. HUDSON, T. ROBSON, and other friends.

Tickets for the Tea, Ninepence each.

A Collection after each Service in aid of the School Funds.

BLACKHILL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOL.

THE ANNIVERSARY SERMONS of this SCHOOL will be delivered by the Rev. JAMES WILSON, of Newcastle, on CHRISTMAS DAY, Dec. 25th, 1864.

Services to commence at the usual hours, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Collections in aid of the Sabbath School Funds will be taken at the conclusion of each Service.

On MONDAY, December 26th, a Public TEA PARTY will be held in the Chapel; Tea on the Tables at 4 o'clock. After which the Children will Recite several Pieces, and the Rev. Mr. LAUDER, and other Friends, will address the meeting.

Tickets for the Tea, 1s. each, to be had from Alex. Young, Cutler's Hall; John Chambers, Benfieldside; Robert Burrows and David Pearl, Blackhill; David Imrie, Consett, and Alex. Russell, Consett Terrace.

NEW PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, CONSETT.

THE REV. T. GREENBURY, of Hull, will deliver his celebrated ORATION on INTEMPERANCE, in the New Chapel, Consett (temporarily fitted up for the occasion), on TUESDAY, Dec. 28th, 1864.

Doors open at 6 o'clock. Chair to be taken at Half-past Seven precisely. Admission, Sixpence each.

On the Afternoon of the same day, Mr. GREENBURY will preach a SERMON, entitled "The Prodigal Son." Service to commence at Half-past Two o'clock. A Collection after the Service in aid of the Chapel Debt.

BANKRUPT STOCK.

M. RIDLEY, BLACKHILL, begs to announce to the Inhabitants of Blackhill and surrounding district that he has fortunately purchased the Purchaser of a BANKRUPT STOCK, consisting of a large quantity of HATS, BONNETS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, CAPS, FRONTS, CHIGNONS, &c., at a great Discount, and will be prepared to offer the same for Sale on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1864, and following days.

M. RIDLEY, Draper, Blackhill, begs to inform the Ladies of the Shotley Bridge District, that he has constantly recommend the above, being one of the Cheapest and Best Stocks ever offered in the neighbourhood.

An early call will oblige, as the whole must be cleared out in a few days.

M. RIDLEY DRAPER,
BLACKHILL.

Public Notices.

NOTICE.

MR. T. A. BOYD, Secretary to the CHAMPION TESTIMONIAL FUND, will be at BORLONGS, Cornsay, on Saturday, the 7th of JANUARY, 1865, to receive Subscriptions and SUBSCRIPTION LISTS RECEIVED at the Office of the Undersigned. All Parties having Subscriptions to Pay will greatly oblige by paying OVER the AMOUNT to the TREASURER, (Mr. Jobling), on or before that day. The Consett Committee are respectfully requested to be present.

NOTICE.

THE DRAWING for J. Shaw's DUN TROTTING POINT Race at the Rifle Volunteer Arms, Blackhill, on WEDNESDAY Evening first, Dec. 28th, 1864.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA MEETING of the WESLEYAN METHODISTS, will be held (U. V.) on Monday, December the 26th, 1864, in the Town Hall.

After Tea a Public Meeting will be held, when Addresses will be delivered by Thomas Greener, Esq., of Blackhill; Archibald; Henry Brown, Esq., of Blackhill; the Rev. Elijah Toyne (formerly a Missionary in Ceylon), and the Rev. George E. Stanley.

Tea at Five o'Clock. Tickets, One Shilling each.

A Collection will be made in Aid of the Missionary and Chapel Funds.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

THE LEADGATE WESLEYAN CHOIR will give their ANNUAL CONCERT of Sacred Music in the WESLEYAN CHAPEL, Leadgate, on Monday, December 26th, when a programme of entirely New Music will be introduced, (never before performed in the district), being selections from some of the best authors, including Dr. Crotch, Dr. Tye, Purcell, Wilson, Mozart, Handel, Haydn, and others.

Doors open at Seven, to commence at half-past Seven. Reserved Seats, Sixpence. Second Seats, Sixpence. For Programme see Bills.

NEW PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, CONSETT.

THE ANNUAL TEA PARTY will be held in the New Chapel, Consett, on Monday, January 2, 1865. Tea on the Tables at Four o'Clock.

After Tea, a PUBLIC MEETING, to be addressed by several Ministers and Friends.

The Choir will perform several pieces of Sacred Music.

Mr. Jesse Carpenter, of Hallwhistle, will sing some of his celebrated Temperance Melodies.

Admission to the Tea, One Shilling each.

ROAST PIGS FOR SALE at the SPA LODGE, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1862.

PATRICK RYAN formerly of Wheatley's Houses, near Dipton, in the County of Durham, afterwards of Pit Hill, near Pelton, in the same County, and now of No. 25, Grosvenor Street, Gateshead, in the same County, Labourer, having been adjudged bankrupt at a Court of Bankruptcy holden at the Court House, in the City of Durham, on the 14th day of December, 1864, by the Registrar of the County Court of Durham, holden at Durham on the 14th day of December, 1864, he hereby required to surrender himself to John Booth, Junior, Esq., a Registrar of the County Court of Durham, holden at Shotley Bridge in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, on the 16th day of January, 1865, at Two o'clock in the Afternoon precisely, at the County Court Office, Shotley Bridge. Messrs. Thompson and Little are the Solicitors to the Bankruptcy. At the meeting the Creditors will receive the proofs of the debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors may choose an Assignee or Assignees in their possession any of the effects of the said Bankrupt, and all debts due to the Bankrupt must be paid to the Registrar.

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ONE BOX of CLARKES'S 41 PILLS is warranted to cure all Disorders from Debility, Impotency, in either sex, whether acquired or constitutional. Sold in boxes 4s. 6d. each, by J. J. CLARK, Chemist, Sold in boxes 4s. 6d. each, by J. J. CLARK, Chemist, Apothecaries' Hall, 35, Newland, Lincoln. Sent to any address on receipt of sixty stamps.

BILIOUS and Liver Complaints, Indigestion, Bile Headache, Loss of Appetite, Drowsiness, Giddiness, Spasms, and all Disorders of the Stomach and Bowels, are quickly cured by that well-known remedy, FRAMPTON'S PILL OF HEALTH. They unite the Properties of a mild operative with the most accurate recommendation of a safe aperient in required nothing can be better adapted.

Sold by all Medicine Vendors, price 1s 1½d and 2s. 9d per box.

Business Addresses.

GENERAL PRINTING WORKS.

ROBERT JACKSON,
PRINTER, ENGRAVER, LITHOGRAPHER,
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Cards, Circulars, Handbills, Invoices, Cheques, Posting and Hand Bills neatly and expeditiously executed at moderate charges.

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FRONT STREET, BERRY EDGE.

H. SMITH respectfully announces that he has Removed from the Shop next door to Mr. Hilson, Butcher, to the above Place of Business, and begs to inform the Public that he has opened the Shop next door to Mr. Hilson, Butcher, Shotley Bridge.

Where he will be in attendance on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each Week.

WILLIAM TURNER,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,
STATION HOTEL,
BLACKHILL, ADJOINING SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Fine Old SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKEYS, in large or small quantities, supplied to the Trade.

MELVIN'S CELEBRATED PORTER AND ALES.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.

NOTICE.—WHEAT STRAW, OAT STRAW, and BARLEY STRAW converted into a very superior provender by being cut up, damped with water, and sprinkled with THORLEY'S SPICY AROMATIC CONDIMENT. Only to be had in penny packets. A case containing 448 penny packets, carriage paid to any Rail Station in the Kingdom, for 24s. Joseph Thorley, the Inventor, 145, Fleet Street, London.

Business Addresses.

STEWART AMONGST THE TEAS.

THIS Tea Dealer, true to his antecedents, never forgets the public wants, when he wishes the Public to remember the Tea Dealer, he selects from the rarest peculiarities of China, India, and Japan, to prepare a continuation of Teas suited to the Merrymaking of Christmas and the Cheer of a Happy New Year. In a time of Scarcity, and dearer than ever, he begs it is a mistake, if you can please during the Festival you are a winner for the Year. It is a time when men forget their business to make merry with their friends, and his fair dealing has made a lasting impression on all that passes this way, and never fails to deliver judgment on the passenger. It is a time when the palate keeps a vigilant watch, and notes the tastes of most abstemious are so highly seasoned with the costly spiced odours that delicate-flavoured Tea makes only a slight impression, which is pronounced by the Tea Dealer to be the most fashionable Consumer. To prepare this Mixture in the most economical way, and yet not to be wanting in quality, he has prepared a Festival Tea, richly pungent and mellow, and to do its duty to the most critical Tea, and so to be worthy. With these facts before him

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Poets' Corner.

THE MIDNIGHT SONG OF BETHLEHEM.

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace to the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King:"
He would that every eye could hear
By faith those angels sing!

With what dark woes of sin and strife
Mankind have suffered long!
Since that seraphic strain, have rolle
Two thousand years of wrong!
And men at war with men hear not
The love-song which their lord
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strif
And hear the angels sing!

And yet, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low;
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow;
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
Oh, rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world sent forth
Which now the angels sing.

—Our Own Fireside. ANON.

CHRISTMAS.

A loud and laughing welcome to the merry Christmas belle
All hail! with happy gladness, to the well-known chant
That swells
We list the pealing anthem chord, we hear the midnight strain,
And love the tidings that proclaim Old Christmas once again.
But there must be a melody of purer, deeper sound,
A rich key-note whose echo runs through all the music round;
Let kindly voices ring beneath low roof or palace dome,
For these alone are carol chimes that bless a Christmas home.

—Elfin Cloth.

The year is fast dying, and time's never-ceasing whirligig has brought us again to that universal festival, the merry, happy season of Christmas. Yes, Christmas, when the world lays aside its cares and anxieties, and decorates its houses with the glossy holly and the pearly mistletoe; the season for heaping on the yule-log and fire, when the scattered members of the once complete family circle meet around the glowing hearth, family stories are told and yarns spun, and jokes flv quickly and merrily round, when early friendships are knit together, and the whole world is locked in one great family band of love. With the high festival of Christmas are associated joy and happiness and peace. It is the time immemorial, it has been the most prominent festival in the calendar of man's devotion, and though shorn of many of its pristine glories and ceremonies, it is still a season of universal interest and kindly fellowship.

And though the old customs are hardly to be dying out, this has not been, and let us hope never will be, extinguished. A festival which has been honoured for hundreds of thousands of years, which has been the bringing about so pleasant a union, which draws the hearts of men closer to each other, and opens the hearts of men closer to each other, and opens the hearts of men to aspire. The time when the yule log burns brightly on the hearth, when the good old Christmas cheer is on the table, must be forgot our little wrangles, make us more radiant with happiness and willing to forgive on that day any fancied injuries. This happy person time and it again has, and Father Christmas is knocking at the door, and though now-a-days the seasonable snow does not appear, yet we must be well prepared to set off you with all the ancient welcome.

It is now nearly 1800 years since the institution was founded, and since then it has been continued in unbroken peace. In the 5th and 6th centuries it gathered round it other ancient old and partly pagan, and yet now, as that what was called the Christmas Cycle sprang up, which surpassed all other groups of festivals. Christmas Day marked the rites of its festal usages, and furthered the distribution of Church holidays over the whole year. The Church, which in the beginning had fixed on the day for the celebration, must probably because it is at the winter solstice. At this time of the year the Scandinavians and Germans held their great Yule feast to celebrate the return of the fiery sun-wheel, and from this ancient custom came our Christmas. Christmas was the festival and usages of the old Germans relative to this matter have been handed down to us, and have gradually spread to the present day. It was to banish this deep-rooted heathen feeling that the Church liturgy was formed, and Christmas carols and Christ hymns instituted. Most of these old customs have departed, but where the old carols linger they are sung with a fervour and earnestness, preaching in this respect a marked contrast to the French carols which are much less sacred than gay.

Anglican churches still keep great services on this day, but it is chiefly as a great social festival and as a general holiday that it is now regarded. It is with the high-born and well-cultivated amongst us, a hallowed heirloom from the past, and a lingering reminiscence of olden customs and olden times.

Our Original Tale.

CAUGHT IN A SNOW STORM,

WHY CHARLES DAVIES WAS NOT MARRIED ON NEW YEARS DAY:

A SEASONABLE STORY.

Forty years ago, before the giant of steam had ploughed through the land and left his broad iron furrows behind him, before the telegraph had joined all in one great network of communication, when villages were villages, the country people lived and died under the shadows of their own elms,—well, in those good old times there was a village down in Devonshire, a quiet little hamlet, secluded from the rough world around by a great band of hills, and by a stretch of moor, which lay between the rear of the sea, on which the great ships with their white—but not white—sails were wafted to and fro, and the foreshore of Nature's own haunts, rich with the fragrance of a hundred flowers, while with the wealth of its orchards a hundred flowers, while with the wealth of its orchards blossom. There was one little road, which ran down on the north, and by the great River Dartmouth, and rippled along the side of the little streamlet which danced and rippled down the sides of the sun's bright beams, where the rath snow drops peeped up, where the golden and purple crocuses bloomed and where the earth had doffed her white mantle of snow, and where the earliest violets shed their perfume around. By the side of this road, and the shadow of the village church, which it taught the people to go, was the village church, which it taught the people to go, was the village church, which it lifted its tall spire of the entry wind, wide close to turn off the eager blast of the stormy wind. Beneath it was the parsonage, a fine old building, with Elizabethan gables and antique porches innumerable. The clinging ivy almost covered the front, and a wide-spreading Gothic, which stood the test of ages, and of a hundred winters, shadowed the porch. In the valley by the quiet village of Ashleyden, in the parsonage, planted in a book on, a wilderness of white-washed houses, always clean and always neat, with well-trimmed gardens in front, and honest-looking, though jolly-looking people at the doors, for Ashleyden had its jolly-looking people and its gossiping old women, fond of gossip, about three days after it was published. What was going on in the village, what was going on, we may ask, we have described this pretty village; but our tale opens summer afternoon of the year of our blessed Lord, 1814. On Christmas Eve, in the year of our blessed Lord, 1814. The snow was one of the good old sort, and the whole valley was wrapt in a garment of snow—the hills in the distance, the valleys, which, as we have said, in the distance lay the hills, whose snow-capped summits shone out distinct and palpable, before the black background of woods, and tree-tops, and then threatened to hide the bright Christmas moon. From the windows of the houses there streamed the light of the fire, the voices of the Christians waxed were heard on the quiet evening air, and many a jolly company assembled in the cosy, and white cottages, now whiter than ever with the snow, and bedecked with the compliments of the season. The bells were ringing, and the village church was begun. The village church was one of the Christmas day begins. The village church was one of the scene of as pretty a group as ever pictured. The church had its white pillars and its Christmas-tide, and the village clerk—who, on Sunday, replied "Amen" to all the prayers said, with the most earnest and fervent tone of voice—was labouring up the hill with a great barrow of holly—the most vivid and beautiful of all the children of red berries peeping from between the leaves,—the sainted emblems, and based, and yet, and we know not what time. Slowly the old man pulled as he struggled up the hill, for human nature, even in the old, is a lively, and the sun was sinking fast, and the evening shadows were lengthening now, and he can fresh avenue his coming. That old man had to go to the church, and depositing his load right under the pulpit, he had to go home, and, a heart as light as his barrow.

Well, a glorious branch of evergreen! Do come and see, page, shouted in an ecstasy, in admiration the good old Richard Rivers, as she picked from the barrow a bright branch of holly. Page duly came and duly admired, and he knew what further he must introduce the good old gentleman, who was engaged in decorating the church, to the young lady, now engaged in decorating the church, to the young lady, now engaged in decorating the church, to the young lady, now

Foreign Intelligence.

AMERICA.

[Per the *Asia*.]

THE WAR NEWS.

There is no positive information as to General Sherman's movements. There were reports that he was within six miles of Savannah on the 30th ult. but this was not confirmed. The *Richmond Enquirer* of the 1st December says:—"The Federal fleet in Ossabaw sound had reached Millen, and separated into two columns, one marching towards Savannah and the other returning towards Augusta. The latter movement was undoubtedly a feint to perplex the rear. The *Richmond Examiner* of the 3rd says:—"The report that Sherman has reached Millen is incorrect. The news from Georgia is encouraging, and if Sherman's rear guard is as badly defeated, he will lose half his army."

The Southern papers report that Wheeler had repulsed Kilpatrick's column with heavy loss on the 29th ult., driving them towards Millen. On the 26th ult. the Federal cavalry were driven back from Jacksonville, but small force unsuccessfully attacked Mason on the 30th. The Savannah *Republican* of the 30th ult. says that Sherman was still on the railroad beyond Millen. A Federal column left Port Royal on the 24th to cut the railroad.

The Federal accounts represent that they captured Pocotaligo bridge between Savannah and Charleston. The Southern accounts represent the Federals were badly whipped at Grahamville, South Carolina, and driven five miles, leaving their dead and wounded behind them. The Federals still threaten Coosahatchie and another point on the railroad.

Hood has been relieved from the loss of six guns in attacking a block-house near Murfreesboro'. His head quarters are six miles from Dalton.

The Confederate Congress has passed a resolution denouncing the retaliation of the *Florida*, and declaring that Brazil is bound to enforce the neutrality of the vessel. Commissioners have been appointed to confer with Brazil.

Lord Lyons took his leave of the President and Secretary Seward on the 6th instant, previous to his departure for England. Mr. Adams, of Boston, and Mr. Hume Burney will have charge of the British Legation during the absence of Lord Lyons.

Ex-Secretary Chase had been nominated and confirmed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

The following is the text of the more important passages of President Lincoln's message:—

THE BLOCKADE AND THE SOUTHERN SAYS.

The ports of Norfolk, Remandina, and Pensacola have been opened by proclamation. It is hoped that foreign merchants will now see whether it is not safer and more profitable to themselves, as well as just to the United States, to resort to these and other ports which are open, than to go into those which are closed by reason of the presence of hostile cruisers, and of the effective blockade. The desire and determination of the maritime states to defend their ports against foreign invasion, I believe, are believed to be as sincere as, and cannot be more earnest than, our own. Nevertheless, unfriendly misrepresentations have arisen, especially in Brazilian and British ports, and on the northern frontier of the United States, which have required, and are likely to continue to require, the practice of constant vigilance and a just and firm adherence to the spirit on the part of the United States, as well as of the nations concerned, which would not have been necessary had there been appointed under the treaty with Great Britain and the adjustment of the claims of the Hudson Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural Companies, in Oregon, and are now proceeding to the examination of the trust assigned to them.

FINANCE.

The financial affairs of the Government have been successfully administered during the last year. The legislation of the last session of Congress, has been productive of the revenue. Although sufficient time has not yet elapsed to experience the full effect of the new internal revenue, and the acts of Congress imposing increased taxation, the receipts during the year have been sufficient to meet the expenditures, as shown by the Secretary of the Treasury, including loans and the balance in the Treasury on the first day of July, 1863, were 1,394,796,506 dols. 98c.; and the aggregate disbursements, upon the same basis, were 1,298,056,154 dols. 40c.; leaving a balance in the Treasury to meet warrants, of 96,739,995 dols. 73c. Deduct from these amounts the amount of the principal of the public debt redeemed and the amount of loans in substitution therefor, and the cash payments made on account of principal, and balance in the Treasury of 14,872,558 dols. 71c. Of the receipts, there were derived from Customs, 69,059,643 dols. 99c.; from lands, 588,223 dols. 23c.; from direct taxes, 475,648 dols. 50c.; from internal revenue, 109,741,134 dols. 16c.; from miscellaneous sources, 47,511,148 dols. 10c.; and from loans supplied to meet expenditures, 776,385,154 dols. Former loans, 623,443,929 dols. 13c. There were disbursed from the civil service, 27,505,599 dols. 67c.; for the navy, 24,729,942 dols. 97c.; for the Navy Department, 63,797,842 dols. 97c.; for the War Department, 85,732,741 dols. 79c.; for interest on the public debt, 53,685,421 dols. 69c.; making an aggregate of 963,274,087 dols. 86c.; and leaving a balance of 96,739,995 dols. 73c. 18,842,558 dols. 71c.

The public debt on the 1st of last month, as appears by the books of the Secretary, amounted to one billion seven hundred and forty thousand million dollars, and to one hundred and forty thousand million dollars, and to one hundred and eighty-nine million dollars and forty-nine cents. Probably, during the current fiscal year, that amount may be increased by not far from five hundred millions. I suggest, for the consideration of the present session of Congress, whether it is not a time for limited amount of some future loan, to be made payable at a long period, and to bear interest at a low rate, with exemption from taxation and from seizure for debt, under reasonable limitations as might be necessary to guard against abuse of so important a privilege. This would enable prudent persons to set aside a small amount in safety and at a good interest. Privileges like these would render the possession of such securities to be desired by persons who, for the time, or person of small means, who might be able to save enough for that purpose.

The national banking system is proving to be acceptable to capitalists and to the people. More than 1,600 National Banks have been organized, and a considerable number of them have been established in the South, as rapidly taking place, and it is to be hoped that very soon there will be in the United States no banks of issue but authorized by Congress, and no bank circulation not secured by the Government.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

The report of the Secretary of War, and the accompanying documents, will detail the campaigns of the armies in the field since the date of the last annual message, and of the operations of the several administrative bureaus of the War Department during the last year. It will also gently the measures deemed essential for the national defence, and to keep up and supply the requisite military force. The report of the Secretary of the Navy presents a clear and satisfactory exhibit of the affairs of that department and of the naval service. It is a subject of congratulation and laudable pride to the American people, that the navy has been organized in so brief a period, and conducted with so much efficiency and success. The general efficiency of the navy, including vessels under construction on the 1st of December, 1864, amounts to 671 vessels, carrying 4,610 guns, and 236,296 tons; being an actual increase during the year, over and above all losses by shipwreck or by sinking, of 7 steamers, 167 guns, and 42,427 tons. The total number of men at this time in the naval service, including officers, is about 51,000. Twenty-nine have been captured by the navy during the year, 324 vessels, and the whole number of prizes, including those taken and the whole number of prizes, including those taken and the whole number of prizes, including those taken

AUCKLAND UNION PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

Established February, 1857. Enrolled under 6 and 7 Wm. IV., cap. 32.

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THIS Society was formed in 1857, and, up to the present time, over 1,400 Shares in it have been issued, and upwards of £32,000 advanced to its Members on mortgage.

The Shares are of Two Classes, namely, Investing Shares and Borrowing Shares.

The terms for Investors are as follows:—

Investors pop into the Society at any time, and may withdraw again at any period (on giving a short notice) the full amount paid in, with five per cent. compound interest thereon; and, if he has been a member five years, he will be entitled to get a share of the profits.

The following Table shows the Returns to realise Investing Shares of £10, £25, £50, or £100, either in 10 or 12 years:—

Term of Years.	Amount of Share.	Entrance Fee and Cost of Share.	Monthly Payments.		Single Payment.	
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
10	10	1 6	0 3 2		15 7 0	
10	25	1 6	0 8 0		39 2 0	
10	50	1 6	0 15 11		77 10 0	
10	100	1 6	1 13 0 2		61 8 0 2	
12	10	1 6	0 0 0		5 8 9	
12	25	1 6	0 2 6 2		13 11 2	
12	50	1 6	0 5 0		27 2 2	
12	100	3 0	0 10 0		54 7 0	

EXAMPLES

A Payment of 2s. 6d. per Month for 12½ Years amounts to £13 15s. 0d., and will secure at the end of that time £50 and a share of the Profits;

2 0s a Payment of 13s. per Month for Ten Years amounts to £7 0s. 0d., and will secure at the end of that time £100 and Share of the Profits;

7 0s a Payment of £61 8s. will secure at the end of 10 Years £100 and Share of the profits.

The Bonus or Share of Profits already declared is as follows:—

On the 1st Year's Share			£ 11 6
" 2nd	"		5 17 8
" 3rd	"		3 10 0
" 4th	"		1 15 0
" 5th	"		1 15 0
" 6th	"		0 17 6
" 7th	"		0 17 6

DEPOSITS.

Persons not desirous to take Shares, may deposit their money in Loan Notes at £5 per cent. compound, and pay half-yearly. This security offers all the safety of the best class of Mortgages without any risk or trouble of management. Nearly £15,000 has been deposited with the Society to the present time. Any sum above £5 is taken.

TERMS FOR BORROWERS.

Borrowers may at any time obtain advances on adequate freehold, Leasehold, or Copyhold Property, and may choose either of the following terms for repayment:—

Term of Years.	Monthly Payment for every Loan of £100.	
	£ s. d.	
3	2 2 11	
4	1 17 8	
5	2 0 1	
6	1 14 5	
7	1 7 5	
8	1 2 10	
9	0 19 1	
10	0 16 8	
11	0 14 5	
12	1 0 5	
13	0 12 8	
14	0 18 1	

Half and Quarter Shares are in the same proportion.

Loans can be effected at a short notice.

The Shares have been divided into moderate, and are fixed by the Rules.

Redemption of Mortgages may be effected at any time on fixed and equitable terms.

£20,000 HAS ALREADY BEEN ADVANCED.

N.B.—The Directors are now prepared to Lend a considerable sum of money on Freehold Property, either about to be built or in course of erection, according to the foregoing table of Repayments.

There is no Premium for Advances, no Secretary's Fence, Stewards' Fines, or any contribution towards expenses to pay.

EXPLANATION.

Females and Minors may be Members. A Member may hold any number of Shares.

All classes of Shares share in the Profits.

Payment is allowed on Subscriptions paid 12 Months in Advance.

The Monthly Payments are 12 to the year.

The Society is under the protection of the Friendly Societies' Act.

The Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in every month, at Mrs Fenton's, Commercial Inn, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, at 7 p.m. Payments can be made at other places taken at any time on application to the Solicitor or Secretary, at 56, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland, or to any of the Directors.

Money can be deposited with the Society at Interest at any time, on application to the Secretary or Solicitor, at five per cent. compound.

A Copy of the Rules will be sent to any address on receipt of six postage stamps.

Any further Particulars can be obtained of the Secretary, Mr GEORGE STILLMAN, 56, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland; of W. D. TROTTER, Esq., Solicitor, Bishop Auckland; or of

MR. JOHN ELLIOTT,
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Mr. R. JACKSON will in future conduct the Agency, to whom it is requested all Communications be made and all Monies Paid, and under whom, it is anticipated, the *Guardian* will be conducted with increased efficiency and success.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864.

Local and District News.

BURNING BY GUNPOWDER.—On Saturday last as a lad named Bowsby, residing at Annfield Plain, was playing during some hours of his parents with matches and powder, the matches became ignited, and the powder was ended, causing severe injuries to the face of the poor child.

CONSETT TEMPERANCE CHURCH.—On Sunday evening the Rev. W. Farrar, M.A., concluded his series of sermons on "The Last Times." The subject of his discourse on this occasion was "The Advent," which was listened to by a very large and attentive congregation.

ALARMING ILLNESS OF LADY LONDONDERRY.—We regret to say that the Marchioness of Londonderry is suffering from a relapse of her illness, and is at present considered in a dangerous condition. Her ladyship's family are still with her at Seaham Hall, and the Duke of Marlborough was sent for on Saturday night.

CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—We notice that a Christmas Tea Party under the auspices of the Wesleyan Methodists will be held in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Monday, December 26th. Addresses will be delivered by the ministers of the circuit and various other friends.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—COTLEREIGH BRANCH.—The first business meeting of the committee of this society was held on Tuesday evening, when the treasurer reported that the sum of upwards of £9 had been received from parties subscribing for copies of the sacred scriptures. The Rev. Blyth Hurst, Ph. D., is, we understand, the president of this branch, which has been recently commenced.

ANCIENT APPARITIONS COMPARED WITH MODERN SPIRITUALISM.—A lecture on this subject was delivered by Mr. J. Ryan, in Scott's Sale Room, Consett, on Tuesday evening last. The lecture was listened to by a respectable audience, who seemed well pleased with the manner in which the lecturer had treated his subject.

THEDON MARCH AT HOBSON.—On Saturday last, a pigeon match came off at this place, between George West and John Leybourne, for £7 aside, each to shoot at nine birds. They shot four each, Leybourne disappointed in the ring with his coat, which he had unfastened. The match was left for the decision of the Editor of *Bell's Life in London*. Since the Spen tragedy, the pigeon shooter of which was one of the chief men at this match, the money has been withdrawn by such party.

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC.—The Leadgate choir, we observe by advertisement, are to give their annual concert on Monday evening, and, judging from the programme, the public may expect a treat. We feel certain that, from the talent of the choir and the holidays combined, a large audience will be present.

ANNUAL SUPPER.—On Saturday evening the annual supper was held at the house of Mr. Fearsley, the Duke of Wellington Inn, Consett. The chair was ably filled in the room by Mr. Graham, of Darlington, Mr. Pearson being in the vice-chair. After the usual loyal toasts had been drunk and responded to, the chairman gave the health of Mr. and Mrs. Fearsley, which was responded to by Mr. and Mrs. Fearsley. The company separated at an early hour well pleased with their evening's entertainment.

CONSETT AND STANLEY.—The Stanhope and Tyne Choral Society gave a grand concert on Friday evening last, in the Town Hall, Consett, under the patronage of the gentlemen of the neighbourhood. Conductor—Mr. C. Simpson, of Durham. There was a numerous and fashionable attendance at the commencement, owing to the non-appearance of Miss North, but she arrived by the last train, and got great applause for her harmonising. Mr. Whitehead took some of her pieces till she arrived. The whole affair was a great success, the hall being crowded in every part. Mrs Slater presided at the pianoforte.

LECTURE BY REV. T. GREENBURY.—The Rev. T. Greenbury of Hull, who created such a favourable impression when he last visited the Temperance in the Primitive Church, delivered an oration on "Temperance" in the Methodist Chapel, Consett, on Thursday. The gentleman there was introduced by the Rev. Mr. Farrar, M.A., and he will be a large audience.

REMARKABLE CASE.—TWO ATTORNEYS FOR A DEFENDANT.—At Lanchester Petty Sessions on Thursday last, in an affiliation case, surprise was excited in the court when the case came on for hearing, by two attorneys rising simultaneously to defend the proceedings. Mr. Dodds, of Durham, said he had been retained by the court for the defendant. At the same time Mr. Patrick, of Durham, said that he had received his instructions from the defendant. (Laughter.) Mr Bigge, who had received his fee in advance, very angrily remarked that he did not see much about it, as he was already paid, and knowing that Mr. Patrick was at Durham, he had given his client, he had great pleasure in leaving the case in his hands. It appears that Mr. Bigge had arrived at Lanchester first, and he was there at once secured by the reputed father, and he was there at once secured by the reputed and certainly unhappy "parent," who did not anticipate the arrival of any of the Durham celebrities. As soon, however, as Mr. Patrick made his appearance the defendant secured his services also. On the plaintiff being put to defendant as to which of the two attorneys he would prosecute, he said he replied, to the amusement of the court, "Ye can both gang on." Mr. Patrick observed that as he was connected with the same case twice before, he felt it incumbent on him to make no objection to his being junior attorney in this case. (Laughter.) Nothing of it was arranged but the Mr. Patrick should defend the case which he did successfully.

ACCIDENT ON THE WEAR VALLEY RAILWAY.—An accident which might have been of the most serious consequences to a large number of persons occurred on the Wear Valley on Sunday morning last. It appears that about a quarter to nine o'clock the mail train, which was then approaching Bishop Auckland, got off the rails, and the engine and several of the carriages ran down the embankment. The engine was thrown on one side, but singular to say the injuries to the engineman and passengers were confined to a few contusions and a little slight scratches, one of the passengers had his mouth hurt; the rest escaped without injury. The accident is supposed to have taken place through some defect in the rails.

BAZAAR AT SHIELD HILL.—On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 13th, 12th, and 14th inst., an extensive and interesting bazaar was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Shield Hill, to beneath the chapel now in course of erection at Shield Row. Although the weather was very unfavourable, a large number of visitors were in attendance each day. At intervals music was efficiently performed upon the pianoforte by Mr. Finlay, of Pelton, and to the high and lively strains of the fiddle, which was maintained. The amount thus realised was £50, the whole of which is to be devoted to the funds of the new chapel and school room. Great credit is due to the ladies forming the committee, viz., Mrs Scott, Miss Wright, Miss H. Scott, Miss Watson, Miss Robinson, Miss Dent, Mrs. J. Christie, and Mrs. Miss Williams, Miss Smith, Mrs. Bainbridge, and Miss Biddle, to whose management the success must be attributed.

COLLISION ON THE WEST HARTLEPOOL RAILWAY.—On Tuesday evening, about seven o'clock, a collision occurred at Cowpen, on the West Hartlepool Railway, which is to be deeply regretted, which all the blame of Cowpen to allow the goods train, which at the time of the main line the goods train detached from the main line, and the goods train, which at the time of the main line the goods train detached from the main line, and the goods train, which at the time of the main line the goods train detached from the main line, and