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Trade Notes

The Durham coalowners at Newcastle on Tuesday refused to grant any advance of 15 per cent. in wages asked for by the men.

WEARDALE AND STELLTON WATER COMPANY.—At a meeting of the directors of the Weardale and Stanhope District Waterworks Company, held at Bishop Auckland on Monday, it was resolved to recommend a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum for the last half year. This is the same rate of dividend as for the corresponding period in the year previous.

CONSETT WATER WORKS COMPANY.—The directors of the Consett Water Works Company at their monthly meeting held at Durham, on Wednesday afternoon, decided to recommend a dividend for the half-year ending 31st December, 1889, at the rate of 6½ per cent. per annum. This compares with 6 per cents. for the corresponding period of 1888.

MINERS' DEMONSTRATION AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

THE WORKMEN'S DEMANDS.

A demonstration of miners in the county of Durham was held on Saturday, at Chester-le-Street, with the object of advocating the ten hours a day and ten days a fortnight system of working in the mines, and of affirming a demand for an increase of 15 per cent. in wages. The collieries represented were Pelton Fell, West Pelton, Ouston, Urpeth Tilery, Nettlesworth, Kimblesworth, Craghead, Pelton Moor, Edmundbyers, Alma, Framwellgate Moor, Twizell Chophill, Handon Hole, &c. The gathering numbered between 300 and 400 people. Mr Harwood (Beamish) presided, and the other speakers addressed the meeting from the top of the office before the Lambton Arms Hotel.

The CHAIRMAN having briefly opened the proceedings,

Mr J. ARMSTRONG (Alma) moved the following resolution:—

"That, in the opinion of this meeting, the time has duly arrived when all the miners in the district should only draw coals ten hours a day, and should only work ten days a fortnight, and that this meeting hopes the executive committee will convene a meeting at an early date for the express purpose of having a ballot of the county on the question."

(Hear.) He said the question had on several occasions been before the respective lodges of the county. It had also been before the Council of the Britisham Miners' Association at different times since last March, with the result that a resolution in favour of carrying such a resolution into effect had been approved of. He held that the hours of work down a pit from bank to bank should only be six. (Hear.) To-day they had collieries working

TWELVE DAYS PER FORTNIGHT,

and they wanted that reduced to ten days. By working ten hours a day and ten days a fortnight they would restrict the output, and so provide for commercial emergencies in the future. (Hear.)

Mr A. R. MOODY (Addison Colliery) seconded the resolution. He said the miners formed a distinct and unique condition as compared with other departments of labour. The conditions of their employments were hidden away from the public, and the determination of the question at issue must depend upon themselves, because public opinion could not be brought upon the conditions of their employment. If they accomplished the object they had before them, it must be by

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, Jan. 20th.—Before Consettor JAMES ANNANDALE (in the chair), W. R. VAN HANSBERGEN, Esq., F. PEARSON, Esq., WM. GREEN, Esq., and H. W. WATSON, Esq.

THE TIPPLERS' LIST.

Mark Cauthorn was accused by P.C. Robinson, of being drunk and disorderly at Blackhall Mill, 4th inst.—Fined 5s and costs.

George Jackson (who was represented by his brother) was found guilty, upon the testimony of P.C. Robinson, of being inebriated at Leadgate, Jan. 3rd, and was similarly dealt with.

John Robson, who said that he was stationed down at the Consett Iron Works, was summoned as the instance of P.C. Lawson for drunkenness in Middle Street, Consett, 4th inst.—A fine of 5s and expenses was inflicted.

John Kearney pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred against him by P.C. Crisp, of being obfuscated at Iveston, on New Year's night, and was giving utterance to some very foul language upon the highway.—He was ordered to pay a fine of 5s and costs.

John Walker, labourer, was brought up by P.C. Oglesby for drunkenness at Consett, last Saturday night.—He was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and expenses or seven days' imprisonment.

MAD DRUNK.

Simon Bell, a navvy, was put forward and charged by Inspector Bennins with being intoxicated and shouting in the midst of a public street, in Consett, on the preceding Saturday night. The officer stated that the man was mad with the drink.—He was likewise fined 5s and costs, the alternative being a week on the treadmill.

A PROMISING CANDIDATE FOR DURHAM.

Mary Ann Hanlon, a woman on tramp, was placed in the dock and charged with being helplessly tipsy in an open space near the top of Thomas Street, Consett, shortly after 11 o'clock on Saturday night.—Inspector Bennins said that he found the woman lying on her back amongst the "clarts." She was singing like a lark. As soon as he picked the woman up, and carried her toward the police station, defendant began to use soon very vile language. She had some packages with her, and with her.—The Bench imposed a fine of 2s 6d and costs, or seven days in "quod."

CATCHING HIS MAMMAIE.

John Smith, a labourer, was fetched up by P.C. Smith to answer a charge of drunkenness and shouting in Newmarket Street, Consett, on the preceding Saturday night.—A fine of 5s and costs was inflicted.

WAS HE DRUNK OR SOBER?

Frank Marsh, also a labourer, lodging at Consett, pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred against him by Sergt. Tone, of being found staggering about very drunk and yelling and shouting in the streets of Consett, in the Sunday night.—Defendant made a statement (as to meeting some friends and unfortunately partaking of too much of the "cup that cheers."—He (Chairman) thought evidently did not catch what he man said); Do you say that you have been drunk for 20 years? (Loud laughter).—Defendant: No, I so did that I have drunk or I would not have been brought here. (More laughter).—The customary penalty was ordered to be paid.

CONSTANTLY DRUNK.

An old man, named *John Long*, a miner, on "shift work" at East Castle Colliery, appeared in response to a summons, taken out by P.C. Crisp, defendant having been discovered lying on his back in a totally obfuscated state on the highway at Iveston, on January 4th. He was bawling and indulging in a one chorus epithet. The man (said the policeman) was almost constantly drunk.—The justices fined him 5s and the court fees.

ASSAULT OF THE POLICE.

William Evans, a young fellow, working at Iveston Colliery, was charged by Sergt. Minto with being drunk and disorderly on Saturday Tempo, at an early hour on Saturday morning.—The sergeant stated that he was twelve at one o'clock a.m., he found the defendant shouting and swearing, and had the greatest difficulty in fetching him to the lock-up. Evans resisted to all his angry strength and being him, and the officer had to fling him down several times. Eventually, he employed a cab to bring the man to the police station. Evans tried to scratch the policeman's face with his finger nails.—The Bench: Were there marks on his head done during the struggle.—The officer: Yes, I expect so. He was like a wild man.—The magistrates fined the defendant 20s and 6 s 6d costs, or fourteen days, for the assault upon the police, the case of drunkenness being dismissed.

A COOL TRICK.

Elizabeth Ann Cott, a respectable looking middle-aged married woman, was charged with committing an assault upon Margaret Brewis, also a married person, by throwing a pailful of water over her, on the 3rd inst, at Tail Mill, Hedley.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted, while Mr W. Dickinson (also of Consett) appeared for the defendant. Prosecutrix deposed that she lived in one of the colliery rows, and on the day in question she was standing at the left side of her own door, shaking the hearthrug, when defendant came to the house up to get some water. Without saying a word, Mrs Brewis (the wife) took up her and gave her the contents right over her. She (complainant) never spoke to the defendant, nor gave her any provocation for her to do the act. When defendant threw the water she said to "Take that." After the deed had been committed, defendant went out, and the neighbours came out to see what was the matter, and they saw her standing drenched with water.—By Mr Dickinson: She had some slight difference with the defendant some time back; but had not spoken to the defendant since. That difference was about a lie which the childr in had told. The tap would be about ten yards away from her door, and she did not shake the "mat" at defendant's door. There was nobody about until she shouted, and the neighbours came out to see what had happened. The water went over her about three and the greatest portion of her dress. She did not say to Mrs Wood that it was a good job that defendant had lost five of her children within two weeks.—Hannah Riddell, remembered the 3rd of January, when she was in Mrs Brewis's house. Mrs Cott was complained covered with water, and he rod the remark made, "Take that."—Cross-question: Mr Dickinson: The door was not closed, and if she came to the door to see what was the matter etc. Witness noticed the complainant drenched with water, and defendant was standing at the water-tap.—Sarah Jane Brewis, daughter of the complainant, and Mrs Wood, also gave corroborative evidence.—Mr Dickinson contended that the evidence submitted went to show that the whole affair was nothing more than what they might term a "family squa bble," and he asked their worships to dismiss the case.—The Bench here some difference between the parti es. On the date in question Mrs Cotton went to the tap for some water, and some complaint began to ris between the parties, and thereby rendered the water in his client's cans useless for domestic purposes. He denied that defendant ever threw any water on Mrs Brewis.—The Chairman said they were of opini on that defendant was guilty, and it was a very nasty trick to do, without any provocation. As the c osts were heavy, they would only fine defendant 2s 6d and expenses, £1 4s 6d in all.

PAYING DEAR FOR EVERY SPORT.

Henry Bentick (17), *Joseph Wilford* (18), and *Miles Kilsmerton* (19), all belonging to Iveston, were summoned at the instance of S pptimus Blench, farmer, for committing damage to a house property belonging to him at Stoney Heap; t he injury being estimated to amount to £1 10s 6d.—Mr T. W. Welford represented defendants.—Prosecutor gave evidence at the preceding Court to the effect th ut on December 22nd, the youngsters got on to the top of the house, tore down a portion of the chimne ys, about nine inches being demolished, threw the tiles down on the gate, and upon the roof, breaking the tiles, smashed a window, besides destroying a wicker gate dividing the yards.—The case was then adjourned for want of evidence.—Mr R. Robson, builder, Leadgate, now deposed to going to Stoney Heat and valuing the damage done, and he estimated that it would cost £1 16s 6d to repair the injury. There was considerable damage repaired, including twelve tiles broken, the chimney destroyed, and other damage. However, he had repaired the house, and replaced the gate, and it cost altogether £1 15s 4d. (Witness produced a bill for the Benchito examine).—By Mr Welford: His man was employed at the cottage 12 hours. The sum of 7s 6d was not a fair valuation as to the amount of damage done, and no experienced man would say so.—Mrs Barrow gave evidence to the effect that she saw defendants on the wall, and they caused a certain portion of the damage complained of. The day before the place was all right. There was nobody about the place except defendants.—By Mr Welford: She did not see them on the roof.—Subsequently to the Bench, witness said the boys had no business to be there.—Mrs Turnbull stated that she was ill in bed, and heard commotion on the roof, and the bricks came down the chimney.—P.C. Crisp spoke to questioning two of the defendants, and they admitted to Stratford—about the damage, and they admitted to him that they were the delinquents.—Mr Welford argued that the evidence brought forward had not gone to prove that defendants were the persons who committed the damage. All that had been said was the statement by the police officer, who stated that two of his (Mr Welford's) clients had admitted doing the damage. He would produce a witness who would tell their Worships that the account presented by Mr Robson was exorbitant, and the work could have been done for less money.—George Cranston attested that he was a mason, and lived at Iveston. He had examined this property at Stoney Heap, and he found the fireplace in the chimney consisted of 144 bricks (which could have been repaired for 2s 6d, and he could have got the gate mended for 3s. He thought that all could have been done for 8s 6d. Witness noticed that someone had been on the roof, and a corner of a slate had been broken.—The Justices thought defendants were guilty, and fined them in damage 9s 6d, and 10s 2d costs each—£1 4s 6d.

BRUTALITY TO A SERVANT.

Robert Lee, leadminer, living at Haydon Bridge was summoned to show cause why he had not contributed the sum of £20 as bastardy arrears, said to be owing to Elizabeth Lowery, a married woman. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) defended.—After investigation it was found that defendant did not owe such a sum, and the prosecutrix agreed to accept the sum of £5 3s, in full satisfaction of arrears up to date.

EDUCATION ACT.

George Robson, miner, Dipton, was summoned by Mr David Mole, at the instance of the Collierley School Board, for neglecting to send his son regularly to school.—Mr Mole stated that the boy was absent from school on 7th inst., and had attended very irregularly for some time.—Fined 5s including costs.

ALLEGED ASSAULT UPON A CHILD.

Sarah Shannon, married, was summoned for committing an assault upon Margaret Coleman, a little girl nine years old, in Medomsley Road, Consett, on Jan. 2nd. The evidence of prosecutrix tended to show that on the afternoon mentioned, Mrs Shannon came to the back-door of their house, and threshed her with a whip.—By defendant: She had not struck her yet in her hand, nor was she running among her (defendant's) children.—Mrs Coleman gave evidence of asking Mrs Shannon why she had threshed her daughter. Defendant admitted that she had struck the child with a whip, and threatened to do so again. Mrs Shannon also challenged witness out to fight. Defendant never mentioned anything to her about the matter. Mrs Shannon declared that she had been brought up simply out of spite. Mrs Coleman had previously stated that she would swear her life away. Her defence was that the prosecutrix was running about in the middle of her children with a red-hot poker, and she was afraid that some of the youngsters would be burnt. She told the girl to go into the house. She ran it by the back way, and presently returned with the end of the poker reheated. She utterly denied that she beat the complainant with the whip. Mrs Coleman knew nothing about the affair, as she was at the Rasty Pit, at Medomsley, on that particular afternoon.—Evidence having been given on behalf of both parties, the Court believed that Mrs Shannon received considerable provocation, and dismissed the defendant on payment of 11s costs.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS.

Thomas Nicholson, John Burtie, and John Hall, boys, of ages ranging from nine to eleven years, were charged with causing damage, to the extent of 6d each, by wasting water.—P.C. Crabb said that on Sunday, 12th inst., he saw these boys playing about the coke-ovens at Blackhill Colliery (belonging to Messrs Pease and Partners). They turned on the Cardiphone tap, and wasted a considerable quantity of water.—Mr John Bell said it cost the firm a great deal of money to raise the water to the height required for this purpose, as a reservoir had to be specially constructed. There was a vast amount of damage done every Sunday by boys. He estimated the damage to amount to 6d a-piece. The firm, however, did not wish to unduly press the charge, but simply wanted the lads to be made an example of, as a warning to others.—The Bench fined the offenders 6d each, 6d damage, and costs—2s in all. They also counselled the parents to punish their children at home.

GAME TRESPASS AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Robert and *William Hall*, brothers, ironworkers, residing at Hughsten, Blackhill, were proceeded against by P.C. Vickers, charged with trespassing in search of conies on land in the occupation of Messrs J. Annandale and Sons, at the Bridge Farm Street, Shotley Bridge, on January 6th.—P.C. Vickers stated that at 2-30 in the afternoon, he found the defendants in a wood setting nets over the rabbit holes, and inserting a ferret therein. The men had also taken up their possession. The plantation was situate at the bottom of Howdon Burn, about half-a-mile from the turnpike. He said to the defendants, "Now, lads, this is a fair cop." Robert Hall replied, "Yes, it is." He advised the men to clear off, and take their ferret away.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett), defended, and inquired: Why did you not take the nets from the men?—Mr Vickers: Because I had no right.—Mr McCartan: Oh, yes, you had.—Vickers: No, I'm not a gamekeeper.—The Justices Clerk (Mr A. W. Grainger) pointed out that a policeman was only authorised to search suspected persons in case he found them on the highway or some public place—Supt. Oliver: Those men were discharged from headquarters.—P.C. Vickers said that had he possessed a right to take the nets from defendants he would certainly have done so.—In reply to questions by Mr McCartan, the officer said that Green, the gam-keeper, laid the information, although he knew nothing about the occurrence.—Supt. Oliver stated that, in cases of this sort, it was necessary that some independent party should lay the information, and he responsible for the costs, in the event of the dismissal of the complaint.—Further cross-examined, the constable said that there was a man in a field 300 or 400 yards from plaintiffs. He did not meet Robert Halls on the highway between the Paper Mills and Bridge Hill. There was no necessity for him to arrest defendants, as he knew their names well.—Defendants averred that they were prosecuted out of spite. They had not made a trespass upon them.—In defence, Mr McCartan informed their worships that these men were travelling along the road from Bridge Hill to the Paper Mill at Shotley Grove. They were met by Vickers, who accused them of coming from land where he supposed they had been trespassing in pursuit of game. The officer also affirmed that they had been "scandalising" Joe Angus and himself, and threatened to take them "all in." He said it. It was a notorious fact that the policeman had all along shown a good deal of feeling against his clients. He urged upon the Bench not to convict upon the unsupported and unreliable testimony of the policeman. Mr McCartan, however, confessed that he was mistaken with regard to the police-officer's authority to search a man on private land.—Defendant Robert said that he had seen Vickers go to the Northumberland side of the water in search of rabbits.—His charity sorely tried him, for he had often said that he would swear his life away.—The magistrates came to the conclusion that the defendants were guilty, and had been the cause of offenders—having been previously convicted of like offences at Stanhope, Durham, and Consett—they would be fined 40s and costs. They added that the assertions cast upon the police by Mr McCarton were uncalled for and absolutely unwarranted. They considered Vickers to be a very efficient officer.—Mr McCartan in his turn, said he was only obeying his instructions.—[Mr J. Annandale retired during the hearing of this charge.]

THE TOWNSHIP OF BIRTLEY.

At a meeting of the Durham County Council, on Wednesday, a copy was presented of a resolution passed at a meeting of the ratepayers at Birtley township, held on December 21st, called by 20 ratepayers, asking that the township might be declared an urban district. Appended to the resolution were various statements, which pointed out that the population of the township was 4,500, the rateable value £11,000, and the extent 1,428 acres, the bulk of the land being agricultural, the inhabitants were engaged in a small area, and the village was therefore of a distinctly urban character. Col. Sheppee in support of the application, moved the following resolution:—"It is the opinion of the Council a *prima facie* case has been made as respecting the parish of Birtley, for the adoption thereof as an urban sanitary district."—Mr Thomas Bell seconded the motion, which was carried.—Col. Sheppee then moved that an inquiry be held in the township by the clerk of the Council, who should report to the Council.—Mr W. H. Patterson suggested that the matter be referred to a committee. After some discussion this was agreed to, and Ald. A. Pease, Ald. W. H. Richardson, and Mr James Annandale were appointed as a committee.

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STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, Jan. 17th.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq. (chairman), and Dr ALNSON.

DRUNKENNESS.

Joseph Jackson was charged by Sergeant Hardcastle with being drunk at St. John's Chapel, 24th inst.—Fined 12s 6d including costs.

Isaac Wormouth was charged for being drunk at the same place on the 4th inst.—Fined 12s 6d.

John Ord, Edward Ord, and Thomas Ord were by P.C. Robinson with being drunk, 21st ult.—Fined 7s 6d for being drunk on the 27th ult.

George Featherstone was charged by P.C. Sedgewick with being drunk in Co-Cow Hill, 24th ult.—Fined 7s 6d.

FOOLISH CHRISTMAS PRANKS.

Two youths named *Martindale* and *Elliott* were fined 20s each by the Stanhope Bench under Highway Act. They had wilfully placed a watercart across the road at Wearhead under circumstances of aggravation related by the police. It was stated by the defendants in mitigation, Christmas custom. Similar penalties have been imposed at Wolsingham.

POACHING IN THE WEAR VALLEY.

George Cox, quarryman, defended by Mr J. W. Teale, was prosecuted under the Poaching Prevention Act, with being found on Mr John Collinson's land for an unlawful purpose.—P. C. Johnson said he met defendant between Hill House and Frosterley, under circumstances of suspicion, coming from the direction of John Collinson's land, on the 17th ult. Noticing the bulging of his pocket, the constable told defendant he must search him, and found in one pocket seven pieces of setting net a hare. (Defendant: "I speak the truth, man.") Cox said he had got nothing; but in the other pocket were some stoles, and defendants was detained by a Mr Stanhope, who told Johnson he must put the things down, or there would be a row, and witness answered that he should "row you away," the things would have to go to Stanhope. Witness at first heard the steps of two men but the second man got away. Cross-By Mr Teale: I know defendant has two fields taken in the locality, but I don't know that he has a certificate.—By the Bench: The two fields are opposite Horsley Hall farm.—Mr Teale submitted that there was no case. The Bench must be satisfied by direct evidence of actual suspicion—and there was no evidence but that of the officer. Defendant instructed him that he had permission from Stanhope to poach on that land, but he had shooting rights there, that the land adjoined Collinson's land, and he was coming from the direction of his own land when the constable came up.—Joseph Stephenson, sworn, said defendant had leave to be on his land.—By Mr Teale: Defendant is their clerk, said it was not necessary that defend ant should have been seen coming from land that his denial of the possession of nets or other poaching articles was awkward. The court considered the case was not proved, and dismissed it, but ordered 10s and costs.—Time for payment was allowed.

HORSEWHIPPING IN WEARDALE.

AN EXTRAORDINAT CASE.

The adjourned cases in which Joseph Dawson, of Wolsingham, carrier, and John Walton Watson, of Redgashead, cattle dealer, charged each other with assault came on, many spectators being present. Mr J. M. Davison (Newcastle) represented Dawson, and Mr J. T. Proud (Bishop Auckland) had Watson's case.—Mr Proud said an assault, and the pulling of Dawson out of his cart, would be admitted.

Mr Dix said the case was not one to dismiss without further remarks. It was not an ordinary assault, for this reason—that is had been preceded by a threat the same day. Watson said he would let the blood out of Dawson. He did so, and afterwards boasted of it. If the case were met with a fine, then it would be the unfortunate personality connected pointing out that Watson's summons came some days after that issued by Dawson.

Mr Proud said, and on the morning of the 2nd ult., Watson, in a spring trap, followed witness, who was in a heavy cart, down the dale. Near Westgate, Watson jumped out—both being alone—threw some clothing off, and challenged witness to get down and fight. Witness refused, but Watson jumped pulled him over the wheel on to the road. Witness fell, and the shaft of the Wagon struck him into the dyke, knelt on his body, and said he would murder him on the spot. Witness then got a stone, and said he would use it if Watson came nearer. Witness re-entered his cart and drove on, but Watson again overtook him, flogged him with a whip for a quarter-of-a-mile, and then left witness.

By Mr Proud: I didn't agree to get out and fight, and did not lift my whip. The latter was for the goods in the cart. I don't know why the squabble started.—I have not spoken to Watson for four years.

Thomas Emerson, youth, said Watson overtook him and said he would be sorry if he had of the "great fight," adding that he thought he had given Dawson "a good hiding."

By Mr Proud: I never told Richard Wright or William Charlton that Watson took stones from the road, and twenty or thirty yards away when the assault took place. I have not seen Dawson several times since, but he never questioned me as to what I had to tell.

William Cutharid said he came up as Davison was pulling his cart. He saw the whip used, and also saw Dawson take a stone out of the road.

Mr Proud: Dawson didn't tell us about that stone. Witness: I should have had two or three if I'd been there.

Thomas Dawson, sworn, said on the morning named, Watson came to him and asked where his brother "Joe," was, and then asked another brother if he was coming, and Bailey said, "I'll go and fetch him out myself; I'll let the blood out of him, blind night!" Watson then drove towards Stanhope.

George Gardiner, also a witness, said Watson said he had given Dawson "one or two," and had had to re-load his gun.

W. Vickers, Pease Myers, waywarden, also gave evidence, doing so, he said, with great regret, but he would tell the truth. On the day mentioned, a Tow Law Mart, that Watson began to tell the present case to witness and his brother. It was to the effect that a man had been ill-using old Willy Dawson, and had learned this man not to do so. Watson then said Dawson began to "nap" him with a whip, and that he thought Dawson was "losing blood." A stone was not mentioned.

Mr Proud said the pulling out of the cart and assault was not denied. Probably the matter would have ended in words only if Dawson had not used his whip. When pulled from his cart Dawson began with stones, and then Watson, being a big powerful man, was left to fight his own battle. Dawson had kept a mystery. Emerson was the only other person present, and his statement that the latter had made tended to weaken reliance upon his story.

The litigants now changed places, and Watson was first on oath. He said he had left Dawson about lifting Bell, and Dawson then asked witness what he was to do with it. Witness replied that had he been there he should have tried to get Dawson to fling it with it. Witness left his cart at Dawson's invitation, and received a blow from Dawson with the butt-end of the whip. Witness took a stone from Dawson, who then tried to get a knife out of his vest pocket.

Dawson: I had the knife in my trouser's pocket, and not in my vest.

Cross-examined by Mr Dix, Watson said it was an "unexpected pleasure" to meet Dawson. The question of the relative strength of the litigants then came up. Watson, questioned about his own strength, said he was prepared to lift weights against Dawson.

Mr Dixon: London's the place for strong men.

Mr Dix, re-examined, said Dawson had got out and put it he'd the chances.

Mr Dix, re-examined, said the court on the whole case said the assault was not trivial, but premeditated and determined.

The Bench: Watson admit an assault; but we find that it was not so bad as made out. At any rate we fine him 20s and costs. The other case is dismissed.

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SUDDEN DEATH.—On Friday, an old man named John Gardner, miner, living at Dipton, was found dead in bed. It appears that he has been in ill-health for sometime, but was not attended by any medical doctor, and Gardner retired to rest as usual on Thursday night, not complaining of anything serious. In falling him. The Coroner did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest. The deceased was interred on Sunday, in Dipton churchyard.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE

[BY "STANHOPE."]

Hodge was in town last week. A country Johnnie, from Rookhope, was at Bishop Auckland the other day, and feeling, by experience, that nature abhors a vacuum, went into a cookshop to fill it. On enquiry he said to the lady who appeared "Aw say, mistress, aw want something fae eat." "What sort of plate would you like, lad?" said the waiter. The Johnnie looked bilieful ignorance, said "Oh! aw dunnit mind; aw's just take a bites-edged 'un."

Some funny letters reach me weekly for the "Weardale Notes" column. Here is one I received on Monday from Rookhope. It is a verbatim copy.—"If Jack the Ripper get to Cockshire, he soon be patched; we hev some sharp men up the dale as well as London; they can catch a man if he is about asleep."

The Weardale poachers are said to possess six miles of netting.

A youth from Wellhope, in Upper Weardale, in search of work very recently arrived in Crook. He was hunger and so he passed up the street he came to a barber's shop. The door was open. Close by was a barber's shop. The doors were close together. He went in, and happened to meet a fellow shaving establishment, where he asked for a wig. The barber politely handed him a wig. The unsophisticated youth stared at the barber and at the wig, and then at the barber. Said the youth, much embarrassed, "Aw want yan tae eat. Aw cannot eat that hairy thing." The barber then said he was sorry he had not got any food, and asked in Upper Weardale vernacular for a wig. The lady looked at the youth, and said, "Then you should look in next door." "Aw've just been there" said he, "And the fellow handed me 'top of a man's head, all hairy" and pointing to the window said, "Its yan of them things aw want."

Wolsingham has once more reached civilisation. The streets which, during the winter months, for many years, have been enveloped in Egyptian darkness, have been relit, much to the convenience and pleasure of those who are compelled to traverse them at night. If the paving of the streets were the only other improvement accomplished, the old town might prove attractive to visitors during the summer months. After all, Wolsingham is a delightful picturesque place. Its streets are lavish in bevutifying the old town and its surroundings, and some of the prettiest scenery to be found in Weardale, lies at the back of Wolsingham. The park is a picturesque spot, full of beauty in the summer-time. The hills around are pretty, and are traversed by a number of beautiful walks, from which splendid views may be obtained, and Wolsingham only needs to be better known to attract hither in our large towns and cities to tempt them to spend their holiday season and its life-giving and health-inspiring scenery.

The Filey fishermen visited Stanhope last week and, after being at Westgate a week. They had crowded audiences. The fishermen are four in number. They had a stand-out at the twelve, and during the other three they take off into the country, where they hold religious services, at which they preach, and sing the hymns of the country sing at their perilous occupation. They are not after the "chink" altogether, as they charge only for their expenses. They are Primitive Methodists, have realised a change of heart, and are seeking to bless their fellow-men in their simple way. They are evidently more than professors, they possess the real thing. They are four brave, earnest, God-fearing men, and can tell the simple story of the Cross in a way that tells just as in the early days of Primitive Methodism. They are of the genuine stamp. They are not college-taught, but they have graduated in the university of the great Galilean teacher. Unlettered and untaught, like the fishermen of old, they have caught the inspiration from on high, and have become fishers of men. Their singing is a source of attraction, and the thrilling stories they tell of their perilous avocation, and of the dangers of

"A life on the ocean wave,
A home on the rolling deep,"

are intensely exciting.

Dr Robinson's report of the filthy and unsanitary conditi-n of the mine shops at Groove Rake, in Rookhope, has the right ring in it. He has done his duty fearlessly and well, and has shown to the public what working men have to put up with in their battle for bread. The mine shops, where the miners lay aside their clothes, are injurious to the health of the men than the unhealthy air of the mines, and their unsanitary condition calls for immediate remedies. The Weardale Lead Company would do well to inspect the mines shops of the London Lead Company in Bollihope, where an example is set that is well worthy of imitation. They are cleaned out twice a year, have a plentiful supply of good spring water both for working and drinking purposes, have an end for cleaning and drying wet and dirty clothes. The bed rooms are ventilated from the roof, and the health of the men more cared for generally. It is to be hoped Dr Bourne will follow in the work of Dr Robinson, and inspect and report on all the shops in the district.

The question is often asked what has become of the Attwood-Chilton Band, and the cause of the different villages in Weardale? A balance sheet issued annually to the public by the trustees of the Chilton Band would be a satisfactory report both to the public and to those who dispense them, as they would then see how they were disposed off, and if the deserving poor get the benefit of them, while the dispensers of those bequests would have the satisfaction of knowing that the public repose implicit confidence in them. Public charitie in Weardale have been applied to school and other purposes in times past—a thing which never ought to be. If moneys are left for the poor by charitable donors, it is right they have it. A public meeting convened occasionally to discuss these questions would do good.

NOTES FROM TOW LAW.

[BY "TOW LAWITE."]

The Primitive Methodist Sabbath School has done well in the connexional competitive examination. Thirty scholars entered, and all have passed. Sixteen gained a first-class certificate, and 14 a second-class one. In addition to the certificates, Ethel Dixon and Joseph Bell have gained the first and second prize—viz., two books, valued at five and three shillings, given by the district in the junior division.

The latter-day saints have been making an attack upon the town. I don't think they have done much damage. They are very small in numbers, and have very poor representatives here. Bad as we are in some ways, we have no wish to go from bad to worse—a thing we should do if we joined the saints. Give me a religion that makes a man better; any other I refuse, and always will do.

One of the best rules ever made in this world's history was made by the great Teacher, who spoke as never man spoke. If the rule "Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you" was carried out, what happy times we should have. In these times of agitation for advances of wages, one class of labourers, it would appear, seem to forget another. While the workmen about the collieries have got a rise, masters and men have met, "shook hands" and thereby placed at a disadvantage—house rents are going up, and coals have been risen. The latter have forced the men to have these extra prices to pay, but have got nothing extra put into their pockets to meet the extra outlay. "What have working men to do with that?" a man said to me the other day. "Why don't this class you speak about go to their masters and demand to have their rights? If their masters are getting more, then they ought to give their workmen more. If they won't, then I would say to them, come out on strike, and bring them to their senses." Very good, I say. Those men have made an appeal to their masters; some are very willing to give the advance, but others say "No we won't. Working men are the masters; the masters the workmen." If there was to be a strike among the barbers, it would be a sad affair. Some of us, who cannot handle a razor, would very soon be like Robinson Crusoe, on his man Friday—our friends would not know us, the children would be frightened of us. I hope there won't be a strike, because they have risen the price of a shave one halfpenny. Let us prove excellent be good masters to our servants, and when our masters give us an advance, let us in good spirit give our servants the same.

"Some will grumble, I have no doubt,
As the little tyrant says
Will object to pull it out,
And some will complain
And try to give themselves a shave,
Or let their whiskers grow,
That they a halfpenny may save
For a rainy day, you know;
Oh! "economy" will be true,
And let the barbers have their due."

NOTES FROM IVESTON.

[BY "IVESTONIAN."]

The dwellers in Iveston and neighbourhood have had a good share of amusement during this season. Concerts, supper, and social gatherings have seemed to the fore. A free concert realised 26s by a collection, and a social gathering cleared £2. The ladies will be invited to the members of the Concert to lay out for the preparation of another entertainment, which will be given shortly, by the scholars.

I find that the religious sects are now more at unity; until recently they seemed to have no obligations &c. I believe in genuine, good hearted, manly, and true friendship. To illustrate:—During the social gatherings one party objected to dancing, and afterwards gave ocular demonstration that they could do likewise in a more degrading manner—viz., shoving a lady's petticoats up, and games were proceeding and also skipping about in their wild glee. "If that be not worse than dancing I'll never dance again," said a matron. "Aw've lived in a school-room, where decorum is taught to its fullest extent. I hope in future that these antidances will look before they leap.

The managers of Iveston school are well pleased with the handsome manner in which the Concert Company and ratepayers have subscribed to the enlargement. I have just heard that the East Castle Company have risen to the occasion of £20. Now, this is munificent, because they are not ratepayers; but their workmen have children attending the school. The Concert Company gave School Board rates to Dipton, therefore I say again, great praise is due to the owners of East Castle Colliery for their generosity.

Yearly cinbe seem to be more successful, than of late years. The Iveston Weardale Band seem as wonderful for the size of it. A lecture show was started last year, and nineteen prizes were given. Publicans of Iveston and Leadgate took from the second prizes. This show was re-opened on Monday last for the ensuing year and a score of names were entered as members. Well done little Iveston!

The night-school examination was held on Monday evening. The Inspector (Mr A. E. Bernays) recommended its continuation, and seemed to be satisfied. There only thing that amazed him was how so many could be gathered together in so small a village.

Our lamplighter seems displeased at last week's remarks, but if he will trouble himself to look at them again, and mark, learn, and inwardly digest, his umbrage will vanish.

"The fear to offend—it would not do
For not of his persuasion—
His master he must please, or rue,
If he upholds the nation."

A man was found in an exhausted state on Tuesday morning near Low Woodside Farm. He seemed to have been there for days, and soon died. How very foolish people must be to refuse the comforts of the Workhouse, or rather Poorhouse, when they have the chance. No doubt this poor man was too proud-stomached to ask for relief. I know men now in honourable positions who have been compelled through temporary pecuniary circumstances, to seek the shelter of the Union.

WEARDALE AMBULANCE CLASS: ITS HISTORY.

On Saturday night, a grand concert, &c., was held in the Town Hall, Stanhope, which a Chapel, to close the first session of the above class. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large gathering. Last summer, Mr Dunn, an ambulance expert from Stockton, gave us twelve or four or five lectures on first aid, during a week' holiday spent among the Weardale friends, and to the interest excited by these lectures a class was at once origin. Members were enrolled, a committee was formed, and Mr Hardcastle was appointed lecturer, with Sergt. Hardcastle as drill-instructor. The directors of the Weardale Lead Company contributed and gave splints, stretchers, and diagrams, and Mr E. Hopkins, Wearhead-Place, kindly offered to stand the gas bill. The class was at once crowded, and Mr Jos. Robinson, of Stanhope, and the whole of these presented passed successfully. The entertainment was presided over by Mr George Rose, Westgate, a gentleman who is ever ready to help forward anything likely to benefit his fellow-men. In the course of his opening remarks he referred to ambulance work as being the outcome of a kind and friendly feeling developing in society. He cited a telling instance, among many, of the usefulness of first aid. The class was fortunate in having such a great talent in the Wear Valley. The Weardale Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr Wm. English, played in the interval. Mr Jos. Robinson, Mr Moore and Wells sung their pieces with their usual excellence and good taste. The duet of Miss Wilson (piano) and Miss Freeman (violin) were well received, and these young performers deserve great credit for the proficiency which they have already attained. The comic songs of Mr Fred Wrightham, and Mr Tom Moore, Eastgate, brought down the house. The latter gentleman is undoubtedly one of the best comic vocalists of the North of England. Mrs Hatton, Wolsingham, sung two songs, which gave great pleasure to the audience. Accompanists, Miss Hope and Mr Whitehead. The ambulance display was necessarily curtailed for the want of time, and consisted of bandaging, application of splints, stretcher exercises (No. 1, and 2) opium poisoning, and insensibility. This display riveted the attention of the audience, and gave the best satisfaction. Mr Hardcastle, the first aid. Mr Wilson's representation of opium poisoning was a notable feature, and was received with great cordiality. The following members took part in the display:—J. S. Freeman (conductor), P.C. Sedgwick, J Wilson, A. Walton, J. Rushton, J. Hill, S. Wilson, W. Elliot, H. Coulthard, E. Bowes, G. Walton, T. Fairless, J. Jackson, R. Wilson, G. Wallace, J. Gardiner, J. Wilson, and Wilfred Wilson. A vote of thanks to all who had given their assistance closed a very enjoyable evening.

Correspondence.

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

LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

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

UNSANIT RY DIPTON.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—At the present the Sanitary Authorities are taking every precaution for the preservation of the public health; but that such precautions do have these extra prices to pay, but have got nothing extra put into their pockets to meet the extra outlay. "What have working men to do with that?" a man said to me the other day. "Why don't this class you speak about go to their masters and demand to have their rights? If their masters are getting more, then they ought to give their workmen more. If they won't, then I would say to them, come out on strike, and bring them to their senses." Very good, I say. Those men have made an appeal to their masters; some are very willing to give the advance, but others say "No we won't. Working men are the masters; the masters the workmen." If there was to be a strike among the barbers, it would be a sad affair. Some of us, who cannot handle a razor, would very soon be like Robinson Crusoe, on

CONSETT HAIRDRESSERS AND THEIR CHARGES.

A correspondent writes:—What will we have next? The inhabitants of Consett and Blackhill were startled, on Saturday afternoon, by the ringing of a bell, which is so well known, and dreaded by our town-crier. No doubt many thought that it would be the usual "just arrived" or the announcement of some furniture sale, and did not take the trouble to listen as to the "news" the crier had to disclose; but we can assure the working-men of Consett that it would have been to their benefit had they paid attention to his notification. It was to this effect:—"Notice, a meeting of the working-men will be held in the Consett Park this afternoon at 4 o'clock against the prices raised by the barbers of Consett, Blackhill and district, for performing the mere operation of shaving and hair-cutting." Now then, to our knowledge the "meeting" resulted in a *fiasco*, owing to the non-attendance of these patrons of the ton

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NOTICE.

THE Members of the FEMALE BENEFIT SOCIETY, BURNOPFIELD, will hold their ANNUAL TEA MEETING on Tuesday, February 4th, 1890, at Mr W. Weightman's, Sun Inn, Burnopfield. Tea on the Table at Three o'clock.
J. FINLOW, Secretary.

MEDOMSLEY FLOWER SHOW.

16th ANNUAL

EXHIBITION

Saturday, August 30th, 1890.

630b W. E. CHARLTON, Secretary.

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NOTICE OF AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the yearly Statement of the Accounts of this School Board, and of the schools provided by such Board, together with the respective Books of Accounts, will, on the twenty sixth day of January, 1890, be deposited at Mr T. J. Meaks, Castleside House, Castleside, and such Statements and Books of Accounts will be open to be inspected, examined, and copied by any ratepayer in the districts of the said Board, at any reasonable hour in the day time, when the Board is not sitting, until the thirteenth day of January, 1890; and that on the last-mentioned day, at the hour of 12/30, the Accounts of the Board and of the separate Schools will be audited by Mr Charles J. Jonesson, the district auditor, at the Board Room, Lanchester, when and where every such ratepayer who may have any objection to any matter contained in the above-mentioned Accounts may attend and prefer his objection, and the same will be heard and determined by the district auditor.
JOSEPH PROUD,
Clerk to the said School Board.
Dated, 16th January, 1890.

COMPULSORY NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

LANCHESTER UNION RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

NOTICE.

THE SANITARY AUTHORITY of the above-named district direct attention to the provisions of the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, which will apply to this district on and after the 1st day of March, 1890, the following is a summary of the provisions:—

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

BY PRIVATE PERSONS.

Where an inmate of any building, ship, vessel, boat, tent, van, shed, or other structure used for human habitation is suffering from an infectious disease, namely, SMALL-POX, CHOLERA, DIPTHERIA, MEMBRANOUS CROUP, RESPIRATORY DISEASES KNOWN AS SCARLATINA OR SCARLET FEVER, AND THE FEVERS KNOWN BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES: TYPHUS, TYPHOID, ENTERIC, RELAPSING, CONTINUED, OR PUERPERAL, or any infectious disease to which the Act has been applied by the Local Authority of the district in manner provided, then, unless such building is a hospital in which persons suffering from an infectious disease are received, the head of the family to which such inmate (referred to as the patient) belongs, and in default the nearest relatives of the patient present in the building or being in attendance on the patient, and in default of such relatives every person in charge of or in attendance on the patient, and in default of any such person the occupier of the building, must, as soon as he becomes aware that the patient is suffering from an infectious disease to which the Act applies, send notice thereof to the Medical Officer of Health of the district.

The expression "occupier" includes a person having the charge, management, or control of letting or of the part of a building in which the patient is, and in the case of a house the whole of which is let out in separate tenements, or in the case of a lodging-house the whole of which is let to lodgers, the persons receiving the rent payable by the tenants or lodgers either on his own account or as the agent of another person, and in the case of a ship, vessel, or boat, the master or other person in charge thereof.

BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

Every medical practitioner attending or called in to visit a patient must forthwith, on becoming aware that the patient is suffering from an infectious disease, which the Act applies, send to the Medical Officer of Health for the district a certificate stating the name of the patient, the situation of the building, and the infectious disease from which, in the opinion of such medical practitioner, the patient is suffering.

PENALTIES.

Every person required to give a notice or certificate who fails to give the same is liable on summary conviction in manner prescribed by jurisdiction Act to a FINE NOT EXCEEDING FORTY SHILLINGS: Provided that if a person is not required to give notice in the first instance, but only in default of some other person, he shall not be liable to any fine if he satisfied the Court that he had reasonable cause to suppose that the notice had been duly given.

A notice or certificate to be sent to the Medical Officers of Health may be sent by being delivered, being left at his office or residence, or may be sent by post, addressed to him at his office or at his residence.

Dated Jan. 23rd, 1890.
W. HENRY RITSON,
Clerk to the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Lanchester Union.

Public Notices.

TEMPERANCE HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ON THURSDAY, 30th January, 1890, a MAGIC LANTERN ENTERTAINMENT will be given in the above Hall. Subjects: "Almost Wrecked," "Saved from the Sea," and a variety of Slides. Entrance: Front Seats, 4d; Back, 3d; to commence at 7/30 p.m. 641b

NOTICE.

THE Members of the FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT STAR BOWLING BUILDING SOCIETY will hold their 52nd APPROPRIATION by Ballot, on Monday, the 10th March, at the Office, Sun Inn, Temperance Hall, Blackhill, at 7/30 p.m. Members to see their Books clear on the 4th. Also, £500 will be offered for SALE by Tender. Forms of Tender will be issued shortly.

By Order
R. ORMEROD, CHAIRMAN.
640b CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY, will be held at the Company's Offices, Consett, on Wednesday, the 12th day of February, 1890, at One o'clock in the Afternoon, precisely, for the transaction of General Business. The Books for the Registration of Transfer of Shares will be closed from Wednesday, 29th January to Wednesday, the 12th February next, both days inclusive.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1890.
(Signed) JOHN BURDON, CHAIRMAN.
535b WILLIAM WILES, SECRETARY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the Seventh day of April next, application will be made to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace assembled at Quarter-Sessions in and for the County of Durham, at the City of Durham, for an ORDER FOR DIVERTING and DIVERTING so much of the PUBLIC HIGHWAY leading from Consett to Blackhill, in the said County, as is situate between the Junction of the new Road with another Road leading to Consett Hall, near the General Offices of the Consett Iron Company, Limited, and a point at or adjoining a Mews-age or Dwelling-house belonging to the Tin Mill or Works of the said Company adjoining the said Highway, and that the Certificate of Two Justices of the Peace having viewed the same with the Plan of the Old and Proposed New Highway, will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, on the 28th day of February next.

Dated this 23rd day of January 1890.
THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Jun.,
Clerk to the Consett Local Board.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

A WEEKLY SALE every Monday for Fat and Store Cattle and Sheep, Dairy Cows, Horses, Conveyances, Farm Produce, &c., commencing at 10/30 a.m. o'clock with Cows, Fat and Store Stock to follow.

Entries should be sent on Wednesday each week
JOSEPH VICKERS, Auctioneer.
Grove Villa, Tow Law.

By Mr. William Raw.

Durham Road, Leadgate.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, having been instructed by Mr THOMAS LAMBORNE, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mrs Lumley's, Front Street, Leadgate, on Wednesday, January 29th, 1890, all that Valuable, Newly, and Substantially Built PROPERTY, with 50 feet Frontage, on Durham Road, and 90 feet from the Front to the Back Street, consisting of Front Shop, Front Sitting Room, with Bow Windows, Marble Fireplace, and Two Fixed Cheffoniers, Large Kitchen, Pantry, and Scullery, on the Ground Floor; Good Stair-case, and Four Good Rooms on the Second Floor; together with a Cow Byre for 5 cows, Large Yard, and all Necessary Conveniences thereto belonging. The Site is Good, Pleasant, and Desirable, and has to be used as a Private Hipped Eight Rooms. A small garden might be made in the Front, by putting up Palisading. The property is now in the occupation of the Owner, who will, on application, shew the Property.

For further particulars apply to the AUCTIONEER, or Messrs CLAYTON AND GIBSON, Solicitors, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock p.m. prompt.
Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 404b

By Messrs A. & R. J. Brodie.

Monday, February 3rd, 1889.—Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.—Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, Brass-mounted and other Bedsteads, Feather and Down Beds, Fenders and Fire Irons, Good Wringing Machine, Domestic Sewing Machine, 60lbs. Best Indian Tea, Splendid Fine toned Pianoforte, Full-Trichord, and other Effects.

MESSRS. A. AND R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, February 3rd, the whole of the Superior Household FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock.

THE OLDEST AUCTIONEERING ESTABLISHMENT IN CONSETT.

ADAM BRODIE AND ROBERT J. BRODIE, Members of the Auctioneers' Institute of the United Kingdom, Town Hall Consett, are prepared to execute Commissions for the SALE of FARMING STOCKS, HOUSES, and LAND, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and STOCKS-IN-TRADE, either by PUBLIC AUCTION, or Private Treaty, on Reasonable Terms. Their commodious Sale-Rooms, in Victoria Street, are open daily for the reception of Goods of all kinds for absolute Sale. Auction Sales being held, as a rule, every Fay Monday. Distress for Rent, under the Agricultural Holdings (England) Act, 1883, and also under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888, duly carried out. NOTE THE ADDRESS:—General Office, under the Superintendence of R. J. BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett. Private Office, 17, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Short Notice.—No 2, Pasture Dirt Road, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Sergt. BOSTON, who is leaving the district, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, January 27th, the whole of his Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE, Sitting Room—Beautiful Mahogany Centre Table; 6 Chairs; Drawers; Side-board, all to Match; Carpets; Large Mirror; Pictures; Stuffed Fox; Umbrella and Hat Stand, with 9 Polished Horns. Nos. 1 and 2 Bedrooms,—Splendid Mahogany French Bedstead, with Hangings; Desk Bed; Brass-mounted Beds; Blankets; Bed-room Dressers; Dressing Tables; Bedroom Ware, &c. Kitchen—Kitchen Tables, Singers' Sewing Machine; Chairs; Longsettle; together with the Whole of Hardware.

Full Particulars see Posters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

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MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by two Gentlemen to remove and SELL on Monday, February 3rd, 1890, at the above Rooms, for convenience of sale, the whole of their Valuable Household FURNITURE.

Anyone wishing to dispose of their Furniture can have it put into the Fortnightly Sales on Reasonable Terms.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 652a

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ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Blackhall Mill.—Saturday, February 1st, 1890.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON has received by Mr DAVID LEWIS, will SELL BY AUCTION at the above place and date, his Household FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

Particulars in Bills.

Sale to begin at Two o'clock.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A BERWHOPER.—The strictures to which you reply have not appeared in our columns. No name was appended to your communication.

The Consett Guardian
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 1890.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCOGO."]

AN EXPLANATION.

It would grieve me much to think that anything that I had ever written had mulded even the least worthy of my readers. My aim is to guide rather than to mis-direct. It may be that in common with other and better men I have erred sometimes in point of judgment and fact; but it should be remembered that "to err is human, and to forgive divine." It appears that the statement made by me the other week, to the effect that the duty of paying for doctor's certificate in cases of sick absentee scholars devolved on the School Board and not on the parents of the child is one not in keeping with the letter of the law. I have no sort of regard for what that pitiable old man Harry Caras thinks or says; but I esteem the good opinions of the great bulk of my readers very much, and for their sakes I will detail briefly the circumstances under which the information touching the matter was obtained. I had occasion recently to attend a series of public meetings in connection with a certain School Board election, and the doctor's certificate question being one evening introduced, a doctor, a very clever M.D., and a member of the County Council, rose, and in my hearing said that it was the duty of the Board to pay for certificates when such bodies required documents of that stamp. This assertion was corroborated by a member of the retiring Board. Such then, my reader, is the long and short of it. "Evil," you see, "is wrought for want of thought." An acquaintance of the writer's is fond of quoting a very wise saying: "Show me the man who never made a mistake, and I will show you the man that never made a discovery." Coming from such a source the assertion seemed genuine, and nine men out of the ten would, I fancy, have fallen into the same error as did the reader's humble servant.

POINTED A MORAL.

I remember upon once hearing an old lady declare that the only good that cats did was done out of an evil design. Little did old Harry Caras think that last week when he was waxing heroic over the error into which I had inadvertently fallen that the moral palmed by him would prove a boomerang that would return ten-fold upon the Board, or rather upon poor old Harry himself, who is never happy unless he is harping upon a discordant chord. The deductions on this point are very simple; but they prove the very important fact that if the chief doctor in a district, and one the members of the Board having jurisdiction in the same locality believe that it is not the duty of the parents to supply certificates, it points much plainer than words can that the compelling of parents to furnish certificates is a procedure unheard of in that locality. The district referred to is some four times as large as Benfieldside—there are nine members on that Board—and if the Education Act can be satisfactory carried out without grinding the families of working men into the dust, why should the same admirable relations not exist between the Benfieldside Board and the people in that district? I attribute the whole of the blame to Harry Caras and a particular friend of his, who are never weary clamouring for their last pound of flesh. Should they succeed in getting it, I am afraid they will be something like the asses spoken of in Holy Writ that snuffed up the east wind—they would be a long time (as the section said to the clergyman) of growing fat upon it. But apart from that, it is well enough understood that use and wont are quite as effectual as the best written law, and it therefore follows that if the Benfieldside School Board, driven to extremities by the dictatorship of Harry Caras, apply the screw with more severity than other Boards apply it, then will the Board bring down upon itself the wrath of the whole community. Such a turn of events would suit Caras immensely, because he has for a long course of years revelled in disruption.

"THAT IGNORANT TOOL."

The above is a choice selection from the speech of the honourable Henry Caras, Esquire, of Cutler's Hall, and Lord Bishop of Gospel Hall in the same county. He is a great man Harry, that is to say, he imagines that he is; and if other people entertain very different notions of greatness it would be decidedly unpromising to hold the valourous Henry responsible for the mouthings of people's opinions, however freely he may and does abuse them for the expression thereof—especially when such opinions clash (which they almost invariably do) with his own. Alas! poor Harry is not the man he was; but it is an apt saying that every dog has his day, and so had Harry Caras. I well remember that meandering day when Harry was presented with a leather medal, with an appropriate inscription, setting forth in inspiring terms the esteem in which he was held by a certain local body, the members of which rejoiced with one accord when his detested shadow darkened for the last time the door of their council chamber. This was the Benfieldside Local Board, and the same measure of retribution attended him like a Nemesis at Consett and Leadgate. Harry has been thrust down the ladder, rung after rung, until he has at length sunk to his natural level, which is at best but a sorry one. Harry posed for years as the self-constituted champion of the people; but he soon lost *prestige* when his accurate measurement was taken, and so the people by common consent thrust him aside to make way for better men. Had Harry been a man gifted with only mediocre sense and refinement, he would never again have shown his face in public; but impelled by an inordinate ambition to see his name writ large in the local press, and to be regarded as somebody in parlance—say the ambition of the Benfieldside School Board!—he is at all times prepared to submit to the most abject slights and insults. It is singular that mad people have a strange proneness to speak of other folks as being mad, and to regard themselves as the only wise dwellers on the earth. It looks as if there should be something equally applicable in the case of fools. Poor unfortunate Harry sets me down as "that ignorant fool," and yet there is not one of my readers between Consett and Shotley but knows that the poor old man has lately proved himself to be one of the greatest fools that could well be met with in modern times. Verily, as the saying goes, "there is no fool like an old fool."

"PERFECTLY ASTONISHED."

Just so. Harry is "perfectly astonished" (he should have said "appalled," that would have been stronger) that the proprietor of this journal "published week by week such a lot of arrant nonsense and rubbish" as emanate from my pen. Very good; but why should Harry be astonished at anything? Has he not astonished everybody lately? Instead of being astonished, I was virtually dumfounded on the occasion of my last visit to Consett to hear the astounding news. It follows, you see, my reader, that Harry is perfectly astonished, I am perfectly astonished, and we are all astonished together. The feeling must either be infectious or contagious, or both. The only feature, however, in the incident that did really astonish me was the tacit acquiescence accorded by the Board to Harry's ready-made verdict. It must not for a moment be supposed that I am either grieved or ashamed of the Board's endorsement of Harry's generous estimate of my work. Had such been my view of the question, I should have allowed the incident to pass unnoticed. I have, however, to remind Harry Caras that the proprietor referred to has never yet been called upon to answer at the law courts for anything he has written or has appeared in his paper. Can Harry Caras say as much? Had Caras been endowed with even a small proportion of good sense and discretion, he would not have dared to have referred to such a subject; but it is the old story of fools rushing in where angels fear to tread.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

The present is truly an age of wonders. It appears from what passed at the last meeting of the Benfieldside School Board, that the Education Act empowers the Board to deal with cases of threatened assault and battery. Such at least was resolately intimated by Caras, for that gentleman went the length of ruling the Chairman out of order, because he insisted that the subject of Mr Raw and what he said to a teacher in the street was not the business before the Board. Harry said it was, and everybody acknowledges him as an authority of the purest water. Really, Harry must don his eyeglasses and look again. Perhaps there is a clause in the document for the appointment of magistrates, and the trying of felons.

THE INFLUENZA FEVER EPIDEMIC.

PRESS OPINIONS.

To the Editor of the Lancet.
December 21st, 1889—Pp 1312.

SIR,—It may be of advantage to some practitioners to know that there is a substance perfectly harmless to use, which has the effect of *immediately* breaking it not altogether putting an end to, the most pronounced *usual* symptoms of acute febrile catarrh.

One application of the substance is sufficient for an ordinary 'cold in the head.' Powdered "Periodate Oxymate" (Weaver) forcibly blown into the nostrils, or simply dropped in, if the patient is lying flat on his back, and then sniffed up, will cut short an attack. If administered *at the very beginning*, the combination of biscuit "morphia" and gum powder, in the form of "snuff," once commonly used, is valueless when compared with "periodate," which is, as far as is at present known, the most powerful antiseptic ever used. It can be swallowed in about any quantity without the least risk.

BERNARD O'CONNOR, M.D.
Physician North West London Consumption Hospital.
December 11th, 1889.

To the Editor of the Lancet.
January 11th, 1890—Pp. 105.

SIRS,—In your impression of the 21st ult., Dr Bernard O'Connor stated that the periodate crystals (Weaver) were very useful in ordinary influenza. During the prevailing epidemic I have used this drug in upwards of sixty cases, both locally, as recommended by Dr O'Connor, and internally, with full doses of antipyrin. Its effects in cutting short the headache and burning pain behind the eyes is, in the majority of cases, simply marvellous. It appears to act in some of the cases out of the sixty that have been under my care within an hour, and yet I have not had one under this treatment where the fever and aching pains in the limbs, &c., failed to yield within thirty-six hours, while in most cases relief takes place in six or eight. Under the ordinary treatment with antipyrin alone the disease gives way more slowly.—I am, sirs, yours faithfully,

P. G. GODFREY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Devonshire Cottage, Balham, S.W.

To the Editor of the Medical Press and Circular.
January 15th, 1890—Pp. 77.

SIR,—Though the so-called influenza epidemic has begun to abate, we have, I think, every reason to fear a recrudescence should *Boreas* winds set in. I therefore wish to state that I have used "periodate crystals" with such success, both as a prophylactic and in the treatment of the present epidemic. I use it both as a snuff and internally in gr. v doses. The relief of the "headache" follows the snuff in a few hours, and the temperature falls more rapidly than with the use of quinine or salicylate of soda. As a prophylactic I may mention that in six or eight cases in which the powders were administered the disease appears to have been arrested.—I am, sir, yours, &c.,

CECIL D. GREENWOOD.
Clapham Common, S.W., Jan. 10th, 1890.

YOUNG WOMAN MISSING.—A young woman named Patterson is missing from Wolsingham. She is described as of fair complexion and somewhat imperfect speech and hearing. She wore a dark green dress and a dark jacket. Neighbouring districts were telegraphed to late at night. Her anxious friends will be glad of tidings.

LISTON WILL SING "OUR HANDS HAVE MET, BUT NOT OUR HEARTS."
LISTON IN ETHIOPIAN ABSURDITIES.

LISTON AS THE BELLMAN
LISTON AS MR. FELIX FUSSY. 406b

STRANGE DEATH OF A TRAMP NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Wednesday afternoon, a man apparently dressed as a tramp, laboured staggered into the co-kyard connected with East Pontop Colliery, Annfield Plain, and died an hour afterwards in one of the lavatories. At first the identity of the man was not ascertained, but eventually it was learnt that he was called Thomas O'Neale. He has been in the habit of travelling about the district for some years begging alms. He stayed the most of his time about Dipton. P.C. Hall communicated with the Lanchester authorities at Lanchester, and they provided a coffin. The circumstances are to be reported to the coroner.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT-OVERSEER AT ESH.

On Thursday evening, a meeting of the inhabitants was held in the village schools at Esh, under the chairmanship of Rev C. F. D. Hodge, for the purpose of electing a suitable person to fill the office of assistant-overseer, in place of Mr C. A. Parkin, who has resigned. Three persons were nominated—viz., Mr Morris, innkeeper, Esh; Mr Smith, postmaster, Esh; and Mr W. Sudden, Biggar Farm, the last-named being proposed by Mr Wm. Logan, and seconded by Rev F. C. Tristram, both members of the Board of Guardians. On the meeting being taken, Mr Sudden received 20 votes, Morris, 13, and Smith, 11. The supporters of the defeated candidates demanded a poll, which is to be conducted on Monday next from nine to twelve and three to nine, and on Tuesday from four to nine. A good deal of interest is being manifested in the issue.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

DR RENTON ON THE PROSPECTS OF CRICKET.

On Wednesday night, the second annual smoking concert, under the auspices of the Consett and District Cricket Club, took place at Mr J. S. Murray's, Royal Hotel, Benfieldside, and the proceedings passed off with the greatest *eclat*. Upwards of 80 gentlemen assembled in the spacious billiard-room of the Royal Hotel. The chair was occupied by Dr George Renton, of Blackhill, president of the club, who is popularly known as an ex-president of the Durham County Cricket Association. Amongst the leading residents present were Councillor Rd. Murray, Messrs J. G. Murray, C. Jennings, J. Eltringham, G. Eltringham, J. Dixon, J. Young, E. Sloane, T. D. Dryden, Jas. Cooper, R. Park, T. Whinney, Wm. Eltringham, A. S. Godfrey, J. Robinson, J. W. Hacker, R. Walton, W. Richardson, R. Hall,

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JEZEBEL'S FRIENDS.

A NOVEL,

BY

DORA RUSSELL,

Author of "Footprints in the Snow," "The Broken Seal," "The Track of the Storm," &c., &c.

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CHAPTER XXIII.—Dining Alone.

The result of this squabble was that Audley insisted on returning to Headfort the same afternoon. He went back to the dining-room where Frances and her husband and father were still loitering, and announced that to his great regret he found he must go in Headfort early to-morrow morning, as there were some military duties he was compelled to see after.

"Well, leave Ruth here then, and come back to-morrow afternoon," at once suggested Frances.

But Audley refused.

"You are very good," he said, "but Ruth will go back with me in an hour," and he looked at his watch.

"You must bring her here to-morrow then. Just think, I asked young Beaton on purpose, because you and Ruth were with us; so, indeed, you must be here!"

"I am perfectly certain that Beaton will be quite content with your society."

"Oh, how can't he disagreeable, Major Audley, when I thought you were going to be so nice. What has happened? Have you and Ruth had a lovers' quarrel?"

Audley gave a short, harsh laugh.

"That would be impossible," he said.

"Then why are you going to take her away! *Do* let her stay, at any rate over to-morrow."

But Audley was firm, or rather obstinate. This man, so cold and cynical as a rule, had been stung by Ruth's taunt, that he abused her sister and yet was ready to partake of her hospitality, as no one else's words could sting him. He felt indeed for Ruth what he had never felt for any woman before, though, he sometimes asked himself whether it was love or hatred he gave to the pale, handsome girl whose heart was as stone to him.

He lit a cigar and went out on the terrace, and tried not to feel worried, for he knew very well he had only himself to blame for the disasters of his life. He he walked up and down he remembered Ruth's vain and passionate appeals to him before their marriage, as we remember things we would often forget, and the memory of these pricked him afresh now when he began to realise their bitter truth. She had told him no happiness could come to them, and he knew that it was so. And he walked up and down he began telling himself there must be some cause for her conduct; that it was against the nature of things, that cold indifference, or, rather, dislike. Could she still care for Kenard Seaforth? And as this thought flashed through his brain he muttered an oath, and impatiently stamped his foot on the gravelled path.

He was a vain man, though he tried to hide this, for he was too cynical not to know that vanity exposed other people to ridicule in his eyes, and that he, therefore, in turn would seem ridiculous if he showed this weakness. But, all the same, he had a very good opinion of himself, and had believed himself attractive, almost irresistible, to women.

Yet here was a woman—his wife—who avoided his presence whenever she could, and scarcely gave him a civil, certainly never a kind, word. It disturbed him to think of it, wounding his vanity and his love alike. But he should not taunt him any more with hoaging on Mrs. Kenyon, he mentally resolved; and through his own Ruth's attachment to her sister was one of the strongest feelings of her heart, he determined in his hard way to punish her for her words by making her leave Sudley immediately.

Presently he flung away his cigar, and once more went up to Ruth's bedroom. He found her sitting idly by the window, with a far-away look in her grey and pensive eyes, and as he entered he saw her brow contract.

"Will you get ready?" he said, in a cool, quiet tone. "I've ordered the trap to be round in half-an-hour, as I want to be back in Headfort by four o'clock."

"I did not even know you were going to-day," answered Ruth, surprised.

"You know now, that's all. I shall not intrude any longer on Mrs. Kenyon's hospitality."

"What is the matter! Has she offended you?"

"No; but you have. But it's no matter."

"I meant nothing, except I wish you would not abuse Frances. It can do no good."

"Possibly not; but I am not going to be dictated to by you on what I choose to say or leave unsaid. Therefore, if you will be good enough to get ready, I want to be off."

"Very well," said Ruth, quietly; "I shall go down and tell Frances we are going."

"I've already told her, so you can spare yourself the trouble."

"Still, I think I had better go."

"Please yourself," answered Audley, and he strode out of the room again with his heavy step, feeling half ashamed of himself for being so rude, and yet so angry that he could not control his temper.

Meanwhile, downstairs Frances was abusing him to her heart's content.

"Is it not odious of him?" she said, looking at her husband. "Why can't he let Ruth stay, and come back for her, if he must go?"

"I fancy something has put him out," answered Colonel Kenyon.

"He's a beastly temper," growled Forth, who had never cared much for Audley.

"He's most selfish, and it's so nice to have Ruth here—don't you think so, Hugh?" And Frances went up and laid her hand on her husband's shoulder, who bent down and kissed it.

"Indeed I do, dearest; she's a sweet girl, and if it makes you happy to have her, you know it makes me."

"Never could understand what she married him for," said Colonel Forth; "doesn't seem much love lost between them, in my opinion."

"Oh, I think he is fond of her," answered Colonel Kenyon; "but perhaps he does not quite understand her nature—the nature of a shy young girl."

"I shall go up and see if he has really told her she must go," said Frances, now turning to leave the room.

"Don't say anything against him to her, dear," said Kenyon, gently detaining Frances' hand, "we must all try to make the best of him you know, to her."

"Very well."

But Frances did not exactly obey her husband in this matter. She went up to Ruth's marriage, and how she felt her with her hat on, and at once commenced to speak her mind pretty freely about Audley.

"So he is going to take you away at a moment's notice," she said, indignantly. "Whatever is he doing it for, Ruth?"

"He has got some duty in the morning," was the quiet answer.

"But why can't he leave you and come back again! I am perfectly disgusted with him."

"It is no use saying anything, Frances; it is best to say nothing," said Ruth, almost warningly.

Frances understood her meaning, and began to walk up and down the room with hasty steps. She, too, saw it was wise not to quarrel with Audley, though she did not guess the real disagreement with him had been about herself. Ruth was in truth too generous-hearted to hint this; to tell Frances how Audley was for ever twitting her with Colonel Seaforth's marriage.

"Hugh said we must make the best of him," she presently remarked, "and I suppose we must. But I cannot tell what has come over him. He was quite pleasant at dinner yesterday, and I flattered him enough, I am sure."

"It will all come right, I daresay; perhaps you'll be driving into Headfort to-morrow, and then I shall see you."

"I shall make a point of driving into Headfort to-morrow; well, my dear, I am awfully sorry you are going, but you must come soon very, very soon."

And Frances took Ruth's advice, and parted with Audley in friendly fashion, though she felt very angry with him still. Audley, too, was perfectly polite and even agreeable, and thanked Colonel Kenyon and Frances for their hospitality in pleasant terms.

"I hoped to see you, Mrs. Seaforth," Kenyon said, shaking hands; and a moment or two later Ruth came out of the courtyard at Sudley, and then the carriage drove off. And the two—Audley and Ruth—said very little to each other on that homeward drive. But what they did say was cold and civil; remarks on passing objects, nothing more. And when they reached Headfort about five o'clock, Audley went over almost at once to the Fort, and Ruth had two bridal visitors. One of these was Miss Hilliard, the banker's daughter, and the other the vicar's wife, who brought an apology from her stout little spouse, who was laid up with a cold.

Miss Hilliard was a pretty girl, and wished now to be on very good terms with the handsome sisters, whom the world around them considered had married so well. She liked soldiers also, and knew she would very likely meet the unmarried officers at Major Audley's house. Therefore, she was even more than friendly to Ruth, whom a few months ago she had almost ignored. Frances would have scoffed at this, and maybe said a smiling word or two to remind Miss Hilliard of this fact. But Ruth's heart was too sad and too indifferent to little things. She knew quite well that Miss Hilliard's manner was changed to her, and why it was changed; but what did it matter? She therefore liked to her visitor in the same strain in which her visitor talked to her.

"You know, of course, Mr. Seaforth is back!" pretently said Miss Hilliard; and as Ruth heard the familiar name an almost overwhelming feeling of emotion swept through her heart.

She tried not to show this; perhaps Miss Hilliard scarcely noticed that her face grew white and clammy, that her hands twitched, and for a moment no words came from her pale lips.

"Jack saw him in the billiard-room last night," continued Miss Hilliard (Jack was Miss Hilliard's young brother), "and he says he is awfully changed; not half so good-looking as he was."

"When—did he come back?" faltered Ruth.

"Only last night; just before Jack saw him. But didn't you know? I thought Major Audley would have told you, as he would know, of course; but then you've been at Sudley."

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"I hope you will be in, then," said Ruth, "as I do not know her."

"I suppose she expects I shall be in, or she would not have written," answered Audley, with rather a conscious, self-satisfied laugh. "Well, she's a very little woman, and it will be pleasant for you to know her."

"I remember seeing her at Sudley."

"Oh, I used often to go to Amhurst in my bachelor days," said Audley, carelessly. "She's pretty, and, she is, I know, here to make herself agreeable, which every woman should do."

"And what is he like?"

"Oh, he's not much," answered Audley with a shrug; and then he got up and went to the window, and stood looking out into the garden.

"Seaforth is back," he said a moment later, without farming round.

Ruth did not speak; she felt that she could not.

"He and Beaton are going to dine at Amhurst to-morrow, I believe," continued Audley; "at least, I heard them so arrange between her pals."

"How far is it from here?" asked Ruth, and something in the tone of her voice made Audley look round.

"Five miles or so; and he says he is awfully changed; not half so good-looking as he was."

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"I should manage him better than you do," Frances told Ruth, and there is no doubt that she could have done so, for she would have attacked a thinly-hidden weakness in his character. She would have flattered him, and it was so easy to flatter Ruth's husband.

And he took Ruth to Amhurst Hall on the appointed day to see the other little woman who flattered him, with a smile on her face. Lady Hastings had written them both gushingly, as was her wont, and Sir James did everything that was expected of him. She had married him for his money, and he gave it to her freely and she liked him to be civil to her friends, and he always was.

"He is a good creature," she told her admirers, and in this alone, dense was he that was contented with her, or at least dare not say he was not. Perhaps, sometimes, he may have vaguely wondered why she never cared to him, unless she wanted something, and why the small boy in the nursery knew very little of a mother's love. But he never cared much such sentiments, and grew yearly stouter, therefore they could not have troubled him acutely.

"I wanted to keep you all to myself at lunch," she told Ruth, "so that we may get to know each other really, you know; but I have asked some people in the afternoon to meet you. Major Audley, Colonel Kenyon, and your sister; I called on them yesterday, and they are coming, and three young men from the Fort, Pembroton, and Mr Barrington, and Beaton, and one two more."

"You are very kind," said Ruth, with a fast-beating heart.

Lady Hastings was alone with her when she said this, for Sir James had carried off Audley to see his grapery and his pheasantry, which last was proud.

"You must see the boy," he said. "My dear, Mrs. Audley would like to see the boy," he continued, addressing his wife.

"I dare say Mrs. Audley does not care to be troubled with children," she answered, repressively.

"Indeed I should," said Ruth; "do let me see him, Sir James."

Sir James looked gratified, and after luncheon was over, went himself to fetch the little heir, while Audley and Lady Hastings sauntered out into the garden. He was a delicate small boy, with a wistful look in his pale face, and he kept fast hold of his father's hand, and seemed very shy. But Ruth was fond of children, and she presently knelt down to show him how to play with some toy, and Sir James stood looking on. And while they were there some visitors came, the drawing-room door opened, and a footman announced:

"Mr. Seaforth, Mr. Beaton."

Sir James went forward to receive his guests, and Ruth started to her feet. She had only a confused sense of what passed during the next few minutes, for everything seemed to swim before her eyes, and the words she heard were only as distant murmurs in her ears. Someone took her hand, and said ordinary words of greeting to her, Ruth was able to reply; it was young Beaton, and presently Ruth vaguely understood (xity; understood, too, that someone else had also just touched her hand and with more meaning.

"Lady Hastings is in the garden with Major Audley, she will be here presently," now said Ruth.

"And this little fellow is yours, Sir James!" asked Seaforth's voice; and Ruth lifted her eyes, and saw him stoop down, and caress the soft curly head of the child.

"Yes," answered Sir James with pride; "and Mrs. Hastings, C.E., engineer to the authority, and others. The principal tradesmen in Chester-le-Street attended in a body. Dr. Norman, the medical officer of health, Mr. Jackson, Joseph Cook, Thos. Seaford, Mr. Bell, Mr. Jas. Pattison, said the service in a most impressive manner.

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DEATH OF MR THOMAS ROBSON, OF LUMLEY THICKS.

It is with a sense of deep regret that we announce the death of Mr Thomas Robson, manager of Lord Durham's Lumley and Harraton Collieries, died at Lumley Thicks, on Friday morning. A week ago, Mr Robson was stricken with paralysis, which rendered him unconscious, and he remained in that condition until he died; every effort of medical aid being invoked by his attendant, Dr W. M. Renton, of Chester-le-Street, who was in constant attendance upon him. Mr Robson was a native of Seaton Sluice, and in early life worked as a pitman, gradually advancing until about 25 years ago he succeeded to the management of the extensive collieries at Lumley and Harraton. He enjoyed the unbounded confidence of his noble employer, and was highly esteemed and respected by the officers and workmen under him. Disputes with workmen and accidents were unknown upon the collieries under his management, and few colliery managers were upon such excellent terms with their workmen, whose comfort and welfare he continually studied and worked for. Old and infirm workmen were, under his direction, retained and provided with comfortable houses, free firing, and gardens—thus spending their remaining days in ease and comfort. Mr Robson was well-known as an impartial and successful arbitrator in trade disputes—his decisions invariably giving general satisfaction. He was also an extensive coalowner in Northumberland, and also in Ireland, where he had two collieries, the workmen at which are stated to be a prosperous and contented community. Mr Robson took an active interest in public affairs, and devoted a considerable portion of his time to the public service. In the time of the memorable contests in the old northern division of the county of Durham, when Colonel Wood (then Mr. Wood), Mr. Pemberton, and Mr Barrington were fighting, they found a sturdy, but honourable and fair opponent in Mr Robson, who was the chief opponent of the Liberal party. Latterly he has been opposed to the Gladstonian policy, and in 1886 was an active and energetic supporter of the late Mr Nicholas Wood, in the Houghton-le-Spring Division, as ever he had been in the olden election times. Since that period he had taken sides with the party of unity. Last year he was returned to the County Council for Chester-le-Street, and for many years he has been chairman of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians, having been one of the Guardians for the township of Lumley for 25 years. He was also chairman of the Chester-le-Street Rural Sanitary Authority from its commencement, a position for which his scientific and sanitary knowledge eminently fitted him. Upon both Boards he was highly esteemed and respected by his fellow members, his opinions always being sought for and his advice followed. At the Guardians' meeting on Thursday se'night, many touching allusions were made to his then sad and apparently hopeless condition. In his private life his generosity and benevolence were almost unbounded, no deserving object escaping his attention. He also gave liberally to all public charities and subscriptions. The news of his death was received in Chester-le-Street with the most profound regret, expressions of sorrow being heard on all sides.

The remains of Mr Robson, were buried, on Monday, at Burnmoor churchyard. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs Coxon and Co., Market Street, Newcastle. The coffin was of plain polished oak, with brass fittings. The breast-plate bore the inscription, "Thomas Robson, died 17th January, 1890, aged 54 years." The chief officials of the Lambton estate and colliery attended, and also a very large number of workmen. There were 26 private carriages, and the principal gentry and tradesmen in the district were present. Mr Robson's carriage conveyed the domestics of the house. The Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians and Sanitary Authority were represented by Messrs H. W. Kerrich Walker, J.P., John Kirkup, George Ridley, John Crawford, John Chrystal, Peter Hall, Thos. Bell, Thos. Jas. E. Pattison, John Hedgson, Joseph Witherspoon, George E. Steele, Ed. Nicholson, R. W. Jackson, Joseph Cook and the union officials by Dr. Dunn, medical officer of health; Robert Dickenson, clerk to the Guardians and Sanitary Authority, Mr David Belfour, C.E., engineer to the authority, and others. The principal tradesmen in Chester-le-Street attended in a body. Dr. Norman, medical officer, assisted by Rev S. Dunn, Pattison, said the service in a most impressive manner.

By the death of Mr Robson, a vacancy has been created in the Sunderland Union Council, and already there are several prospective candidates in the field. An influential deputation waited upon Mr Tom Burn, and asked him to allow himself to be nominated. Mr Burn thanked the deputation, and said that he had no ambition to go to the Council. If, however, it was the wish of his fellow-citizens that he should serve them in that capacity, he would give the matter his consideration.

SINGULAR OCCURRENCE NEAR IVESTON.

SUPPOSED DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.

About nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, a yeasty, stout-looking man was found lying at the side of the road between Lanchester and Leadgate, observed a man lying apparently dead some distance in a field on the Low Woodside farm, situated about one mile from Iveston. The farm is in the occupation of Mr W. Thompson, mineral water manufacturer, of Consett, and is superintended by a bailiff named William Pearson. The yeastman informed P.C. Crisp, of Iveston, who proceeded to the place and arrived at 9 o'clock, and discovered a man lying in a very exhausted condition. The officer had him conveyed to Pearson's house, where restoratives were given. Crisp having an ambulance certificate. Dr J. Wilson, of Lanchester, who was fortunately driving past at the time, was called in. He had the man well rubbed down and his limbs chafed, besides wrapping him up in warm blankets. Hot tea was administered in doses, but the man was too far gone to swallow the liquid. A wound for water restore animation proved futile, and he expired in a few minutes. After his death he was removed to Lanchester Workhouse, there to await a coroner's inquest. The deceased is a total stranger to the district, and up to Tuesday night his name had not been ascertained. He is apparently about 52 years of age, 5ft 7in. or 8in. in height, and is of slender build. His eyes are blue, and his hair is

Football.

ASSOCIATION.

Morley Hill St. Cuthbert's Juniors beat Stockton Juniors by one goal to nil.

Edmondsley Strangers beat Brandon Rovers, at Brandon, after a well-contested game, by one goal to nil.

Edmondsley Strangers 2nd beat Kellos White Star, at Edmondsley, after a good game, by four goals to four.

Wallington Wanderers 2nd, two goals; Chester-le-Street 2nd, none.

WHICKHAM v ST. AIDAN'S.—Played on the ground of the latter, and after a rough game resulted in a draw, neither side scoring.

BLAYDON ALBION v WEST WYLAM HARRIERS 2ND.—Played at West Wylam, and resulted in a win for the Harriers by three goals to nil.

BENWELL HILL v LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.—Played at Benwell, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals to one.

TOW LAW v ST. HELEN'S (AUCKLAND).—Played on the ground of the latter, and ended in a win for Tow Law by one goal to nil.

MICKLEY v ELSWICK STEEL WORKS.—Played at Mickley, and ended in a win for the home team by five goals to nil.

BURNOPFIELD v ELSWICK RANGERS.—Played at Burnopfield, and resulted in favour of the Rangers by two goals to one.

WEST STANLEY TEAM BEGINS v SOUTH MOOR ALBION.—Played on the ground of the former, and after an exciting game resulted in a win for the home team by one goal to nil.

CATCHGATE ALBION v BURNHOPE.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to nil. In the first half nothing was scored, but in the second period, with the wind to their favour, the Albion had matters all their own way, and won as above stated. Bell and Freedlison played well for the winners.

CATCHGATE ALBION 2ND v BURNHOPE 2ND.—Played at Catchgate. In the first half Burnhope scored one goal, but on the change of ends the Albion soon put the leather through twice. On scoresin of the Albion goalkeeper touching the ball over the centre line, Burnhope obtained a free kick, which was granted by the Albion umpire. Some of the visiting team, thinking the home men were playing an unfair game, left the field, thus leaving the game in favour of the Albion by two goals to one.

HOBSON RANGERS v TANFIELD ELCHESTER.—Played at Tanfield in windy weather. In the first half the wind, with the wind, scored one goal. Each team put on a goal in the second half, the visitors winning a rough game by two goals to one. In the first half, goal, J. Shaw; backs, R. Cook and J. Clarke; half-backs, J. Thompson, J. Bell, and J. McHaffy; forwards, W. Hindhaugh and J. T. Bell (capt.), right wing; C. Parker, centre; J. Maddison and C. Hall, left wing.

CONSETT ALBION v SWALWELL Y.M.C.A.—Played at Swalwell, and resulted in an easy victory for the Albion by two goals and two disputed goals to nothing. The following comprised the winners' team:—Goal, W. Williamson; backs, J. G. Robson and S. Harkless; half-backs, T. Skelton, J. Allison, and C. Tennent; forwards, R. Bell, J. Carruthers, E. Catrill, T. Dunn, and J. Dempsey. Umpire, Mr R. Bedgwick.

LEADGATE EXILES v SOUTHWICK.—Played at Southwick in the presence of a large company. A rousing good game ended in a tie of two goals each. For the home team Conquence and Thompson, Gateshead, did game, whilst the Exiles all showed up admirably, especially the captain (Wm. Costello), who has made rapid improvement of late on his previous form. After the match the Exiles were entertained at the Southwick headquarters, and left the latter place highly satisfied with their trip.

TANFIELD LEAGUE RESERVE SECONDS v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.—Played in Tanfield Lea, when the home team were victorious by one goal to nothing. The following comprised the home team—Goal, W. Plummer (capt.); backs W. Heslop and S. Thompson; half-backs, F. Jeffery, G. Whitfield, and G. Thompson; forwards, T. Gibson and E. Thompson, right wing; T. Hall, centre; G. Wallace and J. Wood, left wing. T. Gibson played a good game for the winners.

TOW LAW FELL ROVERS v HELM PARK WANDERERS JUNIORS.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a good fast game resulted in a win for the Rovers by one goal to nil. The following composed the Rovers' team—Goal, P. Devine; backs, J. M. Gough and J. Hopkins; half-backs, M. McMahon, T. Wilson, and T. Gascoigne; forwards, W. Purvis and R. Robson, right wing; J. E. Donaghy, centre; E. Morris and J. Morgan, left wing. Umpire, J. Corrigan.

LEADGATE ST. IVES v DIPTON WANDERERS JUNIORS.—Played at Dipton in two periods of 20 minutes each. The Wanderers ran a goal through straight from the kick-off, before the visitors' backs ever got a chance at the leather. The visitors' forwards showed some excellent passing, but they were unable to score, the Dipton goalkeeper and backs playing a good game. In the second half, Leadgate scored soon after the start, from a good shot, which was deflected from the centre which was too quick for the home goalkeeper. After some more fast play the Leadgate left wing was too strong for the home defence, and scored again. The game ended in a victory for St. Ives by two goals to one. The winners all through the game showed some splendid play. The St. Ives team was as follows—Goal, G. Lock; backs, J. T. Willey and H. Forrester; half-backs, T. Wallace, T. Robson, and T. Shaw; Graham; forwards, G. Foster and J. Lock, right wing; T. Forrester, centre; W. G. Robson and W. Robson, left wing. Referee, Mr A. Tuson (Dipton Wanderers A.F.C.).

LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE v PELTON FELL HARRIERS 2ND.—Played at Pelton Fell in two thirties. The game was fast and evenly contested in the first half, the home team scoring from a beauty by R. Robson. Play still continued fast and exciting, the visitors trying hard to equalize, but the home defence was splendid, and when the whistle blew for half-time the score stood—

Pelton Fell ..... One goal
Exiles ..... Nil

On re-starting, the visitors went off with a rush, and by passing the ball up and down to their centre and shot, but Lashly was equal to the occasion, and threw nicely to Dixon, who passed to Laverick, and the latter got the ball down to the home goal and shot, but Lashly was equal to the occasion, and threw nicely to Dixon, who passed to Laverick, and the latter got the ball down to the home goal and shot, but the visitors' goalkeeper had a good tackling by the opposing backs he passed neatly to the centre, where Hewitson and Dixon had a fine tussle, and the visitors' custodian fisted out. Hewitson, however, again received, and banged it through before the goalkeeper could recover himself, making the second goal for Pelton Fell. From the kick-off the home team brought the ball up, keeping the defence of the visitors nicely pressed. Dixon seat in a beauty, but one of the backs handling the ball in trying to save right in goal, gave the home team a free kick, which the visitors cleared well, and bringing the ball down by neat passing, scored their first and only goal. From the kick-off play was even, the eleven feeling the efforts of the hard game, but at length the home team, showing good combination, brought the leather up, and at last R. Robson sent in a stinger which the goalkeeper partially stopped, but the ball slipping out of his hands rolled through, making goal No. 3. Time was then called, the final score being—

Pelton Fell 2nd ..... Three goals
Exiles Reserve ..... One goal

The game was pleasantly contested. The teams were as follows:—Exiles—Goal, J. Carroll; backs, M. Green and R. Rogers; half-backs, J. Martin, Jas. Hagan, and O. Slain; forwards, O. Hughes and M. Hagan, and O. Peter Hughes, centre; A. Connolly (capt.) and J. Clare, left wing. Umpire, Mr J. Tomer. Pelton Fell Harriers 2nd—Goal, W. Lashly; backs, M. Birkett and T. Andrews; half-backs, F. Laverick, T. Dixon, and G. Thompson; forwards, Waggott, H. Adamson, and G. Thompson; forward, W. Laverick and R. Robson, left wing; D. Hewitson, centre; M. Dunn and M. Dixon, right wing. Umpire, Mr Frank Brown.

RUGBY.

BLAYDON JUNIORS v STARGATE ROVERS.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a victory for the home team by one goal, the winning goal one ty to nothing.

HEXHAM ENGLISH v BLAYDON.—Played at Blaydon, and ended in a victory for the home team by one try (disputed) to nothing.

HEXHAM ROVERS v RYTON JUNIORS.—The Hexham Violets, who are entered for the fourth competition under the Rugby Union, met Ryton Juniors on Hexham Willows. In the first two or three minutes White, getting possession in the home 25, scored the first try, which was not improved. After the kick out, the Juniors began to gain ground, but the excellent passing of the Violets completely baffled their opponents, who played a loose game throughout. When time was called the score stood:—Violets, one goal (penalty), one try; Juniors, nil. Referee, Mr J. McIntyre (Tynedale).

GATESHEAD INSTITUTE v CONSETT.—This fixture took place at Gateshead in boisterous weather. Proud took his place again on the Institute team, and gave a good account of himself. The visitors kicked off, but a good rugaru settled the play in the visitors' territory. After about ten minutes' play Hopper secured a try for the home team. The place was an easy one, but W. Winter made a good dribble, and scored a try, which was also unimproved. No further scoring was made during the half, although Pickering and Harris made some good attempts for the home team. During the second half the Consett team, having the wind in their favour, played up better, and Jameson and Smiles took the ball on to the Institute line, but the danger was averted after some good play by Reppell and Scott. The dribbling of the home team was very good, and is improving greatly. The Institute continued to have a slight advantage, and E. Winter made a good run up the touch line, being collared on the line by Jameson. At the call of time the score stood:—Institute, two tries, six minors; Consett, two minors.

DURHAM RUGBY JUNIOR CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

HAMSTERLEY v SEAHAM HARBOUR.—Played on the ground of the first-named club, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three tries and eight minors to nil. For the winners Dodds, Gibbons, and Wallace played well, as did Miller for the visitors. Mr J. G. H. Goundry (Durham City R.F.C.) discharged the duties of referee, his prompt decisions giving entire satisfaction to both teams.

JOTTINGS.

*** Secretaries of football clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than Wednesday morning.

Felton Fell Harriers 1st team have the following vacant dates:—Feb. 6, 22; March 1, 8, 22; April 5, 19, 26; and would like them filled up as soon as possible with good teams. The 2nd team have also the following dates open:—Feb. 8, 22; March 1, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 19.—Address W. Lowther, hon. sec., Felton Fell.

Catchgate Albion 2nd team have some vacant dates.—Apply Thomas Stoker, hob. sec., Annfield Plain, Lintz Green.

The scholars of the Leadgate National School—Standard V. v Standard VI., and VI.—will play an Association game to-day (Friday), at Leadgate. Kick-off at 3.15.

Tanfield Lea Rhubarb Slashers have nearly all dates vacant, and would like to have them filled up with junior teams (open 14 to 17).—Address J. Wallace, 6, William Street, Tanfield Lea.

THE MCCLELLY TESTIMONIAL FUND.—The final meeting of the committee for promoting a testimonial to Mr John McCurley, the hon. sec. of the Leadgate Exiles A.F.C., will take place on Tuesday evening first, at the house of Mr Isaac Thirlwell, Bradley Arms, Leadgate, at 8 o'clock. Subscriptions are still flowing in, and those desirous of assisting the object are respectfully requested to tender their contributions to the collectors. Without delay, as further of the testimonial and the arrangements for the presentation will be made at the forthcoming meeting.

A game that will no doubt attract a large number of spectators to-morrow (Saturday), is that between Medomsley and Leadgate Park, which will be played at Medomsley. Previous games between these two prominent local teams have always been well-contested, and Saturday's match will doubtless prove no exception. The last time they met, a drawn game of two goals each resulted. But Park have been going strong this season, having succeeded in getting into the Durham Cup competition proper; while Medomsley have scarcely been as successful as in former seasons, several of their best men having been unable, from various causes, to assist them. Nevertheless, I expect they will do their utmost on Saturday, and if the Park are successful, they will have to fight hard for their victory. A splendid game should be the result of the meeting, and may the best team win!

STANLEY TRUE BLUES CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CLUB.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I observe in your last issue it was stated that the supper of the above club was held at the house of Mr Charlton. This is incorrect, as the supper took place at Mr James Forster's. By inserting this you will oblige—Yours, &c.,

T. WOOD.

Stanley, Jan. 21st, 1890.

Cricket.

The members of Tanfield Temperance Cricket Club wish to arrange matches for the ensuing season, ages from 14 to 20. Clubs will oblige by sending their dates to C. Mungeam, secretary.

TANFIELD LEA C.C.—This club is open to receive engagements for the season with any good local teams. Secretary's address: W. R. Tattiana, 14, Edward Street, Tanfield Lea, Lintz Green.

STANLEY TRUE BLUES C.C.—The members of this club wish to arrange matches for the forthcoming season, average ages 20 years. Address, Thomas Wood, secretary, Joicey Square, West Stanley R.S.O.

SWALWELL Y.M.C.A. C.C.—The annual meeting of the above club was held on Tuesday night, when the election of officers took place. Matches can be arranged with any teams, aged from 13 to 19. John Dixon, secretary, No. 6, West View, Swalwell.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL SECRETARIES.—The majority of local matches for next season were arranged on Saturday afternoon, at the annual meeting of secretaries of Northumberland and Durham, held at the Crown Hotel. The banqueting hall was well filled, and a large number of engagements were arranged, the clubs represented numbering some upon 60. The leading clubs in both counties place good cards of fixtures before their supporters, and, with the more extensive lists of county engagements on both sides of the Tyne, the coming season appears likely to be busier and more important than any which have gone before. The following clubs were represented:—From Durham—Blaydon, Consett and District, Darlington, Dunston, Durham City, Durham University, Felling Church Institute, Felling Temperance, Gateshead Fell, Heaton Lyons, Jarrow, Leadgate, North Durham, Penshaw, Philadelphia, Seaham Harbour, Sherburn, Sunderland, Tudhoe, Westoe, and Whitburn.

Sporting Items.

RABBIT COURSING AT BITLEY.—On Monday, a sweepstakes at rabbits, the best of three courses each, promoted by Mr John Bell, was run off at the house of Mr John McAvoy, Hanlan Hotel, Birtley, in the presence of 400 spectators. In the first round 14 dogs took part, and eventually a division was agreed upon by the owners of Pat the Botanist, White Hart, and Nick Fleck. W. Hodgson was judge, and Mr Fenton slipper.

FENCE SHOOTING AT NEWFIELD.—A pigeon shooting match took place between Greener, Newfield Gun Club, and R. Foster, Pelton Fell "Round About Club." Conditions, 25 a side and 60 fall, 18yd shot, gun below elbow, and elbow square down. Score:—Foster, 00000; Greener, 10111. W. Smith, West Pelton, was referee.

A CYCLING CLUB FOR PRUDHOE.—A meeting was held on Saturday night, at the Half-way house, near Prudhoe, for the purpose of forming a cycling club. It was decided to form one, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mr Clayton; vice-captain, W. Taylor; bugler, J. Hope; treasurer, M. Bates; secretary, G. Z. Middleton, Mickley Square, Stocksfield-on-Tyne. It was resolved that the name should be "Prudhoe and District Cycling Club." A large number of riders have already signified their intention of joining.

RABBIT COURSING AT WEST PELTON.—Mr Robert Coxon held his usual rabbit sweep in a field near to the house of Mr John Cummings, West Pelton. A large company of spectators attended, the weather being bright, but cold. The programme consisted of a sweepstake for eight dogs at 8s per lot, £1 the brace added. Twenty-two dogs entered, and each brace ran the best of three. Result:—Fifth round—Just Out v Lock Boat Roasy Tatey, after two no-gos, and won. J. Surtees, pistol-fire, R. Coxon, judge, and T. Pinkney kept the book.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT BLANCHLAND.—For several years past pigeon shootings in this locality have been fewer and far between, unlike the proceeding decade or years, when an annual competition took place, at which all the crack shots in the country contested, and they were not of very occasional occurrence, with single lots were recorded, whilst the keenest interest was evinced by the crowded attendance of spectators. An attempt to revive these good old times was made on Saturday by the much-respected landlord of the Commercial Hotel—formerly the Angel—Mr J. T. Coxon, but with a small amount of success, as there were only two competitors, and but a single resident throughout the parish. Mr Coxon gave the sum of £1, added to a sweepstake of 5s each; conditions, 17 to 27 yards rise, usual fall, fresh loaders, with use of both barrels allowed. The weather was very boisterous, though not unfavorable for sport, as the birds generally rose against the wind. The shooting, however, was moderate, out of 27 birds shot at, 17 only were killed, the prizes being equally divided by Messrs T. Parker, Blanchland; H. Ridley, Minsteracres; Emmerson, Castleside; and Butcher, Leadgate. Another sweep followed, which was ultimately won by Parker, Ridley and Rap. A good company was present, and there was part speculation.

NEWS FOR WEARDALE ANGLERS.—The fishing in the West Dale season opens and closes as usual. It opens on Feb. 2nd and closes on Oct. 2nd for trout, and for salmon on Nov. 2nd as hitherto, except on the association's water. The Wear conservators have not complied with the wishes of the association as was expected, so cut a month off the open season and give no sign. Great is the licensed angler.

FENCE SHOOTING AND SUPPER AT WESTGATE.—A large company assembled at the Hare and Hounds on Saturday to witness the annual shooting. There were eight competitors, and the first prize was won by Mr W. Wilson, Westgate, with second and third were divided between Mr Geo. Muschamp, Westgate, and Mr M. Hains, North Hill. A supper, served with the reputed excellence of Mr G. Moffatt, the esteemed hostess, was afterwards partaken of. On the dais Mr Moffatt presided, good vocal and instrumental music was given by Mr J. Nattrass, St. John's, and Mr Bryant, Frosterley.

QUOIT MATCH AT MEDOMSLEY.—A quoit match for £20 took place on Saturday afternoon, in the ground adjoining the house of Mr J ohn Minto, the Miners' Arms Inn, at Medomsley, the competitors being R. McGee, Leadgate, and J. Wigham, Westwood, usual conditions, 21 to clay ends, 51 points game. An exciting game ended in favour of Wigham by 4 points:—Score:—Wigham, 51, McGee, 47. There was a good number of onlookers, among whom betting ruled pretty strong.

SHOOTING MATCH AT SWALWELL.—The pigeon shooting match for £50 between C. Massey, Swalwell, and R. Smith, Winlaton, was shot off on Saturday, at Swalwell, in the presence of a good company of spectators. The birds were of good quality. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Smith for the match, and 2 to 1 on the gun. G. Thornton, Bebside, trapped for Massey, and J. Smith trapped for Smith. Mr T. Maughan, Felliside, was referee. Scores:—Massey, 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—15; Smith, 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0—10.

RABBIT COURSING AT BLACKHALL MILL.—A sweepstake for greyhounds at stakes, the best of three courses, which was promoted by Mr Henry Ashburn, was decided on Saturday afternoon, in a field near his house at Blackhall Mill, adjoining Blackhall Mill Inn, kindly granted for the purpose by Mr R. Brown, Blackhall Mill Farm, near Rochester. About 330 spectators were present. Details:—First round—Blackburn's Expense beat Armstrong's Lass of the West; Bell's Cobbler II. beat Cusson's Cousin Jim; Hood's Accomb Lad beat Ashburn's Lucky Lad; Simonds's Betty beat Tilley's Jessie McPherson; Blackburn's Little Annie beat Lawe's Cousin Bella; Crawshaw's Birtley Shield Lass a bye. Second round—Birtley Shield Lass beat Expense; Cobbler II. beat Accomb Lad; Little Annie beat Betty. Third round—Birtley Shield Lass beat Little Annie; Cobbler II. a bye. Final—Cobbler II. beat Birtley Shield Lass. Henry Ashburn acted as judge, R. Lawe as slipper, and Henry Bell as scoreboard.

SPARROW SHOOTING AT ESCHWISTLE.—On Saturday afternoon, a sparrow shooting handicap, which was organised by Mr Edward Parker, was brought off in a field adjacent to the house of Mr Ralph Calvert, Raven Inn, Broomhill, near Eschwist. A very large company flocked together from all parts of the district, and with the exception of a slight wind the weather was favorable. The handicap recorded many entries. Full scores:—Blackline, 18 yards, 2nd lot, 1 0; Hawkes's Jack, 2nd lot, 0; Hanlon's Ghost, 17, 0; Ed. Parker, 17, 0; Old Towler, 17, 0, 2nd lot, 0; Ophill Lad, 18, 0; Jack the Ripper, 18, 0; Septimus Burrell, 17, 0, 2nd lot, 1 0; Bonnie Lad, 18, 1 0; George Dodds, 18, 1 1 0; J. Hornsby, 18 1 0; Brickflat Lad, 18, 1 0; Twilk, 17, 1 1 0; Mary Jane, 17, 0; Quebec, 17, 1 1 1; Durham, 17, 1 1 1; Dick Wood, 17, 1 0; Blackhill, 17, 1 1 1; Robinet Crown, 17, 0; Freddy, 18, 1 1 1; Quarry House, 17, 1 1 0; Jack's the Lad, 17, 0; Harry Elsom, 17, 1 0; Wm. Pace, 17, 1 1 1, 2nd lot, 1 1 1; Septimus Burrell, 2nd lot, 1 0; Dene Bank, 17, 0; The Butcher, 17, 0; Annfield Plain, 18, 0. Six divided. Betting was 4 to 5 to 4 and 6 to 4 on the gun. Edward Parker, Broomhill, was judge and handicapper; R. Storey, Westwood, trapper; and R. Calvert, Broomhill, score-keeper.

THE LATE MRS JOSHUA DAWSON, OF ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.

The following is from the pen of Mr John Temperley, Durham, Barrister Pastiere:—"The account at St. John's Chapel, Weardale, has sustained a great loss by the death of Mrs Frances Dawson, wife of Mr Joshua Dawson, of Ireshopeburn. Miss Tinniswood was born at Burtreefoot, Weardale, on Good Friday, 1821. In early life she attended the Established Church at Rathery Cleugh, and sat under the earnest ministry of the late Rev G. Thompson. She was often the subject of serious impressions, but it was not until after her marriage that she fully decided to give her heart to God. In 1844 revival services were held at High House Wesley-a Chapel, conducted by some Scotch missionaries. Mr and Mrs Dawson attended the services, and one night, under a powerful sermon preached by Mr Robertson from the word "Eternity," they both decided to seek the Lord. From that time she was a faithful follower of Christ, attended regularly to social and public means of grace, and took delight in reading the bible and other good books. As children were added to the household, she endeavoured with her husband to train them in the way they should go, believing that when they were old they would not depart from it. As a proof of the truth of the maxim, every member of her family is a member of the Wesleyan Church, and walking in the way to heaven. As wife and mother she looked well to the ways of her household, was diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Rev J. Mackintosh, at the funeral service, remarked, 'She was a Mary in the house of God, and a Martha in her home.' She was of a kind and generous disposition, and loved to relieve the wants of the Lord. The youthful members of the society looked up to her and regarded her as 'a mother in Israel.' The young women of the church looked up to her for counsel both in temporal and spiritual matters. She took a deep interest in everything pertaining to the work of God, and though naturally reticent was often seen standing near the door of the chapel at the close of the service giving a kind of invitation to the unconverted to remain. She was in the habit of visiting the sick and others, and God blessed her labours to the good of souls. She was a great lover of the sanctuary, and attended the mission work. While he was preaching abroad she was praying for him at home. A few years before her death she had a painful paralysis which kept her from the house of God, and prevented her from attending to her domestic duties, but she still retained her mental powers, was seldom heard to murmur, seemed to enjoy life, and was a pattern of patience. The end found her fully prepared. For a little time she was unable to speak but by signs she could still make her family understand that her prospect was bright. A short time before her death she had been praying for strength might be enabled to give a last triumphant testimony to the power of religion to sustain in 'life's last hour,' when she looked up and exclaimed 'Jesus.' Probably, like Stephen, she saw Him standing at the right hand of God. She passed away in her 69th year."

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

A valuable hound, recently purchased by the Consett Co-operative Society, dropped down dead at Castleside, on Tuesday.

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ACCIDENT TO A FEMALE AT WEARHEAD.—A serious mishap befell Mr Joseph Thompson, Prydhill, Burnhope. While lowering gear into the Sedfing Vein Mine, it slipped, striking him on the chest, and temporarily crushing the life out of the arms. We are glad to learn the injured farmer is progressing favourably.

SNOWSTORM.—A heavy snowstorm occurred in Weardale yesterday (Thursday.) The unusual mild weather has suddenly been interrupted, and in a few hours Weardale has been clapped from a fine, mild, and genial spring-like weather into all the vigours of winter.

AMBULANCE AT BOOKSHOPS.—The members of the ambulance class have just opened their second session by a tea and practice in the Barrington School. After tea addresses were given by Rev J. P. Sheppard (vicar,) Dr Robinson, and M. Walton, the active secretary, when the bandages, splints, stretchers, &c., were soon in full practice. Efforts are being made to increase the class at once. Thanks followed to all concerned, including Mrs Walton who provided the tea. A pleasant evening was spent.

GEOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.—On Saturday evening a conversazione was held in the St John's Chapel, to form a Geological and Industrial Society—Mr J. Robinson (Westgate) presiding. —The Chairman said they had an offer of lectures from a well-known gentleman to form the nucleus of prize money for a Geological and Industrial Exhibition at Eastertide. (Heart). Dale Schools rose by various stages to the position of assistant master. About four or five years ago, his master, Miss M. J. Wilson, of Stanhop Bridge, and he took up his abode in that village, but after a lapse of little more than a year, his wife died, leaving an only child. He returned to his parents at Consett, and latterly he has been employed as clerk for Mr W. Dickinson, solicitor, Consett. He was a young man of exceptional talents, and his demise in the early stage of manhood is deeply deplored. The interment took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, at the Benfieldside cemetery. A good number of the leading residents attended the funeral, and the various tradespeople's shops were partly closed, as a mark of respects. Rev. C. S. Wilson, curate, officiated at the graveside.

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PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—This place of worship was filled on Monday evening by an attentive and appreciative audience, to hear a concert given by the choir. Mr G. Forster's string band was in attendance, and gave some excellent selections of instrumental music. Mr M. Robinson, conductor, had reason to be proud of the success of his efforts. The beautiful anthem, "By the rivers of Babylon," was well rendered, and pleased the audience. The closing piece, "Let their celestial concerts all unite," was well sung, and very powerful bass. The Misses Middlemast and Miss Elliott diversified the programme with duets, &c., the piece "Beautiful one, wake from your sleep" was appreciated. Mr Raw occupied the chair, and kept the audience in good humour, while Mr Pearson ably presided at the harmonium. The financial result was eminently satisfactory, the concert being much better patronized than most concerts of a sacred character in this neighbourhood. The trustees of the chapel are to be congratulated on the improvements to the building. The Clapton light is very powerful, while the heating and pew arrangements are very satisfactory.

BLAYDON.

INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.—The 124th quarterly report of the Blaydon District Industrial and Provident Society, has been issued. The following is an abstract:—We beg to report sales amon ing to £37,780 16s 5½d, being an increase of £1,771 5s 10d, over those of last quarter, and of £1,612 7s, over those of the corresponding quarter of last year, after leaving out of account the Burnopfield sales. The profits from trade amount to £5,674 2s 7d, and from other sources to £656 0s 3d, making a total disposable profit of £6,330 2s 10d, which will enable us, after providing for depreciation, interest, &c., and carrying £120 14s to educational department, and £50 to the reserve fund, to pay a dividend of 2s 2d in £, leaving a balance of £42 15s 6d to carry forward to next quarter's accounts. The profits from trade are not so good as last quarter, this being principally in the grocery departments. There is also a loss in the Prudhoe drapery department, and we hope to give the matter our attention at the quarterly meetings. The members now number 4,284, being an increase of 88 over those of last quarter. The members who now stand at £75,692 3s 7d, being an increase of £2,195 6s 3d over those of last quarter. We have given a great deal of consideration to the advisability of "thick dividends," and are strongly of opinion that a reduction in the price of some of our goods, with a consequent increase in our sales, would be conducive to the greater success of the society, if the members generally would support us in this policy.

CRAGHEAD.

JUDGE MEYNELL AND BOOK TRAVELLERS.—At Durham County Court on Tuesday, before Judge Meynell, *George Marsh*, miner, Stone Row, Craghead, was sued by the Northern Fine Art and Publishing Company, Felling, for £1 10s; and *Thos. Howes*, miner, Railway Row, Page Bank, was sued by the same company for a similar amount. —From the evidence adduced, it appeared the book agents representing the plaintiff company, called upon the defendants and asked them if they would like a library. They explained the conditions and offered to take the books, and, moreover, they did not want them. Upon this, the agents asked that the books might be left with defendants until called for the next day, and defendants were asked first to sign a paper showing that they had the custody of the books. The agents did not call for several days, and then sent in a bill for the price of the books. Neither of the defendants paid, however, as they did not want the books. They never agreed to take them, and did not know what they were signing when they affixed their signatures to the papers. His Honour, addressing plaintiffs' representatives, said, "Look here, you people go to these houses, and get people to sign a blank sheet of paper which you fill up as you like. I believe the stories of both the plaintiffs and defendants. I must tell you that these agreements are worthless from the mode in which you act them—getting signed a blank piece of paper and then filling it up —because the defendants did not know what they were signing".—Judgment was then given for defendants.

BLACKHALL MILL.

During the past week, special services have been preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhall Mill, by Miss Hilstone, evangelist. Large congregations have been present each evening.

LANCHESTER.

JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.—It was reported at yesterday's (Thursday) meeting of the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board, that the cases now undergoing cooking now required 12s 0d per ton. The question of additional trees required for the planting in the grounds surrounding the hospital was left over for a month.

HOUSEWARMING.—A meeting of Hedley Pinfore Committee of the Lanchester Highway Board took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, under the presidency of Mr W. Logan (chairman) Cheques amounting to £24 were ordered to be paid. One item of £736 15s 1d is for Messrs Ord and Maddison in payment of 6 months road material, and the new surveyor's bill for the same amounted to £259 15s 8d.—The Surveyor was instructed in the event of a severe snowstorm being imminent, to at once notify the Board, and the chairman, and commended Mr Watson for the interest he takes in the Cockson estate." and "The tradesmen of Chester-le-Street and Bellingham—Mr John Mitchell and others having replied, other toasts followed, and the very pleasant proceedings terminated.

WOLSINGHAM.

SEWING MEETING.—A sewing meeting tea was held last Saturday in the Wesleyan School, Wolsingham, which was in connection with the proposed "kitchen" scheme. Mrs Craig, of Scotchdale, very generously provided the edibles. A good number of sewing people met together. A number of merry games were indulged in after tea. The collection amounted to considerably over £2 in aid of the proposed "kitchen" fund. The Saturday evening last, amid great rejoicings. The band accompanied the lamp-lighter from lamp to lamp playing lively airs.

MEDOMSLEY.

ORATORIO.—A grand oratorio, entitled "Capture of Babylon," was given in the Temperance Hall, Medomsley, on Wednesday evening, by the Consett Wesleyan choir, which comprised 30 voices. Mr W. Richardson (Allendale Cottages) occupied the chair. There was a large company present, and the oratorio was performed in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on all concerned. Mr Fawell conducted, and Mr C. Stelling acted the accompanist. The proceeds were in aid of the Allendale Cottages Primitive Methodist Chapel trust fund.

CASTLESIDE.

SERVICE OF SONG.—On Saturday night, the choir of the Castleside Primitive Methodist Chapel gave the service of song "Little Minnie" in an effective manner before a large audience. In the above sacred edifice, the connective readings being given by Mr John Golightly.—On Sunday afternoon, the Blackhill Primitive Methodist Chapel gave the "Roll call" in the Castleside chapel; Mr J. W. Winter, of Leadgate, giving the connective readings. There were large congregations at each service.

BURNHOPE.

LECTURE.—Mr J. Southern, of Crook, delivered his popular lecture on "Joseph and his brethren," in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Burnhope, on Wednesday evening last. Mr J. Porter, of Coundon Gate, took the chair. After the lecture, a ham and coffee supper was held which was well supplied with cake and cut. On the following day, Mr Southern preached in the morning and evening, and Mr Porter in the afternoon. Each service was well attended, and the amount taken on behalf of the new chapel was upwards of £3 10s, which was handed over to the trustees and received with thanks to the public for the manner in which they came forward to help on the good cause.

TANTOBIE.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Saturday night, the usual weekly entertainment of the band of hope, in connection with this place of worship, at Tanfoble, took place. There was a fair attendance. The waiters was presided over by Mr James Lowy, White-le-Head.

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On Sunday, Mr Bartlett, of Darlington, preached twice in the Baptist Chapel, Wolsingham, to large and appreciative congregations.

It is not for nothing that we record the death of Mr Woodham, of Wolsingham. The deceased has been unwell for a long period. She was a pity respected. Her funeral on Tuesday with Mr Woodham—and his four motherless children.

FUNERAL.—Last Sabbath, the funeral of Miss Hallimond, daughter of Mr Mark Hallimond, ex-Police Sergeant, took place at Wolsingham, being attended by a large number of friends and relatives. Consumption was the cause of death. She was beloved and respected by all who knew her. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths

BIRTHS

CONSETT—Delves Terrace, 16th inst., the wife of Joseph Anthony Wood, a son.
10, Trafalgar Street, 20th inst., the wife of George Moss, of a daughter.
TOW LAW—Wesley Street, 10th inst., the wife of T. Best, of a daughter.
High Street, 11th inst., the wife of J. Learoyd, of a son.
BEAMISH—19th inst., the wife of John Robinson, of a son.
LUMLEY—Ferry House, 20th inst., Mrs Jas. Curry, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

TOW LAW—Wesleyan Chapel, by Rev R. Garbutt, W. White, Hedleyhope, to M. Hildreth, Tow Law.
CHESTER-LE-STREET — Register Office, 11th inst., William Layfoots to Jane Ann Wilson, both of Lumley.
CHESTER—The Cathedral, 14th inst., by the Dean of Chester, assisted by the Rev Canon Lloyd, the Rev Owen C. Carr, son of the late Rev Cuthbert Carr, rector of Kirk Merrington, to Ethel Eleanor, daughter of the late Colonel Darby, of Leagh Castle, Ireland.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—Middle Street, 20th inst., aged 28, Joseph, son of John and Elizabeth Collinson.
TERRYSTON—22nd inst., after a short and 5 months, James William, the dearly-beloved son of John and Ellen Jane Terryston.
SHOTLEY BRIDGE—Wood Cottages, Cutler's Hall, 19th inst., aged 61, Margaret, wife of Alexander Mason.
DITTON—19th inst., aged 8 years, Frederick, youngest son of John Teasdale, saddler and harness-maker.
CATCHGATE—22nd inst., aged 54, Hannah, beloved widow of the late John Gew Martin. Interment at Hare Law, 25th inst. Friends, please accept this intimation.
HEBSON—At the residence of John Liddle, 21st inst., aged 24, John, second son of the late Robert Armstrong, late of Castle Eden.
BLANCHLAND—Bridge End, 18th inst., aged 61, Robert Wilson Bell, draper and grocer.
PELTON FELL—16th inst., aged 12 years, John George, son of William Lonsdale.
WHITEHAM—16th inst., the wife of John Kelly.
HEDLEY HILL TERRACE—13th inst., Dora, infant daughter of James Charlton, miner.
BLAYDON—Sabbath, aged 21, Eliza Isabella, daughter of Elizabeth Scorer, late of Derwenthaugh.
J. Patterson Street, 14th inst., aged 25, Mary, daughter of the late Cuthbert Hewetson, late of Swalwell.
Path Head Farm, 19th inst., aged 83, Ann, widow of the late William Newton, over 50 years in the employment of Joseph Crew Martin.
CHESTER-LE-STREET—6th inst., aged 64, Henry Fort.
11th inst., aged 2 years and 4 months, Emily, and aged 5 months, Ethel, children of Thomas Wardle and Margaret Ann Tinkler.
Frickerton Terrace, 17th inst., aged 25, Ralph, son of Ralph Pinkney.
MICKLEY SQUARE—19th inst., in his 64th year, Thomas Wood.
LUMLEY THICKS—17th inst., aged 54, Thomas Robson.
GIBSIDE HILL HEAD—19th inst., aged 63, Anne, daughter of the late Rev John Thompson, vicar of Stanhope and Wolsingham, Durham.
DURHAM—Red Lion, Silver Street, 20th inst., aged 43, Hannah, wife of Walter Thorgood.

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THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

CONSETT DISTRICT.

We learn that the several medical gentlemen in this locality are attending a very large number of patients who are said to be suffering from the influenza epidemic. One doctor alone has treated above a hundred cases.

WEARDALE.

(Writing yesterday (Thursday) morning, our Weardale correspondent says: There were 22 men from the Ashes limestone quarry down this week at Stanhope with the influenza, and numbers from other quarries, besides numerous females, have also been attacked with it. Children are wonderfully clear of it. It is also now prevalent at Frosterley and White Kirtle. The Weardale quarrymen as a rule are men of fine physique—great, strong hardy men, but somehow or other they are more susceptible to the epidemic than men of more sedentary employment. It still rages fiercely.

EMIGRATION STATISTICS.

The emigration statistics of 1889 show a considerable falling off from the figures of 1888, proving that the tendency for the population of Great Britain to find homes for itself elsewhere does not increase in volume. This is, on the whole, a discouraging sign, so far as the remedy for all the evils of pauperism and overcompetition that afflict this country is supposed to lie in emigration. At the same time, it is encouraging to think that additional inducements have been extended to the working classes to remain on our shores, and that the necessity for the exportation of large numbers of workers does not yet seem so imperative. This feature of the last year's emigration is undoubtedly due to an advance in commercial prosperity and the favourable reports which production has enjoyed for some time past. It may also be possible that the hopes raised by the labour agitations of last September have had some effect, in strengthening the prospects of employers in this country and helped to stem the tide of their secession. Emigration is never very popular to account with the average Englishman, and it is to be hoped that it will be conspicuous in his nature to try his luck beyond the seas until he has exhausted every possibility of success within the limits of his own country, for, at most critical moments, he is apt to be very patriotic. Perhaps the most curious characteristic of the typical Briton is the tenacity with which he sticks to his home, in spite of the wide fields which are open to him, and of his energy in every part of the world, with far more substantial prizes to be won than he can ever attain in this whole kingdom. However, in spite of all exhortation to the contrary, our fellow countrymen have a distinct prejudice in favour of residence in the land of their birth. The result is the disorganisation of the labour market and the congestion of our city slums. All this is due to an irrational lingering in our stifling social atmosphere and malignant climate, when life under glorious skies with every freedom of condition can be acquired with comparative ease.

On the arrival of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's vessel John Elder, in Plymouth Sound, the other night, the captain reported the discovery of a boat in the Magellan Straits, containing six men of the barque Knight Commander, of Liverpool. Severe weather drove the latter vessel into a bay on the coast of Tierra del Fuego, and a boat was despatched for assistance. The boat was found two days away in a most distressed state, and the crew had suffered great privations.

A shocking discovery was made on Monday in a manufactory at Hanley, owned by Messrs. Johnson, Bros., earthenware makers. The body of a sweep, named Moore, of no fixed abode, was found locked to death. It is supposed that on Sunday night, the wretched man, in his drunken madness, had crept into the oven, and had been fired the day before, and, going to sleep, was discovered only when the oven was drawn.

The Queen's Bench Division of St. James's Hall, Liverpool, was, by the police magistrate of that city on Monday, fined £10 and costs, for using the hall as a place of entertainment without a licence, December 29. The defendant did not appear. The entertainment was given by Salvation Soldiers, who "are the strongest man in the world." The prosecution was taken under an old Act, which gave the authorities control over exhibitions given in the city.

A telegram from New York states that the steamboat Katie Robbins sank after collision with a barge off Vicksburg on Sunday night. It was very dark at the time, and it is feared that ten of the steamboat's passengers were rescued. Three ladies amongst them had very narrow escape.

A Vienna correspondent states that Prince Joseph Sulkowsky has turned the tables on his wife, the Princess, for having placed him in a asylum when he was not really mad. He now pleads that he was of unsound mind at the time of his marriage with her, so that the marriage was not valid. It is generally thought that the Prince has now recovered his reason, if he ever had his madness.

Judgment in the Board of Trade inquiry into the stranding of the steamship Dunrobin on December 27th on the Isle of Man, was given in Glasgow on Monday. Sheriff Guthrie said the stranding of the Dunrobin was due to the master continuing at full speed in thick weather, and to his neglecting to use the lead when doubtful of his position. The court suspended the certificate of John McLeod, the master, for three months.

An Englishman who was arrested at St. Petersburg a year ago on a charge of forgery, and who professed to be able to reveal the revolutionary dealings of some Russian refugees, has just been tried. After a brilliant defence by the advocate appointed by the Court, he was acquitted of forgery, but condemned to two months' imprisonment for filling up a blank cheque.

At Rochdale Police-court, on Monday, Richard Besch, labourer, was charged with causing the death of George Allen. The two men had an altercation at Marlborough Hotel, Richmond-hill, and subsequently fought in King's-road. Allen was knocked down, taken home unconscious, and was removed to Richmond Hospital, where he died from the effects of the injuries. Prisoner was remanded pending the inquest.