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### Business Announcements.

BIRD'S EYE RETURNS.

DICKINSON,
*TOBACCO MANUFACTURER,*
22 AND 24, BIGG MARKET,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 22b

TOIL NO MORE.

IN Cleaning your Furniture, but try the ROSE FURNITURE CLEANER, Manufactured only by W. JACKSON, Tantobie, and Sold by all Grocers.

JUST FORFEITED.—First-class Gold and Silver Watches, by the best makers, Gold and Silver Albertas, Guards, Wedding and Fancy Rings, at half the original cost.—J. TAYLOR, Pawnbroker, 14 Broad Chare, Newcastle. 749c

P. OSBORNE,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
FRONT STREET,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Valuations effected for Probate, &c. 227c

MCEWAN'S
CELEBRATED EDINBURGH ALES
AND INDIA PALE ALE,

Are daily rising in public estimation.
Newcastle Stores and Offices—
FOUNTAIN HOUSE, Charlotte Square.
JAMES C. McINTOSH, Agent.
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E. FARNSWORTH,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
FRUIT AND POTATO MERCHANT
NEWMARKET AND VICTORIA STREETS,
CONSETT,

HAS always on hand an excellent supply of FRUIT in season. Fresh BUTTER and EGGS, also CHEESE of excellent quality. FRESH RABBITS Daily. Licensed Dealer in TOBACCO. LICENSED DEALER IN GAME.

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91 and 93, BLACKETT STREET,
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JAMES JOHNSON, FAMILY GROCER AND TEA DEALER. Teas, Coffees, and Spices of the Choicest Quality. Good Useful Teas from 2s. per pound. Coffees 1s. per pound. Household Soaps from 3d. per pound. All kinds of Drysaltery Goods cheap and of the best Quality. Hotels and families supplied at wholesale prices.

TERMS—CASH. 879c

WILLIAM WILKINSON,
*FURNITURE BROKER & IRONMONGER,*
CATCHGATE,

HAS now on hand a Large Assortment of IRON BEDS, PERAMBULATORS, PARAFFIN OIL, PARAFFIN LAMPS, &c., from the best makers.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE in all the different branches; FLOCKS, FEATHERS, AND RABBIT-DOWN; PAPER HANGINGS, &c.

W. W. has also on hand a Large assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES, ALBERTS, CHAINS, and WEDDING RINGS.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

OBSERVE THE ADDRESS—
OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL, CATCHGATE.

MESSRS. WALTON BROTHERS
OF CLARENDON HOUSE, CONSETT,

Having Bought the Good-will and Business of CABINETMAKING, FURNITURE-BROKING, And UPHOLSTERY,
Recently carried on by
MR. JOHN JENKINS,
TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT,

BEG to inform the Inhabitants of Consett and its vicinity that they are prepared to offer to the Public a FIRST-CLASS ASSORTMENT of all DESCRIPTIONS of FURNITURE; also, HAIR, FLOCKS, FEATHERS, BEDS, MATTRESSES; BRASS, IRON, and WOOD BEDSTEADS of various patterns; BED SOFAS, EASY CHAIRS, &c., &c.

PIANOFORTES, HARMONIUMS, and MUSIC STOOLS in great variety, by the best Makers.

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Trusting to meet with the like support and patronage given to Mr. JENKINS, their constant effort will be to gain the confidence of the Public by strict attention to business.

JUDSON'S DYES.—18 Colours, 8xpence each.

*RIBBONS, WOOL, SILK, FEATHERS,*
Completely Dyed in 10 minutes without soiling the hands.
Full instructions supplied. Of all Chemists and Stationers.

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JUDSON'S DYES.—PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER POSITIVES or PHOTO-PRINTS should be dipped in hot water and then submitted to a hot bath of JUDSON'S DYES. Beautiful effects are thus produced in Green, Pink, Brown, and many other beautiful colours.—Use Judson's Dyes for general tinting!

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JUDSON'S DYES.—INK—INK.—A Sixpenny Bottle of JUDSON'S DYES, Violet, Red, or Magenta, will make half a pint of brilliant writing ink in one minute by simply adding hot water.

JUDSON'S DYES.—For Colouring Architectural Plaster, &c. Much trouble may be saved in grining up objects to a uniform tint. They may be used either with a brush or pen. Rose Pink, Purple, Canary, Crimson, Orange, Green, Blue, Magenta, and 12 other shades.

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SIXPENCE PER BOTTLE.
*OF CHEMISTS AND STATIONERS.*

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JOSEPH OLEY,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER
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SHOTLEY BRIDGE. 228c

A. RICHARDSON,
*CABINETMAKER,*
*IRONMONGER, AND HOUSE FURNISHER,*
DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL,

Feathers, Flocks, Rabbit Down, and Matts. 892a
Patent Picks and Shafts.

WILLIAM FITZPATRICK,
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A First-class assortment of CLOTHS for the present season. A large assortment of PIT FLANNELS always on hand.

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CELEBRATED
SCOTCH AND INDIA PALE ALES.

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TAKE IT TO
A. MAY,
*PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER*
4, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

JOHN W. DAVISON,
*CABINET-MAKER, FURNITURE BROKER,*
*IRONMONGER, &c.,*
FRONT STREET, CONSETT, & CATCHGATE.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, in great variety.
IRON and BRASS BEDSTEADS.
MATTRESSES, FEATHERS, FLOCKS, RABBIT DOWN. HARDWARE
PARAFFIN LAMPS and OIL, best quality.
AGENT for the HOME WASHER and WRINGING MACHINES.
BURN'S and HARDY'S PATENT PICKS and SHAFTS.

THE TEST OF TWENTY YEARS
HAS FULLY PROVED THAT
THE PATENT LEVER WATCHES
MADE BY
JOHN D. CARIS,
20, HIGH STREET, GATESHEAD,
ARE THE
BEST TIME KEEPERS ON RECORD,
WHILE THEY ARE ALSO
CHEAPER IN PRICE.

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NOTED
FURNISHING ESTABLISHMENT,
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WHERE a large and excellent assortment of NEW and SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, &c., is always on hand to select from.

Also, PIANOFORTES and HARMONIUMS by the best makers, at exceedingly moderate prices.

*All Orders punctually attended to.* 172d

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Has always on hand a large STOCK of Pure Linseed and Cotton Cake; Indian Meal; Pea Meal; Barley Meal; Bexings, Sharps, and Bran; Oats whole and crushed, and feeding stuffs of every description.

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Fine SEED PEAS, SPRING TARES, SEED BARLEY &c. &c., on hand. 145b

To the Queen and Royal Family;
To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (Special Appointment);
And to several Indian Potentates, Foreign Governments, and Railway Companies.
Established 1746.

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PRIZE MEDALIST OF THE LONDON, DUBLIN, AND PARIS EXHIBITIONS.

Maker of the Chronograph by which the Derby and all other Race and Great Events of the Day are timed.
MANUFACTORY AND CITY HOUSE—58 & 60, LUDGATE HILL.
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*Of all kinds, from 2s 900 Gns.*
Lever, Verticals, Repeaters, Horizontal, Duplex, Chronometer, Chronograph, Keyless, Centre Seconds, Repeaters, Independent Seconds.

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*Of all kinds, from 5s to 1000 Gns.*
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ENGLISH ORMOLU CLOCKS, designed by English Artists, and manufactured by J. W. BENSON, *for speed in beauty* those manufactured. They can only be obtained at this Establishment.

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SILVER AND ELECTRO-PLATE in the most recent fashions, and of the most durable make. In Electro-Plate it is necessary to secure sound materials and a sufficient coating of silver to resist daily wear and tear satisfactorily. No other is really cheap at any price, nor worth buying.

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Illustrated Pamphlets, with full description of all kinds of Watches, Time-pieces, Jewellery, and Electro-Plate, with prices annexed, sent free by post upon application to J. W. BENSON, at either the above Addresses.

Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, and Plate sent to all parts of world.

### Business Announcements.

A WORD ABOUT INDIAN TEA.

ENGLISH enterprise, capital, and industry have made India the Finest Tea Garden in the World, and now the British Tea Planting Companies of India have become the great competitors of the Chinese Empire. For years the Old People have said they could not get the Strong Fine Tea of the Olden Times. It is clear to us that either the Tea Plantations of the Chinese have become exhausted, or that the strongest desire of this peculiar people has been to give quantity rather than quality. It is plain to the most superficial observer, that even the Finest Chinese Tea, although it may be exquisite in flavour, lacks that power and richness peculiar to the Olden Times. It is well for the lover of this refreshing beverage, that the Cultivation of Tea in India has become a commercial success. Years ago, we commenced to combine the Chinese and Indian Teas. This method resulted in a great trade. You may have some idea of its properties, when we state that last year we sold 112,625 pounds of Tea to a delighted people.

The question will naturally suggest itself to your mind; Why do you not offer Indian Tea to the Public? We answer, the price appears high. We do not say they are dear, for the lasting power of Indian Tea is so great, that the second and third water in many instances is better than the first water of China Tea. Taking this economical view of the question, it is cheaper, suppose we say nothing of the increased satisfaction derived in drinking this life-sustaining Cup of pleasure. We would now like you to test the correctness of the opinion we have as to the strength, lasting power, richness, and economy of Indian Tea. We cannot sell this tea for less than 4s. per pound. We give you this notice that we do not intend to disturb the present mixed Tea Trade. We therefore desire you, should it be your pleasure to test our judgment, to inquire for Indian Tea at any of our Establishments.

WILLIAM STEWART, THE TEA DEALER,
CENTRAL ESTABLISHMENT, 33, GRAINGER STREET,
BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT, 33 SANDHILL,
BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT, 32, MOSLEY STREET,
SUNDERLAND BRANCH CORNER OF FREDERICK ROAD HIGH STREET. } NEWCASTLE. 644

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THE Season's NEW and FASHIONABLE GOODS are just to hand, including rich and exquisite designs in French and Berlin Fans; Hair and Head Ornaments; Ornamental Hair in splendid variety; Combs and Brushes in Shell, Ivory, and Pearl; Perfumery from London and Paris, including White Rose, Upper Ten, Exquisite, and Certifleur Bouquets; Sponges, Soaps, and Toilet Requisites.

The famed "EAU BOTANIQUE," for every purpose of restoring Colour and Quantity of Hair in a few days.

The Hair-Dressing department represented by First London Artists.—Fashions in Windows.

C. ROUGIER,
*PROPRIETOR,*
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Wholesale House, York.

W & A GILBEY'S WINES & SPIRITS—Attention is directed to the undermentioned WINES & SPIRITS bottled by Messrs. W & A GILBEY, and bearing their Seals and Labels, which can be obtained from their Agents at the same prices as at their Head Establishments.

The extent of Messrs. W & A GILBEY'S business, which represents a twentieth part of the entire Wine Trade of the country (see Government Returns of Duty Payments), is the best guarantee of the purity and excellent quality of every article bearing their brands.

The label on each bottle gives particulars as to age and character of Wines, strength of Spirits, and specifies place of production.

From Messrs. W & A GILBEY'S List of 200 varieties two descriptions of each class of WINES & SPIRITS have been selected, one on account of its moderate price, and the second for its fine quality combined with greater age.

WINES

| | | | Per Bott. | Per Doz. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Castle 1A | PORT .. | *4 years old* | 1/9 | 21/ |
| Castle B | PORT .. | *8 years old* | 2/4 | 28/ |
| Castle 1 | *Spanish* PORT | *2 years old* | 1/3 | 15/ |
| Castle 3 | *Spanish* PORT | *5 years old* | 1/9 | 21/ |
| Castle 1A | *Pale* SHERRY | *3 years old* | 1/6 | 18/ |
| Castle C | *Pale* SHERRY | *6 years old* | 2/4 | 28/ |
| Castle VP | *Pale* MARSALA | *3 years old* | 1/4 | 16/ |
| Castle C | *Pale* MARSALA | *7 years old* | 1/8 | 20/ |
| Castle A | CLARET | *4 years old* | 1/ | 12/ |
| Castle C | CLARET | *6 years old* | 1/6 | 18/ |
| Castle 1 | CHAMPAGNE .. | .. | 2/5 | 29/ |
| Castle 3 | CHAMPAGNE .. | .. | 3/9 | 45/ |

SPIRITS

| | | | Per Bott. | Per Doz. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Castle UP - - GIN | | *33 under pf.* | 2/ | 24/ |
| Castle Proof - GIN | | *proof - -* | 2/10 | 34/ |
| Castle UP *Irish* | WHISKEY | *33 under pf.* | 2/3 | 27/ |
| Castle DO *Irish* | WHISKEY | *pf. very old* | 3/3 | 36/ |
| Castle UP *Scotch* | WHISKEY | *33 under pf.* | 2/3 | 27/ |
| Castle SO *Scotch* | WHISKEY | *pf. very old* | 3/3 | 39/ |
| Castle UP *Pale* | BRANDY | *33 under pf.* | 2/3 | 27/ |
| Castle Proof | BRANDY | *proof - -* | 3/ | 36/ |
| Castle D *Cognac* | BRANDY | *33 under pf.* | 3/ | 36/ |
| Castle FO *Cognac* | BRANDY | *pf. very old* | 4/9 | 57/ |
| Castle UP *Jamaica* | RUM | *33 under pf.* | 2/3 | 27/ |
| Castle JO *Jamaica* | RUM | *pf. very old* | 3/3 | 39/ |

SPARKLING SAUMUR WINES—*First Importation.* These Champagnes from Saumur have just been introduced into this country by Messrs. W & A. Gilbey.—(See *Medical Times and Gazette* of November 7th 1874)

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| Castle SILVER FOIL | *Sparkling* SAUMUR | Quarts | 2/1 | 25/ |
| | | Pints | 1/3 | 14/6 |
| Castle GOLD FOIL | *Sparkling* SAUMUR | Quarts | 2/6 | 30/ |
| | | Pints | 1/5 | 17/ |

AGENT—
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The Original
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THOMAS GALLOWAY,
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ARTIFICIAL TEETH, Quality and Construction unsurpassed, fixed with every recent improvement in Gold, Silver, Coralite, and all pure material known to the profession. Mineral Teeth from 5s. each. Scaling, Stopping, &c. Children's Teeth regulated, and every other operation in Dental Surgery skilfully performed.—DR LACY, Dentist, 57, Grainger Street.

JOHN DAWSON,
PLUMBER AND GASFITTER,
VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT,

RESPECTFULLY announces to his Friends and the Public of Consett and surrounding district that he has commenced Business as above, and trusts by strict attention to Business and moderate charges to receive a share of Public support.

All orders entrusted to his care will receive prompt attention.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM KNOX

HAS much pleasure in announcing that he has entered upon his New Premises, at MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, where he intends carrying on Business as HOUSE CARPENTER, JOINER, &c., and trusts by strict attention to Business and keeping a staff of good Workmen to merit a share of Public support.

N.B.—Estimates given for general repairs, Shop Fronts, &c. 6178

FOR SALE,
8,000 Barrels PETROLEUM OIL,
4,000 PARAFFIN OIL,
LAMP GLASSES, PARAFFIN CANDLES,
All for Sale in Lots to suit buyers. Seasons supply contracted for.
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Agent for the *Consett Guardian.*

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HOUSE, SIGN, AND FURNITURE PAINTER,
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In the Shop lately occupied by Mr. RICHARD WALKER,
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WILLIAM HALL,
*MACHINE AGENT,*
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European, Howe's, Belgravia, Taylor's, or any other Sewing Machine in the trade.

Washing Machines, Mangling Machines, Wringing Machines, Sausage Machines.

Any of these Machines on hire, the hire to go as payment.

Sewing Machines cleaned, adjusted, repaired, or exchanged.

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Memorial Cards and Raffle Tickets on the shortest notice. Pictures Framed neatly and cheaply.

Agent for the *Consett Guardian*, advertisements for which are received and inserted at moderate charges.

### Business Announcements.

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PLUMBER, GAS FITTER, & BELL HANGER,
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☞ ORDERS PUNCTUALLY ATTENDED TO.

Gas Fittings of every description, Iron Tubes, Metal Spouts, Pipes, &c. 622a

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JOHN BATES

RESPECTFULLY announces to the Public that, having dissolved Partnership with WILLIAM KNOX, he has commenced business

AT MEDOMSLEY ROAD, CONSETT,

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JOHN MOLE,
(Late of Castleside),
*BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,*
NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT,

BEGS to inform the Inhabitants of Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, Shotley Bridge, Castleside, and district that he has OPENED a Ready-made Boot and Shoe Shop, at NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT, with a well-selected stock of Gentlemen's, Ladies', and Children's Boots and Shoes, which he can confidently recommend, and trusts by careful and punctual attention to all orders entrusted to his care, to merit a share of their liberal patronage and support.

*Boots and Shoes made to order and Repaire neatly executed.*

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NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT. 827d

THE LARGEST STOCK OF SCOTCH AND SABLE CAPS IN NEWCASTLE.

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CHEAP HAT AND CAP SHOP,
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NO BETTER HATS AND CAPS in Newcastle than those Sold by BROOKS the Hat Manufacturer.

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OVERCOATS! OVERCOATS!!

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| Men's Wool-lined Overcoats | 19s. 6d. |
| Boys' Overcoat | 6s. 11d. |
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| 5,000 Boys' Suits, called the "Little Wonder," only | 6s. 11d. |

And a Shirt given to every Little Boy who buys a Suit.
All Caps sold at Cost Price. 641b

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Farming Stock, Public and Private Buildings, Household Furniture, &c., Stock-in-Trade, and Goods of almost every description Insured on the most favourable terms. All Policies issued by the Company include the risk of *explosion by Gas*, without extra Premium. During the last 10 years the "Northern" has paid more than *One Million Sterling* for Claims under its Fire Policies. Life Assurances, Endowments, and Annuities granted. Tables and full particulars on application to the District Agents:

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English and Foreign Clocks and Watches of every description carefully examined, cleaned, and repaired, and the greatest care and attention is especially paid to that part of the business.

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

By order of the Directors.
M. RICHLEY *Secretary.*
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1874. 14

THE GUARDIAN.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20, 1875.

## SENATES.

THE failure of the French Assembly to carry through the Senate Bill has led to a change of Ministry and perhaps to another crisis. Meanwhile, it has called attention to the causes of that failure, and suggested comparisons between France and other countries in this respect. An Upper House is a feature common to all Constitutional countries alike; indeed, with the exception of Russia and Turkey, there is not a single country in Europe which has not a Senate of some sort to check and control the action of the popular Assembly. Very various principles operate in the selection of the Senate. It is either a Chamber of nominees of the Crown selected from the magnates of the country, as in Austria, Belgium, and Italy, or it is a representation, as in Switzerland and the United States, of the Cantons or sovereign states out of which the *Bund* or Union has grown up. There is a reason for a Senate of either of these two kinds; but a new Senate of notables selected like the Assembly itself by universal suffrage would be only an Upper Chamber repeating the Lower. This would be nothing else but a fifth wheel to a coach, useful perhaps in case of a break down, but under ordinary circumstances utterly useless. The functions of an Upper House are so delicate and peculiar that it is easy to make it too strong or too weak for its work. If, as in the United States and in Switzerland, it is the result of universal suffrage, filtered it is true through an electoral college, but still deriving all its authority from the people, in this case we have a second popular Assembly sitting beside the first, and the sovereignty is divided too much. If, on the other hand, as in the case of our own House of Lords, the hereditary peerage compose the House, it loses to a great extent its representative character and has too little weight in the national councils. Between these two extremes there a *juste milieu*, and the Danish and German Parliaments seem to have hit upon that happy medium. In Denmark there are two Things or Diets, a Land-Thing and a Folks-Thing. The names represent exactly what they are—the one is a Chamber of landowners, and has a representative character as such. It consists of 66 members 12 of which are directly nominated by the crown and correspond to our law lords and those life peers which we must have before long. The remaining 54 members are elected from the largest landowners and taxpayers in the kingdom,—and in this sense they represent property as the Folks-Thing represents mere numbers. In Prussia the *Herren-hans* is made up of still more composite elements, and thus is representative in a fuller way even than in Denmark. It is composed of the following elements:—First, the royal and mediatized princes; secondly, the heads of the territorial nobility; thirdly, a number of life peers chosen by the king from notables of all classes; fourthly, eight titled noblemen elected in the eight provinces of Prussia by the landed proprietors; fifthly, the heads of Universities and burgomasters of towns with above fifty thousand inhabitants; and, lastly, an unlimited number of eminent men of science nominated by the king. An Assembly which draws its strength from such various sources as these is, and must be representative in the widest sense of the word. If France would only take a hint from Prussia she might get together an assembly of notables of this kind, and though it would be certainly swamped in any case of collision between the two houses, it would in ordinary times work as a useful buffer between the Executive and the Legislature and form a sort of standing Grand Council for France. But enough of model Republics which have always been a failure from PLATO's day downwards. Even a House of Lords so imperfectly representative as ours is works well in a country like England, while one which was theoretically perfect would work ill in a country like France where representative institutions are so readily thrown aside.

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It is stated that the father of Don Carlos was in London last week, and succeeded in raising a large sum of money.

MELANCHOLY END.—William Lawson, aged 54 years, a stone-mason, died in Newcastle on Saturday afternoon last under circumstances of a most painful character. He had been staying with his son, a schoolmaster at Heworth, who is seriously ill, and feeling, it is said, his own death approaching, he expressed a desire to be conveyed to Bellingham, his native place, where he might be buried. A cart was engaged, and, in charge of two youths, Lawson was brought to the Central Station; but owing to one cause or another there were no persons present to convey him to the train. The lads, probably not aware what was best to do, drove purposely to and fro in the bleak cold day, the old man, then in a dying condition, moaning piteously the while. In this plight he was discovered by Mr Supt. Dunnah, who at once caused him to be taken to the Westgate Police Station, where he was placed under the careful attendance of Dr Page. The unfortunate sufferer gradually sank, and expired about six o'clock in the evening.

## OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The Government are already bringing forward in Parliament even more than they promised in their programme. Sanitary legislation was mentioned, but not consolidation of the Public Health Acts; while there was no allusion in the Queen's Speech to the Lord Chancellor's Bill for consolidating and amending the Patent Laws, which seems curious, as this measure will be an important one, and its early introduction into the House of Lords shows that it must have been in very forward state of preparation when Parliament opened. These consolidating statues are very useful when well drawn up, and even the most extreme Radical will not deny that Lord Cairns is an able lawyer and a man well fitted to supervise the work of consolidation. It was not surprising, therefore, that Earl Granville should have courteously welcomed the new attempts to revise and consolidate the Patent Laws. The Lords have now several public Bills before them, and their services will be utilized as they not often are at the beginning of the session.

Some people appear to belaying the flattering unction to their souls that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he brings forward his next Budget, may propose the abolition or diminution of the income tax. This hope arises from his statement, the other day, to a deputation that waited upon him, that he did not think the Government would be in a position entirely to abolish the tax without finding a substitute. This word "entirely" causes some people to hope that he will propose a reduction, but I do not think this likely. The present rate, 2d in the pound on schedule D, is not very oppressive. Of course all taxation is odious and vexatious, and nobody likes the income tax *per se*; but then there is such a delicious pleasure—not in doing our duty, but in doing those who collect it! If the income tax is abolished or lowered, Sir Stafford Northcote must find some equivalent, for he will have but a small surplus and many demands upon it; and can he or any other Chancellor of the Exchequer propose a popular tax? No such a thing, in fact, can exist.

Mr Bright is evidently becoming more and more Conservative in regard to general politics, though he is Radical enough with respect to Church Establishments; but no moderate Liberal can take exception to Mr Bright's reply to the Southampton elector asking him for a creed or programme for the Liberal party. The very fact of such a request being made suggested the answer. If men do not know themselves what they want, they want nothing. The Liberal party is the party of reform or change-making; but it can only carry out reforms or changes when the country requires them. When the country is satisfied with things as they are in the political sphere, the Liberal party naturally is out of work, and must continue to be so until the people determine upon some fresh changes. Mr Bright, in effect, told his correspondent this; and his letter suggests that it is of no use getting up artificial programmes of changes not desired by the people. The right hon. gentleman does not even pretend that the disestablishment of religion which he advocates is generally desired; but of course he wishes to make it desired.

I am rather surprised that the Home Secretary has not had his attention directed to a particular case. A young lady of 18, who is said to have aristocratic connections, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing two gold watches from the shop of a pawnbroker at Knightbridge. During the time between her committal for trial and her trial at the Middlesex Sessions the prosecutor—no doubt for very sufficient motives—was induced to recommend her to mercy, while a gentleman friend, for reasons best known to himself, came forward and offered to be bound over in £100 to bring up the fair criminal for judgment should he be called on to do so; and on this understanding Mr Edlin, the assistant judge, after pomposily announcing that he had given the case full consideration, discharged the prisoner. How very differently she would have been treated had she not possessed the advantage of "aristocratic connections!"

The energies of the Post Office and the postmen have been enormously taxed in dispatching the immense number of valentines that have been committed to their care. The sending of these amatory and friendly missives appears to be on the increase, and certainly the production of valentines has increased, while their artistic beauty has been much developed. I am glad to hear, and I hope it is true, that the sale of the detestably indecent and scurrilous valentines, with which some of the shops in low neighbourhoods used to be filled, has considerably diminished. Why the Society for the Suppression of Vice did not prosecute the vendors of these scandalous productions I never could understand, and I believe that the decreased sale this year is mainly owing to warning notices from Scotland Yard. A remarkable feature of the valentine season this year has been the combination of the *style* with the *date*. Really valuable presents have thus been sent through the post to an enormous extent.

It is probable that a highly important action will ere long occupy the attention of the Court of Chancery. The suite will arise out of a claim to the vast estates in Birmingham, left some years since by Mr. Jennings, and which rumour states is to the extent of several millions sterling. It is not at all improbable also that another suit will engage public attention. It may be remembered that some time ago the Earl of Mar succeeded in securing his right to that title, the defendant being the Earl of Kellie. *On dit* that the same plaintiff and defendant will contest the possession of the Alloa estates, worth £14,000 per annum.

Mr. Sergeant Ballantine has, no doubt, made sure of the £5,600 which it was arranged he should have for defending the Guicowar of Baroda from the charge of poisoning the late Colonel Phayre. Two shorthand writers who had been engaged to give a verbatim report of the proceedings are not so fortunate. They were told—or thought they were told—that they were to receive £2,000 for their services, which would have been pretty good pay, seeing that they would have been thus occupied only a about three months; but on their reaching Brindia they received a telegram stating that they were under a misapprehension, and that it was not £2,000, but 2,000 rupees. "Oh, what a falling off was there!" Seeing that rupee is worth only about 1s. 10d., this is a decided difference. Whether these stenographers will accept these altered conditions I have not heard.

It is pleasant to see large fortunes put to good uses in the lifetime of their possessors. An instance of this is the munificence of the world-known Mr Holloway of pills and ointment renown. His Ladies' College at Egham will cost £200,000; and we shall be indebted to him for a Convalescent Hospital and an Asylum for Imbecile and Nervous Patients. Altogether his charities, as far as contemplated at present, will amount to about three quarters of a million. Such munificent benevolence is worthy of the highest praise. Would that we had a few more such men!

It appears probable that the work of revising the authorised version of the Bible will not occupy the excessively long period which was at first supposed. The Old Testament company met on Friday; and when they separated they had continued the revision to the end of the 8th chapter of Isaiah; while the New Testament Company, with a much smaller amount of matter to get through, have almost completed their task. From the rate of progress it is evident there is no alteration for alteration's sake, and no remodelling of the grand and venerable style, but that change is confined to previously indicated corrections of meaning.

## WORKING MENS DWELLINGS.

In the House of Commons, on Monday, in the discussion of the above subject Mr W. H. James (Gateshead) confessed that he was one of those who regarded this bill as having been brought forward at this stage in such a manner that they could hardly be conversant with its details, for very little time had been afforded for its examination. As he was a member of the Charity Organisation Society, which originally took the initiative in the matter, and as representing a borough in which the provisions of the bill were applicable, he asked the indulgence of the House for a few moments, while he alluded to some portions of it. There could be but one opinion of the question of the domiciliary condition of the poor of our large towns. It was admirably expressed by the Prime Minister in opening the Shaftesbury Park estate—that the best security for the well-being of the artisans was to be found in their dwellings. This was apparent in all our large towns, and the matter hardly came within the limits of ordinary party feeling. If the Home Secretary was able to accomplish even a small portion of what he desired to achieve, he would not only deserve but receive the thanks of the working class and those who took an interest in the health of the poor. Whether or not the bill was productive of small or great results, the discussion of its provisions in this House would bring prominently before the public mind a fact now too frequently overlooked. That was, how much the dwellings of the rich and the poor were put down in localities which were so distinct. If any one went out in the Metropolis or any of our large towns and saw the building operations being carried on, they must have observed how social distinctions kept the workmen and their homes out of the sight of the rich, so that there was a large amount of truth in the saying that one half the world did not know how the other half lived. In this bill there was a very great deal of good, but it proceeded partly on a wrong principle. He must confess that it was no surprise that a Conservative Government which raised an outcry not so long since about over legislation on social questions, should have put forward such a measure under rather exceptional circumstances, as hitherto it had generally been left to individual enterprise to provide accommodation in the matter of dwellings. No doubt the difficulty of uniting philanthropy and business in these matters was a great one. He had faith in the commercial principle, and could not help thinking that interference with the laws of supply and demand would lead to results the very opposite to those which their promoters supposed. They wanted to see how far the bill would proceed on sanitary grounds rather than in the matter of providing dwellings for artizans. He was told by his agent that on his own property in building dwellings for the poor, as long as money was at 4 per cent. any amount of funds could be obtained, and he could not help thinking that building societies (which had done so large an amount of good), combined with the enforcement of the sanitary laws, might meet the exigences of the case. He agreed with the criticism that this was legislation of a partial kind. He had spent some time in investigating this matter, and he was sorry to say he had seen homes of the poor which were absolutely unfit for human beings to live in. (Hear, hear.) In fact he had seen some in such a state that any master of fox-hounds in that House would be ashamed to kennel his dogs in such a place. But legislation of the character proposed, might defeat its own ends. In our large towns the demands of the labour market had been so great that almost every hole and corner had been ransacked to make house-room for the workmen. If, under this scheme, the houses were let for philanthropic rents, it would drive up the rates; although, not perhaps, in the particular locality in which the scheme was being carried out. The question arose, how were they to assist those whom they had displaced. He was afraid that in some instances they would drive them from bad to worse. Mr Chambers, in his report on Edinburgh had stated that 410 families were dispossessed by certain improvements and found dwelling elsewhere. In the report from Glasgow it was said that attempts were made on more than one occasion to trace the population thus dispossessed to their new homes but without success. It would be a great evil if they drove them back to some poorer districts where they would be unable to obtain work and the necessaries of life. There was besides no doubt that many of the local burdens in large towns were so great that the local bodies would resent any large incubus on the rates. He regretted that the House had not before it some clear and accurate facts, which would give them an exact statement as to how far the rates bore upon the sixty-four towns of upwards of 25,000 inhabitants had increased, and what was the present burden of the rates. They would then be better able to understand what they were about. He remembered that last year, in introducing the Licensing Bill, the Home Secretary alluded to the necessity of the working classes having happy homes. Let, so, let them hope they would be surrounded by the comforts which made them happy.

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THE CONFERENCE ON THE USAGES OF WAR. Prince Gortschakoff, in his reply to Lord Derby's note of the 20th January, by which the British Government declined taking part in the continuation of the Brussels Conference, says that it will always be open to England to adhere subsequently to the resolutions taken by the Conference.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. DR. BEGG.—A deputation waited on the Rev. Dr. Begg Edinburgh, on Saturday, headed by Colonel Mitchell of St. Martin's and Mr. Kidston of Firniegair, and presented him with £4,670 in acknowledgment of the important services he had rendered for the maintenance of Protestantism, religious education, and national religion. Dr. Begg suitably acknowledged the gift.

THE QUEEN AND THE EMPRESS EUGENIE.—A touching exchange of presents has just taken place between the Queen and the Empress Eugenie. The Queen has sent to the widow of Napoleon the Third the first volume of Theodore Martin's "Life of the Prince Consort," and last week the Empress Eugenie presented to the Queen a superbly-bound copy of the first two volumes of Mr. Blanchard Jerrold's "Life of Napoleon III."

## THE SELF-ACCUSED MURDERER AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

Mr Superintendent Richardson, of the South Shields Police, on Sunday, received the following letter:—"4, Whitehall Place, February 13th, 1875. Sir,—I see by the Metropolitan Police of the Metropolis begs to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 10th and 12th inst., and to acquaint you in reply that from inquiry made it appears the real name of the man calling himself George Wilson is John Wilcher Nolan. He was previously a clerk in the Civil Service Commission Office, Cannon Row, but left on account of some irregularity. For the last three months he has been employed as labourer at the locomotive department. London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, Battersea, and left on the 28th alt. He has been living at Mrs. Cole's, No. 17, Gladstone Street, Battersea, which place he left on the 2nd inst. His mother is now residing at No. 7, Little Dolby Street, Sloane Street, Chelsea, and she informed the superintendent this morning that she should communicate with the South Shields police. It is believed that there is no foundation for the statement made by Nolan, neither can it be ascertained that he has any companion known as Teddy, and the story told by him was probably due to the effects of drink.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, LEWIS J. FAY, for Assistant Commissioner." "The prisoner was discharged on Wednesday.

## A "CO-PARTNER'S" TRANSACTIONS.

On Tuesday, at the Jarrow Petty Sessions, before J. B. Dale, W. H. Richardson, and W. H. Allison, Esqrs., Wm. Dobson, clerk, Gateshead, was charged with having on the 15th Sept last embezzled £5 4s. the money of his employers, the Jarrow Hill Chemical Company.—Mr. T. G. Mabane was charged—James Hay, cashier of the Jarrow Hill Chemical Company, said that the prisoner was engaged to make dry soap, and also to collect money for the company. The defendant having been authorised to collect £5 4s. from Mr. Harbottle, Bizg Market, Newcastle, had not accounted to him for the money. In answer to the prisoner, witness stated that he knew any money had been stopped from his wages in payment of the money he withheld from the company. He denied that he kept £2 from the prisoner's wages on one occasion to make up the deficiency.—Edward Jefferson, manager of the company, testified that the prisoner had not accounted for the £5 4s. received from Mr. Harbottle. He had never made any arrangement with the prisoner to pay off the money by instalments. He did not know of the embezzlement of Mr. Harbottle's account until after the defendant left the company's employment in December last.—In reply to the prisoner, witness said he did not know of his having received Mr. Harbottle's money on the 16th September. He found out in November that prisoner was back in his Jarrow accounts, and the prisoner spoke to him to make an arrangement about keeping £1 a week from his wages, but witness told him he could do nothing he must go to Mr. Jefferson in Newcastle. Prisoner was not on the company's books as servant after he found out about the Jarrow accounts, but he gave the prisoner twice £1. The prisoner kept hanging about the works about a fortnight after that. He did not then know anything about Mr. Harbottle's account until prisoner left.—Mr. Bell, cashier to Mr. Harbottle, spoke to having paid prisoner £5 4s.—Sergeant Averill of the Jarrow police, said he apprehended the prisoner in Gateshead on Monday week, and the prisoner said he took the money, and he was entitled to it as part wages, and because he was a co-partner.—The prisoner's answer to the charge, said that when Mr. Edward Jefferson engaged him he promised that his wages should be 50s. per week, and he was to have an interest in the business. On the strength of that he was paid afterwards. Mr. Jefferson said he was to have his money back if the works proved a success. He also said that after the defalcations were found out it was arranged to be kept off at a £1 per week. Mr. Jefferson recalled, said that the prisoner was simply engaged at £2 a week, and nothing was said about having any interest in the business.—The prisoner was committed for trial.—Mr. T. G. Mabane said there were other cases against the prisoner, but he would not proceed with them.

## UNSEAWORTHY SHIPS.

Mr MacIver, M.P., who has been detained at Bamborough by the death of a near relative, writes to the *Times*—"I know something of ships, and I know something of shipowners, good, bad, and indifferent, and I have also during many years had considerable personal experience in regard to Board of Trade officials, and, for the most part, a favourable experience; but I do not like the traditional policy of the Department. The opposition to Mr Plimsoll is almost entirely from persons more or less directly or indirectly interested in maintaining the present state of things. I am persuaded that needless maritime disasters are preventable by a proper system of supervision, but I also think that the Marine Department of the Board of Trade requires reconstruction before it will be quite equal to the work. Strong endeavours were made before the Royal Commissioners, and are again being renewed (the letter of your anonymous correspondent "Prevention" is a good example), to represent the subject with conjuratory difficulties. The owners of 'unseaworthy ships' (and there are many) have, obviously, no objection to a personal liability that cannot be enforced, but they excessively dislike the idea of any system of survey which can. These are the people who talk loudly, and who get their friends to talk loudly, of the unwisdom of relieving shipowners from responsibilities; but they mean responsibilities which their experience has demonstrated to them 'practically amount to nothing.' The simple truth is, that after vessels have gone to sea with defects, for which anything can be proved to regard to their loss, and, as matter of fact, 'responsibility' has never yet been brought home to any one, there is no solitary instance. This is not from the absence of a law, and certainly not from want of a Public Prosecutor. Clause 11 of the Merchant Shipping Amendment Act, 1871 (but which is practically a dead letter), is not, as regards affixing an apparent responsibility upon shipowners, exceeded in stringency by anything in Sir Charles Adderley's bill; and, from the proved uselessness of this clause, I think the conclusion is inevitable that the practical liability imposed is utterly and hopelessly failed. Mr Plimsoll's survey proposals are not so good in 'theory,' but in practice they would be a great and a very unpleasant reality indeed for many of these who conduct their business improperly. I do not say that Mr Plimsoll's proposals cannot be amended, nor am I without hope that their general intention, if not yet, in improved form, be engrafted upon Sir Charles Adderley's bill."

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The *Schoolmaster* is publishing a series of articles on "School Discipline by Punishment," by Dr. Laycock, Physician in Ordinary to the Queen, and Professor of Medical Psychology and Mental Diseases, in the University of Edinburgh.

A TRAGIC COINCIDENCE.—A strange double fatality is reported from Callington, Cornwall. On Sunday evening a Mr Kirk, a tradesman, died somewhat suddenly. Shortly afterwards, his brother-in-law, Mr Pede, with whom deceased had been lodging, was missed. He was afterwards found in a garret, suspended by a rope, and quite dead.

# ELECTION NEWS.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ELECTION.

### RETURN OF DR. KENEALY.

The polling commenced at eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, and proceeded quietly. Two troops of Lancers and two Companies of the 22nd Foot arrived, together with 360 Birmingham and South Staffordshire police. All passed off in perfect tranquility during the day. Votes have been recorded at forty-eight places scattered over the district. The Conservative and Radicals abstained from the use of colours or of carriages to bring up the voters according to mutual agreement. Vans and traps went about with Kenealy's posters, to bring up his voters. Dr. Kenealy has been driving about all day in an open carriage and pair, and was vociferously cheered. The poll was declared at night, as follows:—

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| Dr. Kenealy (Independent) | 8,110 |
| Mr A. A. Walton (Labour candidate) | 4,798 |
| Mr. H. T. Davenport (Conservative) | 3,901 |

## TIPPERARY.—RETURN OF JOHN MITCHEL L.

The nomination of a candidate for the representation of the county of Tipperary, in room of Colonel White, resigned, took place on Tuesday. Immediately after the poll was opened, Mr. John Mitchell, of New York, gentleman, was proposed by Mr. Cross, Carrancity, and seconded by Mr. John Gorman, Barrisoleigh. The sheriff, after waiting two hours and no other candidate having been proposed, declared Mr. Mitchell elected. Up to twelve o'clock on Tuesday Mr. Mitchell had not arrived at Cork.

## MEMORIAL SERMON.

At St. James's Hall, London, on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Newman Hall preached to a large congregation a sermon in memory of Canon Kingsley, Dean Champneys, Dr. Macfarlane, and the Rev. Luke Wiseman. Mr. Wiseman was to have preached there on the previous Sunday, but died suddenly during the week. He was announced to speak at the daily prayer meeting in Moorgate Street on the week. "While thy servant was busy here and there, lo! he was gone." He was a popular preacher of the Wesleyan Church, and was lately President of the Conference. Dean Champneys had spent a long life of consistent service as an Evangelical clergyman of the church of England. Dr. Macfarlane, who died on the preceding Sunday, had been an eminent minister of the United Presbyterian Church. Canon Kingsley, known during thirty years wherever the English language was spoken, was the friend both of the court and the cottage. These four men represented different schools of thought, but they also showed that there was "one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism." Macfarlane, a Presbyterian by tradition and conviction, was opposed to prelacy and liturgy; which Wiseman, the Methodist, partially adopted, and Champneys and Kingsley gloried in. Macfarlane was opposed to a State Church, Wiseman preferred to labour outside of it, Champneys upheld it, but would have confined it to his own school. Kingsley clave to it, for the very comprehensiveness which Champneys might regard as a betrayal of its trust. Macfarlane was Calvinistic, Wiseman was Arminian, Champneys preached evangelical truth, dwelling with emphasis on the sacrificial death of Christ; Kingsley appealed to the broad instincts of humanity and directed attention chiefly to the sanctifying influence of the life of Christ. Yet all served the same Master, and in His name strove to lead men to righteousness. To all the same welcome was given, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Who could suppose there would be any dividing barriers—any lack of mutual recognition in Heaven? This, alas, was considered by many to be impossible if it not impossible and some leading organs of opinion had affected to treat with scorn the very attempt. But if the very mention of such isolation in a better world was preposterous, why should not the fellowship of faithful servants of Christ be recognised here, since to all, irrespective of rank or sect, and with reference only to their fidelity, the same salutation was accorded in Heaven—"Well done, good and faithful servant"?

## MR. WALTON.

The Liberal candidate for Stoke, Mr A. A. Walton, who occupied so honourable position on the poll, was born at Dotland, a small moorland farm in the neighbourhood of Hexham, Northumberland, in the year 1818. He is consequently now fifty-six years of age. He received the rudiments of education at Hexham, and was apprenticed in that town to a stonemason. When out of his apprenticeship he worked in Newcastle-on-Tyne for a short time, and in the year 1838 removed to Belper in Derby-hire, to work upon the Midland Railway, then in course of construction. From Belper he removed to London, working as a mason at the new Houses of Parliament, Royal Exchange, British Museum, and other works. Old political reformers will remember that the period following the passing of the Reform Bill of 1832 was one of bitter disappointment to the working classes, they having been left outside of the pale of the constitution, the franchise lines being drawn at £10 rental; in boroughs, and £50 tenants at will in counties. True, the Tories thought to compensate the working classes by passing the Beer Bill, which they said would bring beer to the poor man's door, thus at one stroke staving off the claim to the franchise, doubling the number of drink shops, and "fattening cants." In consequence of this political exclusion the workmen fell back upon their trades unions, and followed the prosecutions of the Dorchester labourers and the dawn of the agitations against the new Poor Law Bill for the extension of the franchise, and the repeal of the Corn Laws. Into that movement for the enfranchisement of the people Mr Walton threw himself heart and soul. Even as a young man he was a ready, fluent speaker, a clever organiser in connection with the Labour trade societies his counsels were "both wise and prosperous." In 1843-4 the question of the settlement of the people upon the land came to the front. Mr Walton, feeling the need for information upon the subject, withdrew from his trade for several years, and, living upon his savings, entered as a reader at the British Museum, where he had access to ancient books, charters, and manuscripts, the fruits of his labours being a work which he published, entitled "The History of the Usurpation of the Soil by the Aristocracy." The book was received favourably and is a very creditable production. This work accomplished, Mr Walton again returned to his usual occupation, devoting his evenings to the work of self-improvement in general literature and as an architectural draughtsman, and eventually he was engaged by a leading London Lancashire, a position for which he was well fitted fellow this profession for many years at Liverpool, settled at Brecon as an architect and surveyor on his own account, whence he has recently removed to the neighbourhood of London. It will be in the recollection of many that Mr Walton contested the borough of Stoke-upon-Trent at the last general election, polling upon that occasion more than 5,000 votes. There were then three Liberal candidates in the field, viz., Mr Melly, Colonel Roden, and Mr A. A. Walton.

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lished, entitled "The History of the Usurpation of
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ceived favourably and is a very creditable produc-
tion. This work accomplished, Mr Walton again
returned to his usual occupation, devoting his
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literature and as an architectural draughtsman, and
eventually he was engaged by a leading London
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fellow this profession for many years at Liverpool,
settled at Brecon as an architect and surveyor on
his own account, whence he has recently removed
to the neighbourhood of London. It will be in the
recollection of many that Mr Walton contested the
borough of Stoke-upon-Trent at the last general
election, polling upon that occasion more than
5,000 votes. There were then three Liberal can-
didates in the field, viz., Mr Melly, Colonel Roden,
and Mr A. A. Walton.

## Poetry: Original and Select.

### LINES TO SUSAN.

—By mee Lovesick Swain.

O Susan! pretty dove, I love you dearly,—
So dearly that I cannot live without you
Much longer; for, to tell the truth, I'm nearly,
If not entirely crazy all about you;
For day and night continually I musing
Upon your charms,—dear, blooming, bright-eyed Susan.

You are a beauty, no mistake about it;
I can't find one to match you, and I'm willing,
If any person—male or female—doubt it,
To stake one silver sixpence to a shilling,
That they may search through Hexham, Shields, and Jarrow,
And Monkton, too, in vain to find your marrow.

Your charms, in fact, are quite beyond description;
I sometimes think you no unearthly being.
One of those fairy creatures which in fiction
We often read of, but are never seeing.
But what of that, your charms avail me little,
For me you do not care one single spittle.

Completely to a skeleton I'm wasting;
Each day I know myself a great deal thinner;
No wonder, scarce a bit of food I'm tasting
At either breakfast, supper, tea, or dinner;
And this, alas! is all through you refusing
To be my better-half, O, cruel Susan.

I've striven hard—tho' vainly—to forget you;
But, this I know, I cannot strive much longer—
I wish to goodness I had never met you;
For now I would have been a great deal stronger;
But as it is, I feel as weak as water,
And not a thing but love with me the matter.

I'm wretched, miserable, and lonely;
I have no pleasure in my life whatever;
I see no other remedy but one
To go and top myself into the river,
Only it is so cold, I don't know whether
To go just now, or wait till warm weather.

I do believe before a month is over—
Unless on me, dear Susan, you take pity—
That the long grass my poor remains will cover
In some lone, rural churchyard, far and dreary.
Then be my wife at once, sweet Susan, can't you,
Or, else, both day and night my ghost will haunt you

Jarrow Paper Mill, 1875. Labourer.

## Varieties.

*Extracts from* Punch.

Broad Church Vestment.—A Fro-mantle.

A bar's rest.—The long vacation.

Matinees (by our Musical Cynic).—The common o(b)ord of two flats.

Hint to the managers of poultry shows.—Exhibit some henpecked husbands.

Advice (gratis) to the dyspeptic.—Chew and eschew.

A Daughter of Eve.—"I asked Bobby Lavender if he thought you pretty, and he said 'yes.'" "When he comes back, ask him again—*and I'll listen.*"

"On 'Change."—*Brown.* "Mornin'. Fresh mornin', ain't it?" *Smith.* "Course it is. Every morning's a fresh morning. By-bye." [Brown's temper all day is quite unbearable.]

Dedicated to Her Majesty's Navy, the Royal Yacht Clubs, and the Mercantile Marine.—Which are the best binnacle lights? Stearine candles, of course!

A Pleasant Prospect.—*Traveller* (in Ireland). "Hi,—pu-l her up, man. Don't you see the mare is running away?" *Paddy.* "Hould tight, yer onor. Yer life don't touch the reins!—sure they're as rotten as pears. I'll turn her into the river at the bridge below here. Sure that'll stop her, the blayast!"

A Potential Son-in-law.—*Anxious Mother of many daughters.* "Papa"Sear, do get Mrs. Lyon Hunter to introduce you to His Highness; you might then ask him to call, you know." *Papa Sear.* "What for?" *Anxious Mother.* "Well, my love,—you know the custom of his country!—he might take a fancy to several of the girls at once!"

Parading the Bill-men.—*Bee* (the Bill-Master). "Now, my lads! nothing like an early start, and a brisk step off! so put your best fronts foremost! Display your bills handsome: keep moving, and look as 'appy as you can."

Mr. Cowen, M.P., and the Local Magistrates.—Mr. Joseph Cowen, M.P., has given notice that on Friday next he will ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether it is a fact that recently in the city of Durham, and in the boroughs of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tynemouth, Sunderland, Stockton-on-Tees, and Middlesbrough, 43 new magistrates have been appointed; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 34 out of the 43 gentlemen appointed belong to the Conservative party, and that in some cases, as at Middlesbrough, the appointments were made without the knowledge of the local corporate and magisterial authorities, and, as at Newcastle and Tynemouth, while influential gentlemen of Liberal opinions were recommended for appointment by members of both political parties in the Town Councils of these boroughs, their names were set aside; and if he is prepared to lay upon the table the correspondence that has taken place respecting these appointments.

The Murderous Assault on a Wife at Ryhope.—The man Edward Cavanagh was on Monday brought before the Auckland magistrates charged with cutting and wounding his wife at Roddymoor, near Crook, on the 30th ult. Evidence was given to the effect that prisoner followed his wife into a neighbour's house, and struck her with his fist. He then took up a coal-rake and followed her into another room, where he was heard to strike her with something. He was brought out, and the woman was found bleeding on the floor from a frightful wound on her head. He was apprehended by Sergeant Fleming. Prisoner, who now did not reply to the charge, was committed for trial.

Death of Joe Wilson.—We have to announce with regret, that Joe Wilson, the popular Tyneside bard and exponent of local wit and humour, died on Sunday afternoon, at his residence in Railway Street, Newcastle, after a lingering illness of consumption. Deceased was in his thirty-fourth year at the time of his death, having been born in Gallowgate, Newcastle, on November 29th, 1841. He leaves a widow and three children, who, it is believed, will be but scantily provided for. Wilson served his apprenticeship as a printer, but eventually abandoned the "case" for the pursuit of his favorite hobby of song writing. As a singer, principally of songs of his own composition, he was a great favourite in the chief music halls in the North of England. Some [illegible] years ago he became landlord of the New Bridge Street, but some time previous to his death he became a fervent convert of Good Templarism, and he never published the songs and other effusions of the movement. Amongst the best of his other songs were "Dinnet Clash the Door," written during the illness of his mother; "Aw Wiltin' Mother wad cum," familiar to the moulders as house-hold words; "The Row Bairns," "Geordy, haud the Bairn," "The Gallowgate Lad," and several others that demands the precluded us from mentioning. Subscriptions on behalf of deceased's widow and family are received at the office of the *Newcastle Guardian*.

## Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

In the House of Lords the business was restricted to some notices of motion. The House did not sit for more than a quarter of an hour.

In the Commons, Mr. C. E. Lewis gave notice of an amendment to the motion to be made on Friday night for the issue of a writ for a new election in the borough of Stroud; and Mr. R. Yorke intimated his intention of asking the Government whether they proposed to issue a Commission of Inquiry into the corrupt practices in connection with the Boston election. Mr. Cubitt also gave notice of a question to Mr. Lopes respecting a statement that Hon. Member is reported to have made last autumn at his Irish Members of Parliament Dinner, respecting Sir Colman O'Loghlen, the Chief Secretary for Ireland stated that no Bill would be introduced this session to fill up the vacancies in the representation of Ireland caused by the disfranchisement of Dublin and Sligo. In answer to Mr. W. Carvell Williams, Under Secretary for the Colonies promised to lay papers on the table on Tuesday in reference to the recent attempts to suppress slavery on the Gold Coast. Home Secretary informed Mr. Whitewell that a Bill on the Manufacture of Explosive Substances is in course of preparation. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in bringing forward two measures for consolidating and amending the Acts relating to Loans for Public Works, stated that the amending Bill was the one referred to by the Premier as touching the question of Local taxation. Having stated the three-fold object of the bill—to give timely notice of demands for loans, to simplify the machinery, and to put an end to the system of carrying on unexhausted credits from one year to another, and to consolidate, as far as possible, the different Acts to be amended—the Right Hon. Gentleman intimated that provision would be made for an annual statement as to the amount likely to be required for advances from the Public Works Loan Board. Without discussion leave was given for the introduction of the bill. The Chancellor of the Local Government Board next obtained leave to bring forward two bills to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Public Health in England, and several private measures having been introduced, including one by Mr. Dodson to amend the law regulating municipal elections, and another by Lord Elcho for creating a metropolitan and municipality of London, the House rose about half-past six o'clock.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, Her Majesty's reply to the address voted by the House was brought up by Earl Beauchamp. The Lord Chancellor in calling the attention of the House to the subject of letters patent, with a view to the introduction of a bill to consolidate and amend the law relating thereto, said he intended to use one of great interest throughout the country, and it was clear that no amendment could be made in the law that would greatly affect the vast mercantile interests of the country. He touched at great length upon the general features of the bill, and said that all the existing Acts, the clauses of which were often conflicting, would be consolidated. Earl Granville reserved to himself the right of asking whether this was not a subject to be referred to a Select Committee. The House adjourned at twenty minutes past seven.

In the House of Commons Mr. D. Plunket took his seat for Dublin University; Lord H. Bentinck brought up Her Majesty's gracious answer to the Address of the House, in reply to the Speech from the Throne. Several notices of motion were given. Mr Sullivan asked the hon. member for Frome (Mr. Lopes) for an explanation of an expression said to have fallen at a Conservative banquet six months ago in which the Irish Rulers were referred to as being allied to a "disreputable Irish band." Mr. Lopes replied that if the hon. member would turn to Johnson's dictionary, he would find that disreputable meant "not creditable." He did not withdraw the words, and Mr. Sullivan gave notice of his intention of calling attention to the matter on Monday as a breach of privilege. A new writ was, after considerable discussion, ordered to be issued for Stroud. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, responding to an appeal from the Marquis of Hartington, agreed not to take the second reading of the Friendly Societies Bill on Monday next. Mr. Scater-Booth obtained leave to bring in a bill for further the adulteration of Food Acts, and make better provision for the sale of certain drugs in a pure state, and the House adjourned at twenty-five minutes past seven o'clock.

MONDAY.

The House of Lords sat barely half-an-hour. Notice was given of Lord Redesdale intention, on the 22nd inst., to bring under the notice of the House the recent revolution in railway classes and fares. In answer to Lord Stratheden, the Foreign Secretary stated that, although he is not prepared to present to the House the correspondence with respect to the commercial treaties between Austria, Russia, Germany, and Servia, he will do so when the proper moment arrives.

In the Commons, several private bills, including the Bradford Water and Improvement Bill and the Dunfermline Borough Extension Bill, were read a second time. Replying to Mr. York, the Attorney-General intimated his intention of asking for a Royal Commission to inquire into the corrupt practices brought to light at the recent trial of the Boston election petition. The Secretary of the Admiralty stated, in answer to Lord Randolph Churchill, that the amount of the estimate for the Arctic expedition is at present undecided, and that full information on the subject will be given when the vote is moved for before Easter. With reference to the recognition of the Spanish Government, Under Foreign Secretary announced that new credentials are to be sent at once to Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid. Mr. Sullivan raised the question of privilege, of which he had given notice, by calling attention to the speech delivered by Mr. Lopes to his constituents in the autumn of last year, in the course of which he used the term "disreputable band" to the Irish Home Rule members, and by concluding with the motion that the language complained of was a breach of the privilege of the House. After some remarks from Mr. O'Connor Power, who seconded the motion, and Sir Colman O'Loghlen, the Premier pointed out that the question could be easily and not unpleasantly settled by the Hon. Member for Frome publicly withdrawing the offensive remarks. Adopting this suggestion, Mr. Lopes expressed his regret for having made use of words which gave pain to any one, and thereupon Mr. Sullivan withdrew his motion. The debate on the second reading of the Artisans' Dwellings Bill was opened by Mr. Stansfeld, who, whilst criticising some of the details of the measure, expressed himself well satisfied with its general object and principle. The other Hon. Members who took part in the discussion expressed a similar tone; and the Scotch members were unanimous in expressing the hope that the operation of the Bill should not be limited to England. After the Premier had explained, in the course of which he promised to consult with the Lord Advocate, and, if possible, to extend the provisions of the Bill to Scotland, the House rose about six o'clock. The Chancellor of the Exchequer having fixed the 25th inst. for the date on the second reading of the Friendly Societies' Bill, the House rose before midnight.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Commons, several notices of motion to call attention, on the 15th of April to the accommodation and attendance at various elementary schools; sanitary condition of the mining villages of England, Scotland, and Wales, the Bill introduced by Mr. J. Reed, with respect to the religious service at sea, which was prepared by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the First Lord of the Admiralty stated that the service would be so timed as in no way to interfere with the necessary operations of launching. In answer to Mr. Macdonald, the Home Secretary intimated that the Government were at present considering in what manner it would be best make an inquiry with regard to the education of young persons employed in blast furnaces and dyeworks. Sir John Astley made a personal explanation with reference to Mr. Sullivan's statement on the previous night. With the object of shortening the discussion of which the offensive language named in speaking of the Home Rule Members was done under no sort of threat, Mr. Newdegate obtained leave to bring in a bill to prohibit inspection of monastic and conventual institutions, and several measures were read a second time, including the Public Worship Disabilities Bill, the Parliamentary Elections Returning Officers' Expenses Bill, and the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill. Before the House adjourned, Mr. Hart Dyke, the Government whip, moved for a return embracing copies of the sentence passed on John Mitchel for treason in 1847, and of the Hobart Town Official *Gazette*, containing a notification of Mitchell's escape from prison. Captain Nolan protested against the suddenness of the motion, and he was followed in the same tone by Mr. Sullivan, Sir George Bowyer, and Mr. John Martin. The motion was carried by 174 to 18, and it was agreed that the returns should be considered on Thursday. In the course of the discussion the Premier gave notice of his intention to move that at Mr. Mitchel was incapable of being elected a member of the House, a new writ should be issued for the county of Tipperary. The House rose soon after seven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr. W. J. Barclay moved the second reading of a bill for abolishing the Game Laws in Scotland, which was lost by 66 to 178. Mr. Thomas Chambers' Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill was also lost by 142 to 171.

## HEALTH AND LONGEVITY.

Dr. Frank Richardson writes to the *Times* from Hexham, Northumberland:—"The interesting letters which have appeared in your columns during the last week or two upon the mode of committing "Earth to Earth" tempt me to send you the following instance of a district in which this interment process is postponed in a singularly unusual manner. The large parish of Alwinton-with-Holystone is situated upon the southern slopes of the Cheviots, includes the upper vale of the Coquet, and extends about twenty miles in length and several in breadth, comprising 44,472 acres.—It population has decreased from 1,396 at the census of 1861 to 1,272 at that of 1871. The occupations of its inhabitants are almost equally divided between the tending of sheep and the cultivation of cereals upon lands which rest in nearly similar proportions upon free stone and porphyry. During the year 1874 six deaths occurred in this parish, being at the rate of 4·7 per thousand. One of those deaths being that of an unfortunate young shepherd who perish-d in the recent snowstorm. This mortality was lower than usual, during the previous ten years the number was 106, and annual average of 7·9 per thousand. Of these 106 deaths there were 16 between 70 and 80 years of age, and, curiously, 29 above 80 years considerably more than one quarter of the total deaths thus occurring in people above 80 years, or 273·6 per thousand. Now, is there anything exceptional in the ages of the inhabitants to account for this low death-rate? The aged and very young, among whom proportionally the mortality is highest, exist in large numbers. Within two miles of my house I know nine octogenarians, and a tenth, our parish clerk, died last week at the age of 83. In this village of Harbottle, with 120 inhabitants, there are 37 children under five years of age, and during the last twenty years no child has died, and for nearly four years no one until the case just mentioned. I may add another instance of the large proportion of children existing and their immunity from death. A farmer in this parish and his three shepherds, who have occupied their present situations nearly thirty years, have among them 47 children, and not a single death has occurred in these families. The inhabitants have abundance of plain substantial food, excellent water, good residences as a rule, and regular but not severe work in a pure bracing atmosphere, and are highly intelligent and generally abstemious. I am indebted to the Rev. A. Proctor, who has been upwards of forty years the esteemed vicar, for the corroboration of the statistics of this parish, which I have now given you."

## A ROMANTIC STORY.

A Yorkshire correspondent sends us a curious account of a rescue from drowning of a young lady, with a still more singular termination. On the 22nd ult., a young lady, the daughter of our informant, was walking along the side of the river Colne, when she fell "by the way of accident" into a deep place, and the fatal result which occurrence took place was very deep. She would most assuredly have been drowned, had not a young hero proved the lady's friendly Sweetheart, dive into the water and plunged in after her, bringing her safely to land. When her deliverer appeared at the water's edge with his fair burden, he was greeted by the hearty plaudits of numerous bystanders, who, apparently, did not care to explore the depths, of the cold water, even in quest of such a tempting prize. The young couple, very little the worse for their recent ducking, were escorted by an admiring crowd to the nearest hotel, where the hero was rewarded by being entertained at a party in honour of the happy termination of what might have been a very lamentable affair. Complimentary speeches and high encomiums were showered on the "lion of the evening." But the greatest honour of all was in store for him. The happy father, in the presence of the blushing maid-n offered him her hand and £500! This unloaded for and spontaneous act of generosity evoked general satisfaction, and the guests were considerably disappointed when the gallant rescuer, after thanking the enthusiastic parent for this kind offer, announced that, although he should be glad to meet Miss —— again as a friend, he certainly could not accept her hand. What actuated him in this decision does not appear to be known. We have been furnished with the names of all parties concerned in this dramatic affair, but the inquisitive one must be satisfied by learning that this brave youth, who refused a "hand, heart, and £500," is stated to be a resident of Tamworth.—*Birmingham Gazette.*

At Manchester a man named William Henry Thornley is in custody charged with having murdered a man named John Keeling, by kicking him during a fight between them.

A telegram from Singapore, dated Monday, reports an outbreak amongst the Chinese prisoners in the Criminal Gaol on the 13th. Superintendent Dent was mortally wounded and died on the 14th. Other warders were also wounded. Fifteen prisoners were killed and thirty-five wounded.

At a mass meeting on Monday of the strike and lock-out hands in the Dewsbury district it was resolved not to give in. Twenty-five thousand hands are out of work. A committee meeting of the Masters' Association was also held, and resolved that the proposed reduction of wages should be carried upon.

Bishop Vaughan and Good Templarism. The Bishop of Salford, in his Lenten pastoral, dated from New York, U.S., and read in all the churches and chapels of his diocese on Sunday, forbids the association of Catholics with the Order of Good Templars, and gives warning that any of his people joining the order henceforth, will be denied the sacrament of the Church. This order has taken in agreement with other bishops of the English hierarchy, on the double ground that Good Templarism is a religious association and that it is a secret society.

Bigamy at Hull.—On Monday, at the Hull Police Court, a fishermen named William Smith was charged with marrying Jane Jewison, on December 30th, 1873, his wife Elizabeth being still alive. William Smith, registrar, Buxham, proved the marriage between defendant and Elizabeth Furness, at the Baptist Chapel, Totnes, Devonshire, on the 22nd July, 1865. He knew that Elizabeth Furness was still alive, having seen her on Tuesday last. Joseph Jewison, living at 1, Spencer Street, said she became acquainted with defendant in Oct. 1873, and shortly afterwards he began to visit her as a lover. He told her he had been married, but was a widower. To convince her of the truth of that statement, he said he would show her his first wife's grave. On a Sunday shortly afterwards defendant and his daughter, together with witness, went to the Spring Bank Cemetery, where defendant showed witness a gravestone inscribed with the words, "Sacred to the memory of Mary Small, aged 24, the beloved wife of William Small." Defendant said that was his first wife's grave. After that assertion the banns were put up, and she and defendant were married at All Saints' Church, Hull, on the 30th December, 1873. Witness lived with defendant until the 19th December, 1874, when, from what she heard, she took legal proceedings. She admitted having once since her marriage had improper relations with a man named McDonald.—Defendant was committed to the Assizes for trial.

## DUCK DISPUTES.

### THE STRIKE IN THE TYNE SHIPYARDS.

On Monday the blacksmiths employed at Messrs. Palmer's shipbuilding establishment, Jarrow, also struck work with the other workmen employed in the yard a fortnight ago, have resumed work at their old terms of wages. According to a resolution passed a few days ago, the other workmen and apprentices employed in different departments of the yard have not returned to work, owing to their demands not having been met with by the masters.

A number of the blacksmiths employed at Messrs. Leslie's and Messrs. Richardson and Co.'s works, applied for work on Monday, but the first-named firm intimated that there was at present really no work for them, and by the second firm they were told that only three blacksmith were wanted.

During this suspension of operations nothing whatever has been done to widen the breach between the contending parties, but unhappily nothing has been done to bridge it over, and much valuable time is wasted in waiting to see who is to make the next move. Continued inaction will only make ultimate movement more difficult, and every day that passes increases the barrier of pride or obstinacy which is gradually making masters and men more reluctant than ever to take the first step towards peace. Hitherto the workmen have shown a disposition to concede something, if good cause were shown for concession, and it is quite possible that now, after a three week's stoppage of the shipyards, the master shipbuilders may be disposed to accept an offer of arbitration in a friendly spirit. At all events, such a proposal made by the men would be a breaking of the ice, a beginning of negotiation, and friendly discussion goes a long way to reconcile opponents when their hearts are a little softened by mutual trouble. If the workmen are quite satisfied as to the goodness of their case, they can have no reasonable objection to taking such a step. A basis of arbitration might be easily agreed upon if both parties were willing, and, at all events, the cause of a longer continuance of the struggle would rest upon those who refused the proffered hand of peace. The points raised by the carpenters could be fairly brought forward for the consideration of an umpire; the arguments of the platers and rivetters as to their non-receipt of advances during the late busy period could be reasonably urged in such a court; and the relative position of ship and house joiners would be sure to meet with due consideration at the hands of an impartial arbitrator. Common sense suggests arbitration as the means of bringing this unhappy struggle to an early conclusion, and we have reason to believe, were the men to renew their offer, that it would be accepted by the employers. The evils attending this enforced cessation of labour are so great, both to those immediately concerned and to the community, that whoever takes the first step towards reconciliation deserves and will receive the grateful thanks of the public. Should the men who have on this occasion done so once, be the first to do so again, it will do be a fresh illustration of the truth that runs through all our Northern industrial history showing the workmen ever readiest to submit trade dispute to the arbitrament of reason.—*Newcastle Daily Chronicle.*

## THE POSITION OF THE JOINERS.

A good number of the joiners on strike against the 10 per cent reductionhave succeeded in obtaining employment in the building and other trades. Those men who are fortunate enough to get employment—according to a resolution passed at one of their meetings—a per centage of wages earned to the funds of the association. The Associated Society of Joiners has promised £100 to same fund; subscription lists have also been distributed in various towns in England and Scotland, and it is expected they will be returned next week well filled with subscriptions. The whole of the subscriptions are to be devoted towards the help of the non-society men. The joiners' confidently assert that they can resist the proposed reduction of the masters for a twelvemonth at least.

## MEETING OF JOINERS IN NEWCASTLE.

On Monday night a meeting of joiners, employed in Newcastle and Gateshead, was held at the house of Mr. Lewis, the Kings' Head Inn, Blackett Street, Newcastle for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of affairs existing in the shipbuilding trade on the Tyne, respecting the joiners. A deputation of the joiners delegated from the various yards on the Tyne was received, and after several speeches had been made with regard to the position of the non-society men, a resolution was passed to the effect that the joiners of Newcastle and Gateshead help to the best of their ability the non-society men who are on strike against the 10 per cent reduction, and unable to find employment. A committee was also formed for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions on behalf of the men. A circular, asking help, will be drawn up, and copies will be forwarded to the different workshops in the two towns on Friday.

Last (Tuesday) night, a meeting of a similar character was held at the house of Mr. Brown, Mechanics' Hotel, East Street, South Shields, which was well attended, the house joiners present promising support.

## THE CHEMICAL STRIKE.

There is nothing particularly new to relate with respect to this strike, except the fact that the workmen came out from the Newcastle Chemical Works received 14s. on Monday from the fund, and single men 10s.

## REDUCTION IN THE WAGES OF BLAST FURNACEMEN.

The question of the reduction of the wages of blast furnacemen is not yet settled. The matter threatens to seriously affect other branches of the iron trade. The large firm of Messrs. Bell Brothers, Limited, Middlesborough sent the following notice to their miners in consequence of some sections of the men employed at the blast furnaces not having as yet intimated their intention to accept the terms offered to them, we are compelled to inform you we shall expect your decision on Monday next on the understanding that the hiring is for one week, and may terminate on Saturday, the 27th inst. We are desirous of being to give this notice after the prompt and straightforward way in which the miners met the owners, as shown by their secretary's telegram of the 11th inst."

## THE DURHAM MINERS.

The miners and others employed at the collieries in the neighbourhood of Coxhoe have received notice that they will be laid in. This is owing to the iron works in the vicinity of Ferryhill working on very short time.

## SINGULAR STRIKE IN CLEVELAND.

A singular strike took place on Monday at Guisborough. The boys employed in the ironstone mines of Messrs. Bolckow and Vaughan at that place, sent a deputation to the manager to ascertain to what extent they would be affected by the proposed reduction in the wages of the miners; but failing, owing to the matter having been referred to arbitration, to obtain a definite answer, they came away in a body and laid the pit idle. Nearly two hundred men were thus thrown out of work.

## LOCK-OUT OF 25,000 WOOLLEN OPERATIVES.

The principal mills engaged in the heavy woollen trade of Dewsbury and Batley were closed on Saturday, in consequence of the refusal of the weavers who are principally weavers, to accept the proposal of the masters for a reduction in wages to the extent of 10 per cent. This lock-out will affect from 25,000 to 30,000 persons. At a mass meeting of the hands on Monday, it was resolved not to give in.

## Local and General News.

Councillor Swan, of Sunderland, has been elected deputy for the North Durham district of good Templars.

The Queen has received through the Earl of Carnarvon, the war club of King Thakombau, which was in former times the symbol of sovereignty in the Fiji Islands, and which has been presented to her Majesty by the King in token of his dutiful allegiance.

Cardinal Cullen's Pastoral.—Cardinal Cullen, in his pastoral letter issued on Sunday, attributes his continued illness to his being away by the infidelity and materialism which itinerant preachers have lately been attempting to promulgate among the people. Alluding to Mr Gladstone, his eminence after acknowledging the obligations due to him for the benefits conferred by his policy upon Ireland regrets that so distinguished a statesman should have injured his own cause by alienating many of his most trusted friends, by adopting the policy of despotic statesmen in attacking the Church and the sovereign Pontiff.

Mr Hugh Mason, a Justice of the Peace at Ashton-under-Lyne, and who is an active supporter of the Liberation Society, has been served with a writ in respect of an action to be brought against him at the Manchester Assizes, to recover £500 as damages for assault and wrongful imprisonment. The writ has had its origin in a disestablishment meeting, at which some noisy supporters of the Church were summarily ejected.

The Pope's Letter.—On Sunday the Encyclical Letter of Pope Pius IX., on the Great Jubilee of 1875, was read in all the Roman Catholic churches and chapels of England. Archbishop Manning read the letter in the pro-Cathedral, Kensington. The Pope, after describing the privileges attaching to a jubilee, enters upon the history of its celebration. The first was A.D. 1300, when Pope Boniface VIII. fixed every 100th year for its recurrence. In 1350 Clement VI. appointed every 50th year, in 1389 Urban VI. reduced the period to 33 years, and in 1740 Paul II. to 25 years. After lamenting the great calamities of the church of this age, and the necessity for imploring the Divine protection, the Pope enters upon a practical advice to be faithful as to their duty in future life, and explains the plenary indulgence which can be gained at this "Great Jubilee" of the Roman Catholic Church by all Roman Catholics who fulfil the necessary conditions.

A Story of Moody and Sankey.—During the past few days the inhabitants of Liverpool who have devoted attention to the revival services by the American "Gospel Soldiers" have been considerably exercised by a statement made by Mr Moody at one of the meetings. He introduced an anecdote to the effect that a young man in Liverpool hotel had fallen down dead after retiring to bed, having to attend the services, and "worked" this incident to great effect, especially amongst the female portion of the audience. However, as the circumstance was not reported to the police, nor alluded to in the newspapers, very grave doubts arose as to its authenticity, and the public feeling found vent in a letter which appeared in one of Friday's Liverpool papers, asking for the verification of the statement from Mr Moody. Mr Sankey states that the incident did not happen in Liverpool, but that it occurred in Bishop Auckland, Durham, when they were there.

An Edinburgh Elopement Frustrated.—On Friday afternoon, a curious scene took place opposite the Register House. The facts are as follows:—A lady entered a car at Newington, seated herself near the door, and paying her fare to Leith. When the car reached the North Bridge, a gentleman, carrying a travelling bag, and accompanied by a lady, entered, stating their intention of going to Leith. No sign of recognition passed between the first lady passenger and the lady, who till the car stopped at the Register House, when the latter hurriedly tried to make his exit. The lady thereupon seized him by the collar, declaring that he was her lawful husband, and his intention was to abscond with the young woman who accompanied him, and that she had left a sick child to frustrate his intentions. He endeavoured to force his way past her, but she stood her ground firmly, smacking his face soundly, and tearing his collar and cravat. The matter ended by Arthuris being marched off in the custody of two policemen. It was conjectured that the parties were en route for the London boat. The young woman kept her seat in the car, but left it at the foot of Leith Walk, and took the road back to Edinburgh on foot.

Spare Diet.—The merits of what is popularly styled economy, or in other words a highly nitrogenised diet, are widely known; yet the hard work of the world, so far as physical exertion is concerned, is certainly performed on a limited allowance of nitrogen. Food by measured inches, whose very labour enables them to elicit the utmost amount of benefit from every ounce consumed. All who have crossed the Atlantic, on a voyage, such as that to Australia or China, must remember the keenness of appetite which succeeded to the customary nausea of sea-sickness, and which, in the case of emigrants ill-supplied with provisions, actually amounts to raging hunger. This excessive inclination for food abates after a time, although a person in perfect health still covets far more nutriment at sea than ashore; yet the rations of seamen are none of the most bountiful, while there is less of bodily ailment among the mixed companies of the forecastle than among the officers, who naturally receive an unlimited supply of food. The French soldier's rations have of late been slightly increased, but for years past the ordinary ration served as a standard, which was adopted as one fit to maintain the health at the average rate of health and strength to be found among the French peasantry. Half a pound, or in round numbers, eight and a half ounces of beef, with vegetables, furnish the soldier with two meals of porridge, which represent his breakfast and dinner, and which, with a pound and a half, or say about 27 ounces, of bread, constitute his whole sustenance. This dietary compares unfavourably with that of the English private, with his 12 ounces of meat; but, since the introduction of the French army has been, theoretically at least, manned on principles of strict economy. To young men of the poorest class from the poorest districts, such as Poitou, the Landes, or Dauphiny, this nourishment represents comparative abundance. The young man, from infancy, has been better used to chesnut than bread, or whose ordinary dinner has consisted of rye-meal porridge, as in the Solonge, or of cabbage soup, as in Morbihan, is contented with a treatment beneath the colours, while the French-Fleming, or large-limbed Norman, finds it hard to reconcile himself to the pittance granted by the State. Yet, as a rule, the health of the troops maintains itself at a fair average, when contrasted with that of the civil population in time of peace, while that of the Prussian privates (whose bread ration is smaller than that of the French, but with whom the deficiency is supplied by a larger weight of potatoes) is considerably above that of the rest of the people of the country.—*All the Year Round.*

## Business Announcements.

WILLIAM BELL,
AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION AGENT,
CONSETT.

AGENT for the GRESHAM LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, and the WESTMINSTER FIRE OFFICE. 6571

MRS. CHRISTOPHER,
*NORTH-HASTLEY HOTEL*
(Near Benfieldside Station, Blackhill),

BEGS to return her sincere thanks for the liberal support accorded to her late husband and self, and respectfully intimates that she continues to LET OUT HORSES and CONVEYANCES on HIRE at moderate terms.

☞ All Orders left at the above Address punctually attended to.

Funerals completely Furnished. 6582

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WM. MIDDLEMASS,
Sole Agent for
WM. WHITELAW AND SON,
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Fisher-row, Edinburgh.
THE CITY OF DUBLIN BREWERY CO.
(Limited),
Blackpits, Dublin.
ROBERTSON, SANDERSON, AND CO.,
Distillery Agents and Wine Importers,
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HAS REMOVED
To more Extensive Premises,
CENTRAL BUILDINGS,
151, WESTGATE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

WILLIAM JENKINS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
*CONFECTIONER, BAKER, &c.,*
MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT,

RESPECTFULLY intimates that he now Manufactures on the Premises all kinds of FRUIT,
SEED,
And RICE CAKES,
Of superior quality.

☞ BRIDES' CAKES made to Order, plain or ornamented Icing, from 1s. 6d. to 2s. per pound.

DRY AND BOILED GOODS not to be equalled for quality, at the lowest Market prices.

The greatest variety of SUGAR TOYS in the North of England.

All Orders punctually attended to.

PLEASE TO OBSERVE THE ADDRESS—
WILLIAM JENKINS,
MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT.

COMPLETION OF STOCK-TAKING.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN,
*GENERAL DRAPERS,*

BEG to announce that they have just completed Stock-taking, and take this opportunity of thanking the Inhabitants of the District for the very liberal support rendered them during the year 1874, and now have great pleasure in intimating that, according to their usual custom, they will inaugurate the Commercial Year of 1875, with a

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE,
Offering their present Stock at an
IMMENSE REDUCTION,

In order to effect an immediate Clearance. They, therefore, deem it needless to say that for Cheap Goods this Sale shall not only be equal to, but shall surpass, any of its predecessors.

Sale for Twenty-one Days, commencing on FRIDAY, February 6th, 1875.

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SLATER'S
CONDIMENT FOR CATTLE
Is a Compound of highly Nutritious Substances
And Aromatic Spices.

SLATER'S CONDIMENT FOR CATTLE
Will tempt the Appetite and stimulate Digestion.
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Will cause MILK COWS to produce more and richer Milk.
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Will cause marvellous results in SHEEP and CALVES.
SLATER'S CONDIMENT FOR CATTLE
Will keep all ANIMALS in a Healthy, Regular State, and make them able to withstand Disease.

Made by SLATER BROTHERS,
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In Penny Packets, 12s. per Box of 1 Gross Packets.
In ½, 1, and 1 Cwt. Bags, 28s. per Cwt.

AGENT—GEORGE MATTHEWS, BENFIELDSIDE STATION, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 6606

Paris Gold Medal, 1867.
On Parle Toutes Langues. Hier Spricht Man Duetsch.

MONSIEUR LEON AND COMPANY,
Late with Mons. Lespece, 25, Boulevard de Italiens, Paris,
THE LARGEST HAIR CUTTING SALOONS
In the North of England,
No. 17, GRAINGER STREET WEST,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

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SCALE OF CHARGES:—

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| Hair Cutting and Brushing by Steam | 6d. |
| GENTLEMEN. | |
| Hair Cutting and Brushing | 6d. |
| Hair Curling | 6d. |
| Hair Singeing | 6d. |
| Hair Shampooing | 6d. |
| LADIES. | |
| Hair Cutting | 1s. |
| Hair Singeing | 1s. |
| Hair Shampooing | 1s. |
| Hair Curling and Crimping | 1s. |
| Hair Dressing | 1s. |

☞ Private Room for Ladies. Ladies waited upon at their own residences. No extra charge. Ladies' own Combings made up to any style.

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| Making Coil Chignon | 6s. 0d. |
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Only five minutes walk from the Central Station.

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GREAT

ANNUAL

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SALE!

PREVIOUS TO

STOCK-TAKING!!!

The Sale will commence

*ON SATURDAY NEXT,*

WHEN SOME MOST

WONDERFUL BARGAINS

WILL BE OFFERED.

EUROPEAN SEWING MACHINE CO.,
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WINNERS OF ELEVEN PRIZE MEDALS.

HIGHEST HONOURS OBTAINED AT THE VIENNA EXHIBITION.

SOLE AGENT FOR CONSETT AND DISTRICT,
JOHN POTTS,
*DRAPER, &c.,*
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

IN connection with the above Agency, J. P. is prepared to SUPPLY all the different classes of MACHINES made by the EUROPEAN and COVENTRY MACHINE CO.

No. 0 MACHINE, guaranteed to Sew the Finest and all required in a Family .....6½ Guineas.

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No. 5 CABINET MACHINE, from....12 Guineas.

No. 6 CABINET MACHINE, Walnut, Rosewood, &c. .....16 Guineas.

No. 7 HEAVY MACHINE, for Tailoring, highly recommended .....9 Guineas.

THE SPEEDY, ONE-THREAD, HAND MACHINE, complete, and quite noiseless .....55s.

THE LITTLE RAPID KNITTING MACHINE, complete .....6 Guineas.

Also, several SECOND-HAND MACHINES, of various makes, will be SOLD CHEAP.

MACHINES LET OUT ON HIRE, on Terms that make the Machine eventually become the Property of the Hirer.

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OF

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WORTH OF

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REMNANTS.

AT LITTLE MORE THAN HALF THEIR ORIGINAL PRICE.

N.B.—REMEMBER THE SALE IS NOW GOING ON AND WILL ONLY BE CONTINUED A FEW DAYS.

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Established 1844. 6357

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ARTIFICIAL TEETH, with all the most recent improvements, natural in appearance, comfort for articulation, whilst accurateness of fit and finest quality of material are guaranteed on moderate terms.

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Teeth from 5s. to 15s.; Sets from £4 to £15.

OPENING OF A NEW WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SPIRIT STORE IN VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

JAMES DONNELLY

BEGS to inform his Friends and the Public generally that he has OPENED a Wholesale and Retail SPIRIT STORE, in Victoria Street, Consett, and, by keeping SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKEYS and other SPIRITS of Good Quality, he hopes to obtain their patronage and support.

SUPERIOR WATCHES, SHIP CHRONOMETERS, ENGLISH AND FRENCH CLOCKS.

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| Silver Patent Lever Watches .... | 3 | 10 | 0 | to 27 | 0 | 0 |
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| Geneva Silver Watches..... | 2 | 2 | 0 | to 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Geneva Gold Watches ..... | 5 | 5 | 0 | to 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Ship Chronometers ..... | 27 | 0 | 0 | to 40 | 0 | 0 |

LISTER AND SONS,
*WATCHMAKERS TO THE QUEEN,*
*CHRONOMETER MAKERS TO THE ADMIRALTY,*
12, 14, & 16, MOSLEY STREET, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. 592a

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NORTHUMBERLAND MACHINERY DEPOT,
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BEGS to return thanks to his Friends and the Public for their kind patronage and support during the last Fifteen Years he has been in Business, and trusts, that by his constant exertion and attention to the claims of his Customers and Friends, to merit a continuance of their favours. G. Y., having laid-in a large Stock of the best Brands of

WINES AND SPIRITS,

Is now prepared to compete with any house in the trade for Quality, Flavour, and Price.

LIST OF PRICES.
SPIRITS.
Brandy, from 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per Bottle.
Whiskeys (Irish), from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per Bottle.
Whiskeys (Scotch), from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per Bottle.
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BURTON AND EDINBURGH ALES.
Burton Ales at 4s. 6d. per Dozen Quarts.
Burton Ales at 3s. per Dozen Pints.
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Edinburgh Ales at 2s. 3d. per Dozen Pints.
LONDON AND DUBLIN STOUT.
London Stout at 4s. per Dozen Quarts.
London Stout at 2s. 3d. per Dozen Pints.
Dublin Stout at 5s. per Dozen Quarts.
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BY using WILKINSON'S WASHING SOLUTION your Washing can be done in half the time without either Boiling or Rubbing.—Sold in Bottles, at Threepence each, by all respectable grocers.

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WINES, SPIRITS, AND ALES
OF THE FINEST QUALITY,
GO TO
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WINE AND SPIRIT STORES,
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AND
DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL.

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JOHN TAIT AND SON,
*WATCH AND CLOCKMAKERS,*
307, VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT,
AND

BEG to return thanks to the Inhabitants of Consett and its Vicinity for the liberal support they have received since they have resided amongst them, and hope by civility and strict attention to business, to still merit a share of their patronage. J. T. & S. beg to remind them that all kinds of ENGLISH and FOREIGN WATCHES and CLOCKS are Repaired and Cleaned on the premises under their own supervision; and any Orders they may be favoured with will be done in a workmanlike style, at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms.

Orders from the Country punctually attended to.

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Finest Indian Tea Imported, 4s. per lb. 6235

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BEGS to inform the Public of Blackhill and surrounding district that he has commenced BUSINESS on his own account as
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AT 18, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL,
And hopes by strict attention to Business to receive a share of Public support.

N.B.—A large and varied Assortment of PAPER-HANGINGS always on hand.

IMPROVED CONCRETE FLOORING.

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JOHN MADDISON,
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RESPECTFULLY returns his sincere thanks to the inhabitants of Dipton and surrounding district for the liberal support accorded to him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to intimate that he has now on hand

SPIRITS OF THE FINEST QUALITY,
Which he purposes to dispose of at the following moderate rates:—

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| Fine Gin, superior quality, ..... | 2s. 6d. per bot. |
| Real Irish Whisky, ..... | 2s. 6d. and 3s. „ „ |
| Fine Scotch Whisky, 2s. 3d., 2s. 6d., & 3s. | „ „ |
| Superior Rum ..... | 2s. 3d. and 2s. 6d. „ „ |
| Excellent Brandy 3s. 6d., and the very best quality ..... | 4s. 6d. „ „ |

☞ A trial is respectfully solicited.

A FEW FACTS WORTH SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THAT our INDIAN TEA, at Four Shillings per pound, is really first-class.

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That our NEW CURRANTS, at Fourpence per pound, are beautifully cleaned by patent machinery and ready for use.

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JAMES LAKE, PROPRIETOR. 374

TODD'S QUININE WINE
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PURITY AND STRENGTH.

It is the best known remedy for Indigestion, Nervous Complaints, Debility, Wasting Diseases, &c., and is recommended by the Faculty.

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MR. R. C. WHINFIELD,
*ELECTRO-RUBBER,*
*HEALTH-RESTORER, AND DROPSY-CURER,*
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BEGS to announce to the Public that at the earnest solicitation of many friends he has commenced the practice of Electro-Rubber and in addition Mr. W. would also call attention to his successful treatment—authenticated by many grateful patients—of the following diseases:—Wind and Dry Scurvy, Gravel, Ulcers, Swellings, Scalds and Burns, Built Breasts, Headaches, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Sciatic, Carbuncles, Diarrhœa, Whitlows, Coughs, Colds, Sore Throats, Bronchitis, Asthma, Consumption, Inflammation, Ring Worms, Scrofula, Erysipelas, Wool Fire, &c. Having made arrangements to visit Benfieldside once a week, Mr. Whinfield hereby intimates that he purposes to be at Mr. JOHN RICHLEY'S, mason, 18, Concrete Terrace, Benfieldside, on THURSDAY, from 11 a.m. til 5 p.m.; and at Mrs. ROBSON'S, Sherburn Terrace, Consett, on FRIDAY, from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m., until further alterations, for consultation.

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JOSHUA LAX,
*FURNISHING IRONMONGER,*
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BEGS leave to call attention to a large Stock of CRYSTAL PERISCOPIC AND EUREKA SPECTACLES and EYE GLASSES, just received, unequalled by any for their strengthening and preserving qualities. Too much cannot be said as to their Superiority over the ordinary Glasses worn. There is no glimmering, wavering of the sight, dizziness, or other unpleasant sensation, but on the contrary, from the perfect construction of the Lenses, they are soothing and pleasant, causing a feeling of relief to the wearer, and producing a Clear and Distinct Vision, as in the Healthy Sight. They Preserve as well as Assist the Sight.

To those who are in want of an excellent SEWING MACHINE, J. L. begs to call their attention to the Singer, Family, Medium, and Tailoring Machines, for which he has the sole agency for this district. Sold on the installment system or a liberal discount allowed for cash.

Rimington Mangles, the HOME WASHER (never beaten in competition), and Taylor's Patent Sewing Machines, supplied on the best terms.

September 20th 1874.

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☞ Coals Led and Furniture Removed on moderate terms.
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SECOND YEAR OF ATTENDANCE AT CONSETT.
ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

MR. L. MARKHAM, Surgeon Dentist, attends Consett *every* MONDAY, at Mr. BENNISON'S, Victoria Hotel, from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. Persons who have been imposed upon by unskilled pretenders to Dentistry may have their Artificial Teeth Remodelled, and made to Fit the Mouth, thus causing true comfort and mastication.
TOWN ADDRESS—40, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET, Established 1832. 6630

CLEARANCE SALE.

GEORGE RICHARDSON,
*DRAPER,*
SHOTLEY BRIDGE,
INTIMATES to his numerous Friends and Customers that he is going to have a Ten Days' CLEARANCE SALE of all his present Stock, before visiting the Markets, to make room for New Goods. All his present Stock, which has been bought at the best possible value, on account of the depressed state of the Markets, will be offered at a very great reduction, comprising the best and every description of DRAPERY. The whole will be re-marked at *prices to command a speedy clearance.*

N.B.—The Sale is for Cash only, all Goods to be Paid for at the time of Purchase.

Sale to commence on WEDNESDAY, February 24th, and to end on SATURDAY, March 6th.
The Shop will open at 8 o'clock and will close at 7 o'clock during the week. ON SATURDAY the Shop will close at 9 o'clock punctually. 6620

## Public Notices.

THAT Pedigree BOAR of the Middle White Breed, "Hero," will Serve SOWS at BLACK HEDLEY. Fee, Five Shillings. 6614

LOOK OUT for the Juvenile Templars' FRUIT BANQUET, on MONDAY, February 22nd, 1875, in the GLASS' ROOM, Gibson Street, Consett. 6612

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the GAME over the Estates of Priestfield, Lintz Green, and Loft House, are strictly PRESERVED. Anyone found Trespassing will be prosecuted according to law. 8314

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a MEETING will be held at the House of Mrs. BIRTLEY, Red Lion Inn, Dipton, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1875, at 7 p.m., to make final arrangements for the School accommodation in the Township, when all Ratepayers are most urgently requested to attend.
JOHN URWIN, Overseer.
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CHRIST CHURCH, CONSETT.
COMPLETION OF THE ORGAN.

ON SUNDAY, February 28th, 1875, SPECIAL SERVICES will be held, in the Morning at Half-past Ten, and in the Evening at Half-past Six o'clock.
Subject of Evening Sermon:—"The use of Church Music." 6637

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the YEARLY MEETING of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, on TUESDAY, March 2nd, 1875, at Twelve o'clock at Noon.
The Report and Accounts for the Half-year ending December 31st, 1874, will be submitted to the Meeting, and a Dividend declared out of the Profits.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed preceding the above Meeting.
By Order,
ROBERT DICKINSON, Chairman.
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
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BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

TIMES and Places appointed for Registration, and approved by the Registrar General, for the Sub-District of Tanfield, viz:—
Every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY, from Eight o'clock to Ten o'clock a.m., at the REGISTRAR'S Dwelling-house, Stanley.
First TUESDAY in every Month, from Ten o'clock to Eleven o'clock a.m., at Mr. JOSEPH IRWIN'S, Catchgate.
First TUESDAY in every Month, from Twelve o'clock noon to One o'clock p.m., at Mrs. BIRTLEY'S, Dipton.
First THURSDAY in every Month, from Two o'clock to Three o'clock p.m., at Mrs. ADAMSON'S, Burnopfield.
GEORGE RIDLEY, Registrar.
Stanley, January 1st, 1875.

NOTICE.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

THE following places and times have been appointed by the Registrar for the requirements of Registration:—
First TUESDAY in each Month, at Mrs CHRISTOPHER'S, Blackhill, from Nine a.m. to Eleven a.m.
First TUESDAY in each Month, at the LOCAL BOARD-ROOM, Consett, from Twelve noon to Two p.m.
First TUESDAY in each Month, at Mr LAIDLOW'S, 119, Leadgate, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mrs MARY ROBSON'S, Medomsley, from Nine a.m. to Ten a.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mr STOKER'S, Westwood Colliery, from Eleven a.m. to Two p.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mr WILLIAM CHARLTON'S, Ebchester Hill, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
Second TUESDAY in each Month, at Mr WALTON'S, Castleside, from Two p.m. to Four p.m.
First FRIDAY in each Month, at Mr WILSON'S, Satley, from One p.m. to Three p.m.
Second FRIDAY in each Month, at Mr THOMAS HUNTER'S, Annfield Plain Wood Cottages, from Ten a.m. to Twelve noon.
Third MONDAY in each Month, at Mr JACKSON'S, National School, Holmside, from Eleven a.m. to One p.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr THOMAS WAGGOTT'S, Hill Top, from Eight a.m. to Ten a.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr COCKERILL'S, Quebec, from Eleven a.m. to One p.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr SIDDELL'S, Old Cornsay, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
At my OFFICE, Lanchester, on WEDNESDAYS, from Eleven a.m. to Four p.m.; and SATURDAYS, from Eleven a.m. to Four p.m.
It is now compulsory for all persons to attend on the Registrar under pain of prosecution.
JOHN JAMES THOMPSON,
Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Sub-district of Lanchester.

## Public Notices.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, LANCHESTER.

ON SATURDAY, February 20th, 1875, a LECTURE will be delivered in the WESLEYAN CHAPEL, LANCHESTER, by the Rev. W. ANTLIFF, D.D. Subject: "The Signs of the Times." Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock in the Evening, by Mr. JOHN BUCKMAN.
Admission Tickets—Front Seats, One Shilling; Back do., Sixpence each. Entrance to Front Seats by the Vestry Door.
On SUNDAY, February 21st, TWO SERMONS will be preached in the same place of worship—in the After-noon at Two, and in the Evening at Six o'clock, by the Rev. W. ANTLIFF, D.D.
A Collection at each Service in aid of the Trust Fund.

NOTICE.

COUNTY OF DURHAM.
WEST DIVISION OF CHESTER WARD.
LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION.

ON THURSDAY, the 11th day of March, 1875, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, and on every ALTERNATE THURSDAY thereafter, at the same hour,
PETTY SESSIONS
For this Division, will be held at the LOCAL BOARD-ROOM, CONSETT, for all Petty Sessional Business, including the Criminal Justice Act, 18 and 19 Victoria, Chapter 126; the Juvenile Offenders' Act, 10 and 11 Victoria, Chapter 82; and the Act for Prevention of Poaching, 25 and 26 Victoria, Chapter 114.

On the remaining THURSDAYS, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon,
PETTY SESSIONS
For this Division, will be held at the COURT-HOUSE, LANCHESTER, for all the above purposes, as heretofore.
By Order of the Justices for the County of Durham,
JOHN WATSON, Clerk.
Acting in and for the Lanchester Petty Sessional Division.
Dated this 18th day of February, 1875.
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THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT,
Lessee, ....., Mr. EDWARD FIELDING.

[LICENSED TO PLAY THE PIECES OF THE DRAMATIC AUTHORS' SOCIETY.]

ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1875,
And during the week.
FITZGERALD FAMILY
(Three in Number),
In their Original Sketches.
MARK FLOYD,
Impersonator of Female Characters.
MR. W. BARNS,
Comedian.
MR. MATTHEW WALTON,
With his Performing Dogs and Monkeys.
MISS FANNY WATSON,
Characteristic Vocalist.
MR. AND MRS. ROBINSON,
Duologists.
☞ On FRIDAY, February 26, a COAL SCOUT, worth a Guinea, will be given away.
Mr. FIELD, Violinist. Miss FLORENCE, Pianist.
ADMISSION—Front Seats, 1s.; Pit, 6d.; Gallery, 4d.

OPENING OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST NEW CHAPEL AND SCHOOL-ROOM, LEADGATE.

ON SUNDAY, February 28th, SERMONS will be preached—in the Morning at Half-past Ten and in the Evening at Six o'clock, by the Rev. J. MCKINNEY, of Pelsley; and in the Afternoon at Two o'clock, by the Rev. T. SOUTHRON.
On SATURDAY, February 27th, there will be a PUBLIC TEA at Four o'clock in the Afternoon; after which, a PUBLIC MEETING will be held, when Addresses will be delivered by Miss MCKINNEY, Revs. T. SOUTHRON and J. FEATHERSTONE, Messrs. G. HAWDON, and R. BROWN, and other Gentlemen. Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock, by W. RAW, Esq. Tea Tickets, One Shilling each.
On MONDAY, March 1st, Miss MCKINNEY will deliver one of her POPULAR LECTURES. Subject: "Gideon, the Mighty Man of Valour." Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock, by G. HAWDON, Esq. Tickets, Sixpence each.
On SUNDAY, March 7th, SERMONS will be preached—in the Morning at Half-past Ten and in the Evening at Six o'clock, by the Rev. J. WELFORD; and in the Afternoon at Two o'clock, by the Rev. A. EDMAN, Wesleyan Minister.
On MONDAY, March 8th, the Rev. J. WELFORD will deliver a LECTURE on "Parisians." Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock, by J. DORMAND, Esq. Tickets, Sixpence each.
On SUNDAY, March 14th, SERMONS will be preached—in the Morning at Half-past Ten and in the Evening at Six o'clock, by the Rev. A. LATTIMER; and in the Afternoon at Two o'clock, by the Rev. H. GIBSON, Wesleyan Minister.
On SATURDAY, March 13th, the Rev. A. LATTIMER will deliver a LECTURE. Subject: "Christianity: a Power Irresistible and Invincible." Tickets, Sixpence each. Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock, by J. ROBINSON, Esq., of South Shields. Tickets, Sixpence each.
Collections will be taken on behalf of the Building Fund.
Tickets—for the Tea and Lectures—to be had of Messrs. T. FLEMING, T. ROWE, G. HAWDON, G. ROBSON, W. ROGERSON, and D. WHEATLEY, Leadgate; W. WESTGARTH, Carrhouse; and of the Members of the Society. 6627

## To Lend.

LOANS AND MORTGAGES.
MONEY to LEND, in sums of £50 and upwards, on personal Security, at five per cent. per annum Interest, repayable in one or seven years.
Also several sums upon Mortgages of Freeholds and Leaseholds from 3½ per cent. Terms 10 to 21 years. No commission charged.
Apply to Messrs BEVAN, No. 10, Lincoln's-inn Fields, London, W.C. personally (preferred) or by letter.
N.B.—Interest is payable half-yearly, and is not required in advance. 6362

## To Let.

TO LET, FURNISHED APARTMENTS.—Apply at MEDOMSLEY HALL, Shotley Bridge.

TO LET, for Good Templar or Miners' Meetings, Sales, &c., the ODDFELLOWS HALL, Annfield Plain.—Apply to Mr. JOSEPH AMBLER, Wood Cottages, Annfield Plain. 6632

TO LET, and may be entered, on MAY-DAY next, a HOUSE and SHOP, situate at SHEBURN TERRACE, CONSETT.—Apply to J. ROUTLEDGE, Benfieldside, or to THOMAS JOHNSON, Tow Law.

TO LET, for Lectures, Concerts, Sales, &c., the TEMPLARS' HALL, MEDOMSLEY.—Apply to Mr WILLIAM ROBINSON, Grocer, Medomsley.

TO BE LET, and entered on the 13th day of May, 1875, DRIVER HOUSE FARM, in the Parish of Lanchester, County of Durham, containing about 195 Acres of Arabland Pasture Land.—For Particulars apply to Mr. G. HARDY, Hall Farm, Consett. 6640

TO BE LET, and entered upon immediately, all that FARM, consisting of 41 Acres of Land, 11 Acres, of which are Old Grass, with FARMHOUSE and usual OUT-BUILDINGS, called TINKLER HILL, situate at Shotley Bridge. The Bailiff (G. CRESSWELL) will show the Premises, and further Particulars may be had of Mr. JOHN BOOTH, Solicitor, Shotley Bridge, who will receive Tenders up to the 10th March. The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. 6639

## Found.

FOUND, at GREENCROFT COTTAGES, on the 6th inst., a WHITE POODLE DOG: Anyone can have the same by applying to P. SPROATS, and paying expenses. If not claimed in seven days, will be sold.

## Contracts.

TENDERS are invited for the several Works required in the ERECTION of a Five-roomed DWELLING HOUSE, &c., at Annfield Plain, Co. Durham, for Mr. JOHN FORSTER SMITH.
Drawings, Specifications, &c., may be inspected on application to the undersigned, by whom Tenders will be received not later than February 23rd, 1875.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
JOHN SMITH & SON, Architects.
Town Hall, Shotley Bridge,
Feb. 4th, 1875. 6596

## For Sale.

FOR SALE, TEN PIGS (Fourteen Weeks old), of an excellent Breed.—Apply to J. PARKINS, Rowlands Gill Station. 6624

FOR SALE, SIX COTTAGES, at ANNFIELD PLAIN.—For Particulars, apply to THOS. LAMB, Stationer, Annfield Plain. 6615

FOR SALE, an Excellent DONKEY (never been used), five years old.—Apply at HURBUCK FARM, near Lanchester. 6605

FOR SALE, 50 CONSETT WATER SHAKES (New Issue).—Apply to Mr JOSEPH HOWARD, Railway Terrace, Benfieldside.

FOR SALE, the GOOD-WILL of Half-an-acre of Garden GROUND at CONSETT.—For Price and Particulars, apply to Mr. JOSEPH HOWARD, Blackhill.

HAY FOR SALE.

PRIME NEW LAND HAY, at EBCHESTER STATION.—Apply to W JAMESON, Ebchester. 6622

FOR SALE, a Low-wheeled CONVEYANCE, made like a Basket Carriage, very suitable for an invalid. Price low. Also, a Good WOOD STABLE.—Apply to Mr. JOSEPH HOWARD Blackhill. 6618

## Sales by Auction.

**Mr. W. Nicholson.**

VIEWLY HILL, NEAR TOW LAW.

MR. NICHOLSON is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, February 24, 1875, the whole of the FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., belonging the late MATTHEW THOMPSON, comprising 3 Draught Horses; 1 Brown Colt, 5 years old; 8 Cows, calving and to calve; 15 One and Two-year old Steers and Heifers; 30 Prime Fat Hogs; 33 Grey-faced Hogs; 4 Shot Pigs; 1 Fat Pig; with the whole of the Farm Implements, Dairy Utensils, &c.
Sale at One o'clock p.m. promptly. 6636

**By Mr Joseph Oley.**

SALE AT CASTLESIDE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at CASTLESIDE, on SATURDAY, February 20th, 1875, all the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE belonging to the late Mrs. FRANCES FEATHERSTONE, deceased,
MR. JOSEPH OLEY, Auctioneer,
Comprising Kitchen Press; Chest and Frame, with three Drawers; Dock Clock; American Clock; 2 Tea Tables, 1 Kitchen Table; 6 Kitchen Chairs; 1 Windsor Arm Chair; 1 Four-poled Bedstead, with Mattress and Hangings; 1 Camp-do.; 1 Feather Bed; 3 Bed-ticks; 2 Beds; Quilts; Blankets; Sheets; Pillows and Bolsters; 2 large Chests; 3 Looking Glasses; Set of China; Glass and Earthen Ware; Brass and other Candlesticks; Fenders and Fireirons; Metal Pans; Tea Kettle; Griddle and Frying Pan; Table Knives and Forks; Washing Tubs; and other requisites.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 6625

IVESTON.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY has been honoured with instructions from Mr. ROBERT DAWSON, who is leaving the Neighbourhood, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at IVESTON, on MONDAY, February 22nd, 1875, all the whole of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising Mahogany 4-Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Centre Table; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; a valuable Eight-day Clock, in Mahogany Case; Half-Tester Maple Bedstead and Mattress; Iron Bedstead and Mattress; Dressing Table and Washstand; Chest of Bed-room Drawers, painted Maple; Mantlepiece Mirror; Swing Dressing Glass; Chest and Frame; Kitchen Table; Sundry Table; 2 Arm Chairs; Rocking Arm Chair; 3 Kitchen Chairs; a number of Valuable Pictures and Mantlepiece Ornaments; Moderator and Paraffin Lamp; Sitting-room Fender and Fireirons; Kitchen Fender and Fireirons; Dinner, Tea, and other Ware; with all the Cooking Utensils; Pots Tub and Stuff, &c.
Also, an excellent SINGER'S SEWING MACHINE, in good-working order.
Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

## Wanted.

WANTED, immediately, CANVASSERS for the Pearl Life Assurance Company (Limited).—Apply to J. BRIGGS, 23, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

WANTED, at the February term, a SHOP in a good situation at Stanley.—Address Mr. THOMAS CRESSWELL, Middle Street, Consett.

WANTED, Respectable GIRLS, for Comfortable Situations in Town and Country.—Apply at Miss ATKINSON'S, Register Office, 14, Bensham Road, Gateshead.

WANTED to Rent, from next MAY or August Term a Six or Eight-Roomed HOUSE, either Furnished, or Unfurnished, in the neighbourhood of Shotley Bridge or Ebchester.—Address B. B. S., *Guardian* Office, Consett.

WANTED—A Fire Insurance Company (NOT CONNECTED with the TARIFF COMBINATION, and consequently giving great facilities to Agents in procuring business, as well as solid advantages to Insurers) is desirous of appointing additional AGENTS on liberal terms. Active men of business are invited to apply to C. C., 1, East Parade, Leeds.

TO GENTLEMEN OUT OF POSITION in Connect and District.—A vacancy having occurred, Mr. FIELDING is prepared to appoint a Gentleman to SOLICIT ORDERS for WINES and SPIRITS, including the famous Wines and Brandies of the late EMPEROR NAPOLEON, salary commencing £150 per annum; also a liberal commission.—Application, with references and testimonials to Mr. FIELDING, Denbigh Hall Old Jewry, London. 6633

CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

WANTED, Purchasers, at Current Prices, for—
25 Original Shares.
90 Shares of the First Issue of New Capital.
80 Shares of the Second Issue of New Capital.
47 Shares of the Third Issue of New Capital.
47 Shares of the Fourth Issue of New Capital.
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All paid up excepting the Fourth Issue, upon which £4 per share is paid.
Apply to WILLIAM RICHARDSON, 48, South Street, Durham. 6643

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

DISTRICT OF LEADGATE.

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS WANTED.

THE above-named Board will, on the 10th day of March next, proceed to the ELECTION of a SURVEYOR of HIGHWAYS for the District and excluded part of Medomsley Township. Length of Highways, about 26 miles. Joint Salary, £47 per annum.—Applications, marked "Surveyor," must be sent to me, not later than MONDAY, the 8th day of March next, at Twelve o'clock noon.
By Order,
M. COUPLAND, Clerk.
Westwood House, Shotley Bridge,
February 18th, 1875. 6641

# The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1875.

## Local and District News.

BERWICK.—On Saturday evening last, the members of the late Witton Gilbert Good Templar Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Miller, of Consett, gave a concert in the Grammar School, Burnhope. The programme, which comprised a number of the Jubilee hymns and temperance pieces, was well gone through, and the singers were frequently applauded.

MR. HORACE CHESTER AT TOWN LAW BRIDGE.—An entertainment was given on Wednesday evening last, in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, by Mr. Horace Chester, entitled "Broad Grins." The entertainment consisted of various sketches, which were adorably sustained by Mr. Chester. Owing, probably, to the inclemency of the weather, the audience was small, but at each impersonation they showed by the manner in which they applauded that his efforts to amuse them were appreciated to the utmost. The entertainment is well styled "Broad Grins," as even the most stolid could not but relax their countenances at each endeavour to amuse them.

PIGEON SHOOTING.—A pigeon shooting match came off on Saturday, at Redwell Hills, near Leadgate, between Thomas Walton, of Medomsley, and William Todd, of Annfield Plain, at 25 birds each, with 1½ oz. of shot, 21 yards rise, and 60 fall, for £25 a-side. There was a strong breeze, and the birds were excellent. The betting at the start was 5 and 6 to 4 on Todd to any amount, and relief at 2½ and 3 to 1 on the pair. Mr. Oliver officiated as referee, and Mr. Wm. Robson, of Colliery Dykes, acted as umpire for Todd, and Henry Hayne, of Winlaton, acted for Walton. The following is the score:—Todd, 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1

## DEBT.

DEBTS and DEBT are said to be the two besetting sins of the working classes. The burden of the first, until recently, has been actually laid upon the shoulders of the middle classes, but within the past few years the male drunkards has become so rampant that the debasing habit can no longer exclusively be applied to their lords. The second D, on the other hand, belongs more particularly to the females. Most of the wives become the chancellors of the exchequer. Barring the publican's debt, which is one of *honour!!* they usually have the laying out of the weekly or fortnightly income, and the incurring of debt comes thus more especially into their hands. They have to find the daily bread, and in the doing of it are too frequently allured into the channels of the debtor. This is no doubt very wrong. "Debt," says the immaculate well-to-do lady or gentleman who never knew what it was to want a dinner,—"Debt! Why do the working classes go into debt? It is sheer folly in people with so scanty incomes to burden themselves with it, when they can have so little hope of honourably meeting their engagements. Nay, it is highly unwise and reckless to be emphatically condemned." Most true, madam or sir, poor people have no business to run into debt; it were better, perhaps, that a few hundreds or even thousands of them should starve than offend either the moral or social proprieties. Dr. Johnson's savage reply to the poverty-stricken is at your hand ready for use, but before you apply it let me ask you, madam, how many good serviceable bonnets you have cast aside simply at the behest of fashion. You have but to look into your hat-box to consider it necessary to clothe yourself after the manner of some puppet or puppets who deem dress the end of existence, and you would be scandalised if told by any plain spoken member of the working classes to go to church with a bonnet on one degree more out of fashion. The bare idea of such a thing is enough to put you into hysterics. You must be respectable, and respectability consists so much in mere fashionable clothing, that you dare not venture to put a bonnet on your head while your neighbours hang theirs down their backs! Now it unfortunately happens that it is just about as fashionable for working people to get into debt as it is for you to change your headgear, my fine lady. When a young couple set out to hunt the tradesmen's little pass-books are considered as much a necessity as the tables and chairs, and many, very many, just think it as absurd to attempt to do without them as you would do to go without your summer bonnet. This is no doubt very wrong and very absurd, but it cannot be denied that many of the poor women have more grievous temptation to incur the ire of their future than you do have to run into expense for the sake of fashion. An empty larder, and the voices that are most dear to you on earth pitiously calling to you for bread, are arguments few mothers' hearts can resist, and it takes a much firmer nerve to withstand the temptations of debt under such circumstances than any one who has never experienced it can imagine. Indeed the whole lives of a goodly number of the mothers of the working classes are a constant study of the puzzle how to make one shilling do the work of two. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, with a deficit in his budget, has an easy task compared with theirs. His short coming is but casual and at worst, but yearly. Theirs chronic and continually, and the scheming and planning, and the clipping and paring required to make ends come within sight of each other are such as would appal Mr. Gladstone himself. Keats, in his preface to his "Endymion," tells us "there is no greater bill than failure in a great attempt," but what would he have said if he had experienced failures in all his attempts? Before Johnie's toes can be covered from the frost Polly's frock is past all human hands to remedy, and before it can be replaced the bottom of the flour bin is bare and the means of replenishing it gone; so that, with all the scheming and paring the poor woman falls back into the old rut, and is driven to distraction to obtain the very necessaries of life. That this is the condition of many there is no doubt, and while it ought to disarm the high-handed and sweeping condemnation which, Pecksniffing-like, dismisses the difficulty by telling us they ought not to get into debt, it must be admitted that much—very much—of the poverty which afflicts so many is traceable to the habit of contracting debt. The root of the evil lies in the moral obliquity with which debt is regarded. Instead of looking upon it as a thing at all hazards to be avoided, instead of eschewing it with a holy horror, it is accepted as a necessity at the very outset, and the mind gets so familiarised with it that all the moral training which otherwise would cause it to be avoided is lost, and thus debt and extravagance come together and crush with their double weight the bending sons of toil. It is of little use going into the ethics of the matter, for it is just as difficult to convince a woman who has all her life been accustomed to the tradesmen's pass books that it is wrong, as it is so persuade the men that it is wrong to drink. Custom, to a great many minds, hallows everything the world abuses, and there are very few indeed who can wholly eschew its influences, and fairly estimate a question into which a life-long practice has given them a bias and direction. But if we cannot from an ethical point of view much move such people, there is another which is generally conceived to be the Englishman's most vulnerable part—his breeches pocket, and through it, perhaps, it may be possible to arouse a feeling against the custom. No man, we should fancy, needs to be told that to buy for ready money is always the cheapest. Though credit may only be asked for a week or a fortnight the risks of the seller are immediately increased. The defalcation of a single customer would run a way with, perhaps, more than the profits upon a week's transactions, and as the man who gives even this short term of credit is ever liable to such risks, it stands to reason that he must protect himself against the loss by charging a price considerably higher. The person lending money, if he wishes for more than the current interest, has to purchase it by increased risk, and so the merchant who has to provide against loss, must protect himself by charging extra profits. Now, just let any of our readers cast his eyes about him and judge from his own observation to what extent any merchant in our district must be compelled to insure himself from ruin by such a process. The rockiness with which so many run into debt, and the certainty of so many becoming defaulters, can tell but one tale, and points to a source of extravagance which, if put into pounds, shillings and pence would, in the course of the year, amount to a very large sum indeed. Debt, by the working classes, is a mortgaging of future labour, and is just equivalent to the practice of spendthrift expectants to estates who try to borrow money upon the strength of their chance of coming into possession at a future day, and we have all heard upon what ruinous terms such transactions are effected by the Jews and money-lenders of the city. But debt to the merchants is not the only bane that least extravagant of the ways in which many of our workmen thus mortgage their future labour. When they borrow money, which they but too frequently do, it is after a fashion and at a rate which the most acquisitive son of Israel would reject to hear of. A frequent charge for a week's advance is three shillings in the pound (which is about 780 per cent.!) when almost every other borrower is obtaining money at 5 per cent. In other words our workmen pay at the rate of £7 16s. in the year for the loan of a pound, when people in better circumstances can obtain the same advantage for a shilling. Truly, from him that hath little is taken that seemeth to hath. It is difficult to believe that sane men can allow themselves to become parties to such infamous transactions, and is only explainable upon the supposition that workmen are fools in the matters of themselves that they cannot resist a good temptation however ruinous may be its consequences. Yet the notorious trade that is done all up and down the Tyne in this way is indisputable proof that it is a very large portion of the working condition, and gives rise to the question whether it is so ill not be pure mercy to deny them the use of money altogether. With the trials and difficulties of the working man these have the blame of poverty and the largest forbearance, but after all allowances have been made intentional the debts contracted by them are incurable, and, together with the other D. (Drink), is lowering the moral tone of the working classes to an once alarming and incredible extent. With debt, with peace of mind and independence of character suffer till the sense is blunted because so blunted that even the dun of a creditor has no alarms, and the despairing practice of living from hand to mouth without hope or intention of paying for them is contemplated with complacency. Make a determined effort to try the ready-money plan for one year, and at the expiry of that term count the 'is or loss.—*Hebburn Monthly Illustrated Journal.*

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SERIOUS CHARGE AT QUEENSBERY.—On Saturday at the West Riding Court, Halifax, Robt. Bell, engine tenter, was charged with being drunk whilst at work on the previous day in the go of an engine at one of the shafts in connection with the tunnel under Queensbury, on the Halifax, Thornton, and Bradford Railway. It was stated that about midnight defendant was found drunk in the engine house. There were five men in the shaft at the time and in consequence of defendants drunkenness they had a narrow escape of being killed whilst ascending the shaft. The defendant was discharged for this offence, but we understand that a summons is to be taken out against him under the Master and Servants Act.

"RITUALISM" IN LONDON.—Dr. Tristram, the Chancellor of the Diocese of London, gave judgment on Monday in the Consistory Court in the case heard last week, in which the churchwardens of the united parishes of St. Vedast, Foster-lane, Cheapside, and St. Michael le Querne had taken proceedings against the rector, the Rev Thomas Hibbert Dale, to compel him to remove some years for choliverts which had been placed in the church. They also complained of the introduction of Roman observances into the services. Dr. Tristram ordered the seats to be removed and the reading desk to be restored, rejected the application of the Rector to confirm the alterations and gave costs against him. Notice of appeal was given on the part of Mr. Dale.

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| Swalwell ..... | 5.59 | 10.14 | 1.24 | 2.44 | 5.54 |
| Rowland's Gill ..... | 6.9 | 10.24 | 1.34 | 2.54 | 6.9 |
| Lintz Green ..... | 6.15 | 10.30 | 1.40 | 3.0 | 6.15 |
| Ebchester ..... | 6.28 | 10.43 | 1.52 | 3.13 | 6.18 |
| Shotley Bridge ..... | 6.34 | 10.49 | 1.18 | 3.19 | 6.24 |
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| Knitsley ..... | 6.44 | 11.0 | | 4.0 | 6.45 |
| Lanchester ..... | 7.3 | 11.18 | | 4.26 | 6.53 |
| Witton Gilbert ..... | 7.10 | 11.27 | | 5.5 | 7.4 |
| Durham ..... arr. | 7.25 | 11.40 | | 5.5 | 7.20 |

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| Witton Gilbert ..... | 7.6 | | 12.26 | 3.48 | 6.9 |
| Lanchester ..... | 7.55 | | 12.45 | 3.59 | 6.20 |
| Knitsley ..... | 8.2 | | 12.49 | 4.4 | 6.31 |
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| Consett & Blackhill ) dep | 8.7 | 9.15 | 1.0 | 3.30 | 6.43 |
| Shotley Bridge ..... | 8.22 | 9.20 | 1.5 | 3.40 | 6.49 |
| Ebchester ..... | 8.36 | 9.23 | 1.9 | 3.44 | 6.52 |
| Lintz Green ..... | 8.47 | 9.33 | 1.19 | 3.54 | 7.2 |
| Rowland's Gill ..... | 8.55 | 9.38 | 1.24 | 3.59 | 7.8 |
| Swalwell ..... | 9.2 | 9.47 | 1.33 | 4.6 | 9.17 |
| Scotswood ..... | 9.9 | 9.55 | 1.39 | 4.14 | 9.24 |
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| Scotswood ..... | 7.17 | 4.9 | 5.32 | 7.37 |
| Swalwell ..... | 7.21 | 4.15 | 5.39 | 7.44 |
| Rowland's Gill ..... | 7.35 | 4.25 | 5.49 | 7.54 |
| Lintz Green ..... | 7.37 | 4.26 | 5.55 | 8.2 |
| Ebchester ..... | 7.50 | 4.42 | 6.8 | 8.16 |
| Shotley Bridge ..... | 7.57 | 4.47 | 6.13 | 8.22 |
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| Knitsley ..... | 9.21 | | 5.21 | |
| Lanchester ..... | 9.24 | | 5.24 | |
| Witton Gilbert ..... | 9.46 | | 5.46 | |
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| Knitsley ..... | 8.30 | 4.38 |
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| Shotley Bridge ..... | 8.58 | 5.26 |
| Ebchester ..... | 9.6 | 5.40 |
| Lintz Green ..... | 9.9 | 5.49 |
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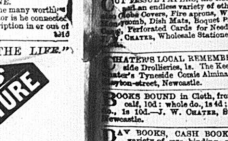


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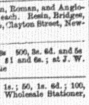

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## BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the members of the above Board was held in the Board-room, Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday afternoon. Present—Mr. C. Wilson (chairman), Rev. F. B. Thompson, Mr. J. Dickinson, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. J. Eltringham, Mr. G. Eltringham, Mr. H. Carss, Mr. W. Wilson, and Mr. J. Annandale.

THE ALLEGATION AGAINST THE GAS COMPANY.

The following letter from the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company was read:—

"GENTLEMEN,—We are in receipt of your note respecting the three lamps to be lighted on Lobley Hill Road, which shall be complied with. We cannot pass over the report of your last meeting without observation, your Highway Committee having alleged that "the service pipes at the three lamps are much larger than the others." From the facts before you, you must see that this assertion has evidently been made at random. It is our general aim to act justly to all parties in meeting the public requirements, and we see no reason why you should suppose yourselves any exception; and that our pipes throughout the district should have to be all opened and examined has occasioned no small surprise. Now that you have arrived at the crux of the matter, and proved by your own Inspector's examination the whole of the service pipes in the district, from the burner to the base of the lamp, to be of one uniform size, and that not a single meter lamp pipe is larger than the others, but in one instance smaller, perhaps you will allow this company to be relieved from the discreditable allegation made against it by your Highway Committee, which has been dragged up against the Gas Company unsupported by a particle of evidence, and has been freely circulated in the public press, with a very fraudulent appearance against us. We trust you will not overlook the first opportunity to contradict this unfounded statement. In attempting to deal with the question of irregular lamplighting it has been stated that our manager would not attend to the lamps without special notice. It cannot be denied that all lamps properly reported to the manager have been promptly attended to where any fault on our part existed, but in attending to your say reports and faults on your own side, we have spent so much time and labour to no purpose that we can only trust to a report from the Surveyor's hand. The lamps are burning well now, and of all the faults found at your last meeting only four in the district have been repaired by us in bringing this about. In your recent examination of the service pipes a considerable amount of damage has been done. One was broken from its coupling entirely, a new syphon has been spoiled, and several other pipes damaged, which, of course, we will expect you to repair.—Yours truly,

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

The Surveyor (Mr. Heslop) reported that the gas lamps had been examined with the following results:—Meter lamp opposite Middle Street, ½in. service pipe, ½in. iron pipe in lamp pillar. Lamp opposite Station gates, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar. Three lamps up to Station Hotel, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar. Meter lamp in Cemetery Road, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar. All the lamps in the Consett Iron Company's new houses, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar. Hawthorn Terrace, Derwent Street, West Row, Walton's Row, and Durham Road, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. Two of the lamps in Cutlers' Hall-Road, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. The remainder in Cutlers' Hall Road, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. Shotley Grove Road, one lamp, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar; the others, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. Shotley Grove Road, one lamp, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar; the others, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. These are part of the lamps that have been much complained of during the winter. Meter lamp in Slonks, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar; the others in Slonks, ½in. service, ½in. pillar. Meter lamp at the bottom of Messenger Street, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar. All other lamps in Wood Street, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. Lamp in Front Street, Shotley Bridge, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. Terrace up to Snow's Green, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. Lamps from Shotley Bridge Station to Church Bank Top, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar. Church Bank, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. Meter lamp, Benfieldside Edge Road, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar. All other lamps in Benfieldside Edge Road, ½in. service, ½in. in pillar. Baxton Burn, ½in. service, ½in. iron in pillar.

The Surveyor added that Mr. Strachan and himself were of opinion that the service pipes should be iron instead of lead, as the latter were liable to get bruised. He denied the statement made in the letter from the Gas Company that they had damaged the pipes in examining them.

The Lighting Committee reported that they regretted to find that they had been led into an error in stating in their last report that the service pipes of the meter lamps were much larger than the others. On examination this had been found not to be the case, as the Surveyor would report. The Committee were therefore anxious to avail themselves of the earliest opportunity of correcting the mistake, and assuring the Gas Company of their great regret at the matter having been made public. The Committee added that the service pipes of the meter lamps were made of iron, which accounted for their burning much better than many of their neighbours, which were supplied with composition service pipes, the consequence being that the pipes, from their own weight, formed a curve at the bottom of the standard, which necessarily operated against a good supply of gas passing to the burner.

Mr. Carss said he wished to make a remark with regard to the Gas Company's letter. Whatever the cause, it was certain that the meter lamps burned better than the other lamps.

The Surveyor said the service pipes of the meter lamps had only been recently attached, and this would no doubt account for the meter lamps burning better than others.

Mr. Annandale said the Committee had made a mistake, but they had been led into error. He might say, however, that several of the gas lamps were not lit for a fortnight or three weeks.

Mr. Joseph Eltringham said there had been a lamp near his house unlit.

Mr Wilson said the Committee had made *amende honorable*.

Mr. Carss thought the Clerk should write to the Gas Company requesting them to attach iron service pipes to every lamp. The lighting season was nearly over, and this alteration could then be carried out.

The Clerk thought it would be advisable to send a copy of the Lighting Committee's report to the directors of the Gas Company.

This suggestion was adopted, and the matter dropped.

THE BACK STREETS AT BLACKHILL.

The Clerk read the following communication from Mr. W. Jenkins:—"With regard to the gates which it is suggested that the Consett Iron Company should put up to close their back streets at their new cottages at Blackhill, I can hardly believe that your Highway Committee can be in earnest at such recommendation. These back streets are simply for the accommodation of tenants for shooting in to them their coals, or taking away the refuse from their ashpits, &c. These back streets are in very good condition, and they are not intended for foot passengers at all. Looking at the most excellent front streets that we have to these houses, and the cleanly condition of the back streets, we would put it to you as to whether, on reconsideration, your Highway Committee are not going a step too far in their views as to the sanitary requirements of this particular place. These back streets are in a far better state than many of your Local Board public streets, and as no foot passengers are to be accommodated we trust your Highway Committee will withdraw their recommendation as to gates.

Mr. Joseph Eltringham said the Board had asked the Company to form these back streets, but they refused, stating that they were private streets, and that they would put gates on at each end; therefore, the Committee, in asking the Company to put up gates, were only asking them to carry out what they themselves had proposed.

Mr. George Eltringham said the Board had been asked to take the back-streets under their supervision, but this they refused to do until they were properly made.

Mr. Carss said the streets in question abutted the public road, and gates would prevent nuisances being committed.

The Chairman said they had better send Mr. Jenkins a copy of his former letter.

NAMING OF THE STREETS.

The following letter from Mr. W. Jenkins was read:—"Regarding the name of these excellent front streets at these cottages we think your Highway Committee ought to have adopted at once the particular designations which we, as owners, desire to have affixed to these streets, seeing that no public inconvenience could arise in any way from the names which we suggested to your Inspector. May we ask you, therefore, to adopt the precise names which we have suggested. In any case, however, we think that whatever names are put up on these streets your officials should be careful to have the words spelt correctly. It really seems ridiculous to have a public street with a notice of its name spelt wrongly. Will you kindly let us know why the names originally intended were not adopted. It does not seem to us to be too much to ask our Local Board authorities to humour us in such a small matter as this, in having the names we ask for affixed to these streets, which are as suitable and fair, and, as large property owners, we ask the same at your hands. If your Inspector will kindly meet our engineer at Bessemer Street, we hope he will be able to arrange these very trifling matters to our satisfaction.

Mr. Carss understood that the names affixed to the streets were the same as those asked for by the Company. Mr. Jenkins wrote them a letter suggesting several names, which had been adopted. One of the names suggested by Mr. Jenkins was "Siemen Street," and he believed the name had been spelt "Stiemen."

Mr. Annandale asked if the names of the streets were put up?

The Surveyor replied affirmatively.

Mr. Thompson did not think Mr. Jenkins' request an uncreasonable one.

Mr. George Eltringham had no objection to humour Mr. Jenkins in the naming of the streets, but if the names had to be changed he thought the Company themselves should bear the expense. Hitherto the Board had named the streets, and where the names did not accord with the views of the owners of the property, the latter had been allowed to alter them at their own expense.

The Chairman said the Company's case was somewhat different. Mr. Jenkins had written to the Board suggesting a number of names, which had been adopted by the Board. Unfortunately, however, these names had spelt incorrectly.

The Clerk said he had better write to Mr. Jenkins and ask him to send the names of the streets plainly and legibly written.

Mr. Dickinson said it was altogether a very paltry question, and scarcely worth so much time. He would move that the Clerk write to Mr. Jenkins with the view of having the streets re-named.

Mr. Carss moved as an amendment that Mr. Jenkins be informed that the Highway Committee named the streets in harmony, as they thought, with his wishes, but if the names were not agreeable to him he was at liberty to alter the fresh boards.

Mr. Joseph Eltringham seconded the amendment.

Mr. Dickinson said he would withdraw his motion as the matter was so insignificant.

Mr. Carss's motion was then adopted.

CEMETERY ROAD.

The following communication from Mr. Jenkins was read by the Clerk:—"Owing to the disgraceful condition of this road we find that our new well-made private streets at Blackhill are being cut up by the public. They we ask you to have this Cemetery Road put in order for public traffic. You are, we believe, the custodians of it, the Burial Board having handed it over to you, we are now responsible for it as a portion of your highways. If our new streets cannot be protected we have no other course then to put up fences and gates and prohibit the public the small amount of convenience that they enjoy now by going to and from the Railway Station on the east platform. You will, of course, readily see that these streets are private property, and what with draining and flagging in every respect have cost us some thousands of pounds."

Mr. Joseph Eltringham thought the proprietors should be served with a notice to form the road.

Mr. Dickinson said the Consett Board had expended £1,200 in making a new road between Consett and the end of Cemetery Road, and he thought the Benfieldside Local Board were in duty bound to continue the road as far as Durham Road.

Mr. Annandale said it was a question whether the Consett Board had acted wisely in expending such a large sum of money. He had been informed that a good many people preferred taking their goods by the old road.

Mr. Dickinson said the old road was given for Burial purposes, and should have been made by the Burial Board out of the general rate. However, if the Burial Board did not make the road the proprietors of the land adjoining should be compelled to do so. (Mr. Carss: "Hear, hear.")

Mr. Thompson said if the Burial Board had made the road the latter would only have been for the use of the cemetery and not for the accommodation of the general public. He was of opinion that the road was still a private one.

Mr. Joseph Eltringham protested against the road being made at the expense of the Board. The proprietors of property adjoining had so far made the road, and he contended that the other portion ought to be similarly made.

Mr. Wilson thought it unfortunate that the Board had already decided to prepare plans, and serve notice on the Company, who were the owners of the land, to make the road.

Mr. Carss said the surveyor had not prepared a plan because the road was much wider at one end. He moved that the Highway Committee meet the Surveyor on the spot and report to the next meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jos. Eltringham and agreed to.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

"GENTLEMEN,—I have to report your Local Board district very much improved since last meeting. No. 2, Walton's Row, is still unattended to. I have seen Mrs. Glancey about it, and she says she would be very glad to make any improvement required, but has not got the money at her disposal, and has a very hard struggle to live. The ashpit used by Mr. Oley and others is also unattended to. I have seen Mr. Strachan about it. He reports he has the order to do it, and will attend to it at his earliest convenience. Foggin's slaughter-house is progressing with the required alterations. Mr. Skelton's dunghill has been attended to. Part of the premises, Front Street, belonging to Charles Wilson, Esq., has very wet ashpits, in fact as bad as those were in Wood Street, Shotley Bridge. I would suggest that they be drained into the complained of sewer which has to receive the other sewage. I have had a complaint from Mr. George Richardson, draper, of Shotley Bridge, about a cottage in front being washed at its trough in front of his property, in the occupation of Mr. William Wardhaugh and Mrs. Scott. Not only are they washed and the water thrown about, causing a place to be always wet and filthy but they are frequently allowed to stand all day, which he considers not only a nuisance but detrimental to the interests of his tenants.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, P. OSBORNE, Inspector.

MRS. GLANCEY'S HOUSE.

The Clerk said the Medical Officer had recommended the Board not to close this house in consequence of the scarcity of cottage accommodation. The Board, however, had considered the houses really unfit for human habitation and decided that it should be closed.

Mr. George Eltringham said the house was a source of annoyance to the neighbourhood. It was a common lodging-house, having, one night, found no less than 35 persons staying in the house.

Mr. Carss said Mrs. Glancey subjected herself to a heavy penalty for keeping an unregistered lodging-house.

The Inspector, in answer to the Board, said notice had been given to Mrs. Glancey to put the house into proper repair.

The Inspector was instructed to take proceedings against Mrs. Glancey.

The other portion of the Inspector's report was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

SANITARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Houses in Silver Street.—The Committee met Mr. Raw on the spot; they are glad to say that very considerable improvement has been made. The Board considerable improvement has been made. The Board required that the end house should be removed, that a wall or fence should be built where the ground falls at the south end, and that the floors of the houses should be cemented. All these requests have been attended to sufficiently to satisfy the Committee, but the other stipulations have not been complied with, and they consider it essential, in order to insure respectable, decent and cleanliness, *(a)* that the houses should be spouted both at front and back; *(b)* that the drain should be carried at the back as far as the south end of the houses; *(c)* that a suitable sink and trap be provided for other two houses about half-way between the doors; *(d)* that also at the back a good open channel be constructed, deep enough to be below the floor of the lowest house, or so that at no point is any floor below the adjoining part of the channel, in order to carry off the surface water; *(e)* that all the ashpits be covered; and *(f)* that the back yard be either cemented or thoroughly well paved. There was some difference of opinion as to which of these was best. The Committee also think that Silver Street should be paved, and they again most strongly urge upon the Board the removal of the privy and ashpits standing on this street. These things are most offensive, and the Committee think that they might be removed to the back of the house, or houses, using them. Whether the ground at the back belongs to these houses or not, it is clear that the land on which they now stand does not belong to him.—J. PRIESTMAN.

MR. HEWITT'S PROPERTY.

Mr. Jos. Eltringham said the Sanitary Committee were appointed to meet Mr Raw with respect to Mr. Hewitt's property in Silver Street. They had accordingly met Mr. Raw, but the latter gentleman refused to produce the plan. Mr. Hewitt had expressed his readiness to do what the Board required, but his agent, Mr. Raw, was setting the Board at defiance.

Mr. Carss said Mr. Raw would neither produce the plan nor act upon the Board's recommendations.—After a good deal of discussion it was decided to send Mr. Hewitt a copy of the Sanitary Committee's report with a request that the same be carried out.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

The Finance, Highway, and Lighting Committee reported that the subject of a Fire Brigade had received their attention, and they submitted the following list of names of persons who were willing to act, together with a scale of charges. Officers—Mr. Heslop (captain), Mr. Strachan (plugman), Mr. John Dowson (hoseman); privates—Messrs. J. Dixon, James Farrage, George Farrage, James Froudick, William Wilson, and Mr. Joseph Campbell. The recreation room called out for practice, to be—captain, 10s.; plugman and hoseman, 7s. 6d. each; privates, 5s. each. At fires within the Shotley Bridge district the following payments, viz., 20s., 15s., and 10s.; out of the Local Board district, special charges as may be agreed upon.—The report was adopted.

RESIGNATION OF MR. PRIESTMAN.

The Clerk said he had been requested by Mr. Priestman to tender that gentleman's resignation. Mr. Priestman had been placed on the commission of the peace, and could not find time to perform his duties as magistrate and also as a member of the Board.

Mr. Thompson said he should like to express, what was, he believed, the feeling of every member present, the great regret with which he had heard of Mr. Priestman's resignation. This latter gentleman had been connected with the Board for a number of years, and had always done his best to advance the interests of the Board as well as the interests of the ratepayers at large. (Hear, hear). Mr Priestman had taken a very active part in the sanitary arrangements of the district and his withdrawal from the Board would be a great loss to the Sanitary Committee and the public generally. (Hear, hear).

The Clerk was then requested to express to Mr. Priestman their sorrow at losing his services, and hoping that he would be useful in his new sphere.

THE RETIRING MEMBERS.

The Clerk intimated that the election of new members would take place on the 25th of March, and arrangements would have to be made for conducting the election. The retiring members were—the Chairman (Mr. Wilson), Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. John Annandale, and Mr. Priestman.

Mr. Carss moved that Mr. Joseph Eltringham be appointed returning officer as Mr. Wilson could not act.

The motion was seconded by Mr Wheatley.

Mr. Annandale moved as an amendment that the Clerk, Mr. Booth, be appointed.

Mr. Dickinson seconded the amendment.

Mr. Carss's motion being submitted to the meeting, only the proposer and seconder supported it; the amendment was therefore carried.

The other business transacted was of routine character.

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PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, MARLEY HILL.—A correspondent writes: "We were favoured with a visit from the Rev. John Watson, of Spennymoor, as deputation to our missionary meeting, last October. At that time we were deeply feeling the need of a harmonium, but could not see our way clear to raise sufficient money to get one. The people were so delighted with Mr. Watson's visit, that we availed ourselves of the opportunity of inviting him to assist us in our anniversary, and he kindly consented on condition that we opened it free of debt when he came. This offer we accepted, determined to do our best to raise the money. Four of the brethren took collecting books, the people responded liberally to their requests, and we were able to open it on the 30th and 31st of January, with a small balance in our favour. On Saturday, Jan. 30th, the services were begun with a public tea party, after which a public meeting was held. Mr. Thomas Brabban, jun., read the report, which showed that the expenses of the harmonium and other small items were about £33, yet we still had a few shillings in hand. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. C. G. Tetley and Mr. Joseph Reed, of Newcastle, and the Rev. J. Watson of Spennymoor. The choir greatly enlivened the meeting with select pieces of music. The Rev. A. Lattimer, of South Shields, occupied the chair. Two impressive sermons were preached on the Sunday by the Rev. John Watson. Great credit is due to Mr. Joseph Robson, Kibblesworth, and Mr. Thos. Brabban, sen., Marley Hill."

## CONSETT POLICE COURT.

The business of the Petty Sessional Division of Lanchester was transacted for the first time at Consett on Monday, when the magistrates on the bench were—Mr. Town (Chairman), Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wallis, Mr. Clavering, and Mr. Priestman. The arrangements for the trial of prisoners have hitherto been highly inconvenient for the police. The matter has of late times received the attention of the people of Consett, but nothing was done of a practical character until about fifteen months ago, when the following letter was addressed to Mr. J. L. Wharton, Chairman of the Durham Quarter Sessions:—

[Copy.]

Consett Iron Works, Blackhill, 28th Nov., 1873.

*To the Chairman of Quarter Sessions, Durham.*

DEAR SIR,—I venture to appeal to you, and through you to the Bench of magistrates in Sessions at Durham, and especially so to those of this immediate locality, on the excessive inconvenience which the inhabitants of this place are suffering under the present defective arrangements for the prompt apprehension, and speedy prosecution of offenders and prisoners in this very large and increasing district.

For some years past, efforts have been made by the townspeople of Consett to procure in Consett a suitable room in which the magistrates might hold their courts here, so as to induce the local magistrates to give the inhabitants that accommodation which is so essential in the neighbourhood.

Your very able county officer, Lieut.-Col. White, co-operated with the attempt to procure such back, but, as I understand it, the outlay from the county funds was then the obstacle, and the matter fell through.

In a few weeks the Consett Local Board will have completed a very substantial building for holding their meetings in, at Consett. There is a very large, useful and airy room, which, I think, is specially suitable for the purposes of the magistrates. It is larger, more lofty, and a more wholesome room than other of those at present occupied for Petty Court purposes, and I think with a little preparation and arrangement with the Consett Local Board every needful accommodation might be found for the holding of the Police Courts in this new Board-room. The building itself is in the centre of Consett, and the town of Consett is the centre point of the surrounding population, and the room is within three minutes walk of the present Police Station and cells at Consett.

At the present time the arrangements for the trial of prisoners at the Police Courts held at Shotley Bridge and Lanchester are, in my opinion, highly inconvenient for the inhabitants generally; most harrassing and dangerous to the police in the performance of their duty, and certainly most costly to the county. I shall, under herewith, a small tracing of the whole district from Shotley Bridge to Lanchester.

The population over which the police have supervision is very great, and taking the district in a line through Shotley Bridge, Blackhill, Consett, and Leadgate, towards Lanchester, and adding thereto the villages of Westwood, Allendale, Medomsley, Dipton, Pontop, Collierley, Linte, &c., there are probably 40,000 persons, at the very least, concerned in these Police Court arrangements.

The Consett Iron Company, as large coal proprietors and iron manufacturers, feel that the working people, numbering between 5,000 and 6,000, belonging to their establishment require and deserve better accommodation in the way of Police Courts. As an example of what takes place almost week after week in this locality, I cannot do better than give you an instance of what occurred there this week.

On Monday night last, a brutal murder was committed at one of our forges. Much excitement prevailed in the neighbourhood, but fortunately the murderer was quickly apprehended, and lodged in the Consett Police cells, about which premises hundreds of people collected that night. The Superintendent of Police is frequently obliged to send for an extra number of police officers to prevent the rescue of the prisoner during the voyage of the cells from the high-road from Consett Police cells to Shotley Bridge, and back again to Consett. The prisoner on Tuesday morning was remanded at Shotley Bridge, brought back to Consett, and placed in the cells there until Thursday morning, on which day the police, prisoner and witnesses were then again exposed to a journey of *five miles*, from Consett to Lanchester, where the Petty Sessions are held.

In this parade the prisoner and witnesses along the high-road for miles in an exposed country, frequently scores and hundreds of the friends and associates of the prisoner and other inhabitants have a kind of procession and follow the police, &c., and a great commotion is constantly kept going, week after week, and I am almost inclined to believe that many of the turbulent young men of the district look upon these proceedings as a kind of revelling which they rather encourage than otherwise. The consequence of this state of things to the employers—the Consett Iron Company and others—and the inhabitants generally, is that much time is deplorably wasted, the peace of the public constantly and needlessly disturbed, and our working men are attracted away from their daily duties.

As employers, the Consett Iron Company, for the protection of their property, and for the peace of their work-people, contribute as I think, a fair special contribution, in the way of about £300 per annum for four constables, who are placed under County regulations; but we frequently find that these constables are taken away to assist in the constant disturbances, and in the traffic to and from one Police Court to another for miles over the county; and this again is a source of disorder in our works during their absence, and so also in the town of Consett and the neighbourhood. While strong escorts of policemen are attending the Courts at such great distances away, the inhabitants are left, practically, very frequently, without any police protection whatever.

These lengthy details are perhaps needless to lay this case before you, but I regret to say, that such is the constant state of the district at the present moment, that I think prompt steps should be taken to improve in every possible way the means of protecting life and property, and for the maintenance of the peace generally.

I, therefore, most respectfully ask you to consider at once the question of establishing, without loss of time, at Consett, as the centre of this large district, the chief sittings of the local magistrates, to forward the views, and thus satisfy the desires of the large majority of the ratepayers, whose chief aim is the protection of their property and themselves, and diminish the serious amount of crime which so unhappily prevails in the neighbourhood. I feel sure that the magistrates of the neighbourhood, who so devotedly apply themselves to the Police Court duties of the district, will support me in the advocacy of Consett being the central point for the holding of their Courts, and undoubtedly Lieutenant-Col. White and Mr. Wharton will, if need be, give you substantial evidence and advice as to the course to be pursued.—I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. JENKINS,

Resident General Manager of Consett Iron and Coal Works;
Chairman of Consett Local Board;
Member of Lanchester Board of Guardians;
Member of Consett Local Board;
Member of Benfieldside Burial Board, &c., &c., &c.

In reply to this letter, Mr. Wharton very courteously stated that the matter should have his attention. Nothing was done, however, until a few weeks ago, when the subject was brought before the justices assembled at Durham for the transaction of the business of Quarter Sessions, when it was decided that the justices should sit alternately at Lanchester and Consett. The building in which the Court was held on Monday is the property of the Local Board. There is a large and airy room, which is in every way adapted for the purposes of the magistrates.

Prior to the commencement of the business a deputation from the Consett Local Board presented a complimentary address. Amongst those who formed the deputation were—Rev. F. Steggall, Rev. F. Smith, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Potts, Mr. Collinson, Mr. W. Jenkins, Mr. R. Cole, Mr. J. Seymour, Mr. Douglas, Mr. P. McNally, Mr. E. Charlton, Mr. R. Evans, Mr. M. McNally, Mr. T. Siddell, Mr. J. W. Davison, Mr. J. Dickinson, Mr. E. Bulleny, Mr. G. Young, Mr. Iager, &c.

Mr. JENKINS, in a few complimentary remarks, then presented the address, of which the following is a copy:—

*To the Bench of Magistrates assembled at Consett for holding their first Court.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR WORSHIPS,

We who, as householders and ratepayers in this township, attend here to-day in support of this brief memorial, desire to express to your worships that the inhabitants of this district hail with the greatest satisfaction your arrival here this morning for establishing your weekly courts for the administration of justice. We wish to remark at this time how sensible we are at Consett of the valuable services rendered by your worships in the cause of peace and order during times in which there has been a most serious increase of crime in this neighbourhood. Deplorable, however, as this has been, we have reason to know that there is of late a diminution of the most serious offences, and we are sanguine in believing that the public administration of justice in this large "police district, comprising 55,000 people, of which Consett is the most populous town, together with the improvements contemplated in the police arrangements, will render your valuable duties less onerous than they have been. We most respectfully and cordially welcome your presence here to-day, feeling assured that your labours will result in the moral and social improvement of the condition of this industrious and prosperous community.—Wm. Jenkins, John Dickinson, Thomas Siddell, John Calvert, John W. Davison, Thomas Dunne, Edward Charlton, Thomas Smith, William Aynsley, John S. Murray, John Potts, John Collinson, Hedley Nicholson, Jesse Hall, William Jenkins, John Routledge, Charles P. Douglass, William Kenleyside, R. Evans.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr Town) thanked the deputation for the kind welcome. They were not yet, however, properly constituted as a Petty Sessions, but the final arrangements were to be made at Lanchester on Thursday, and he hoped they would be satisfactory to the public. He was glad to say that the question of criminal violence had not been so frequent at Consett during the last two years, and he trusted that, with the various religious and temperance societies at work, the particular class of crime would be still further lessened.

The magistrates then commenced with the business as follows:—

RESISTING AND ASSAULTING THE POLICE AT BLACKHILL.

Martin White, ironworker, was charged with assaulting the police at Blackhill. Police-Constable Watson deposed that he held a number of bastardy warrants for the apprehension of the prisoner, and on attempting to take him into custody he resisted his apprehension, and assaulted witness by striking and kicking him.—Defendant said after being taken into custody he was taken to the sergeant's house at Blackhill, where P.C. Watson knocked him about the room and kicked him about the body. On the way to Consett his wrists was much injured by the handcuffs, and on getting to the police station one of the officers struck him while sitting on the chair.—Sergt. Nattress said on the way to the police station the prisoner was very violent and they had to use force.—The magistrates considered White had brought the ill-usage upon himself, and fined him 40s. and costs, or a month's imprisonment in default.

—Supt. Oliver said the police held nine warrants for arrears of bastardy against the prisoner, who was owing £16 13s. 6d. The magistrates could order him to be imprisoned for three months on each warrant.—Being unable to pay the money defendant was sent to Durham Gaol for three months on the first warrant.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

William Thompson, mason, was charged by P.C. Balmer with having been drunk at Consett, on the night of the 8th inst. Defendant having previously borne a good character, and this being his first offence, he was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.—John Brown, James Keenan, and Charles Henderson were severally charged by the same officer with having been drunk and disorderly at Consett. Brown was fined 2s. 6d. and the other 5s. and costs.—William Gibson and an old man named Quigley were charged by P.C. Dixon with having been drunk and disorderly at Consett. Quigley was fined 10s. and costs, whilst Gibson was mulcted in a fine of 5s. and costs.—Frank Dallaker, charged by P.C. Fitzpatrick with a similar offence, was also fined 5s. and costs.—Lawrence Burn, Patrick Devellin, Samuel Lochern, and — McConlan were severally charged by P.C. Stoner with having been drunk and disorderly at Consett. Burn and Lochern were each fined 10s. and Devellin and McConlan 5s. and costs. Hugh Lenord and Patrick McDonald, charged by P.C. Turner with a similar offence were each fined 5s. and costs.—Nicholas Crinian, who had been apprehended with a warrant that morning, was charged by P.C. Firn with having been drunk and disorderly at Leadgate. Fined 10s. and costs. Michael Burns, charged by P.C. Watson with a similar offence at Blackhill, was fined 5s. and costs. Barnard Small, charged with a similar offence. The case having been proved by P.C. Balmer, defendant was fined 10s. and costs. Owen Lafferty was summoned by Sergt. Parkinson for drunkenness at Consett. Fined 5s and costs.—Joseph Lumley, landlord of the Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate, was summoned for being drunk in his own house. The case was proved by P.C Firn, and defendant was fined 10s. and costs.—Owen Lefferty, charged by P.C. Firn with having been drunk on the same occasion, was fined 5s. and costs.

ASSAULT ON A GIRL NEAR SOUTH MOOR.

Ralph Cowsell was charged with committing an aggravated assault on Mary Elizabeth Brown, twelve years of age, near South Moor. Prosecutrix was going along the highway on Friday afternoon when she met the prisoner, who, after asking her a few questions, threw her down and attempted to assault her criminally.—Prisoner, who is a married man with two children, said he was drunk and only meant to frighten the girl.—The magistrates, however, found him guilty, and as he bore a bad character, having twice been imprisoned for theft, he was sent to Durham Gaol with hard labour for four months.

THE REV. DR. ANTLIFF AT LANCHESTER.—From an advertisement which appears in another column we learn that, Dr. Antliff, a gentleman well known in this district is to lecture in the Wesleyan Chapel, Lanchester, this (Saturday) evening. "The Signs of the Times" is the subject of the lecture, and we recommend our readers to hear the lecturer which we feel confident, will prove a rich treat to all present. Dr. Antliff is also announced to preach in the same place of worship on Sunday.

THE POLICE COURT QUESTION.—The magistrates met in the Justice-room, Lanchester, on Thursday, to discuss and fix upon the days for holding petty sessions in the Lanchester division. *It was ultimately agreed to hold a court monthly at* Consett and Lanchester on Thursdays. *This will* come into operation, with regard to Consett, on the 11th of March next. *A court will* also be held at Consett every Monday. By this arrangement two courts will be held at Consett one week, and one the other, while petty sessions will only be held at Lanchester once a fortnight.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

*The insertion of anything beyond the simple announcement of Births, Marriages, or Deaths, will be charged as Advertisements.*

### BIRTHS.

CONSETT—At Trafalgar Street, Mrs. Rooney, of a son.

At Green Street, Mrs. Donley, of a son.

### DEATHS.

CONSETT—On the 19th inst., aged 49 years, John McCreagh.

At Pit House, on the 18th, aged 58 years, Ralph Nattress.

BLACKHILL—On the 16th, aged 19 years, Anthony Surtees.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—On the 8th inst., in her fifteenth year, Mary Ann, the beloved and only daughter of Nicholas and Ann Brown. Interment at Ebchester, on Sunday at four o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

CATCHGATE—On the 12th inst., aged 24 years, Jane, wife of Mr. T. Lavrick.

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