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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	39/
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/
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By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1870. 36

THE GUARDIAN.

SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 1875.

QUEEN'S PLATES.

A RATHER important matter has just been opened up in one of our London contemporaries and in regard to which we will venture to say that ninety-nine out of a hundred Englishmen were altogether ignorant. It must have been a surprise to many to learn that a sum of money is annually granted out of the Civil List for the encouragement of the breed of horses, which sum is just about equivalent to the amount set apart for rewarding genius in literature and the arts, or entering genius in any special form. Of course we have all heard of QUEEN's plates at race meetings, but few people have really known that these prizes consisted of a hundred guineas each given out of the Civil List to encourage the breed of horses. The horse is undoubtedly a noble animal, and English horses hold their own against any horses in the world, not excluding the celebrated and poetically-famed breed of Arabia; but it appears to be questionable whether the hundreds of guineas appropriated for prizes in races really do anything to improve the breed of English horses. The amount of the several prizes seems not to be large enough to draw first-rate and mature horses into the field, and consequently the races so patronized by the Crown are run for by slight "weeds" who have no quality but excessive speed over short distances under feather weights—just the sort of horses that are kept up for the purpose of Turf gambling, and without any real value for breeding. Lord AILESBURY has done good service by speaking out against this appropriation of public money for objects really useless to the nation. When he was Master of the Horse, it appears, he was struck with the idea that these hundred-guinea prizes did not have the effect of bringing into the field the class or the number of horses intended by those who instituted the system; and as three of these prizes were appropriated to the Newmarket course, he wrote to the stewards proposing that the three amounts should be lumped into one, and run for at a single race. The stewards would not listen to the suggestion, and last year the noble lord, again occupying the same official position, took upon himself to direct, with the QUEEN's sanction, that the three hundred guineas should be given in a single prize, to be run over the last two miles of CZAREWITCH course. The consequence, he tells us, was that fourteen horses were entered for the race, seven or eight of them being of a very superior class. The public money, therefore, in this case had its intended effect; but the abuse still continues in other cases. Many of the QUEEN's plates are still competed for by weedy brutes that are no use whatever but to bet upon, being too slight to be of any practical value. Now, that attention is called to this matter, we trust a thorough reform may be the consequence. The nation will perhaps not begrudge the expenditure of two or three thousand guineas a year for the encouragement of the breed of horses, although no more is given for the reward of deserving authors, artists, &c. Most people think that the latter fund should be augmented, not the former decreased. But there is evidently a necessity of re-appropriating the horse grant, if it is to be employed for its original and legitimate purpose. A hundred guineas is not such a tempting sum now as it was fifty years ago, and first-rate horses cannot be brought into the field to compete for such a prize. The QUEEN's plates are therefore left for competition among a few young creatures without stay or strength, and whose existence is rather a deterioration than an improvement of the national breed of horses. If the grant is to be continued, it should be under two conditions:—first, that each separate prize should be of an amount—say three hundred guineas—as to bring superior horses into the field; and, secondly, that the distance run should be sufficient to ensure the staying qualities—that is to say, real strength and power in the winner of the prize. If these conditions are not secured, this appropriation of public money for the supposed improvement of our breed of horses must necessarily do more harm than good.

PNEUMATIC DRAINAGE.

THE report of typhoid fever in Oxford may turn out, as we hope it is, to be an exaggerated account of a state of things only too common in our country towns, where water drainage, and that not on the best principle, is still the only reliable vehicle for carrying off what has been euphemistically defined as "matter out of place." How to put that matter in its right place—in other words to bring the soil and the animal salt which it craves together—this is the problem for the sanitary engineer. We have stumbled on water as the carrying agent; and though we all feel that it is a mistake, mechanically as well as well chemically, yet still we go on blindly in a groove repeating our mistakes constructing fresh drains and sewers, and so polluting our streams and rivers still more than ever. At last, when our river-gods raise their heads from the shiny bottoms, shake their oozy locks at us, and brandish their tridents in token that they will stand it no longer, then we get frightened, issue injunctions in Chancery, and compel towns to try the A B C or some other new system of filtering sewage. We are guilty thus of the double inconsistency, first of polluting our water, and then of trying to purify it again. We make water our beast of burden to carry away the refuse from our towns, and then when this poor packhorse of ours follows his natural instincts, and like the river horse that he is, takes to the main channel, and so seeks to escape to sea with his pack of pollution, we arrest him in mid channel, and say that thus far shall he go and no further. He may pollute the rills, but not the rivers; may turn our rivulets, like the Leam and the Fleet, into stinking ditches, but he must not contaminate the larger rivers. These are some of the inconsistencies into which we fall from using water at all as the means for carrying away sewage. A better system is that known from the vicar of Fordington in Dorset as MOSLEY's, or the Earth system. But though this is an improvement on the old plan, there are objections to it which we need not enter on here, and so we may dismiss it. Failing earth and water, there only remains air and fire as the agents to call in to do our work of disinfecting sewage, and it remains to be seen whether these powerful spirits will obey our calling. Ours is the question put to OWEN GLENDOW, whether, if we call spirits from the vasty deep, they will obey us. A Dutch engineer, Captain LIERNUR, has answered this question in the affirmative. He has applied the pnuematic tube to carry off the sewage of our houses, it is then reduced to a powder in a furnace, and then applied as native guano to our fields. In this form it is the most powerful fertilizer known, and its commercial value amply repays the cost of its original outlay in plant and machinery. Correspondents who have seen the LIERNUR system at work in Holland, write in warmest terms of its success. It has been tried on a large scale in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Dortrecht, and other Dutch Towns, and the verdict everywhere is the same. Air and fire are thus the spirits who are to solve the Sanitary problem which earth and water have failed to do. It is clearly wisdom when we are on a wrong track to retrace our steps and failing one agent try another. We find that we cannot pollute our waters with impunity, but what we may not do on a large scale we stil l do on a small. We carry our liquid sewage to farms which are so drenched with a diluted manure that it ceases to be a fertilizer at all. The LIERNUR system would at once solve the problem, and it only remains to be seen, have we the courage to apply the remedy.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The approach of the Parliamentary session excites some activity in the political world, and seems to have been the cause of bringing several members of Parliament before the public in one shape or other. Mr. Morley, Mr. W. E. Forster, Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, Mr. Baillie Cochrane, Sir John Lubbock, and Mr. Osborne Morgan, have all been to the fore within the last few days; and so far as these gentlemen have talked politics they seem to express quiet resignation and watchful patience on the part of the Liberal party, while perhaps the fact that several Liberal representatives have taken an opportunity of talking anything else but politics expresses much the same in the present condition of parties, single by-elections like that for Stoke-upon-Trent, do not excite much attention among the general public. Only a succession of Liberal victories at such elections, such as were won by the Conservative party when Mr. Gladstone was in power, would make them of real importance; and there seems no chance of this. The tendency, indeed, has been, since the general election, to increase the Conservative majority. Therefore the Liberal party must for some time be satisfied with Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice's reflection that the Liberal party fell from power because it had effected all the reforms for which moderate men are at present prepared. There is one by-election, however, which excites a good deal of interest here, as many of the constituents are residents in London—I mean the election for Dublin University. The number of Dublin graduates amongst us is so considerable that all the work of committee-meeting and canvassing has to be prosecuted vigorously by the London friends of the candidates. On this side of the water, there is no doubt that Mr. A. E. Miller, Q.C., is the favourite candidate, and his friends are confident that he will obtain the preference in Ireland. His conservatism is less pronounced than that of the other two candidates, and he is therefore likely to obtain most of the Liberal votes, besides being well supported by members of his own party.

The present Government, like its predecessor, has had its official mind much exercised owing to the continued and increasing number of desertions from the army. A Royal Commission on this subject is still sitting—*sedet æternumque sedebit*, perhaps—and some day we may have its report and recommendations for avoiding desertions; but meanwhile I hear that the Secretary of State for War is contemplating a plan for increasing the pay of the rank and file of the army, and thus lessening the inducement to desert. Of course, any such plan would mean extra taxation, and therefore it would meet with great opposition; but still it is generally admitted that something should be done to prevent wholesale desertion, and it may be argued that the extra pay given may be saved by reducing the loss of men after the State has been at the expense of drilling them. So far as desertion takes place for the sake of the pecuniary benefit arising from re-enlistment, this might be cured by a system of branding, but many soldiers desert without any intention of re-entering the army.

An effort will be made next Session to deliver the metropolis from the tyranny of the gas companies, and I hope this effort may succeed. Whether the management of our gas-supply is to be under the control of the Metropolitan Board of Works or any other body, we cannot be worse treated than we are. Our gas is bad in quality, inadequate in quantity, and unconscionably dear. For weeks past, during the long winter days, when we have required artificial light during so many hours, we have been scandalously served. And we have no help for it. "On the side of the oppressors there is power," and they do pretty much as they like with us; but when they themselves commit flagrant breaches of their own Acts of Parliament which give them so much power, it is too bad that they should be dealt with so tenderly as in a case which has just occurred. Although the companies are only empowered to collect accounts quarterly, one of these autocratic bodies chose to insist that a certain publican should pay his account monthly; and he not doing so, the gas was cut off, and the publican deprived of it for weeks. He prosecuted the company; but the magistrate, intimating his opinion that there were mitigating circumstances, inflicted only the penalty of £10.

Speaking of the Board of Works undertaking the charge of our gas-supply, I would just observe that this body ought to do something to save our money, considering how much it spends of it. It requisitioned from us 1872, £222,149; in 1873, £281,496; in 1874, £378,171; and this year it will require £458,481—all these sums being exclusive of the coal and wine duties. Undoubtedly London is being immensely improved, both in regard to appearance and public convenience; but the cost is a heavy and growing one, and we may expect just the same sort of thing with our School Board year after year. Both bodies are acctive and enterprising, and show what a municipal council for all London might be, while the latter would diminish rather than increase local taxation by abolishin g the costly system of vestry administration in many matters.

The affairs of Spain being just now very interesting and critical, the *Daily Telegraph* has sent out one of the cleverest of its staff, Mr G. A. Sala, as special correspondent. This brilliant writer is a man of cosmopolitan experience, and it was he, it may be remembered, who gave us a series of very entertaining letters, in the same journal, respecting "America in the midst of war." I hope he will not have to describe Spain in the midst of war, and that that unhappy, long-disturbed country may find rest and peace under its new sovereign. At any rate, Mr Sala's contributions are never dull, and his correspondence will be eagerly read. The *Daily News* is to have a new correspondent at Rome, in the person of Dr Steele, one of the most frequent contributors to the *Lancet* and a competent writer on general topics. *Apropos* of the last-mentioned journal, which I seldom see, and still more rarely read, its number for the 2nd inst. contains the most remarkable story—*story* is the word in another sense—that I have ever perused. The *Lancet* can of course publish articles that elsewhere would not be admissible, but this article—quoted from an American medical print—is not only remarkable for its mendacious character as a narrative, being more outrageous than anything that was ever told by Baron Munchausen, but it is of so scandalous a nature that I am surprised that so respectable a journal as the *Lancet*, albeit it is a medical paper, should give additional currency to it.

It will be remembered that Mr Thomas Miller, originally a poor basket-maker, and for many years a poet and novelist, died a few months ago in neglect and poverty. His name ought to have been placed many years ago on the Civil List for a pension, but we must remember that the money thus at command of Government is but £1,200 a year, and that there is always at least a score of applicants for one that succeeds. For many years Mr Miller, who had given the public such pleasure by his stories of country life and his pure, healthy poems, lived in severe poverty, and it was only when lying ill on what proved to be his death-bed that a small grant was made to him out of the Queen's bounty money. His two daughters, I regret to hear, are now in a state of severe distress; and though they do not ask for pecuniary aid, they sorely need it. A few gentlemen are endeavouring to get up a subscription for them. Among these benevolent men are the Rev. S. B. Sikes, Rector of Halstead, near Sevenoaks, and Mr Thomas Cooper, 3, Portland Place, Lincoln. The latter gentleman was once well known as the chartist poet, and he is the author of a most remarkable epic poem, "The Purgatory of Suicides." Formerly he was remarkable for his "free-thinking" opinions and his advanced political views, but for some years he has been known as a lecturer and a preacher, his lectures in support of the evidences for Christianity being specially powerful.

One story is very good until another is told, but the story of the young actress—she calls herself an actress, at all events—who applied to a magistrate for a summons against the manager of the temporary theatre in the Agricultural Hall is certainly one that would show she had right on her side. She says she was engaged for a month certain; while performing, she slipped, owing to the unevenness of the boards, and sprained her ankle; whereupon the manager dismissed her, and refused to pay her more than one week's salary. The police magistrate could do nothing for her, and referred her to the county court. The matter is worth this reference if only for the purpose of pointing out that our county courts ought to be more workable, more easy of access, and cheaper.

ROMANTIC ELOPEMENT IN WATERFORD.—A romantic elopement was discovered on Saturday morning to have taken place in Waterford. A widow lady, whose late husband was colonel of an infantry regiment, and who owns considerable landed property in Dorsetshire, is said to have eloped with a handsome subconstable named Terence Murphy. The lady, who has turned 42, has £700 a year. Murphy is in his twenty-third year. The widow is connected with the highest families in Waterford.

AN ALARMING RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

At a quarter-past eleven on Tuesday forenoon, as the passenger express from Accrington to Manchester was returning at full speed through Radcliff Bridge station on the East Lancashire line, a spring either of the engine or front carriage, gave way with a crash, and was smashed into fragments. The pieces were scattered all along the line, and one was hurled on to the platform. It will be understood how narrowly the train escaped a much greater mishap, when it is stated that a portion of the spring fell across the metals, but was fortunately passed over by the carriages. The blaze of sparks which arose as the spring fell beneath the carriage only tended to augment the alarm of the passengers on the platform. The train was brought to a standstill within a few hundred yards.

CHARGE OF PERJURY AGAINST A SOUTH SHIELDS POLICEMAN.

On Monday, at the South Shields Police Court, Ebenezer Scott, a constable in the borough police force, was charged with having committed false, wicked, wilful, and corrupt perjury in his evidence as a witness in the hearing of certain information, wherein Superintendent Richardson was the informant, and William Carter, the defendant, on the 30th December. There was a further charge of committing perjury in giving evidence against George Carter, son of William Carter, on a similar information, and on the same date. Mr. G. R. Duncan prosecuted, and Mr. J. Moore (Town Clerk) defended.—Mr. Duncan, in opening the case, said that the officer had in evidence alleged that he found the two defendants drunk and in charge of cabs of at Tyne Dock. Instead of such being the case, Wm. Carter was at Sunderland, and his son at Newcastle, on the day when the offence was said to have been committed.—Mr. Moore said the defendant had made a mistake for which he was exceedingly sorry. He had also offered his humblest apology to the prosecutors. If the prosecutors would allow the case to be withdrawn, the Watch Committee would deal with the officer. A mistake had certainly been made by the officer, which was greatly to be regretted, as he believed that Messrs. Carter were respectable persons.—Mr. Duncan, after consulting with his clients, said they had no vindictive feeling in the matter, and were willing to withdraw the case, provided that a public apology from the defendant were inserted in the several local newspapers, and upon payment to them of the amount of fines and costs imposed upon them at the trial, as well as the costs of these proceedings.—The course suggested having been agreed to by the defendant, the case was withdrawn.

HORRIBLE DISCOVERY AT THIRSK.

On Monday Thomas Checkley, who has been in custody since last Thursday under suspicion of being concerned in the child murder at Newsham Brickyard, near Thirsk, was brought before the Thirsk Bench, charged with the wilful murder of the illegitimate child of Ann Elizabeth Nendick, at the dwelling-house at Newsham Brickyard, on the 4th inst. The prisoner was remanded for a week, the girl Nendick being at present too ill to give evidence. The greatest excitement at present prevails in Thirsk and district, in consequence of the horrid disclosures which have come to light in connection with the finding of the infant in Newsham Brickyard, and more especially when it became known that Checkley had confessed to Inspector Nicholson that he had boiled the body of the child, and afterwards thrown it into the recess, where it was found on Thursday by the Inspector and a constable. During Saturday, a diligent search was made of the premises and the neighbouring outbuildings and surroundings for the missing right arm of the child by Deputy Chief Constable Walmsley and Inspector Nicholson, but without result. The pan in which the child was boiled is a large one, and the spot where the body was found is a space between the outer and the inner walls of what resembles a lumber loft, in a small building adjoining the kitchen. The place where the body was found is between five and six feet in depth, and the oven in the kitchen is at the other side of the wall. The dwelling-house at Newsham Brickyard, where Checkley and the girl Nendick lived, is near to the North-Eastern Railway, about three miles from Thirsk, and close to what is known as the Avenue Railway Bridge. The house and brickyard and ponds are surrounded with woods, except where the railway runs in at the southern side. Besides Checkley and the girl, there were two youths living at the house, each about ten years of age, one the son of Checkley, and the other the stepsen, but from what can be ascertained at present they seem to know but little of the scene which was transacted. Checkley, his stepdaughter, son, and stepson appear to have all slept in one room. The girl Nendick is progressing favourably, and is sensible. Checkley gave her age as seventeen, but it is supposed in the neighbourhood that the girl is barely fifteen. The body of the child was conveyed to the Union Workhouse at Thirsk on Saturday for the purpose of interment. Checkley, who gave his age as forty-four, appears more like a man between fifty and sixty.

BURIAL VERSUS CREMATION.

Mr. Seymour Haden, in a letter which fills more than two columns of the *Times*, argues that all the evils which the advocates of cremation assert are inherent in the principle of interment arise from the fact that the dead are improperly buried. Mr. Haden contends that "the natural destination of all organised bodies that have lived and that die on the earth's surface is the earth;" that the source of the evils arising from our present mode of interment is to be found "not in the burial of the dead, but in the unreasoning sentiment which prompts us to keep them unburied for as long as possible, and then to bury them in such a way that the earth can have no access to them." The burial of the body, Mr. Haden asserts, "supposes its resolution by the direct agency of the earth to which we commit it, and that the earth is fully competent to effect that resolution," and he holds that "to seek to prevent this beneficent agency by enclosing the dead in hermetically sealed coffins, brick graves, and vaults, is in the highest degree unphilosophical, since it does but engage us in a vain resistance to an inevitable dispensation, and since it has led us to accumulate in our midst a vast store of human remains in every stage and condition of decay." Mr. Haden proposes that interment should take place in not more than thirty-six hours after death; and that a public officer should be appointed in each district to take cognisance of everything relating to the dead of that district; and he suggests that coffins, if they are used at all, should be of some light permeable material such as wickerwork, open at the top "and filled in with any fragrant herbaceous matters that happen to be in season." The earth would not then be prevented from doing its work of resolution, which would be accomplished in five or six years, and we might bury again in the same ground. Mr. Haden recommends the abolition of the permanent tenure of the ground by the dead, and of the use of brick graves and vaults, and suggests that our dead might be buried in the lowland tracts of alluvial soil on the Kent and Essex banks of the Thames, by which means much of the valuable land in and about the city now occupied as cemeteries might be restored to better uses, and the lowlands of Essex and Kent be drained, planted, and beautified, with equal benefit to the land and to ourselves. Cremation Mr. Haden objects to, as a troublesome and wasteful form of burial.

MESSRS. MOODY AND SANKEY IN SHEFFIELD.

SHEFFIELD, Tuesday afternoon.—It does not often happen in this matter-of-fact country that two strangers can attract so much attention from the religious world, and break down so many party barriers as Mr. Moody and Mr. Sankey have done since they came to England. The English people are shy of strangers, and after some experiences of revivalists, it is no matter of surprise that religious people, and the officers of the different churches, are careful and cautious in giving the weight of their influence in favour of foreign religious agents. Mr. Moody and Mr. Sankey have won their way to the confidence of the religious public in a manner which would have been surprising if it had not been for their sterling qualities of character and their indisputable usefulness.

There is plenty of religious truth in the country, abundance of churches, and far too many irreligious men in all classes of society. If any one, whether foreigner or citizen, can put fresh life into the churches, spread a flame of purer zeal over the land, and bring the masses of the people under the influences of religion, by all means let the work be done.

With good wishes for the future religious welfare of our country, and with no unfriendly feelings towards the two distinguished Americans, we journeyed to Sheffield to see and hear and judge for ourselves. The weather was dismal enough when we entered the Albert Hall a little after twelve o'clock. Some two thousand people were present. They were singing, after which Mr. Moody gave a short address. The audience were orderly and devout, and most of them thoroughly taken up with what was going on. If a thunderstorm had broken over the hall it would not have attracted much attention; the people were too much occupied with thoughts of the next world to pay much heed to the clamatic changes of this. It was evident, as the eye wandered over the assembly, that they were *there* for a devout purpose, and were determined to *fulfil* it.

There was no sensationalism, no *straining* for effect. Some revivalist preachers have been emotional almost to hysterics, and others of them have put more brimstone into their sermons than they could find in the New Testament; but Mr. Moody spoke to-day in language of sobriety and moderation, and fully sustained the truthfulness of what has been said of him in the press—he aims at lasting good, and not at evanescent excitement. He has no marks of high culture in his style, and we failed to perceive anything approaching to sanctimonious assumption. His style is very plain, and if it is not occasionally uncouth, it is often rugged. But the manifest sincerity of purpose, the apt illustrations, and the seizure of the interests which are of profoundest value to man constitute Mr. Moody a powerful religious speaker, while occasionally there comes from him a thrill and throb of the soul which is something more than genius—it is like a touch from the next world. "Water always finds its level," he said. "If it comes from the mountain it will ascend to its native height. Let the water of life flow into your soul, and, as it comes from Heaven, it will lead you back to Heaven." The address closed without impressing one as anything very remarkable, still it was good, and told well upon the people.

The Vicar of Sheffield, who was present upon the platform, spoke a few suitable words, and several other ministers on the platform either exhorted or engaged in prayer. At the close of the morning service one had no sense of being victimised by artificial and spasmodic attempts to get up an excitement; the feeling was rather the reverse. The seed had been sown, and it was left to its inherent and germinant life to take root and grow. The strongest opponent of mere religious excitement, or perhaps one ought to say mere animal excitement about religion, would have had nothing to find fault with this morning.

It is not easy for a stranger visiting the town in connection with this religious movement at once to get all the facts, and our first information and impressions may have to undergo some modification and addition, as the result of further inquiry. The people attending the services to-day were not those we had hoped to see. We should like to have seen the hall filled with waifs, and strays, and outcasts, but either these were absent or they had hidden themselves for the time in the garments of respectability. Perhaps it was not fair to expect these at a forenoon service; so let us hope they will turn up to-night. No doubt some good has been done among the worst of the people; but, as far as we can learn at present, by far the largest amount of success attending the services of the American evangelists in Sheffield is to be found among the members of existing churches and congregations. Such are said to have become either Christians or more thoroughly religious in great numbers. Surely this is gain to practical Christianity, and a gain which could not probably have been obtained in any ather way.

It has been very generally rumoured that the proposal of house-to-house visitation in connection with the services of Messrs. Moody and Sankey was stopped by a threat of inhibition on the part of some of the clergy if their parishes were visited by others of the clergy, and this rumour has obtained currency through the press. We are assured by an intelligent and active member of the committee that the rumour is not correct. There has been no threat of inhibition made by any clergyman. The proposal of house-to-house visitation was given up on account of parochial and other difficulties, but it is considered that these services would have been more successful if there had been connected with them the visitation of every house.

The afternoon service commenced at three o'clock, but long before the time the street opposite the front entrance was crowded, the hall filled rapidly in every part until the aisles would hold no more. Looking round upon that sea of faces there was discernable the same rapt attention and the same elevated expression of devotion. The service only lasted an hour, and when it was over many of the people were unwilling to leave the hall, although Mr. Moody requested them to do so in order to [illegible] room for others. His address was on the [illegible] the Scriptures, and he certainly said some [illegible] things about the study of the Bible. One [illegible] provoked a smile. "An old *woman*," the [illegible] said, "once was presented *with a* commentary to help her in the study *of the* Bible, and on being asked by a friend *how* she liked it, she replied 'That the Bible helped her to understand the commentary very well.'" Mr Moody's addresses so far as we have heard him, are full of common sense, and they go direct to the practical affairs of the religious life. He was emphatic in urging the people to study the Bible, in order that they might teach it, and still more emphatic when he urged them not leave the teaching of religion to ministers. There were a large number of ministers of different churches on the platform in the afternoon. Judging by their looks they were interested much and favourably, and those with whom we exchanged a few words expressed their decided conviction that the services are doing a good practical work in Sheffield. What this work is we may speak of in our next letter, in which we shall have to record Mr. Moody's farewell to Sheffield, as he leaves on Friday.

It is pleasant to see so many religious people of different persuasions joining together to do a common work, aud as we look upon the naturalness, the absence of restraining and differentiating forms the thought rose before the mind—this is [illegible] ecclesiastical Christianity; it is something better.—*Leeds Mercury.*

It is expected that a vacancy will be caused in the representation of Chatham by the appointment of Admiral Elliott as Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth.

Poetry: Original and Select.

A CONTRAST.

WINTER DELIGHTS.

Snow around my cottage, frost and fog,
Peasoup for my pottage, and a leg;
On the fire a splinter of oak beam
Makes the dreary winter cheery gleam.

Hot peasoup, roast beef too, and a stray
Hot plumpudding's lief to come my way.
I can put them under one and all;
So I cleave asunder winter's thrall.

Then a day's brisk skating on the lake
Sets blood circulating, no mistake.
Hungry, home to dinner, feeding prime,
Feeling quite the winner of the time.

In the eve, hot toddy—barley-bree,
Fit for anybody of degree.
And a pipe above all pleases me:
Winter bleak, I love all charms of thee!

WINTER DISCOMFORTS.

Winter's very horrid—such a bore!
O for some nice torrid tropic shore!
Winter, I detest you—hate you, sheer!
If I could I'd wrest you from the year.

Out at morning going, bitter cold,
East wind knife-like blowing, feel quite old.
On a slide I tread now; oh, the whack!
Bump upon my head now, and my back.

Creep into my chamber, feeling sore;
Up to bed I clamber, there to pour
Arnica, and get my wife to rub
Liniment to set me right—poor hub!

Chilblains sorely tease me, itch like mad.
Nothing comes to ease me; oh, 'tis sad!
Pipes freeze—we've no water—thaw, and burst!
Oh, 'tis comforts slaughter. Winter curst.

—*Fun.*

Varieties.

Extracts from PUNCH.

A NATURAL INTERPRETATION.—*Sunday School Teacher:* "What do you understand by 'suffering for righteousness sake?'"—*Boy* (promptly): "Practising hymns in the morning, teacher, and Sunday school in the afternoon, and Bible-class in the evenin'!!"

SEASONABLE WEATHER IN SCOTLAND. (Edinburgh, New Year's Day.)—*Sandy:* There's mair snaw this new year than I've seen for mony a day; it's by ord'nar.—*Jock:* Ay, but it's vera saisonable wather.—*Sandy:* Deed, ye may say that, Jock,—fine saft fa'in for the fou folk.

TO LADIES OF A CERTAIN AGE.—How to prevent the Hair from becoming Grey.—Cut it off, do it up neatly in tissue paper, and put it away in a drawer. It will not become grey as long as you live.

"BETWEEN THE ACTS."—(At the opening of the Grand Opera, Paris.)—*The Lord Mayor of London* (to Alfonso the Twelfth): "Delighted to congratulate your Majesty.—but business is business. With your Majesty's English education, I hope I may assure our friends in London that something will now be done about those—ahem!—'bonds'!!!"

RITUALISM AT ST. PAUL'S.—Romanism with the Lid-on.

A REAL HARD CASE.—(The Rough's Last Wrong.) *Liverpool Ruffian:* "'Ere's a go!—a man 'anged for kickin' his wife to death! I shall 'ave to take my boots off!"

"O! THE ROAST BEEF."—A foreign nobleman, staying in England this Christmas, and but imperfectly acquainted with the niceties of our language, was horror-struck at being invited to be present at the roasting of a "Baron."

Extracts from JUDY.

Commenting upon the appointment by Don Carlos of Lord Beaumont as his representative in Great Britain, a contemporary says: "Every English peer should have but one sovereign." Surely this would be an unsatisfactory state of affairs for anybody—let alone a peer.

A Roaring Trade—The cheap jack's.

MARCH OF INTELLECT.—*Person from the Country:* Give me this week's paper, if you please, sir, will you? and—stay a moment, if you please—as I may not be up again next week, I think I might as well take two papers now.

Extracts from FUN.

PLEASANT!—*Riding Master* (to Jack Light, who has fallen from his horse): "Who the devil told you to dismount, sir, eh?"

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.—Keep all broils in the kitchen, and remember elbow grease is the best "kitchen stuff."

"OLD AND DRY."—The inhabitants of a small place called Surrey, in Kent, are dreadfully annoyed because a daily paper refers to it, in one of its nightly telegrams from all round the world, as Sherry. This was only a joke of the editor's, "Sherry" having been for a long time known to him, as well as to others, as an old port. And "port it is."

DARWINIAN.—During the recent slippery weather in Paris, belated travellers had to crawl home on all fours. One touch of nature revived in them the habits of their forefathers.

CASE OF REAL DISTRESS.—A crew from a crack rowing club, taking their first spin on the river since the frost, were observed to be decidedly "ragged."

HALTING PLACES.—Crutchedfriars and Cripplegate.

THE SPREAD OF EDUCATION.—*Small Boy* (with basket): "Yes, you just hit me, that's all. Go on, hit me, and I'll give yer in charge."—*Sweeper:* "Ya, ah, what for?"—*S. Boy* (contemptuously): "Why, I'll gie you in charge cos yer can't read or write."

A CAUDLE APPENDAGE.—The gossip's tale.

NOT TEMPTING NOW-A-DAYS.—A well known essayist said once that "the Tree of Knowledge might have been safely entrusted to the present generation." Judging by the reception the Free Libraries Act has already met, "branch establishments" of this same tree might very safely have been entrusted to the inhabitants of both Islington and Sheffield.

"KILLING NO MURDER."—The *Echo* startled us the other day by making the astounding assertion that out of the funds of the Railway Benevolent Institution "1,348 have been relieved—viz., 111 *killed*, 113 died, and 1,124 injured in accidents." Clearly one of the rare instances of killing with kindness.

A BLACK SEE.—The diocese of Natal.

A BLACK JOKE.—That must have been a practical jokist who put the following advertisement in the daily papers:—"A thoroughly good plain man-cook wanted for the Governor of Fiji." We are "in a position to state" that the new Governor is not a cannibal, and even if he were he would look to his new friends to produce the best man-cook obtainable.

POETRY AND PRACTICE.—*Jones* (poetically): "But to have some fair being to brighten your hearth ——" *Brown* (practically): "Brighten my hearth! Mrs Gollagher, tell this gentlemen the time you spent on this blessed fireplace this morning! And yet he isn't satisfied."

JEHU-RIDICAL.—"Cabmen's shelters" are deserving of support—if only because they will remove every excuse for "Cabby's" sheltering himself under strong language.

REDUCTION OF MINERS' WAGES IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Tuesday it was announced to the West Yorkshire Coal Masters' Association, at their meeting in Leeds, Mr. Robert Tennant, M.P., in the chair, that Mr. Daniel, barrister, had delivered in his award on the wages question between the masters and men. Mr. Daniel, who is Judge of the Bradford County Court, had been agreed upon as arbitrator by both disputing parties, and he ruled that from and after the first pay day after the 18th of January, and thenceforward until the including first pay day after the 18th of July next, the wages to West Yorkshire miners be reduced 12½ per cent., in addition to the 12½ per cent. mentioned in Mr. Kettle's award on the 2nd June, 1874, being altogether a reduction of 25 per cent on the rate of wages paid on the 31st March, 1874. The costs of the actuary, £196, are to defrayed in equal shares by the parties to the reference.

THREATENED LOCK-OUT IN SOUTH WALES.

The crisis in the South Wales coal trade is now again assuming a very grave complexion, and it is within the limits of possibility that the calamities which were thought to have been averted, with the partial termination of the strike may be brought about a lock-out. At the present moment the men employed at 250 collieries refuse to resume work at the reduced wage rate; and as the 60 firms to which these properties belong are all members of the Masters' Association, the Council of that body will meet at Cardiff on Monday next with the view of considering the propriety of resorting to a general lock-out. In the resolution imposing the reduction the associated employers intimated that, unless the terms therein proposed were immediately accepted by the general body of the workpeople, they would not bind themselves to resume operations upon the basis then suggested, but might require a still further decrease. The masters consider that every possible latitude has been allowed to the men; and as so large a section of them still refuse to return to work, and as all the employers' interests belong to the Association, steps will now be taken to secure an uniform course of action.

DEPRESSION IN THE TYNE CHEMICAL TRADE.

Much excitement has been caused in this district in consequence of a notice issued by the Newcastle Chemical Company, Limited, to their workmen. The company's works are situated at the South Shore, near Gateshead, and a great number—we believe two or three thousand—men are employed at them, and on making enquiries on Tuesday, it was learned that a notice had been issued to the workmen in every department, and placarded about the walls of the works, to the effect that the establishment would be laid idle on the 27th January, and that all moneys due to the *employes* would be paid on the 30th of the present month. The reason given for this step is the continued depression prevailing in the chemical trade, combined with the increased cost of production. The works are extensive, in fact, it is said they are the largest in the country, and should the stipulations in the notice be carried out, and the workmen paid off, great distress will, in all probability, result. The following is a copy of the notice issued:—"The continued depression in chemical trade, and the increased cost of production prevent the works being carried on at a profit, and the company hereby give notice that every department in their works will be laid idle on January 27th, and all wages due will be paid on January 30th."

MURDEROUS ASSAULT ON A POLICEMAN AT WALKER.

Three men—Frank Boyle (26), labourer, Michael Gillies (22), labourer, and Bartley Gillon (19)—were charged at the Moot Hall Police Court, on Saturday, before Mr. J. P. Mulcaster and Mr. G. C. Atkinson, with unlawfully wounding P.C. McKechnie, at High Walker, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, on the 15th of December. Mr. J. H. Bush defended the prisoners.—The complainant stated that on the 15th of December last he was walking along Bell Street, when he was accosted by Boyle and Michael Gillon. Boyle said, "There's the b—— that had me summoned, and many a time I could take him down." The officer asked how he would take him down, and Boyle replied "With a brick." The officer cautioned him to be careful, and almost immediately Boyle struck him in the face with his fist. The officer returned the blow, whereupon the other men, set upon, knocked him down, and kicked him. Bartley Gillon also rushed out of a house with a poker, and struck him on the head, rendering him insensible. His head bled very much. Other men also assaulted him.—Other witnesses having been heard, Benjamin Robinson, surgeon, Walker, said he had called at the station about three o'clock in the morning of the 16th to see McKechnie He found him nearly insensible, and bleeding profusely. On cutting the hair away from his head he found the cause of the bleeding was from seven separate scalp wounds, and also a slight scratch on the forehead. The skull was not fractured. His face was very much swollen and bruised, and the seven scalp wounds penetrated to the bone. The smallest of the seven wounds was an inch long, and the largest two and a half inches long. The wounds might have been caused by such an instrument as the poker [produced]. The complainant was just recovering from concussion of the brain. The wounds were of a dangerous character, and he had been in a dangerous state for three or four days. He was out of danger now. He could not say whether more than one weapon had been used, but the wounds were caused by some heavy instrument. Some of the wounds were much jagged.—Robert Gray, sergeant of police, stationed at Walker, said that from information he received he went and apprehended the prisoners. Bartley, on being charged made no reply: Boyle said, "I do not know it if I did it;" and Michael Gillon said, "All right." On the 17th of December he proceeded to McLeer's house and got the poker [produced].—The policeman, McKechnie, re-called, in answer to Mr. Mulcaster, said he knew the whole of the prisoners. He would swear that they all struck him. Some of them had a poker similar to the one produced.—The prisoners were then committed to take their trial at the ensuing assizes. Defence reserved.

WOMAN FOUND DROWNED AT DURHAM.—On Saturday morning the body of an elderly woman, was found by some men floating in the river Wear at Kepier, a short distance from Durham. It had been in the water for some time, and has since been identified as that of a female named Cavanagh, who led a dissolute life, and resided at Kepier. It is supposed the woman fell into the water whilst under the influence of drink.

Mr G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., addressed his constituents at Hawick on Tuesday night. He criticised the conduct of Sir William Harcourt and others who had attacked the late Government since its fall, and said he doubted whether the result of the general election was an unmixed disaster. During the last few years the conduct of the Conservative party had been such as to bring all government into contempt. All the services were taught to consider the late Ministry as their natural enemy, and in any other army than our own there would have been danger of a military insurrection. But such, he said, would never be the tone of the Conservatives again.

SUICIDE OF A CONVICT IN MORPETH GAOL.

VERDICT OF FELO DE SE.

An inquiry was held before Mr. L. M. Cockcroft, coroner, in Morpeth gaol, on Saturday afternoon, into the death of Thomas William Carrick Smith, 52, who was tried at the Northumberland Sessions, at Newcastle, on Thursday, and sentenced to undergo seven years' penal servitude, and who was found dead in bed in his cell in Morpeth Gaol, on Friday morning. The inquiry took place in one of the rooms adjoining the Governor's offices.

Mr. Thomas Hudson was chosen as foreman, after the cause of the inquiry was read over by the Coroner,

Mr. W. Wookey, governor of the prison, was called, and stated that the man now dead in the prison was Thomas W. Carrick Smith, 52 years of age, a gardener, residing in High Street, Sunderland, who was committed for trial on the 17th of November last, by the magistrates at the Tynemouth petty sessions, on the charge of stealing grapes from the vinery of George Baker Forster, Esq., at Backworth. He was received into the gaol, and given in charge of the officer of the ward in which he was confined. He was taken to the Bath Room, and stripped, and all his clothes taken from him. After being bathed he was supplied with a complete suit of prison clothes, and the pockets of his own clothes were searched to see that nothing remained in them; the clothes were then purified and laid by in the store. The prisoner had been in the gaol from the 17th of November up to the 7th inst., when he was conveyed with four other prisoners to Newcastle to be tried at the Northumberland Sessions. On the morning of the 7th he was stripped of his prison clothes and his own clothes were given to him, in which he was dressed at the sessions. He was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. He sent him from the dock down stairs to be locked up with the other prisoners, about a quarter to four. They were afterwards brought to the Central Station, and left by the 5.45 p.m. train for Morpeth. He rode in the same carriage as the prisoner Smith. They arrived at the prison about twenty minutes past six. He saw nothing more of him until the following morning at half-past six, when he saw him dead in his cell, lying in his hammock.

In answer to the Coroner, Mr. Wookey said that on their arrival from the Quarter Sessions, the prisoners were stripped and searched by the warders so that they might carry nothing to their cells.

Witness telegraphed and sent a letter to Smith's wife at Sunderland on Friday, and had received a letter in reply, as follows:—

"Sir,—I have duly received the telegram respecting my husband. What on earth has happened to him? Has he cut his throat or poisoned himself? For I have no money to come with, and I am left with four children at home, and have nothing to . . . I am left poor, and have no money to come to Morpeth with."

Mr. Wookey said he had no conversation with deceased after his sentence, or had no communication made about him whatever. They found a portion of vomit on the floor of his cell, in which he was confined alone. There was a small quantity of dark-coloured root, which was taken away by the medical man, which was found in the deceased's chamber-pot. There were also two pieces of root found concealed under the lining of his hat—his own hat, that he had on when he went to the Sessions. He had been in gaol now and again for the last ten years; there were eight previous convictions against him for periods of six and twelve months, and he had no doubt that Smith had made up his mind that if ever he was convicted in this way to make away with himself.

In answer to Mr. Hudson, Mr. Wookey said it was supposed that Smith had taken the root before he came back from Newcastle to the prison.

By the Coroner: He had been in good spirits generally, but was a little depressed after the sentence.

Charles Fox, a prisoner in the Gaol, and who was at the Sessions, said he saw Smith in the water-closet on Thursday night. He was stooping very low. He asked Smith to come to the fire, but he replied, "Leave me alone; I have got seven years, and I'll do it." He pulled him away, and he afterwards said, "I'll do it yet; if I had poison I could do it quick." He also said he would never see his wife and family more. Witness urged him to pray to God. Smith said, "I have prayed to God ever since I came to the prison, and still I have got seven years." At Newcastle the prisoner told him he had been a gardener at Wallington Hall once, and also at Sir Matthew White Ridley's, Blagdon, and elsewhere. Witness saw him eat some victuals out of his hat as he came down stairs. He thought it was only idle talk what the prisoner was saying, so he told no one about it. He saw nothing in his hands.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said he thought if he told the Governor or the warders what Smith had said the latter might deny that he said this, and he could be punished for it. He had got six months, and upon consideration he thought he had got plenty of it. He never saw Smith take anything out of his hat to eat, except at the Moot Hall, where he ate the victuals out of it.

Mr. Wookey said that nothing could be handed to the prisoner while in the dock. Prisoner appeared to be looking for some one the whole of the morning. No one had come to see him at the prison.

George Penn, 19, another prisoner tried at the Quarter Sessions, corroborated Fox's evidence. He heard Smith tell Fox what the latter stated in his evidence. Witness did not like to tell any one what he had heard.

David Nichol, chief warder of the prison, said he was present when Smith was tried. He was never out of his sight until they got into gaol. He then gave Smith his supper, and ordered him to undress. He was stripped, and he examined him, but saw nothing unusual about the prisoner. He gave him his prison clothes, and asked him if he was all right. He said, "All right, sir." He then locked him up, and he saw no more of him until he was asked to see him at 6.15 on Friday morning, in company with the Governor, and Mr. Brown, the deputy-governor. He then examined his hat, and found two pieces of root concealed between the lining and the felt, which were produced. The prisoner asked him two or three questions in the train, but they were unimportant, and he said nothing as to what he was going to do.

William Humble, night watcher at the prison, was on duty on Thursday evening. He was never in the prisoner's cell, but he passed it every hour. Witness looked in at a quarter to nine, when he put the gas out. He was sitting at the bedside undressed, with his shirt and stockings on. He told the prisoner to go to bed, but he made no reply. He noticed nothing particular, and his attention was attracted by nothing during the night.

William Elvin, a warder, searched the clothes of the prisoner. He simply looked at the hat and gave it to a man to tie up with the bundle.

James Clark was on duty in the ward in which Smith was confined at 8.30 on Thursday night. Smith was in bed and appeared to be asleep when he left him. He took his prison clothes out of his cell.

Mr. Wookey explained that when prisoners were sentenced to long periods or penal servitude their clothes were removed at night, as a precaution against their being used to escape by.

Mr. M. Brumell, surgeon, of Morpeth, said the prisoner was suffering from a slight ailment a fortnight ago, but had not complained since. Mr. Skrimshire, his partner, had seen the deceased shortly after six o'clock on Friday morning, but he was quite dead. Witness saw him at ten o'clock but there were no marks externally to denote the cause of death. He was shown the prisoner's chamber pot, and in it he found several portions of fibrous root which he collected and examined, and he had a strong impression that it was an aconite, a deadly poison. He had made a *post-mortem* examination that day, and he found a piece of the same root in the stomach, which was congested and inflamed as if from the action of an irritant poison. All the other organs of the body were in good order. The *aconitum napellus* produced vomiting and purging, but there had not been a great deal upon the prisoner's stomach, and he had not been purged, as far as he could ascertain. There was quite sufficient root in the pot and in the stomach to cause death. He had no doubt as to the cause of death. The root was known as "monkshood" and "wolf's bane," and it was a poison which acted rapidly upon the system, but its action had been retarded by its dried state, and the imperfect manner in which it had been masticated.

In reply to the Foreman, Dr. Brumell said if the root was taken at Newcastle, he thought its effect would have been seen before nine o'clock, when Smith was last seen, but its dried state retarded its effect, and it was possible for it to have been taken at Newcastle.

James Smith, the son of the deceased, and a prisoner in Morpeth Gaol, said he did not know his father had roots with him. He had roots and bulbs at home, but he had not seen any in the house like those produced. Witness, who said he was a billiard-marker, stated that his father when in bed generally talked foolish things about dying and taking fits, and got up through the night. When they were coming from Tynemouth to the prison in November, his father said to him, "Jim, it's a fine night; it may be the last time you will see me." Witness told him to keep his heart up. He never saw him put anything in his hat.

The Coroner then addressed the jury. The first question would be, what caused the death of this man? There seemed little doubt that his death had arisen from the root, which was an aconite, and would take away his life if he took the quantity found. If the jury were satisfied of this, the question arose, did he take it himself? He thought the root had been in the lining of the hat when he came there on the 17th November. The warder did not look inside the lining, he would not expect to see anything there. Deceased had an opportunity to get his hat to go to the Quarter Sessions, and the presumption was that he had swallowed the root at the time he had gone down below from the dock, the effect of which would not be produced until he got to the prison there, and that would be the cause of death. Then as to the state of his mind, if he was in full possession of his mental faculties he had been guilty of what was termed *felo-de-se*, or self-murder. It was for the jury to decide whether it had been a deliberate attempt to murder himself, or whether deceased was unconscious of what he was doing, and labouring under an unsoundness of mind.

After a short consultation, the jury were unanimously of opinion that the act had been premeditated, and returned a verdict that deceased "did wilfully and feloniously kill and murder himself by taking aconitum napellus."

Smith was well-known to the police force of the county, and had been an inmate of both Northumberland and Durham County Prisons. At different periods he had stolen grapes from the vineries of the leading gentry of the district, and was well-known as the "notorious grape stealer." The widow of the deceased reached Morpeth on Saturday evening, and had a last look at his remains, and returned to Sunderland immediately after. The corpse was placed in a coffin, and carried by underbearers, who proceeded, with the undertaker, Mr. J. B. Proctor, and Mr. Nichol, to the churchyard shortly after nine o'clock, and the remains were buried in an unconsecrated spot.

Local and General News.

The screw-steamer Dudley, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, ran down the brigantine Elizabeth, of Portsmouth, off Dudgeon Light, on Saturday morning, when the captain, mate, cook, and one seaman belonging to the latter vessel were drowned.

The Northumberland coalowners have decided to reduce the wages for household or soft coal 20 per cent., and steam or hard coal 16 per cent This reduction will leave the prices only 6 and 10 per cent. respectively above those paid in 1871.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING AT SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, at the South Shields Police Court, John Owens, a seaman, was charged with having severely stabbed a miner named Thomas Henderson, in the left temple. It appears that on Monday, in the Station Road, South Shields, the prisoner deliberately took out a knife, sharpened it, and struck Henderson on the left temple, inflicting a wound three inches in length. Prosecutor was attended to by Dr. Coward, and was too ill to appear. Prisoner was remanded.

THE CHARGE AGAINST A POST-OFFICE MESSENGER.—At the Newcastle-on-Tyne Police Court, on Friday, John Dunn, Post Office mail messenger, was charged on remand with stealing a registered letter, sent from the Accountant-General's office, London, to the Redcar postmaster, containing eight £5 notes. The letter was sent by train on November 18, in which the prisoner was messenger, and was not delivered. Afterwards the prisoner was found dealing with the notes, which he said were paid to him by a betting man at York, about ten o'clock on the night of November 17th, but the notes only left London at a quarter-past nine that night. Prisoner was committed for trial at the Assizes.

THE NEXT POPE.—The Ultramontane *Pfalzer Zeitung* says that in case of vacancy of the Papal See, Prince Bismarck would use all his influence to have Cardinal Hohenlohe elected, and that the Governments interested in the matter would accept this choice, as the secret documents of the Arnim trial prove. If France objected, a military demonstration would be made on the Rhine. The new Pope would recognise the politico-religious legislation of Germany, and annul the decrees of the Vatican Council of 1870. The *Madgeburg Gazette* hears from Vienna that in Count Andrassy's answer to Prince Bismarck's despatch relative to the election of the next Pope, it is stated "that the Emperor Francis Joseph does not intend to renounce the historical right of the exclusion of candidates of whom he does not approve at the next Papal election."

THE BOILER EXPLOSION AT NORTH SHIELDS.—On Saturday afternoon, the funerals of James Lupton, plumber, Tynemouth, and of the two boys, Walter Scott Driver and George Evans, who were killed by the boiler explosion at Messrs Pow and Fawcus's chain and anchor manufactory, Bull Ring, North Shields, took place at the New Cemetery, Preston, near North Shields, and were largely attended. Some of the bodies were interred on Sunday. The two men Robson and Singleton still survive, but are in an almost hopeless state. Robson has had an operation performed upon him, his skull being fractured. Another man, named John Donald, blacksmith, was severely injured by the explosion, being cut and scalded; likewise Joseph Simpson, Thomas Wood, and George Rutter. This makes about twenty in all injured.—The coroner's inquest at South Shields on Tuesday, on the bodies of the men and boys killed by the boiler explosion at Messrs. Pow and Fawcus's chain and anchor manufactory, returned a verdict that the explosion was caused by over-heating, and that the boiler was too old and weakened by frequent repairs to be worked with safety without greater care than appears to have been exercised by the engineman.

The leading Nonconformists of Glasgow have held a private meeting, and resolved to found a national association to promote the disendowment and disestablishment of the State Church of Scotland.

M. Francis Guerin, a Frenchman, who has returned to Paris from the Cape, is stated to be in possession of a white diamond, found in a deserted pit near the "Devil's Table," stated to be worth £280,000.

During a fog on Tuesday morning a passenger train from Darlington to Saltburn-by-the-Sea ran into a mineral train near Fighting Cocks Station. Several of the passengers were severely shaken and bruised.

Owing to the bursting of a main the Staffordshire Potteries and district with 150,000 inhabitants are destitute of water. The inconvenience is likely to last several days.

Under the new Factory Act, several larg firms at Bradford resolved that while they will pay the same wages for fifty-six and a half hours as they did for fifty-nine, those not working full week forfeit this advantage. In consequence of this the workpeople at several establishments struck work.

Mr Stansfeld, M.P., in giving an address in the Mechanics' Institute, Halifax, on Monday night, on the subject of Local Government and the Public Health Act, 1872, said they could not keep people clean nor work a health law by the artificial machinery of Government experts. They could have no real success without educating the public mind in each locality upon the laws of health. The class most ready to invest Government with new powers over individuals was the working class. If local government was to hold its own against centralisation, it must be adapted to the times and give a sense of real freedom and responsibility to local governing bodies. The right hon. gentleman advocated the formation of county boards.

THE POPE AND QUEEN ISABELLA.—Queen Isabella has received from Rome the following telegram:—"The Holy Father sends, from the bottom of his heart, his apostolic benediction for your Majesty and all your august family, and charges me with the honourable mission of transmitting to your Majesty and their Royal Highnesses the expression of his gratitude for your congratulations on the subject of the *fete* of the Epiphany. Having learnt by another telegram from your Majesty that the King was preparing to leave for Spain, his Holiness thanks you, and sends his blessing to his dear godson, in praying the Most High to accord to him every sort of success in the difficult task he is about to undertake."

MORE CHILD STARVATION IN DEVONSHIRE.—The Plymouth Coroner on Monday night committed on his warrant Eliza Bellamy, mother of Mary Ann Bellamy, a child eighteen months' old, a jury having returned a verdict that the child had died from the mother's neglect to supply it with food. The story told by the witnesses was sad. One child had never been washed since her birth, and it was reduced by want of nourishment to a mere skeleton. The mother had refused to let it go to the Workhouse Hospital when ordered there by the surgeon. The father being an imbecile the mother was held responsible, and committed for trial accordingly.

ROMAN CATHOLIC POWER OVER INDIVIDUAL THOUGHT.—Mr Henry Petre publishes in the *Times* of Monday the correspondence between himself and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Salford, which led up to the Bishop's circular forbidding him the sacrament. This circular he characterises as extraordinary, and a striking illustration of the dictation and clerical absolutism which distinguish the Ultramontane party. The claims to entire submission, joined to a suppression of all individuality which are now sought to be imposed on the Catholics of this country, are pretentions, against which the reason and common sense of all independent men must protest. These claims can only be wrung from those who wholly abdicate their freedom.

THE TICHBORNE CLAIMANT.—Since the convict Arthur Orton has been at Dartmoor Prison, interest in his case seems to have revived, especially among the lower orders of Plymouth. Several private meetings were held on Tuesday night. A public meeting was convened; it was presided over by an eccentric member of the Board of Guardians, and attended by some 200 persons, most of whom would probably have been in the taps of second-rate public-houses if they had not been induced to present themselves among the advocates of the Claimant. The speeches consisted of lamentations at the hard fate which had overtaken an innocent man and rightful baronet; indignation at the perversion of justice which had caused his incarceration. It was resolved to use every possible means to obtain a reversal of such an iniquitous sentence, and the meeting requested that Dr. Kenealy should visit Plymouth and address them. Resolutions in accordance with these sentiments were unanimously adopted.

SENOR CASTELAR ON THE ALPHONSIST REVOLUTION.—Senor Castelar, who has resigned the Chair of History at the University of Madrid, and is about to spend a few weeks in Switzerland, from whence he will issue a sort of manifesto expressing his opinion of the late change in the affairs of Spain, appears to be overwhelmed with distress and disappointment. "I have deceived myself," said he to a correspondent, "in thinking that the Spanish people could be judged like the other nations of Europe. It is a Semitic people, full of the Moorish blood. It will never understand our political refinements and distinctions. It is *intransigente*, 'God is God and Mahomet is His prophet.' All its opinions are absolute like this axiom of fanatical religion. My policy was vanquished by the *intransigente* of the Left; it must have been so; it was a question of race. In like manner the policy of Canovas del Castillo will be vanquished by the *intransigente* of the Right. That is written. He is clever and honest, he is liberal, and he has a strong will; but he will be beaten, crushed, annihilated by the reaction, and it will not be one such as is seen in other countries, but a Spanish reaction, an Arab reaction, and this *intransigente* reaction will again bring *cantonalistas* into power, and all will have to begin again!"—*Echo.*

MR AUBERON HERBERT AND THE SHAKERS.—Mr Auberon Herbert, with much candour, sends to the *Times* a statement of facts which he has, he thinks, "no right to withhold from that part of the public who are interested in the Shakers." Some months ago Mr Herbert, in the course of a long conversation with Mrs Girling, which for a time turned on the relations of the sexes in the community, asked if there was any truth in the statement that the men and women bathed together in the sea. Mrs Girling assured him that there was none, and as far as her own knowledge went Mr Herbert believes she spoke truthfully, while from other opportunities which fell in his way of learning something about the community he was led to think the life "pleasant in its virtues and harmless in its delusions." He has since learned, however, that the delusion is not altogether harmless. A person, in the substantial truth of whose statements he believes, and who is himself an ex-member of the community, has deposed that "on several occasions he has been witness of naked dances, in which both the men and women took part. One would begin to throw of his clothes and others would follow his example." Some, it is said, were unconscious of what they were doing, but others, we regret to say, were described as "conscious." On learning this, Mr Herbert informed the Shakers in his barn that if these charges are true it will "make no difference as regards the temporary shelter which they now possess here," but that he "would do nothing to assist the community in making a fresh start or acquiring a new home."

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European, Howe's, Belgravia, Taylor's, or any other Sewing Machine in the trade.

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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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11, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT
AND
DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL.

IN thanking the inhabitants of Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, and surrounding district for the patronage accorded to him since commencing business, respectfully announces that he has Opened the Shop lately occupied by Mr. Handyside, in Middle Street, Consett, and trusts by Selling BOOTS and SHOES of excellent quality, to merit a still further extension of their favours. 6418

NOTED FOR GENUINE ARTICLES.

JOHN MADDISON,
GROCER, PROVISION DEALER, AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,
DIPTON,

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:—

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. „ „

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A FEW FACTS WORTH SPECIAL ATTENTION.

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

That our INDIAN TEA, at Three Shillings and Sixpence per pound, is really good value.

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

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Business Announcements.

GREAT SALE! GREAT SALE!!

GREAT SALE!!!

JOHN POTTS,

CLOTHIER AND HATTER,

CONSETT,

Has been declared the Purchaser, at a

GREAT REDUCTION,

OF THE

BANKRUPT STOCK

OF

Messrs. Hill & Co., Clothiers, Hexham,

Consisting of nearly One Thousand Pounds' worth

OF

READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS,

SHIRTS, &c.

He has also bought, at a Reduction, part of

A MAKER'S STOCK.

The whole to be Sold Cheap at

POTTS' CLOTHING SHOP,

MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

JOHN POTTS,

THE DRAPER,

CONSETT,

HAS much pleasure in wishing his Friends and

Customers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And, in doing so, begs to inform them that he will

OPEN A

GRAND FANCY BAZAAR

IN THE

LARGE SHOW ROOM

OF THE

DRAPERY SHOP,

MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

Bazaars, Christmas Trees, &c., supplied at the

lowest Wholesale Price.

The Bazaar will be continued until after the

New Year

Business Announcement.

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TOIL NO MORE.

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

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PARTIES leaving the Neighbourhood can have their Furniture, &c., turned into Cash on the shortest notice. 660a

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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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Established 1844. 6357

JAMES LOVETT,
Late with JOHN THIRLWELL, Shotley Bridge,

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

N.B.—A large and varied Assortment of PAPERHANGINGS always on hand.

SUPERIOR WATCHES, SHIP CHRONOMETERS, ENGLISH AND FRENCH CLOCKS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s	d.
Silver Patent Lever Watches	3	10	0	to	27	0	0
Gold Patent Lever Watches	10	10	0	to	40	0	0
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,
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PORTLAND AND ROMAN CEMENT supplied to CONTRACTORS, BUILDERS, and others in any quantities.

CONCRETE FLOORING for COACH HOUSES, STABLES, KITCHENS, and OUT-HOUSES, done by experienced Workmen. Is not effected by Damp or Heat, more Durable than Flags, and not more than Half the Price.

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WORCESTER GEOMETRICAL, MOSAIC, AND ENCAUSTIC TILES.

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 3s. 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,
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JOSHUA LAX,
FURNISHING IRONMONGER,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE,

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 stengthening 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 30th, 1874.

MR. R. C. WHINFIELD,
ELECTRO-RUBBER, HEALTH-RESTORER, AND DROPSY-CURER,
HUMSHAUGH, NORTH TYNE,

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 petients—of the following diseases:—Wet 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 Thursdays, from 11 a.m. til 5 p.m.; and at Mrs. Elsdon's, Sherburn Terrace, Consett, on Fridays, from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m., unti lfurther alterations, for consultation.

WHINFIELD'S celebrated DIARRHŒA MIXTURE, for English Cholera, &c., may be had of W. Davison, Castleside; Co-operative Store, Consett; and all patent medicine vendors, at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

Business Announcements.

JOHN MURRAY,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

SEWING MACHINES,
OF VARIOUS KINDS,
"EUROPA" SPECIALLY RECOMMENDED,
AT
G. D. POWELL'S,
13, MEDOMSLEY ROAD, CONSETT.

S. WALKER,
HAIRDRESSER,
STATIONER, AND NEWSAGENT,
1, *DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL.*

Agent for the *Consett Guardian.*

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

MESSRS. MARKHAM & SONS, Surgeon Dentists, 4, Ridley Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne Mr. R. L. Markham will attend every Monday from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. at Mr. Bennison's, Victoria Hotel, Consett. 707d

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WILLIAM FITZPATRICK,
TAILOR,
CATCHGATE, near ANNFIELD PLAIN.

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

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.

JOHN DAWSON,
PLUMBER AND GASFITTTER,
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.

CHEAP BARGAINS.

J. PARKER,
2, FRONT STREET, CONSETT,

WISHES to inform the Public that, on account of ALTERATIONS to be made on his Premises in Spring, he has a large Stock of
WATCHES, CLOCKS, and TIMEPIECES,
GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY,
PLATED JEWELLERY,
FANCY ORNAMENTS,
WALL PAPER and LAMPS,
Together with a Lot of DRUGGETING, FLOCKS, DOWN, IRON BEDSTEADS, &c., all of which will be SOLD at VERY LOW PRICES.
TERMS, CASH.

FOR
WINES, SPIRITS, AND ALES
OF THE FINEST QUALITY,
GO TO
JOHN THOMPSON'S
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
WINE AND SPIRIT STORES,
LEADGATE.

CHEAP FURNITURE.

THE
BEST AND CHEAPEST SHOP
IN THE NORTH
FOR HOME-MADE FURNITURE
IS
SIMPSON'S SHOP,
AT
ANNFIELD PLAIN.

THE simple reason is this: The wood is properly dried by a patent wood-drying apparatus before the Furniture is made, in consequence of which all Furniture bought at this establishment is warranted.

ALSO IN STOCK
IRON BEDS, FLOCKS, RABBIT-DOWN, &c.

Observe:—THE CORNER SHOP, ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Why is Simpson's Furniture like a puddler at the Consett Ironworks?—Because they both can stand a good heat.

Why is Simpson's Furniture like a brick?—Because they are both fire dried.

Why is Simpson's Furniture like truth?—Because they will bear examining.

Why is Simpson's Furniture like a pair of clean boots?—Because they are well polished. 6361

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2 and 3, DELVES LANE, CONSETT,
County of Durham.

GEORGE YOUNG,
Wholesale and Retail
ALE, PORTER, and SPIRIT MERCHANT,

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.
Rum (Jamaica), from 2s. 8d. to 3s. 8d. per Bottle.
Gin (Geneva), from 4s. 6d. per Bottle.
Old Tom, from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per Bottle.

WINES AND CHAMPAGNE.

Wines—Port and Sherry, from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per Bottle.
Champagne, from 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per Bottle.

BURTON AND EDINBURGH ALES.

Burton Ales at 4s. 6d. per Dozen Quarts.
Burton Ales at 3s. per Dozen Pints.
Edinburgh Ales at 3s. 9d. per Dozen Quarts.
Ebinburgh 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.
Dublin Stout ot 3s. per Dozen Pints.

☞ Orders will be punctually attended to, and delivered free of charge by G. Young's own Waggon.

Business Announcements.

HARMONIUMS! PIANOFORTES!!

CARR AND SMITH,
HARMONIUM DEALERS,
ANNFIELD PLAIN.

HARMONIUMS from £4 10s. to £80. PIANOFORTES from £20 to £100. Harmoniums exchanged.

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

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.

B. H. FOSTER AND CO.
ENGINEERS AND MACHINISTS,
NORTHUMBERLAND MACHINERY DEPOT,
38, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET,
Manufactory—167, CENTRAL BUILDINGS,
WESTGATE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

Beg to announce that they are prepared to Contract for the supply of Winding Engines, Pumping Engines, Boilers, Machinery Tools, and Fitting of every description, including Steam Gauges, Boiler Covering, Boiler Composition, Patent Lubricators, and Lubricating Packing. Sole Agents for Northumland and Durham for the Excelsior Direct-acting Steam Pump. Sole Agents for the Self-cleansing High Pressure Filter. The largest stock of Sewing Machines and Knitting Machines in the North of England.

All Repairs promptly attended to.

☞ All communications to be addressed to 38, Northumberland Street. 6289

Public Notices.

I. JOHN CHRISTER, do Hereby Give Notice that I will not be answerable for any Debt or Debts my wife, Isabella Christer, may contract after this date, January 13, 1875.

LADIES' SCHOOL, WEAR TERRACE, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

MRS. CLEMINSON intends to RE-OPEN her School on the 22nd inst. Pupils from this School have passed in Honours, taken Prizes, and gained Titles at the Middle-class Examinations of the Universities.

January, 1875.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, LANCHESTER.

A LECTURE will be delivered in the above Chapel, on Wednesday, January 20th, 1875, by Dr Wilson. Subject: "Heroism."

Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock in the Evening, by A. H. Talmadge, Esq., J.P.

Admission Tickets—Front Seats, One Shilling; Back Seats, Sixpence each.

Proceeds for the benefit of the Lanchester Wesleyan Chapel.

SERVICE OF SACRED SONG.

THE Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Choir will give that beautiful SERVICE OF SONG, illustrative of the touching Bible story, entitled "Joseph," comprising Readings, Solos, Duetts, and Choruses, by T. K. Longbottom, in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, on Monday, January 25th, 1875.

Mr. J. Lax, Shotley Bridge, has kindly given his services as Reader on the occasion.

Tickets—6d. each—to be had of Messrs. J. Lax, J. Brodie, Wm. Wheatley, Wm. Wardhaugh, and J. Leadbitter, Shotley Bridge; and of the Members of the Choir.

Doors open at Seven p.m.; to commence at Half-past Seven o.clock.

Proceeds to go the Harmonium Fund.

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 Tuesday 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 Waugh'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.

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. 8214

NOTICE.

OWING to the sudden death of JOHN ANGUS, Dyer, of Newcastle, parties not having received their Goods, by kindly sending description of the same to HENRY GILL, Dyer, &c., 2, Garden Street, Newcastle, can have them forwarded at once.

The Business will be carried on as usual for the benefit of the widow.

Goods left with Mr GEO. CANNELL, 35, Derwent Street, Blackhill (who will also give all information required), will have every attention.

Goods will be Collected and Delivered every Friday, or sooner if required.

NOTICE.

THOMAS HALL, BATH LANE, Medomsley Road, Consett, respectfully intimates to the Public that, having purchased the Horse, &c., of Mr. WM. LAMB, Carrier from Castleside, Consett, and Leadgate (via Medomsley) to Newcastle, he will still conduct the Business lately pursued by him, and hopes by strict attention to all orders entrusted to his care, to merit a share of their liberal patronage and support.

The Waggon leaves on THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.

Orders from Leadgate to be left at T. S. LONGSTAFF'S, Masons' Arms Inn.

THE LICENSING ACT, 1872.
35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 94, sec. 40.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUTTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of *Collierley* and Pontop, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.

I, ROBERT BLACKBURN, now residing at Catchgate, in the Township of Collierley and Pontop, in the County of Durham, Wholesale Beer Dealer, Do HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the Special Sessions, to be holden at the Justice-room, in Lanchester, on the 4th day of February, 1875, for a License to hold an additional Excise License to sell, by Retail, at a House, Beer to be consumed off the House or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Catchgate, aforesaid, in pursuance of the Act 26 and 27, Victoria, cap. 33, sec. 1.

Given under my hand this 5th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

ROBERT BLACKBURN.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT,
Lessee, ... Mr. EDWARD FIELDING.

[*Licensed to Play the Pieces of the Dramatic Authors' Society.*]

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1875,
And during the week.

MESSRS. CHURCHILL AND PETE,
Negro Comedians.
MR. H. FRANKS,
Comic.
MR. AND MRS. S. WATSON,
Comic Duettists.
MR. W. NEWTON.
Comic Vocalist.

On FRIDAY, a CLOCK will be given away.

☞ On SATURDAY, Jan 23rd, there will be an Afternoon ENTERTAINMENT, consisting of HUMOROUS VIEWS, for Children. Doors open at Two o'clock.

Mr. FIELD, Violinist. | Miss FLORENCE, Pianist.

Admission—Front Seats, 1s.; Pit, 6d.; Gallery, 4d.

RE JOSEPH BROWN, DECEASED.

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament of the 22nd and 23rd Victoria, cap. 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all PERSONS having any debts, claims, or demands, upon or against the Estate of JOSEPH BROWN, of Front Street, Consett, in the County of Durham, Beerhousekeeper (who died on the 21st day of December, 1874, and whose Will was proved in the Durham District Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate, on the 6th day of January, 1875, by ELLEN BROWN, the Widow and sole Executrix named in the said Will), are hereby required to send in particulars of their debts, claims, and demands, to the said Executrix on or before the 27th day of Jan., 1875, after which day the said Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts or claims of which the said Executrix shall then have had Notice, and will not be liable for the assets distributed or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose debt, claim, or demand she shall not then have notice. And all persons indebted to the Estate are required on or before the said 27th day of January, 1875, to pay the amount of their debts to the said Executrix, at Front Street, Consett.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1875.

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 BRYAN, 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. 8362

To Let.

TO LET, for Lectures, Concerts, Sales, &c., the TEMPLARS' HALL, MEDOMSLEY.—Apply to Mr WILLIAM ROBINSON, Grocer, Medomsley. 6038

TO LET.

TO LET, and entered upon on the 13th May next, KYO WEST HOUSE FARM, containing about 17 acres of fine Old Grass, with excellent Farm House, Garden and other Conveniences, at present in the occupation of Mr. CHARLES SMITH. Proposals in writing will be received and further particulars known up the 14th February next, by Mr. GEORGE HODSON, Healey Mills, via Lintz Green.

TO LET, and may be entered upon the 2nd of February next, all that desirable HOUSE, containing Four Rooms, with other Conveniences, Kitchen Garden and Orchard, upwards of one acre in extent, well stocked with Fruit Trees, situate at Orchard House, Ebchester Hill. The above House adjoins the main road, postal messenger passes and re-passes daily, is situate within five minutes' walk of Ebchester Railway Station, and nearly a similar distance from the Church. For further particulars apply to Mr COUPLAND, Westwood House, Shotley Bridge.

January 15th, 1875.

Contracts.
TO CONTRACTORS.

THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD invite Tenders for the performance of the following Works:—

First.—The Formation of a Road from the top of Shakespere Street to the Consett Road near the Brick Works (marked "Road").

Second.—The Cutting and Laying-in of a Sewer at Mount Pleasant (marked "Sewer").

Third.—Team Work.—A man with Horse and Cart, for not less than four days a-week, when weather permits, to work under the direction of the SURVEYOR (marked "Team Work").

Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the Board on and after MONDAY the 18th inst. from 11 a.m to 4 p.m. daily.

Tenders addressed to the Consett Local Board, Consett, will be received up to MONDAY, Feb. 1st.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order of the Board,
JOHN ELLIOTT,
Local Board Office, Consett, Clerk.
January 14th, 1875.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Haggerty.

CONTINUATION OF GREAT BONA FIDE SALE BY AUCTION OF A BANKRUPT STOCK OF DRAPERY GOODS, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &c.

THE ONLY ESTABLISHMENT FOR BARGAINS IN CONSETT.

MR. HAGGERTY, Auctioneer, has much pleasure in informing his Friends and the Public in general that, having received further instructions to continue for a few Days longer his Great SALE BY AUCTION of DRAPERY GOODS, READY-MADE CLOTHING, BLANKETS, SHEETS, SHIRTS, CARPETING, OILCLOTHS, HEARTH RUGS, &c., in the Town HALL SALE-ROOM, CONSETT, he is prepared to offer for Sale one of the Finest and Best-assorted STOCKS ever witnessed in the neighbourhood.

In addition to the above Stock, Mr. HAGGERTY will offer a First-class Consignment of GOLD, SILVER, ELECTRO-PLATED, AND FANCY GOODS, comprising Gold and Silver Watches, Guards, Alberts, Rings, &c., Electro-plated Tea and Coffee Services, Cruetstands, &c.; 8 Handsome large Plate-glass Mirrors, 5 Elegant Shades of French Stuffed Birds, Clocks, Timepieces, &c.

The special attention of the Public is directed to the fact that the above Stock of Drapery Goods is the CHEAPEST of the Stock of one of the LARGEST and MOST EXTENSIVE FIRMS IN LEEDS, and NOT THE STOCK OF SOME PETTY DRAPER—the REMAINS AND RUBBISH of the SUMMER STOCK OF PARTIES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD—which the PUBLIC OF CONSETT are in the habit of having OFFERED TO THEM BY AUCTION, and IMPOSED UPON THEM, by being REPRESENTED AS PART OF A BANKRUPT STOCK.

Sale to commence each Evening at Half-past Six o'clock; and on Saturdays at Twelve and Six o'clock.

☞ NO RESERVE!

Town Hall Sale-room, Consett, Dec. 22, 1874.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, 100 CONSETT WATER SHARES (New Issue), also 20 WEARDALE and SHILDON WATER SHARES.—Apply to Mr JOSEPH HOWARTH, Railway Terrace, Benfieldside.

FOR SALE, at Messrs. WALTON Brothers, Trafalgar Street, Consett, a Splendid HARMONIUM in Rosewood, with Ten Stops and two rows of Reeds. Also, Three Smaller HARMONIUMS.

TO LANDOWNERS, FARMERS, &c.

FOR SALE, at Hamsterley Tile Works, a quantity of DRAINING PIPES, of various sizes; also the whole of the PLANT connected with the Works.—Apply to JOHN ALLISON, Hamsterley Mill, via Lintz Green.

FOR SALE,
6,000 Barrels PETROLEUM OIL,
4,000 " PARAFFIN OIL,
LAMP GLASSES, PARAFFIN CANDLES,
All for Sale in Lots to suit Purchasers. SEASONS supply contracted for.

T. PRAGNELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT,

ALL those very Valuable and Desirable FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES, situate in NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT, containing Large Front Shop, Back Shop, Kitchen, Pantry, &c., on the Ground Floor; and 4 Good Rooms on the Second Floor, with Self-contained Yard and other Necessary Conveniences, now in the occupation of Mr. SHAYLER, Draper, as tenant thereof.

The business situation of those Premises is first-class, being in one of the best streets of that flourishing and improving town, Consett, and must necessarily yearly increase in value.

For further particulars, apply to WILLIAM RAW, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Blackhill, Co. Durham.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, with Immediate Possession, all that very Valuable FREEHOLD PROPERTY, situate and being Nos. 8 and 9, Tinmill Place, Blackhill, late in the occupation of Mr. Collinson, Draper.

The Property is situate on a good business place on the main road to the Consett Iron Works, where a large and profitable business was successfully carried on by the late owner, Mr. Edward Spencer, Tailor and Draper.

The Property is a fine, large, square building, most substantially built, and contains excellent Front and Back Shops, good large Parlour, and Kitchen behind, good Front Entrance, and Double Staircase with Mahogany Handrail; the second story contains a Front Sitting-room and Four Good Bed-rooms. The Sitting-room and Three of the Bed-rooms have excellent Fireplaces and Closets. There is a Good Cellar, with every necessary convenience, and a good Back Street which has just been made under the directions of the Local Board.

This is a very valuable and desirable Property, and a safe investment, as Consett is, and likely to be, the most prosperous place in the country.

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TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, all those Two Valuable and Desirable Newly-Semi-detached RESIDENCES, called "Shotley Villa," situate at and on one of the finest and most commanding Sites in that delightful, beautiful, and healthy Village of Shotley Bridge, Twelve Miles from Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the Derwent Valley Railway.

Each House contains Drawing, Dining, and Breakfast Rooms, Good Kitchen, &c., on the ground floor, with Cellars beneath; 5 Good Bed-rooms, Bath-room, and Water Closet on the second floor; and Coach-house and Two-stalled Stable, now in the occupation of J. B. LUMSDEN, Esq., and Miss WHELDON, as tenants thereof.

The House is the residence of Mr. Lumsden has a large and productive Garden, with a Vinery that produces very fine Grapes. Miss Wheldon's House has a smaller Garden. Also in front of those two beautiful Houses is a fine Shrubbery and Flower Garden, with a nice Summer House, which belong to the Villa. The Property is in first-class condition, newly-painted outside, and splendidly painted and papered inside.

For further particulars apply to JAMES HINDMARSH, 79, Clayton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne; or, to WM. RAW, Blackhill, County Durham, House and Estate Agents.

Lost.

LOST, at Consett, on SATURDAY NIGHT last, a Brown Retriever DOG; answers to the name of Pilot. Any Person returning him to HENRY HERDMAN, grocer, Kyo, will be rewarded. Persons detaining him after this notice will be prosecuted.

LOST, from Foundry Row, Blackhill, a Young Brown Retriever DOG; answers to the name of "Wallace." Any Person detaining him after this Notice will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the Law.—Apply to RICHARD MURRAY, Blackhill.

Wanted

WANTED, a SERVANT GIRL that can Milk.—Apply to Mrs. LOVAT, Medomsley.

WANTED, a FEMALE FARM SERVANT.—Apply to GEORGE HARDY, Knitsley.

WANTED, Two APPRENTICES to the DRESSMAKING.—Apply to Mrs. FOSTER, Dressmaker, Delves Lane, Consett.

WANTED, by a Young Woman, a Situation as General SERVANT.—Apply at the Office of this paper.

WANTED, Immediately, a Respectable YOUTH as Errand Boy.—Apply at the "Guardian" Office.

WANTED, to Purchase for Cash, the Surplus STOCK of Drapery, Outfitters, or Boot and Shoe Dealers; also, Book Debts.—Apply by letter to T., Lintz Green Station.

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

WANTED, immediately, TWO APPRENTICES to the Millinery and Dressmaking also, an APPRENTICE to the Tailoring.—Apply to Mr GEO. RICHARDSON, Draper, Shotley Bridge.

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, immediately, in the district of Blackhill or Consett, Two ROOMS, Furnished or Unfurnished, latter preferred, in a respectable locality.—Address, stating particulars, to W. T., 42, Durham Road, Blackhill.

The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 1875.

Local and District News.

On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Dent, of Darlington, were appointed, from thirteen candidates, to succeed Mr and Mrs Bagshaw as master and matron of the Lanchester Workhouse, who have been appointed to similar posts at the Andover Workhouse.

COST OF BENFIELDSIDE BURIAL BOARD.—A return for the year 1873 of the cost of the Burial Boards in the county of Durham has just been issued. The receipts for Benfieldside Cemetery were £447. Of this £267 was from poor-rates, and £108 from burial fees. The expenditure was £430; of this £267 was for loans; leaving loans, £2,533.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT BYERMOOR.—On Wednesday, a boy named Knotts, the son of the "keeker," was killed in Byermoor pit. The deceased was a "putter," and, as he was long in bringing out the tubs, some of the workmen went to ascertain the reason and they found him dead. It is supposed he had fallen and the tubs had gone over his neck.

EBCHESTER CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The children of the Ebchester Sunday-school were assembled at the rectory for their annual treat on Saturday evening last. After a plentiful supply of tea and cake, &c., the scholars spent a pleasant evening in singing and other amusements. Mrs J. East considerably increased the enjoyment of the party by playing to them on the piano, and the exhibition of a magic lantern completed the entertainment, which was evidently much appreciated. Mrs Surtees, of Hamsterley, and Miss Eleanor Surtees were also present, and kindly contributed to the feast.

SEPPER AT SHIELD ROW.—On Saturday evening last, the annual supper in connection with the Air Pit branch of the Miners' Association was held at the house of Mr John Peacock, Shield Row, when between 30 and 40 sat down to an excellent repast, which gave great credit to the worthy host. The cloth having been removed the chair was taken by Mr E. Hughes, and the vice-chair by Mr W. A. Pearson. After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman gave "The Air Pit branch of the Durham Miners' Association," "The Association and the agents;" also, "The firm of the Messrs Joicey and their agents." During the evening, songs were given by some of the members, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SAD END OF THOMAS WILLIAM CARRICK SMITH.—In another portion of this week's issue will be found a report of the inquest on the body of Thos. William Carrick Smith, who died on Friday last in Morpeth gaol. Deceased resided during the early part of 1869, at Delves Lane, in this town, where he kept a beerhouse. It is to be feared that at that time he had entered upon the career of crime which has terminated so sadly, as he was rarely short of expensive fruits and plants, which he asserted were obtained from his gardens, near Durham. He was convicted in 1869 for robbery from Ravensworth Castle, and escaped from the policeman, who had him in custody, by throwing himself into the river and swimming across. He also stabbed Lord Ravensworth's gardener on the same occasion with a pocket knife.

THREATENING A WIFE AT SOUTH MOOR.—William Cooke, an elderly man, was summoned before the Lanchester bench on Thursday for using threatening language to his wife, Sarah Cooke, at South Moor. Complainant said her husb and had repeatedly threatened to take her life. On Saturday last he returned home the worse for liquor, and "commenced his awkwardness." On trying to keep him quiet, he went to a box and drew out her clothes, which he threw on the floor, telling her at the same time that she could "be going." She went into a neighbour's house, followed by her husband, who "swore what he would do to her if she returned."—Defendant: Did I put you out?—Complainant: No.—Defendant: Had I anything in my hand?—Complainant: You took up the poker and threatened what you would do if I did not "hide" off you.—Defendant: Did I illuse you in any way on Saturday morning?—Complainant: You threatened me.—The Chairman: Did you threaten to kill her if she went into the house?—Defendant: No; we have lived together thirty years and I have never used her badly.—Mr Watson: You have lived together thirty years and never killed her yet?—Defendant: No, never. (Laughter).—Mr Watson: How many times has your wife had you up before the magistrates during thirty years?—Defendant: Only twice.—Mr Talmadge: Do you frequently get drunk?—Defendant: Only on the pay week.—Mr Talmadge: That is once a fortnight? Defendant: Yes.—The Clerk: You have had a little this morning?—Defendant: Aye, a little sup. (Laughter).—The Chairman: You must be bound over to keep the peace for six months and pay the costs.—Mrs Cooke asked the magistrates if she could get her clothes; she was afraid to live with her husband.—The magistrates told her to go and try to live happily with him.

Small-pox is very prevalent at Tanfield Lea Colliery.

BYERMOOR, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society was held at, Tanfield on Wednesday last, and was well attended, Thos. Bell, Esq., Hedley Hall, presiding. The report of the committee for the past year showed the affairs of the society to be in a very prosperous condition, a considerable accession having been made to the number of members, and the annual show at Shotley Bridge being very successful, leaving a balance to the credit of the society, at the present time, of over £200. The report was unanimously adopted, and the annual show of the present year was fixed to be held at Birtley on the 26th day of August next. A committee was also appointed to revise the prize lists and report to next meeting. The district of the society was considerably extended. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the business to a close.

A DISHONEST LODGER.—James Peterson, puddler, in custody, was brought before the Lanchester Magistrates, on Thursday, on a charge of larceny. Edward Elliott, french-polisher, stated that he lodged with Ann Manis, at Consett. The prisoner lodged in the same house. On Tuesday, the 29th September last, he went to work at half-past eight o'clock, leaving two shirts, a pair of boots, a vest, and a pair of trousers in the bed-room. On returning in the evening the above-named articles were gone. He gave information to the police of the robbery.—Prisoner said Elliott gave him the shirts. —William Boast, a puddler, said he lodged with Mrs Maines. On the morning of the 29th September he went to work, leaving a pair of trousers and vest hanging over the bed-room door. On the following day he missed them. The trousers and vest produced by Sergt. Parkinson belonged to him.—Ann Maines said she was a widow, residing at Consett. On Tuesday, the 29th Sept., the prisoner, who lodged with her, went upstairs, and shortly afterwards left the house.—Sergt. Parkinson said he received information that a quantity of wearing apparel had been stolen from Mrs. Maines' house. On the 12th of October he proceeded to Newcastle, where he found the prisoner in custody on another charge. He was then wearing some of the stolen articles. On the 13th inst. witness again proceeded to Newcastle, where he apprehended the prisoner. On charging him with stealing the articles enumerated, he replied that Elliott gave him the shirts, but he admitted having stolen the vest and trousers.—The prisoner now pleaded guilty, and was sent to Durham Gaol for three months with hard labour.

A FAMILY QUARREL AT BUCKHOPE AND ITS SEQUEL.—At Lanchester Petty Sessions, on Thursday, William Bamborough, a miner, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Burnhope. The case came on for hearing at the previous sitting, but in consequence of certain allegations made by the defendant and a witness whom he called the case was adjourned for further evidence.—P.C. Curren said at an early hour on Sunday morning se'nnight he was in his house at Burnhope when he heard a female scream. He went out in his shirt sleeves, and found the defendant standing at his own door. He was drunk, and requested witness to turn his (defendant's) daughter and son-in-law out of his (defendant's) house. Witness informed him that he could not do so, whereupon defendant went into his house and knocked his daughter down. He then took hold of her by the rings, dragged her to the door, and threw her on the road. When witness spoke to the defendant he threatened to knock his head off.—Defendant: Why did I turn my daughter out of the house?—P.C. Curren: I cannot say.—Defendant: Did she not smash the chair?—P.C. Curren: Not in my presence.—The Chairman (Mr. Kearney): You turned your daughter out of the house?—Defendant: Yes.—Sarah Haswell said she lived next door to the defendant. She saw him drag his daughter across the floor by the legs.—The Chairman: Was the policeman sober?—Witness: Yes.—Mr. Talmadge: Did you hear a noise before the policeman came on?—Witness: Yes.—Defendant: What did Hannah do before I turned her out?—Witness replied that she did not know what transpired prior to that.—Defendant: Did you see Roger Maughan?—Witness: No.—The Clerk: Who is Roger Maughan?—Defendant: He is my daughter's husband.—Lyon Robson said he also given by Mr West, of Newcastle; H. Rogers and T. Carr, of Consett. The rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, &c., by Messrs Warren, Oliver, Rutledge, Stephenson, Spence, jun., and the others. A very sociable and pleasant evening was brought to a close by the company singing the National Anthem.

RUFFIANISM PROPERLY PUNISHED.—On Thursday, at Lanchester Petty Sessions, the magistrates on the bench being M. Kearney, Esq. (chairman), A. H. Talmadge, Esq., H. Smith, Esq. and J. Clavering, Esq., Patrick Ward and Patrick Monaghan were charged with assulting John Teney, at Leadgate. Complainant stated that on the night of the 9th inst. he was proceeding along Front Street, when Ward struck him, without saying a word, struck him and knocked him down. On regaining his feet he was struck by both of the defendants, and again knocked down. Ward gave him the black eye.—In answer to the bench, complainant said he did not speak to either of the defendants before they struck him.—The Chairman: Has Ward not only just returned from gaol?—Supt. Oliver replied in the affirmative. He had been in prison for assaulting ladies.—Mrs Surtees, Miss Eleanor Surtees, Mrs J. Booth, Mrs Priestman, Mrs Peile, Mrs East, Mrs Willis, Mrs Carr, Mrs Robert Dickinson, and Mrs Linthwaite. When the tea things on the tables were removed and seats arranged for the concert, which commenced at half-past seven o'clock. The programme was well arranged and provided for the various tastes of the audience, for whom about four hundred. The following is a copy:—

Glee—"Dawn of Day,".....	Choral Union
Song—"The Village Blacksmith,".....	Mr R. Chaytor
Duet—"Rhine Maidens," ..	Misses Featherstonehaugh and Chaytor
Song—"Pilgrim Fathers,".....	Miss Wallace
Trio—"Twas you, sir,".....	Messrs Whinney, Richley, and Sinclair
Piano Solo—"Fandango,".....	Mrs Garton
Song—"Ce que je veux,".....	Miss Featherstonehaugh
Song—"In cellar cool,".....	Mr. P.C. Curren
Song—"Pretty Jane,".....	Mr Frank Raines
Part Song—"The Frost,".....	Choral Union
Glee—"The Courade's Song of Hope,".....	Choral Union
Song—"The Warrior bold,".....	Mr R. Chaytor
Piano Solo—"Valse,".....	Miss J. Dickinson
Catch—"A little Farm,"...	Messrs East, Whinney, and Chaytor
Song—"Caterina Bella,".....	Miss Featherstonehaugh
Duet—"Celina d' amour,".....	Misses Dickinson
Comic Song,.....	Mr F. Raines
Glee—"Let the Hills resound,".....	Choral Union
"God save the Queen."	

Several of the songs were encored, and the duets were effectively rendered and sweetly sung by Miss Dickinson and Miss Featherstonehaugh, and received with delight and applause. The solos of Misses Wallace and Featherstonehaugh were much liked, and the latter young lady was enthusiastically recalled. An exceedingly clever piano solo was played with considerable taste and skill by Mrs Garton, and the glee class, conducted by Mr East and Mr F. Raines, their admirably executed glees obtained a due meed of applause. The skilful playing of the accompaniments by Mr. East was greatly appreciated, and to the untiring efforts of this gentlemen, both in singing and management, much of the success of the concert is due. The songs of Mr East and Mr F. Raines were very favourably received, and the comic portion of the singing provoked roars of laughter. The whole proceedings appears to have afforded much enjoyment to the company. It was stated that, by the kind permission of Mrs Surtees, of Hamsterley Hall, a rural fete is intended to be held in the summer, in Hamsterley Park, for the same object as the soiree.

THE LANDLADY AND HER CUSTOMERS.—At Shotley Bridge County Court, on Monday, before E. J. Meynell, Esq., judge, Elizabeth Stones, wife of an innkeeper of that name residing at Fondly Set, near Barnopfield, sued a [illegible]di man, named Vickers, for damage done to a dress. Mr Granger, of Durham, defended. Plaintiff stated that the defendant entered her house in a state of intoxication. She requested him to leave, but he refused, and had ultimately to be ejected by a young man. On getting him outside defendant struck her on the head with a can, causing a wound, which bled freely. The merino dress she wore was saturated with the blood. She produced the "body" of the dress, but she had not the skirt.—Cross-examined by Mr Granger: It was a new dress and cost about £2 10s, which sum she now claimed. She had since washed the skirt, but it would not be as good as when she first put it on. The merino cost 1s 4d a yard, and there were fourteen yards in the dress. There were above twelve yards of velvet.—Mr Granger said his client was quite prepared to pay 10s for the damage he had done.—His Honour thought that sum amply sufficient, and he accordingly gave judgment for 10s.

A YOUNG RUFFIAN SENT TO PRISON.—On Thursday, at Lanchester Petty Sessions, Dominick O'Donald, a young man, was charged with assaulting Lawrence Burke at Hedley Hill. Complainant stated that on Christmas-eve he was in Patrick Fairley's house at Hedley Hill. The defendant's father was in Fairley's house. The defendant entered, and at once began to beat his father. He was just outside, and at once began to break the window with a poker. Complainant went to the door-way, when the defendant aimed a blow at his head. He held up his arm, and the poker descended heavily, the arm being broken by the blow.—Patrick Fairley gave corroborative evidence.—Defendant, in defence, said while he was breaking the window someone threw a coalrake from the inside, and this, he alleged, broke complainant's arm.—O'Donald, the father of the defendant, said they were all drunk together.—The Chairman, in sending him to gaol for two months with hard labour, said the defendant might have killed him.

CURIOUS CASE OF TRESPASS.—On Monday, at Shotley Bridge County Court, the judge (E. J. Meynell, Esq.) gave his decision in the case Wilkinson v. Ritson. Plaintiff, Mr John Wilkinson, resides at Broomhill, and the defendant, Mr Henry Ritson, is a coalowner living at Shotley Bridge. It was an action to recover £20 for trespass and damages alleged to have been committed upon plaintiff's garth. Mr Proctor, Durham, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr John Patrick, of the same place, for the defendant. Plaintiff, it seems, had been owner and occupier of an enclosed garth at Broomhill, near Ebchester, for 43 years. In May, 1872, Mr Ritson took some land adjoining the plaintiff's garth. This land had been set out and awarded under the Lanchester Common Inclosure Act, 1776, as a common quarry for the use of the inhabitants of the township of Ebchester, but up to the time of Mr Ritson taking the land it had never been opened out or worked as a common quarry. Mr Ritson also became the owner of the coal royalty adjacent, and in order to work the coal he drove a drift, the stones and rubbish from which he deposited on Mr Wilkinson's garth. His Honour gave judgment for the full amount claimed, with costs.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Tuesday evening last the employees of the Consett Co-operative Industrial and Provident Society were entertained to a substantial supper consisting of ham, beef, mutton, &c., kindly supplied them by the liberality of the members belonging to this society. After all present had done justice to the good things provided, Mr Wear, being called upon to preside, referred to the six years which had been spent pleasantly in the employment of the society. Mr Curry, chairman of the society, was then called upon to address the meeting. In doing so he referred to the object of the present meeting which bespoke harmony between the employees and committee of management, and hoped that it would long continue. This being the first of such gatherings, he hoped it would not be the last, as much good would be the result and it would also help to cement that good feeling and unity which had existed amongst the managers and workmen of the store. Addresses were also given by Mr West, of Newcastle; H. Rogers and T. Carr, of Consett. The rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, &c., by Messrs Warren, Oliver, Rutledge, Stephenson, Spence, jun., and the others. A very sociable and pleasant evening was brought to a close by the company singing the National Anthem.

Correspondence.

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THE LATE FATAL ACCIDENT AT MOUNT PLEASANT PIT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your correspondence column of last week's impression I noticed a letter signed by Joseph Stoker, in which he uses expressions which would appear to cast a slur upon my character as a deputy and as a man. It is untrue in every particular that any statement (to the effect that the deceased had objected to my putting in a prop) was made to the Coroner in order to exonerate myself. I stated it well knowing it to be a fact, and as courts of this description are formed in order to elicit the truth, I deemed it the most in keeping with my honour as a man to state only that which I knew to be the truth. At the same time I may say that I had the highest respect for the unfortunate man, as Nathan no doubt knows. In conclusion, I may add that I heard that on the day after the accident your correspondent, Nathan Peacock, and two others, visited the place and expressed themselves satisfied that there was no one to blame.—Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH STOKOR, deputy.

Mount Pleasant Pit, January 12, 1875.

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

PLUM PORRIDGE OR BROTH.—Plum porridge or broth was the forerunner of plum pudding. It was once in great repute as a favourite Christmas dish. It must have been a complicated mixture of savoury and sweet, and was thus made in the time of Queen Anne:—Take a leg of beef and a piece of the neck, and put it into three or four gallons of water, boil it four hours, and then put in two pounds of currants, three pounds of raisins of the sun, and three pounds of stewed prunes, and let them boil one hour; then force through a cullender two pounds of stewed prunes, grate a twopenny white loaf, mix it with some of the broth, and add to it the pulp of the prunes, one ounce of cinnamon, half an ounce of nutmeg grated, and a quarter of an ounce of beaten cloves and mace. Put all these into the broth, let it boil a quarter of an hour, stirring it lest it burn; then put in a quart of claret and half a pint of sack, and sweeten it to your taste. Put in a little salt; then have some white bread cut in dice, which put into a basin or tureen. Lay in the middle a piece of the meat, and put in the broth.—*Cassell's "Household Guide."*

THE TAKING OF THE DONJON.—An officer of grenadiers alone ventured to withstand the headlong rush. On the high stone wall of the first redoubt—a veritable castle—he stood, exposing his tall and noble figure, hurling down stones with both hands, till a ball pierced his heart, and he fell dead, when his men, shrinking on each side, sought shelter among some rocks. Close and fierce was then the fight, bayonets flashed in the sun, and butt-ends were whirled in the air, to be whirled again, covered with blood and brains, as man sought man, till the French were beaten, trod under foot, or literally turned by cold steel out of the redoubt, while our soldiers rushed to storm another, and another still beyond; and then, in an inconceivably short space, the white colours of the 43rd were seen flying in triumph in the morning breeze on the Donjon, as they named it. In 26 minutes they took this last redoubt, hurling 600 chosen veterans out of it, but losing 11 officers and 67 rank and file; while elsewhere the remainder of the light division cleared the whole Rhune.—*"British Battles on Land and Sea," by James Grant.*

THE SAVAGERY OF WAR.—It would be an idle task to endeavour to apportion the degree of condemnation for these atrocities attachable on the one hand to the French, and on the other to the Germans. They were probably guilty in an equal measure; or, if more is to be charged against the latter than the former, it is doubtless because they had greater opportunities of ill doing. War is an utterly demoralising and de-humanising fact, and reduces all nations to the same level of remorseless savagery. With a few specially noble natures it may perhaps call into active operation the virtues of generosity and self-abnegation; but with the great mass of fighting men its effect is to debase, to harden, and to brutalise. For one Bayard or Sidney it produces a hundred Alvas and Haynaus; and the homicidal appetite, once excited by combat, seeks for opportunities of gratification even beyond the absolute necessities of the struggle. Of all the pernicious illusions ever held forth for public misguidance, surely the worst is that which teaches us to look for the regeneration of the world through the immeasurable crimes of international conflict. *From "Cassell's History of the War between France and Germany."*

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NEWCASTLE TO JARROW AND SOUTH SHIELDS.

Leaves Newcastle (Week days) 5·0, 6·50, 7·35 (*), 7·55, 9·0, 9·45, 10·55, 11·50(*), 12·30, 2·10, 3·0, 3·35, (*) 4·5, 5·5, 6·5, 7·10, 8·5, 9·35, 10·55.

Leaves Newcastle (Sundays)—6 10, 8·0, 9·30, 2·0, 5·0, 7·10, 8·10, 9·30.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Gateshead, 3; Felling, 8; Pelaw, 15; Hebburn, 20; Jarrow, 25; Tyne Dock, 30; and High Shields, 36 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 40 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

* First, second, and third-class express trains, stopping at Gateshead at 3 minutes, Jarrow at 15 minutes, and Tyne Dock at 18 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 25 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

Fares from Newcastle to Gateshead: First, 3d; second, 2d.; third, 1d.

Felling: First, 6d.; second, 4d.; third, 3d.

Pelaw: First, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3½d. Return, first, 1s. 2d., second, 10d., third, 7d.

Hebburn: First, 10d., second, 7d., third, 5d, Return, first, 1s. 6d., second, 1s. third, 9d.

Jarrow, Tyne Dock, High Shields, or South Shields: First, 1s.; second, 9d.; third, 6d. Return, 1s. 8d., 1s. 3d., 10d.

Relief Trains leaves Newcastle for Jarrow at 7·5, 8.0, 9·30, and 10·50 p.m. on SATURDAYS.

SOUTH SHIELDS TO JARROW AND NEWCASTLE.

Leaves South Shields (Week days).—4·55, 7·0, 8·0, 8·30(*), 9·0, 10·5, 10·30, 11·45, 12·30, 1·50, 3·15, 4·0 (*), 4·15, 5·10, 6·15, 7·15, 8·15, 9·15, 10·35.

Leaves South Shields (Sundays).—6·15, 8·0, 9·55, 2·10, 5·0, 7·15, 8·20, 9·35.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—High Shields, 3; Tyne Dock, 8; Jarrow, 14; Hebburn, 19; Pelaw, 24; Felling 30; and Gateshead, 35 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 40 minutes after the times they leave South Shields.

ON SATURDAYS

Relief trains leave JARROW for NEWCASTLE at 1·55, 3·5, 3·19, 8.24, 9·24, and 10·44 p.m. calling at all intermediate stations.

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Jarrow: First, 8d; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.

Pelaw, Felling, Gateshead, or Newcastle: First, 1s.; second, 9d.; third, 6d.

SUNDERLAND TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND JARROW.

Leaves Sunderland (Week days).—4 45, 6·50, 7·50, 8·50, 9·55, 11·5, 12·15, 1·40, 2·5, 3·55, 5·0, 6·5, 7·5, 8·5, 9·5, 10 25.

Leaves Sunderland (Sundays).—6·5, 7·50, 9·25, 2·0, 4.50, 7·5, 8·10, 9·25.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Cleadon Lane, 7: Tyne Dock, 13; High Shields, 17, minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 20 minutes after the time they leave Sunderland.

Passengers between Sunderland and Jarrow *change carriages* at Tyne Dock.

Fares from Sunderland to Cleadon Lane: first 6d. second, 5d; third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 10d.; second 8d. third, 6d., High Shields and South Shields first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Jarrow, first, 1s. 4d.; second, 1s.; third, 7½d. Return tickets to Jarrow: first, 2s. 3d.; second, 1s. 8d.; third, 1s. 2d.

JARROW TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND SUNDERLAND.

Leaves Jarrow (Week days).—5·25, 7·13, 8.18, 9·23, 10·8, 11·18, 12·53, 2·33, 3·23, 4·28, 5·28, 6·28, 7·33, 8·28, 9·58, 11.18,

Leaves Jarrow (Sundays)—6·33, 8·23, 9·53, 2·23, 5·23, 7·33, 8·33, 9·53.

These trains leave intermediate Stations as follows:—South Shields 4, High Shields 7, Tyne Dock 11, and Cleaden Lane 16 minutes after the train leaves Jarrow arriving in Sunderland in about 24 minutes.

Fares from Jarrow to South Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.; High Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 6d.; second, 4d.; third, 2d.; Cleadon Lane, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 4½d.; Sunderland, first, 1s. 4d.; second, 1s.; third, 7½d. Return tickets to Jarrow, first, 2s. 3d.; second, 1s. 8d.; third 1s. 2d.

NEWCASTLE TO TYNEMOUTH.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Week days)—6·10 (*a*), 7·0, 8·5, 9·0 (*), 9·15, 9·45, (*e*), 10·15, 11·0, 12·0, 1·0, 2·0, 3·5, 4·10, 4·45 (†), 5·15, 5·50 (†), 6·10, 6·45, (†), 7·10, 8·0, 9·0, 10·0, 11·30.

On SATURDAYS ONLY, 1·45 and 6·45.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Sundays).—6·10 (*a*), 9·0, 10·5, 1·0 2·0 3·0 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Manors 3, Heaton 7, Walker 11, Wallsend 16, Howdon 21, Percy Main 25, and North Shields 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Tynemouth 35 minutes after leaving Newcastle.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields.

† These trains stop only at Manors and North Shields Stations.

a.—This train stops at intermediate stations when required, to set down passengers arriving from the south by either the 4.38 or 5·58 a.m trains.

b.—The 6·45 p.m. train from Newcastle will stop at all Stations on Saturdays and reach Tynemouth at 7·20 p.m.

c.—The 11·30 p.m. train stops at intermediate Stations when required, to set down passengers.

3d.; third, 2d.; Walker, first, 6d; second, 4d.; third

Fares from Newcastle to Tynemouth: First, 1s. 3d., second, 1s., third, 8d. Return, first, 2s. 0d., second, 1s. 6d., third, 1s.

North Shields, first, 1s., second, 9d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 8d., second, 1s. 3d., third, 10d.

Percy Main: First. 10d., second, 8d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., Second, 1s. 2d., third, 10d.

Howdon: First, 10d., Second, 8d., third, 5d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., second, 1s. 2d., third, 9d.

Wallsend: First, 8d., second, 6d., third, 3½d. Return, first, 1s. 2d., second, 10d., third, 7d.

Walker: First, 5d., second, 4d., third, 2½d. Return, first, 9d., second, 7d., third, 5d.

TYNEMOUTH TO NEWCASTLE.

Leaves Tynemouth (Week days)—5·20, 6·40 (*a*), 7·45, 8·30 (*), 9·0, 9·30 (*), 10·0, 10·30 (*), 11·0, 12·0, 12·45, 1·50, 3·0, 4·5, 5·0, 5·35 (*), 6·0, 6·30 (*), 7·0, 7·30 (*), 8·0, 9·0, 10·0, 10·50 (*).

ON SATURDAYS ONLY, 2·45.

Leaves Tynemouth (Sundays)—7·35, 9·45, 1·0, 2·0, 3·0, 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·0, 10·15 (*).

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—North Shields 3, Percy Main 9, Howdon 11, Wallsend 16, Walker 19, Heaton 23, and Manors 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Central Station, Newcastle about 35 minutes after leaving Tynemouth.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields and Manors stations.

a.—The 6·40 a.m. train stops at intermediate Stations to take up passengers booked to the Central Stations.

b.—The 10·50 p.m. train stops at Stations up to and including Walker on Saturdays, and does not reach the Central Station until 11·20 p.m.

Fares from Tynemouth to North Shields, first, 4d.; second, 3d.; third, 2d.; Percy Main, first, 6d.: second, 4d.; third, 3d.; Howdon, first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 4d.; Wallsend, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Walker first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Heaton, first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Newcastle (Manors or Central), first, 1s. 3d.; second, 1s.; third, 8d.

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GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	12·30	2·30
Benfieldside	„	6·50	1·30	4·25
Rowley	„	7·0	1·40	4·35
Burnhill Junction	„	7·10	1·50	4·45
Tow Law	„	7·23	2·3	4·58
Crook	arr.	7·35	2·15	5.10
	dep.	7.38	2·25	5·20
Bishop Auckland	„	8·5	2·55	5·50
Darlington	„	8·55	3·35	7·0
Stockton	„	9·25	4·5	7·30
Middlesbro'	„	9·35	4·15	7·42
Saltburn	„	10·10	4·50	8·20

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn	dep.	5·45	11·30	2·0
Middlesbro'	„	6·22	11·5	2·35
Stockton	„	6·34	12·15	2·45
Darlington	„	7·15	1·5	4·30
Bishop Auckland	„	7·48	1·35	5·0
Crook	arr.	8·10	1·57	5·25
	dep.	8·15	2·20	5·35
Tow Law	„	8·27	2·32	5·45
Burnhill Junction	„	8·42	2·45	6·0
Rowley	„	8·52	2·55	6·10
Benfieldside	arr.	9·5	3·5	6·20
Newcastle	arr.	10·5	4·30	9·35

CONSETT BRANCH.

UP TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

		1,2,G.	1,2,G.	1,2,G.	1,2,G.	1,2,G
		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	10·0	12·30	2·30	5·35
Scotswood	„	5·52	10·7	12·37	2·37	5·42
Swalwell	„	5·59	10·14	12·43	2·44	5·49
Rowland's Gill	„	6·9	10·24	12·51	2·54	5·59
Lintz Green	„	6·15	10·30	12·59	3·0	6·5
Ebchester	„	6·28	10·43	1·12	3·13	6·18
Shotley Bridge	„	6·34	10·49	1·18	3·19	6·24
				1·25	3·25	
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr. / dep.	6·49	10·55		4·35	6·30
Knitsley	„	6·54	11·9		4·49	6·45
Lanchester	„	7·3	11·18		4·58	6·55
Witton Gilbert	„	7.10	11·27		5·5	7·4
Durham	arr.	7·25	11·40		5·5	7·20

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS		1,2,G.	1,2 G.	1,2,G.	1,2,G	1,2,G
		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Durham	dep.	7·35		12·10	3·31	7·55
Witton Gilbert	„	7·50		12·24	3·48	8·9
Lanchester	„	7·55		12·35	3·59	8·20
Knitsley	„	8·12		12·45	4·4	8·31
					4·20	
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr. / dep	8·27	9·15	1·0	3·35	8·43
Shotley Bridge	„	8·32	9·20	1·5	3·40	8·48
Ebchester	„	8·36	9·23	1·9	3·44	8·52
Lintz Green	„	8·47	9·33	1·19	3·54	9·3
Rowland's Gill	„	8·53	9·38	1·24	3·59	9·8
Swalwell	„	9·2	9·47	1·33	4·5	9·17
Scotswood	„	9·9	9·53	1·39	4·14	9·24
Newcastle	arr.	9·20	10·5	1·50	4·30	9·35

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

First, second, and third class return tickets will be issued on Saturdays by the following trains—

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.		
Newcastle	dep.	7·10	4·0	5·25	7·30
Scotswood	„	7·17	4·9	5·32	7·37
Swalwell	„	7·23	4·15	5,39	7·44
Rowland's Gill	„	7·31	4·25	5·49	8·55
Lintz Green	„	7·37	4·29	5·55	8·2
Ebchester	„	7·50	4·42	6·8	8·16
Shotley Bridge	„	7·57	4·47	6·14	8·23
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·5	4·55	6·20	8·30
	dep.	9·10	5·10		
Knitsley		9·21	5·21	..	
Lanchester		9·34	5·34	..	
Witton Gilbert		9.46	5·46	..	
Durham	arr.	10·0	6·0	..	

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.
Durham	dep.		4·0
Witton Gilbert	„	8·5	4·13
Lanchester	„	8·17	4·25
Knitsley	„	8·30	4·38
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·42	4·50
	dep.	8·50	5·30
Shotley Bridge	„	8·55	5·35
Ebchester	„	9·0	5·40
Lintz Green	„	9·9	5·49
Rowland's Gill	„	9·16	5·59
Swalwell	„	9·23	6·7
Scotswood	„	9·29	6·13
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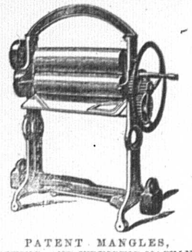
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LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the members of the above Board was held at Leadgate, on Wednesday afternoon. Present—Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Mr. Longstaff, Mr. Cheesman, Mr. Davison, Mr. Parker, Mr. Coupland (clerk), and Mr. Hawdon (inspector). In the absence of the Rev. Canon Kearney, the Rev. Mr. Mitchell was unanimously called upon to preside over the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read over, confirmed, and signed.

ADDITIONAL CONSTABLE FOR LEADGATE.

A communication was read from Supt. Oliver to the effect that an additional constable would be posted at Leadgate as soon as possible.

THE DISPUTED FOOTPATH AT IVESTON.

The CLERK intimated that he had had an interview with Mr. Bolam, agent to Mr. Henry Clavering, relative to the footpath near Mr. Bell's house at Iveston, which the public claimed as a public road. Mr. Bolam was under the impression that it was a private road, but he had arranged with the speaker to visit the spot.

The CHAIRMAN said he had no doubt Mr. Bolam and the Clerk would arrange matters satisfactorily.

The CLERK said Mr. Kearney had known the place for a considerable period, and he would endeavour to have that gentleman present at the interview with Mr. Bolam.

The CHAIRMAN said the public had acquired a right to the road by usage.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month the work on many of your roads has been almost *nil*, except as to snow cutting, which has caused considerable expense, and the break-up of the storm will require very great energy and attention on the part of your contractors, as several of the roads are now awaiting their attention. They have plenty of material to apply, though a great deal may now be done by daily manual attention to keep the roads properly levelled. I hand herewith monthly pay-bills, viz.:—District highway, £33 0s. 3d.; Medomsley township, £40 9s. 8d.; total, £73 9s. 11d.—I am, gentlemen, yours obediently, M. COUPLAND, Surveyor of Highways.

The SURVEYOR said the highways were not in a satisfactory condition. That in the vicinity of Stockerley Bank was simply disgraceful.

The CHAIRMAN said after the late snow-storm the roads had been cut open, but the footpaths had not been touched. He thought the footpaths should have also been opened.

The SURVEYOR said they had spent about £28 in cutting snow.

Mr. PARKER asked if it was the duty of the scavenger to remove the snow from the Front Street?

The SURVEYOR said Mullen had charged three-quarters of a day for removing snow.

Mr. PARKER observed that on the date three-quarters of a day was charged he saw Mullen removing snow. There was such a limited quantity of the snow, however, that it took him an hour and thirty-eight minutes to fill his cart. The Inspector had ordered him (Mr. Parker) to remove the snow from the front of his premises, but it not being on the footpath he refused to do so. He did not consider that Mullen should have been engaged to cart away the snow, as it lay in such small quantities.

Mr. LONGSTAFF: Who employed him to cart it away?

The CLERK: He said that Mr. Hawdon employed him.

The CHAIRMAN said Mullen seemed to have removed sixteen loads during the three-quarters of a day, and that certainly did not appear to be bad work.

Mr. PARKER: He did not take away sixteen loads that day.

The SURVEYOR said he was quite disgusted with the manner in which the roads had been kept.

Mr. PARKER said, if the contractor failed to fulfil his contract and keep the roads in good repair, the Surveyor should have reported the matter to the Board.

Mr. LONGSTAFF said, if the contractor failed to do his work properly, they could get somebody else to do it.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—I have no case of a disease of a zymotic origin to report as having occurred within your district during the past month. The general health of the people has, on the whole, not been so satisfactory; the diseases incident to the year, and without your control, having been very prevalent. The death rate, however, compares favourably with other and neighbouring localities.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, GEORGE RENTON, M.D.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—Since the last monthly meeting I have inspected the whole of your Local Board district, and find a great number of ashpits full in Leadgate, Crookhall, Redwell Hills, and Iveston. At Crookhall there requires a wall at the back of Red Row, from top to bottom, and yards paved out. The streets in Leadgate are in a disgraceful state. The back street, behind the property of Messrs. Noble, Hardy, Wilson, and others, is in a filthy state. The back street, behind Messrs. Nicholson's, Rowe's, Thompson's, and Lowes', as well as on the opposite side of the road, belonging to Messrs. Muse, Rowe, and Keenleyside, requires to be made. Two small portions in Front Street, between Messrs. Todds' and Davidson's, and between Mr. Armstrong's and the Co-operative Store, require formation. All the Consett Iron Company's streets should be flagged and channelled. I inspected a house at Stoney Heap in a damp state; the water was standing under the bed.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, GEORGE HAWDON, Inspector.

THE ASHPITS.

In answer to the Chairman, the INSPECTOR said the ashpits were full, and there was as much refuse lying on the ground as would fill many of them again. The streets were also in a filthy state.

Mr. CHEESMAN said he supposed the streets would merely be formed of ashes.

Mr. LONGSTAFF replied that they were.

RETAINING WALL AT RED ROW.

The INSPECTOR said at Red Row the filth oozed out of the privies and ran against the houses.

The CHAIRMAN said this arose from the adjoining ground being higher than the houses.

Mr. LONGSTAFF said Crookhall was altogether in an unsatisfactory state.

The INSPECTOR said that by erecting a wall the nuisance complained of would be abated.

The CHAIRMAN said they were only a small meeting, and the matter had perhaps be postponed for a month.

On the suggestion of Mr. Parker, the matter was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

MR. PARKER'S YARD.

The CLERK read a letter from the Chairman (Rev. F. Kearney) explaining his absence by stating that he had been unavoidably called from home. The Sanitary Committee had been prevented inspecting Mr. Parker's yard owing to the state of the weather.

Mr. PARKER said he had been caused a good deal of annoyance by some remarks which the Inspector had made relative to the state of his yard. Some time ago, when the matter was first brought before the Board, he gave the Inspector power to do to the yard what he thought was necessary.

This statement was borne out by the CHAIRMAN, who considered that as Mr. Hawdon had full power to carry out the necessary alterations he should not have again brought the matter before the Board.

After a lengthy and somewhat personal discussion the matter was allowed to stand over.

The Board then adjourned.

SALE OF HORSES.—The following horses belonging the Consett Water Company were sold on Saturday last at Messrs King and Gillespie's yard, Newcastle, by Mr Thomas Wetherell of Durham, and realised the following high prices:—Briton, 5 yrs old, £80; Prince, 6 yrs old, £84; Jessie, 5 yrs old, £56; Tom, 6 yrs old, £79; and Donald, 7 yrs old, £76.

ASSAULT ON A MARRIED WOMAN AT GREENCROFT COTTAGES.

On Thursday, at Lanchester Petty Sessions, before Messrs. Kearney, Talmadge, H. Smith, and Clavering, Wallace Bell, Greencroft Cottages, and Thomas Palmer, Annfield Plain, miners, were summoned for assaulting Mary Ann Chambers. Complainant stated that she was a married woman and resided at Greencroft Cottages. On Sunday night, the 3rd of January, the defendants went to her house and told her that her husband was staying at the pit "double-shift" on the Sunday. They then sat down and asked her if she was not going to give them their New Years gift. She had some liquor in the house and she gave them some. She had a lodger, and after the latter went out the defendants began to take liberties with her. Palmer offered her half-a-crown and she asked him if he did'nt "think ashamed of himself." He replied that he did not. She lived upstairs above a person named Sproat. Palmer tried to throw her down and she told him if he did'nt desist she should put him out. Bell also took hold of her, but did not behave so badly as Palmer. Both of them were married men. She knew Bell, but she had never seen Palmer before the night in question.

By Mr. Smith: Mrs. Sproat was in the room below when the defendants went into her house. When the men got hold of her she called out, but Mrs. Sproat had since told her that she did not hear her.

Palmer said when they went into Mrs. Chambers' house she placed a couple of chairs on the floor and asked them to sit down. She also gave each of them a glass of whisky. He (Palmer) then gave her half-a-crown to get another bottle of whisky.

Mrs. Chambers said this was not true.

Bell: Did'nt you invite me to your house?—Mrs. Chambers: I believe my husband asked you about a fortnight previous to come along and have a glass.

The Chairman: There was no harm if she had asked you to go to her house. That did not justify you in assaulting her.

Palmer (to Mrs. Chambers): When I went downstairs did'nt you say that you would put the bairns away and that we might come back?—Mrs. Chambers: Certainly not.—Palmer said Mrs. Chambers would say anything. She was a bad character, he said, and had been in prison.

Mr. Watson (clerk) said that was a very grave charge to make against anybody.

Palmer said he had witnesses to prove it.

Mr. Watson: Can you prove that Mrs. Chambers has been in prison?

Palmer replied that he could not.

Mrs. Chambers said she only came from Lincolnshire six months ago. She had never been in prison, and she defied any person to say anything bad against her character.

A lad named Sproat, who resides under complainant, was then called by Mrs. Chambers, and deposed to hearing the latter tell Bell that he had "better be leaving the house." He never heard Mrs. Chambers shout.

Mr Smith: When did you last see Bell?—Witness: Last Sunday night.—Mr Smith: Did he say anything to you about coming here?—Witness: No. —Mr Smith: Did he know that you were a witness in this case?—Witness: Yes.—Mr Smith: He never mentioned it to you?—Witness: No.—Mr Smith: Does he often come to your house?—Witness: No.—Mr Smith: How did Bell know that you were coming here as a witness?—No answer.

Mr Sproat father of the last witness, said he lived below Mrs Chambers. On returning home on Sunday night, the 3rd inst., he found his wife and Mrs Chambers in his house. As soon as he entered the house his wife and the complainant began to tell him about Bell and Palmer. Shortly afterwards witness heard some one go upstairs. At the request of Mrs Chambers he went upstairs and found the defendants in the room. Bell said they had gone to seek their New Year's glass. Witness told them there was nobody there and they had better go away. When Bell left the house he asked witness not to say that he had been there.

Mr Smith: Did he say to whom you were not to mention it?—Witness: No.

Mr Talmadge: What state was Mrs Chambers in?—Witness: She was excited and frightened. She said she durst not go upstairs any more.—Mr Talmadge: She was quite sober?—Witness: Yes. —Mr Talmadge: How long have you known her? Witness: She has resided upstairs with me about three months.

The Chairman (Mr Kearney): You knew nothing improper about her?—Witness: No.

Mr Talmadge: Mrs Chambers and her husband lived quietly together?—Witness: Yes.

Mr Smith: Was Bell in your house on Sunday night?—Witness: Yes.—Mr Smith: When did Bell come to your house on Sunday night?—Witness: It was on the night of the assault.—Mr Smith: Your son said it was last Sunday night.—Witness: He is only eleven years old, and he is mistaken. It was the same Sunday night that the assault took place. My son was in bed when Bell came.

Mr Talmadge: You never saw the defendants go to Mrs Chambers' house on any previous occasion? Witness: No.—Mr Talmadge: Were the men drunk?—Witness: They had had some drink.

Bell, in defence, said he was invited to go to Mrs Chambers' house.

The Chairman: What made you go back again?—Bell: Tom (meaning Palmer) told me that Mrs Chambers had sent for me to go back.

Palmer: Mrs Chambers told me to bring him back and she would then close the door.

Mr Talmadge: What do you suppose Mrs Chambers wanted you back for?—Palmer: I do not suppose she wanted us back for anything good.

Mr Smith: Then what business had you, a married man, there?

The Chairman, after a short consultation with his colleagues, said the case had been clearly established against the defendants, who would each be fined 20s and costs.

THE LATE MR. JOHN MOODY, OF EBCHESTER.

Funeral sermons, on the death of the late Mr John Moody, dyer, of Ebchester, were preached in the Wesleyan Chapels of Newlands and Ebchester, on Sunday sen'night. For a great number of years the deceased had been connected with both these places of worship, at the former as a hearer, and at the latter as a useful member.

The sermon at Newlands was preached in the afternoon, by Mr Jon. Green, of Blackhill, and was listened to by a goodly number of people considering the state of the weather. He took his text from the 19th verse of the 34th Psalm—"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all;" and discoursed upon the character specified in the text, "The righteous;" his heritage, "Many are the afflictions;" and his deliverance, "The Lord delivereth him out of them all." The preacher then read a sketch of Mr Moody's life as follows:—The late John Moody was born at Alnwick, in Northumberland, in the year 1796. He came to Ebchester in the year 1817, and very soon after his arrival there gave his heart to God. His conversion was very remarkable—by a dream. Job says—"Thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me with visions of the night." Our departed brother, in a dream, thought he saw the day of judgment—the lightnings flashing and the thunders roaring—and he himself a poor lost sinner standing before the Judge. He was thankful when he awoke and found it was a dream, but by it he was led to cry to God for mercy. God heard his cry, and enabled him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation. He sent His spirit into his heart, crying "Abba, Father." Having found the pearl of great price, he then made choice of what section of God's church he would become a member. To that people known by the name of Wesleyan Methodists, he said, like one of old, "This people shall be my people, and their God my God." He received his first ticket of membership in the year 1818, from the hand of the Rev. W. Jackson. It was not long before he found that "The love of Christ did him constrain to seek the wandering souls of men;" and it was true what a good sister said of him the other day, "He was a born preacher." It is worthy of remark that both his first and last sermons were preached at Hedley, and in the interval of these two sermons he has travelled thousands of miles to preach the gospel. It may be truly said that the life of a local preacher is a life of self-sacrifice. In this sense our departed brother did not count his life dear to him, so that God might be glorified, souls saved and the church edified. For more than fifty years his appointments as a local preacher were above the average. His appointments for many years, until age and failing strength prevented him, extended far beyond the limits of his own circuit. In Hexham, Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Durham, Wolsingham, Allendale, and Alston Circuits he was not a stranger. His success as a preacher of the gospel I believe will not be found small in that day when God shall reward every man according to his works. Many souls will be found in that day as stars in his crown of rejoicing. It is the thought of the reward that bears the preacher of the gospel up in his work, or he would faint in the day of trial. If people knew as well as God knows the many things which preachers (and especially locals) have to contend with there would be more sympathy with them than there generally is. God only knows with what heavy hearts His servants often have when they go on their errands of salvation. They are men of like passions as ourselves; they have to battle with the world as other men; and many of them have the hardest to struggle for a living. Their heavenly Father sometimes permits them to be in great straits, the reason of which they know not, but they shall know hereafter, for "God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain." Trials do not always come from one quarter, but from many, and our deceased brother had his full share of them. Jesus says—"In the world ye shall have tribulation." They come from the world, the flesh, and the devil; and in the church we cannot always see eye to eye as we would like to do. Neither is the Christian always at peace with his own family. The prophet Micah tells us that "a man's enemies are the men of his own house," and David says "it was not an enemy that reproached me, ... but it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance." And those that knew most about our departed brother know with what resignation he bore the trials that fell to him. I do not hesitate to say that the God of Jacob was his helper, and in his case God's promise was fulfilled wherein he says—"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." He was not only useful and respected as a local preacher, but he was equally so as a man and a private Christian. I have known him for fifty years, and wherever I have gone and met with people that have known him they have generally borne testimony to his homeliness, kindness, usefulness, and general knowledge. In many a family his name will be a household word for several years to come. In the class meeting he was always edifying, and the members were pleased to meet with him. A Christian, who met in the same class with him for twenty years, said to me the other day that they thought they never had a good class meeting when he was away. In visiting the sick he was equally as useful, and many a Christian has he cheered and comforted on their dying bed. He accompanied them to the edge of that river which he has now crossed, and from whence no voyager returns. In lovefeasts and fellowship meetings he took a part from his early days. I can remember hearing him; and I almost imagine that his voice beats upon my ear, that his form still stands before me, and that I see a host of those who used to meet in this place many years ago. They stand before my eyes as a cloud of witnesses. There are the Slaters, a Huntley, the Harrisons, the Wilkinsons, the Hunters, the Jewitts, the Stoddarts, the Oleys, the Doddses, the Surteeses, the Swalwells, and my father, mother, brothers, and sisters. As a member of the local preacher's meeting, and the quarterly meeting I do not know where to find his equal. Very few men were better acquainted with the Methodist doctrine and its discipline than the late John Moody was. He could always get a hearing when few else could, and was looked up to as a father and a guide. He will long be held in affectionate remembrance by many of the local brethren, and to show their appreciation of him I will read a copy of a resolution passed by them at the local preachers' meeting, held December 21st, 1874:—"During the quarter Bro. Moody has died in the Lord, after many years of earnest, acceptable, and useful service in the cause of God. The brethren desire to record their high esteem for their departed brother, and offer their tender sympathy to the bereaved family." Having thus glanced at his life and labours we now come to his falling asleep in Jesus; and how applicable to him is that passage of scripture which saith:—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Our departed brother had his sufferings in life, and his heavenly Father would not let him suffer long in death. It seemed as if God had given him the desire of his soul. Only a few days before his death he expressed himself in the words of the poet to a neighbour:—

"Oh, that without a lingering groan
I may the welcome word receive;
My body with my charge lay down,
And cease at once to work and live."

On the Wednesday before his death he went on an errand of mercy and love to Blackhill to see one to whom he had acted as a father. That was George Hedley, who was then in dying circumstances, and passed away before Mr Moody left Blackhill. On the Saturday, he went to his funeral. The weather was very severe, and while there he got a severe cold. He was planned to preach at Consett on the Sunday morning following, and during the week had been making preparations to do so. But his heavenly Father said "No my child; thy work on earth is done." On the Sunday morning sickness set in, and from that he was sensible that his work was done. He breathed his soul into the hands of his Redeemer on Wednesday, the 2nd of December, 1874.

At Ebchester, the sermon was preached by Mr. John Bell, of Consett. The preacher was exceedingly eloquent, and during his sermon frequently referred in feeling terms to the departed gentleman.

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Local Police Courts.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, January 11.—Before A. TOWN (chairman) and JOHN CLAVERING, Esqs.

RESCUING GOODS FROM A COUNTY COURT BAILIFF.

Andrew Hall, in custody, was charged with rescuing goods from Mr Jenkins, County Court bailiff. Mr Jenkins stated that on the 6th of January, he went, in company with Mr Clement, another officer of the court, to the defendant's house at the Lizzy, with an execution from the County Court. Finding the door fast they proceeded down the street, where they found defendant with a pony and cart, which they took possession of. Some time after, however, defendant got the pony and cart, and the latter had not since been seen. Defendant and his wife were very violent, Mrs Hall threatening to knock their brains out with a shovel. Considering that defendant had been in custody several days he was only fined 20s. and expenses, £1 14s. 6d.—The money was paid.

NIGHT POACHING.

Thomas Anderson, on remand, was charged with night poaching. Mr Granger, of Durham defended. Police-constable Smith stated about one o'clock on the morning of the 22nd December he was on duty near Dean Bank House, where he saw a man in the act of crossing a field with a greyhound dog. Witness got behind a building, and the man, whom he recognised as the defendant, came within ten yards of him. Seeing witness, however, he threw away a bundle he was carrying and made off. After following him some distance witness gave up the chase and on returning to where defendant had thrown the buudle he found a hare and a number of nets.—By the Bench: The hare had been newly killed. He had known Anderson about twelve months.—P.C. Trotter, of the Northumberland Force, said on Monday night, the 21st of December, about seven o'clock he saw Anderson cross the bridge at Shotley Bridge. He was accompanied by a greyhound dog.—For the defence Mr Granger submitted that it was a case of mistaken identity. He then called Robert Dobson, a miner residing at Medomsley, who deposed that on the evening of the 21st of December he saw Anderson at the Bridge Inn, Shotley Bridge. They went in together. Anderson had a dog with him. It would then be between seven and eight o'clock. Witness and Anderson left the Bridge Inn together. They reached Anderson's house a few minutes after ten. Witness remained in Anderson's house until eleven o'clock, when he went home. Anderson was then preparing to go to bed.—In answer to Supt. Oliver witness admitted that he kept a dog himself. He also had been fined 50s. and costs for game trespass. —Robert Anderson said the defendant was his brother, and they lived in the same house. On Monday night defendant returned home with the last witness between ten and eleven o'clock. Witness went to bed about eleven o'clock. and the defendant shortly afterwards followed. Defendant did not leave the house during the night.—The magistrates said they considered the case proved and defendant would be committed to prison for one month with hard labour. He would also have to find sureties for his good behaviour for the next twelve months.

PITCH AND TOSS AT BROOMHILL.

Two men named Moffet and Dickinson were summoned for playing at pitch and toss. P.C. Cumming deposed that he was near to Broomhill and saw a number of men, amongst whom were Moffet and Dickinson playing at pitch and toss.—They were each fined 10s. and the expenses.

TRAVELLING ON THE RAILWAY WITHOUT A TICKET.

William Egan, labourer, Winlaton Mill, was charged with travelling on the Consett Branch of the North-Eastern Railway without a ticket. From the evidence of Mr Parkins, station-master at Rowland's Gill, it seems that on Saturday, the 5th December, defendant got out of the train at Rowland's Gill without a ticket.—He was fined 5s. and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE AT LEADGATE.

Robert Cheeseman and Michael Hogan were charged with causing a breach of the peace by fighting at Leadgate. P.C. Best stated that on Sunday night, the 27th of December, he was at Leadgate and saw the defendants fighting.—Hogan, in defence, said on the day in question he was at a christening. Cheesman was also there. Cheesman began to make some observations which he (Hogan) did not consider "Parliamentary." On remonstrating with Chessman, the latter left the house, but as the owner of the house did not wish to lose his (Cheesman's) company, he (Hogan) went after him to bring him back. Cheesman, however collared him by the throat and pushed him down.—In answer to the Bench, Cheesman said he was at the house of a man named Agnew, where there was a christening. From what occurred in the house he left it, but was followed by Hogan, who wanted him to go back. Not knowing what might be in store for him he refused to return, and Hogan continued to follow him. On coming to the corner of Irish Street he (Cheesman) fell down and Hogan then struck him a blow on the eye.—The magistrates considered the case proved, and bound defendants over to keep the peace for six months, in addition to paying the costs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Patrick Carroll was charged by P.C. Watson with having been drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, on the 25th of December. Fined 5s. and costs.——Robert Dixon, charged by P.C. Smith with a similar offence on the 24th ult., was fined 5s. and costs.——Isaac Winter and John Clark were charged by P.C. Thom with the above offence. The cases being proved, defendants were fined 5s. each and costs. ——William Kidd, summoned by Sergt. Parkinson with having been drunk and disorderly at Consett, was also fined 5s. and the expenses.——Joseph Sullivan, charged by P.C. Firn with a similar offence at Leadgate, on the 24th ult., was fined 5s. and costs.——Jane Close, single woman. Consett, was charged with a similar offence. P.C. Balmer found defendant drunk behind Middle Street, on the night of the 25th December. She was fined 5s. and costs. ——Nicholas Walton was summoned by P.C. Cumming with having been drunk and disorderly on the 26th ult. Fined 5s. and costs.——Andrew Finnigan, charged by P.C. Stoner with a similar offence on the 2nd January, was fined 5s. and the expenses.

DRUNKENNESS.

Bernard McGuire and Thomas Harvey were charged by P.C. Watson with drunkenness at Blackhill, on the 26th ult. They were each fined 5s. and costs.—Edward Grant was fined 5s. and costs for a similar offence at Consett, on the 26th ult. Sergt. Parkinson proved the case.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Thomas Storey, charged by Sergt. Parkinson with refusing to quit licensed premises at Consett on the 26th ult., was fined 5s. and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE AT BLACKHILL.

Peter McCluskey and Bridget McCluskey were charged by Sergt. Nattress with committing a breach of the peace at Blackhill, on the 26th ult. Bound over to keep the peace for six months and ordered to pay 10s. and costs each.

ASSAULTS.

Peter McCluskey and Bridget McCluskey were then charged with assaulting Catherine Hughes at Blackhill, on the same date. The parties are neighbours, and appear to be constantly quarreling. The assault being proved defendants were each fined 5s. and the costs.——James Hughes, husband of complainant in the last case, was then charged with assaulting Peter McCluskey on the same occasion. Fined 10s. and costs.——Peter and Bridget McCluskey were also charged by James Hughes with wilful damage. The male defendant was fined 1s, and 8s. 6d. costs; the case against Mrs McCluskey was dismissed.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14th.—Before M. KEARNEY (chairman), A. H. TALMADGE, HENRY SMITH and JOHN CLAVERING, Esqs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

James Strong was summoned by P.C. Rery for having been drunk and disorderly at Annfield Plain, on the 9th inst. The case was proved and defendant was fined 5s and costs.—Christopher Atthey and Silas Nicholson were summoned by P.C Coates for a similar offence, on the 26th December. Fined 10s each and costs.—James Rafferty, charged by Sergt. Stamper with a similar offence on the 7th inst., was fined 10s and costs.—Lawrence McGowan, Michael Drannigon, Joseph Douglass, and Robert Hall, were charged by Sergt. Reed with a similar offence at Cornsay Colliery, on the 18th inst. McGowan, and Douglas were each fined 10s and the other 5s and costs,

DRUNK AND RIOTOUS.

William Everett, charged by Sergt. Reed with having been drunk and riotous at Cornsay, on the 7th inst., was fined 10s and costs.—Robert Fenwick was charged by P.C. Thompson with a similar offence at Burnopfield, on the 31st ult. Fined 10s and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Thomas Davey was charged by P.C. Thompson with refusing to quit licensed premises at Burnopfield, on the 11th inst. Fined 10s and costs.—Edward Wyley was summoned for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Thomas Longstaff, at Leadgate. Mr Longstaff said on Saturday night, the 9th inst., defendant entered his house. He had been previously quarrelling in his house and complainant ordered him out but he refused to leave. He was fined 5s and costs.

DRUNKENNESS.

James McCluskey was charged by Sergt. Morland with drunkeness at Dipton, on the 1st January. Fined 5s and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

Thomas Oates was charged with trespassing in search of game on land belonging to Sir Henry Clavering. A constable of the Gateshead division deposed that he was on duty near the Causey and had his attention directed to a wood by the shouting of a dog. On going into the wood he saw the defendant accompanied by a large cross-bred dog. Defendant himself had a stick in his hand, and was encouraging the dog to hunt. The dog put up a rabbit and the defendant, ran after it.—Defendant, in defence, said he worked at an engine in the wood, and he had gone to look after the water.—The magistrates said there was no doubt defendant had been guilty of the offence with which he was charged, and he would have to pay a fine of 20s and costs.—George Ludkin and James Chaytor were charged with a similar offence. Sergt. Stamper said he saw defendant beating amongst some whins near Shield Row. He found a rabbit in Ludkin's pocket.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were each fined 20s and costs.

ASSAULT AT CONSETT.

Christopher White, roller, was summoned for assaulting Samuel Wolfe, at Consett. From the statement of the complainant it appeared that he and his wife had been lodging with the mother of the defendant. A dispute seems to have arisen, which ended in White striking complainant. Defendant, who did not put in an appearance until the case had been disposed of, was fined 10s and costs.

ASSAULT AT CONSETT IRONWORKS.

Michael Ruddy was charged with assaulting Nicholson Harris at Consett Ironworks. Complainant stated that on the evening of Friday last he was working at his furnace when the defendant went up to him and asked him what he was talking about. On telling defendant that he was not talking to him, Ruddy threatened to knock his eye out. Complainant told him that he would not do so. He then took up a piece of metal to put into his furnace, when the defendant struck him with his fist, a cut near the eye being inflicted. He then gave witness another blow on the jaw.—The Chairman: Had you given him any provocation?—Complainant: I never spoke to him; I was speaking to the man opposite my furnace.—Several witnesses were called who bore out complainant's statement.—The magistrates considered the case proved, and fined him 20s and costs.

At the Lanchester Petty Sessions on Thursday, two young men named Thomas Sherlock and James Dunn, ironworkers, who had been apprehended in Newcastle by Sergt. Parkinson, were sentenced to three months' hard labour each for stealing a quantity of wearing apparel, the property of Henry McArdle, at Consett, on the 3rd inst.

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BIRTHS.

CONSETT—At King Street, on the 14th inst., Mrs Hughes, of a son.

At Templetown, on the 13th inst., Mrs Dodds, of a daughter.

At the same place, on the 14th inst., Mrs Collin, of a son.

ULVERSTON—At Spring Gardens, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr Joseph Briscoe, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BURNOPFIELD—At St. James Church, on the 9th, by the Rev. F. Stirrup, John, eldest son of Nicholson, of South Medomsley, to Harriet, daughter of John George Penn *of the* Hobson Colliery.

CROOK—At the Parish Church, on the 31st ult., by the Rev J. King, B.A., Mr W. Ainsley, to Miss Isabella Mary Ann Whalley, of Sunnybrow, daughter of the late Mr Charles Whalley, M.D. of Pelton.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—On the 11th inst., aged 15 weeks, Timothy Knox.

On the 11th inst., aged 30 minutes, John Carey.

On the 14th inst., aged 36 years, Rose Carey.

At 13, King Street, aged 37 years, Sarah Campbell.

BLACKHILL—On the 12th inst., aged 15 years, William Downs Briscoe.

On the 13th inst., aged 56 years, Mary Moore.

On the 13th inst., aged 69 years, Ann, wife of Thos. Hepton.

LANCHESTER—On the 6th inst., aged 77 years, Miss Margaret Fenwick.

IVESTON—On the 10th inst., aged 29 years, Margaret, wife of Mr Charles Clark.

DIPTON—On the 9th inst., aged 15 months, Elizabeth, the beloved daughter of William and Elizabeth Ambler.

BEAMISH—On the 9th inst., aged 71 years, Agnes, wife of Mr E. Nicholson, viewer.

BROWNEY COLLIERY—On the 8th inst., aged 66 years, Benjamin Gray, sen.

BYERMOOR—On the 29th ult., aged 14 years, Susannah, fourth daughter of William and Elizabeth Jefferson.

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