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Business Announcements.

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AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
10, WOOD STREET,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE. 228c

ROBERT SEWELL,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
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ROBERT SCOTT,
BELLMAN AND BILLPOSTER,
KELL'S HOUSES,
ANNFIELD PLAIN. 784k

FURNITURE, HARMONIUMS, PIANOS, SEWING MACHINES, &c., supplied, and payment taken by easy instalments to suit the convenience of all classes.—For prospectus, enclose addressed envelope to Hire Company (Limited), Strawberry House, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 81k

J. PARKER,
JEWELLER, &c.,
2, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

CLOCKS and WATCHES Cleaned and Repaired. Country Orders attended to.

JOHN JENKINS,
AUCTIONEER,
HOUSE AGENT, AND APPRAISER,
TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT.

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

JAMES FROSDICK,
12, MOUNT PEASANT, CONSETT,
BELLMAN AND BILLPOSTER.

Lessee of all the principal and largest Posting Stations in the district. All orders thankfully received and promptly attended to. 524k

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, without first obtaining the said Company's permission, will be prosecuted according to Law.

By order of the Directors,
August 21st, 1875. M RICHLEY, Secretary.

D. DOVER,
RESPECTFULLY intimates to his Friends and the Public that he has Opened a New Shop, near to Dr. BENSON'S Surgery, Wesley Terrace, Dipton. Jewellery, Watches, and Clocks sold, cleaned, or repaired. Dealer in Hardware, Books, and Stationery. Agent for "Stokes on Memory."

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A PRESENT to each Purchaser of our GUINEA GOLD RING.

F. A. AND E. WELCH,
WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELLERS,
ANNFIELD PLAIN. 318k

BUY SCOTTER'S BOOTS.

ADMITTED by thousands to be the Cheapest and Best Boots ever offered to the Public. To be had only at his own Shops,
3, SHAKESPEARE STREET, CONSETT;
23 and 14, Nun Street, and 46, Dean Street, Newcastle; 103, High Street, Gateshead; 121, Bedford Street, and 13, Union Street, North Shields; Station Road, South Shields; 58, Ormonde Street, Jarrow; 7, South Street, Middlesbrough; and Bridge Street, Morpeth. 32k

JAMES PALLISER,
FAMILY GROCER, AND GENERAL PROVISION MERCHANT,
6, FOUNDRY ROW, BLACKHILL.

Patent Medicines of various kinds on hand.
Dealer in Pianofortes, Harmoniums, Violins, and other Musical Instruments.
Agent for the Royal Life and Fire Assurance Company and the Union Permanent Building Society.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

CHARLES D. SCOTT,
PLUMBER AND BRASS FOUNDER,
NEWCASTLE,

HAVING been requested by some of the leading business men of this locality to OPEN A BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT in Consett. He has now much pleasure in stating that he has taken the Shop,
10, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT,
Where all orders entrusted to his care will receive his best attention and will be executed by competent workmen. 240k

THE CONSETT, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, AND DISTRICT COMMERCIAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF TRADERS.

For the Collection of Debts due to Members.
For Opposing the Passing of Fraudulent Bankrupts on their Examination.
For Keeping a List of Registered Judgments, Warrants of Attorney, and Cognovits entered up against Traders for the Information and Security of its Members, and for Prosecuting Felons.
Terms of Membership, £1 1s. per annum.
Tradesmen at a distance desirous of enrolling themselves as Members of this Society, are requested to send their names to the Solicitor, Mr. T. W. WELFORD, Jun., Middle Street, Consett. 259k

WILLIAM MOSLEY,
JOINER AND UNDERTAKER,
DIPTON,

RESPECTFULLY intimates to the inhabitants of Dipton and surrounding district that he is now prepared to supply COFFINS at little more than half the usual price paid in the district, viz.:—
Children's Coffins, in Deal, from 2s. 6d.
Adults' do. do. 22s.
Children's Coffins, covered with Black Cloth, from 6s.
Adults' do. do. do. 40s
Designs on application.
FURNITURE REPAIRED AND REPOLISHED.

Note the Address—
WILLIAM MOSLEY
(Next Door to Mr. J. A. CURRY, Butcher),
HIGH END OF DIPTON. 341k

JOHN W. DAVISON,
CABINETMAKER, FURNITURE BROKER
IRONMONGER, &c.,
FRONT STREET, CONSETT,
AND CATCHGATE,

HAS now on hand the largest and best made Stock of FURNITURE in the district.
IRON BEDSTEADS in great variety.
MATTRESSES, FEATHERS, FLOCKS, RABBIT DOWN.
A large Stock of New Patterns in PAPER HANGINGS.
PERAMBULATORS. HARDWARE.
Agent for the HOME WASHER and MANGLING MACHINES.
BURY'S and HARDY'S PATENT PICKS and SHAFTS.
Licensed Dealer in SPORTING and BLASTING POWDER. 673

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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B. MOODY,
WATCHMAKER, EBCHESTER.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM KNOX
HAS much pleasure in announcing that he has entered upon his NEW PREMISES, at MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, where he intends carrying on Business as HOUSE CARPENTER, JOINER, &c., and trusts, by strict attention thereto and keeping a staff of good Workmen, to merit a share of Public support.
N.B.—Estimates given for general Repairs, Shop Fronts, &c. 6178

GOOD NEWS
FOR THE
INHABITANTS OF CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

A GREAT WANT SUPPLIED.

OPENING OF A GOOD
FAMILY BOOT AND
SHOE WAREHOUSE
IN MIDDLE STREET,
CONSETT.

R. LONGSTAFF, the PEOPLE'S CHEAP BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER, has OPENED a BRANCH SHOP, in MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, with the Largest and Handsomest Stock in the neighbourhood of every description of LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S Fashionable BOOTS and SHOES.

The Inhabitants of Consett and District will now be able to select from a large and well-assorted Stock, and purchase the best quality of BOOTS and SHOES at lower prices than are usually charged for very inferior Goods.

LONGSTAFF'S
FAMILY SHOE WAREHOUSE,
4, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,
Next Door to Mr. W. AYNSLEY, the Tea Dealer;
and at
18, NEWGATE STREET, BISHOP AUCKLAND;
22, MARKET PLACE, DURHAM;
CHURCH STREET, CROOK;
And
HIGH STREET, SPENNYMOOR.

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

GEORGE HOBSON
TAKES this opportunity of thanking his numerous Friends for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to inform them that he has now got his Mill under thorough repair, and, with the addition of extra CRUSHING and SPLITTING MILLS, he is now in a position to fully meet the requirements of his Friends and the Public. Particular attention will be paid to Grinding, Crushing, or Splitting Grain for Farmers and the Trade.

Try G. H.'s CRUSHED OATS and BEANS for Horses.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED MIXED HORSE FEED.
Try G. H.'s MIXED COW FEED.
Try G. H.'s MIXED PIG FEED.
Pure BARLEY MEAL, PEA MEAL, INDIAN MEAL, and every other Article in the Trade on the most reasonable terms.

HARPERLEY STEAM AND WATER CORN MILLS
(Warehouse, Catchgate),
NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN.
ESTABLISHED, 1817. 238g

Business Announcements.

THE QUICKEST PASSAGE ON RECORD.

ON May 28th, the celebrated steamers, "Loudoun Castle" and "Gleneagle," steamed off together with upwards of six million pounds of NEW SEASON'S TEA from the Hankow district. After a desperate race of thirty-eight days, the "Loudoun Castle" arrived in the London Docks one day before the "Gleneagle," this being the quickest passage on record. At six in the morning she arrived, at eight her hatches were opened, at ten the teas were offered on the market. The importers expected high prices; the dealers prudently refused to buy except in small lots. While the importers halted, five other steamers arrived with fifteen million of new tea. Steamer after steamer followed each other, until not less than thirty million pounds of new tea was thrown on the market. This, with the large stock of last season's teas on hand, produced a panic in the market. Down came the old seasons teas to a price unknown in the history of the tea trade. We, like prudent dealers, have been watching the market, and secured large lots at the lowest point, and hasten to offer you a GOOD USEFUL TEA AT 1s. 8D. PER POUND. Don't doubt its quality on account of the price. We recommend it with the greatest of confidence as the most wonderful tea ever sold at the money.

Another word about INDIAN TEA:—For many years we have directed the attention of our friends to the wonderful power and quality of this new groweth of tea. It is a pleasure for us to report that this year the Indian tea planters have far surpassed other years in the perfection of groweth. We have to inform you that we have secured, regardless of cost, the early picking of the finest gardens in India. We stake our reputation on our opinion. Finer and more perfect growth of teas have never been offered. You cannot make a mistake if you ask for Indian tea at any of our establishments. WE KEEP ONLY THE FINEST QUALITY! We would like you to test the correctness of our judgment, well knowing you will thank us for our opinion.

WILLIAM STEWART AND SON, THE TEA DEALERS,
33, GRAINGER STREET, AND 32, MOSLEY STREET, NEWCASTLE; 33, HIGH STREET, GATESHEAD; AND CORNER OF FREDERICK ROAD, HIGH STREET, SUNDERLAND.

IMPORTANT!

THOSE
WHO
HAVE
AN
EYE
TO
ECONOMY,
SHOULD
LOOK
HERE
NEXT
WEEK. 196m

SELECTED LIST—FOR PRESENT SEASON.

W & A GILBEY'S WINES & SPIRITS—The seals and labels on all WINES and SPIRITS bottled by W & A GILBEY may be accepted as an absolute guarantee of their purity and genuineness. Under the Act of Parliament 38 & 39 Vic., Cap. 63, the purity of any Wine or Spirit can be verified on applicatio to the Local Government Analyst.

This "SELECTED LIST" of W & A GILBEY'S WINES AND SPIRITS comprises two descriptions only of each class of Wines and Spirits, the first selected on account of its moderate price, and the second for its fine quality combined with greater age.

AGENT—
W. AYNSLEY, *Grocer*, CONSETT & LEADGATE
PRICES THE SAME AS AT HEAD ESTABLISHMENTS

WINES

		Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle 1A PORT *from Portugal* A good-bodied well-matured Wine. 4 years old		1/9	21/
Castle B PORT *from Portugal* A fine full-flavored fruity Wine. 8 years old ..		2/4	28/
Castle 1 SPANISH PORT *from Spain* A full-bodied fruity Wine. 2 years old ..		1/3	15/
Castle 4 SPANISH PORT *from Spain* The finest Spanish Port produced. 10 years old		1/10	22/
Castle 1A *Pale* SHERRY *from Spain* A pure Spanish Sherry. 3 years old ..		1/6	18/
Castle C *Pale* SHERRY *from Spain* A good type of nutty Sherry. 6 years old		2/4	28/
Castle VP *Pale* MARSALA *from Sicily* A delicate dinner Wine. 3 years old		1/4	16/
Castle C *Pale* MARSALA *from Sicily* The finest Marsala produced. 7 years old ..		1/8	20/
Castle MADEIRA A full-flavored nutty Wine from the Island. 3 years old		2/1	25/
Castle GRAND MADEIRA An excellent nutty Wine from the Island. 5 years old		2/6	30/
Castle A CLARET *from France* A pure sound Wine. Upwards of a year in bottle		1/	12/
Castle C CLARET *from France* A fine-flavored and well-matured Medoc Wine		1/6	18/
Castle 1 CHAMPAGNE A pure Sparkling Wine for ordinary use ..	Quarts	2/2	26/
	Pints	1/3	15/
Castle 3 CHAMPAGNE A high class delicate Champagne ..	Quarts	3/6	42/
	Pints	1/11	23/

SPIRITS

	Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle UP GIN Highly rectified at W&A Gilbey's own Distillery. 33 per cent. under proof	2/	24/
Castle PROOF GIN Highly rectified at W & A Gilbey's own Distillery. Strength, proof	2/10	34/
Castle UP IRISH WHISKEY Distilled from fine Malt. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle DO IRISH WHISKEY Finest old Dublin Whiskey. Strength, proof ..	2/9	33/
Castle UP SCOTCH WHISKEY Distilled from fine malt. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle SO SCOTCH WHISKEY Finest old Scotch Whiskey. Strength, proof —	2/9	33/
Castle UP BRANDY Compounded exclusively from Foreign Spirits. 33 under proof —	2/3	27/
Castle PROOF BRANDY Compounded exclusively from Foreign Spirits. Strength, pf.	3/	36/
Castle D COGNAC An excellent Cognac Brandy of fine flavor. 33 under proof ..	3/	36/
Castle FO COGNAC The finest old Champagne Brandy. Strength, proof	4/9	57/
Castle UP JAMAICA RUM A well-matured Jamaica Rum. 33 per cent. under proof ..	2/3	27/
Castle JO JAMAICA RUM The finest old Jamaica Rum. Strength, proof .. —	2/9	33/
Castle 1 HOLLANDS A pure Dutch Spirit from Rye Wheat. 14 per cent. under proof	2/4	28/
HOLLANDS *(Silver Stream)* A fine old Dutch Spirit, bottled abroad. 14 under proof	2/8	32/

SPARKLING SAUMUR CHAMPAGNES

Castle SAUMUR *Silver Foil* A fine dry Sparkling Wine ..	Quarts	2/1	25/
	Pints	1/3	14/6
Castle SAUMUR *Gold Foil* A fine old dry Sparkling Wine	Quarts	2/6	30/
	Pints	1/5	17/

All Bottles (except for Sparkling Wines) are charged 1d. each, which is allowed when returned.

IRISH AND SCOTCH WHISKEY

The large increased consumption of, and the reputation obtained for Irish and Scotch Whiskeys by W & A Gilbey during the past few years under the brands of Whiskeys quoted above especially worthy of attention at the present time. The stock of old matured Whiskey held by W & A Gilbey in their bonded stores is now, without doubt, the largest in the world, exceeding as it does 5,000 Butts of Irish and 3,000 Butts of Scotch Whiskey, equal to upwards of a million proof gallons. Their sales of Whiskeys last year exceeded two million bottles.

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LOOK! LOOK!!—For Washing Machines, Poss Tubs, Pails, &c., or repairs of every description, go to W. BORROW, Cooper, Front Street, Consett.

MRS. COCKBURN'S
REGISTER OFFICE FOR SERVANTS,
FRONT STREET, CONSETT. 502k

THOMAS ROWE, BAKER & CONFECTIONER,
LEADGATE AND CONSETT.
PIC-NICS AND TEA PARTIES SUPPLIED OR CONTRACTED FOR.

BONESETTING.

JOHN ANDERSON,
3, ROSE MOUNT MEDOMSLEY ROAD, CONSETT,
BROTHER to the late THOMAS ANDERSON, formerly in Gateshead, Bonesetter, receives Patients at the above Address. In every case where a cure is possible a cure will be made. 46m

E. BROOKS,
59, CLAYTON STREET, AND 98, NEW BRIDGE STREET, NEWCASTLE.
Large Arrival of Stock for the Races.

J. COCKBURN,
PRINTER, STATIONER, NEWSAGENT, BOOKSELLER, BOOKBINDER, and GENERAL DEALER,
FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

Newspapers and Periodicals delivered to Order.
Memorial and Address Cards. Pictures Framed.
Use the Eureka Tinted Periscopic Spectacles and Eye Glasses, warranted to preserve the sight.
Agent for Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. 97m

PERFECTION IN ARTIFICIAL TEETH AND PAINLESS DENTISTRY AT MODERATE CHARGES.

MR. T. F. WATSON, DENTIST,
36, CLAYTON STREET (Corner of Newgate Street), NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
RESPECTFULLY calls attention to the Superiority of his Rugosite Suction Palate and Dental Coral.
TEETH STOPPED OR EXTRACTED. 55h

VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE
VILLA AND OTHER BUILDING SITES
FOR SALE,
IN LARGE OR SMALL PLOTS,
ON THE BENFIELDSIDE ESTATE.

APPLY TO
WILLIAM RAW,
AUCTIONEER, VALUER, SURVEYOR AND COMMISSION AGENT,
BLACKHILL,
278g CO. DURHAM.

JOHN COULTHARD
(Late R. MORGAN),
WHOLESALE & RETAIL SPIRIT MERCHANT,
DIPTON.

J. C. respectfully informs the Public that Mrs. COULTHARD has commenced Business as MILLINER, DRESS, JACKET, and MANTLE MAKER. All orders entrusted to her care will be executed with neatness and dispatch and according to the most approved styles. 454k

HAYMARKET COACH WHEEL WORKS.

GEORGE HOGG,
COACHBUILDER AND CARTWRIGHT.

ALL kinds of Cabs, Dog Carts, and Spring Carts made to order, repaired, painted, and done-up.
Springs and Patent Axles made to order and repaired.
Lancewood Shafts and Bent Timber always on hand.
The largest Spring Cart Works in the North of England.
All orders punctually attended to. 929h
HAYMARKET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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All orders received at
C. ROUGIER'S,
29, GREY STREET, NEWCASTLE,
Will have prompt attention.

TOILET REQUISITES in great profusion, including Combs, Brushes, Perfumes, Pomades, Hair and Head Ornaments, &c. The "EAU BOTANIC MERVEILLEUSE," for restoring the colour of Hair, has reached perfection. Lessons in Hair Dressing. First-class attention at the Counter and in the Saloons.

WHOLESALE HOUSE and MANUFACTORY, TANNER ROW, YORK.

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NOW ON SALE:
FINE NEW SPRING TARES.
FINE POTATO AND TARTARIAN OATS.
FINE MAPLE PEAS, &c.
CLOVERS AND GRASS SEEDS.
G. H.'S CELEBRATED MIXTURES FOR PERMANENT PASTURES.
TURNIP SEEDS.
GARDEN SEEDS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
Ammonia-fixed and Phospho Peruvian Guanos, Turnip and Potato Manures, Crushed and Dissolved Bones and Top Dressings for Field or Garden use, Nitrate of Soda, and Agricultural Salt.

GEORGE HOBSON,
HARPERLEY MILLS, NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN,
AND CATCHGATE.
(ESTABLISHED 1817.) 654h

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

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

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, July 1.—Before W. JENKINS, Esq. (chairman), and JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq.

DRUNK AT BLACKHALL MILL.

Bernard Connolly was charged with having been drunk at Blackhall Mill. P.C. White said on Friday evening, the 21st ult., he found defendant with his coat off. He was drunk and wanted to fight several men.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s. and costs, 12s. 6d.

FIGHTING AT CASTLESIDE.

George Bell and Joseph Maughan, two young men, were charged with committing a breach of the peace by fighting. P.C. Phillipson said on Saturday, the 22nd ult., he received information that a couple of men were creating a disturbance near the Fleece Inn, at Castleside. He immediately went to the place, and found defendants fighting. Bell had his coat off. The officer added that the landlord of the "Fleece" had ejected the men from his house, and they had had three rounds before he (the officer) went up. Defendants pleaded guilty. They were bound over to keep the peace for six months, and ordered to pay expenses.

CHARGE OF WILFUL DAMAGE.

James Drummond was charged with damaging a wall belonging to Mr. John Smith, farmer, near Medomsley. P.C. Smith said a girl named Elizabeth Smith saw defendant pull down the wall. Neither the girl nor Mr. Smith were in attendance, however.—The Chairman said after Mr. Smith had taken out the summons he ought to have attended to prosecute. The court could not be kept waiting, and therefore the case would be dismissed.

PEDLARS' ACT.

Frank Cooper, a young man, was charged with hawking without a license. P.C. Gant, of Blackhill, proved the offence.—The Chairman said defendant appeared to be a person of weak intellect.—Defendant: No, I'm not altogether right.—The Chairman: Where do you live?—Defendant: At Greencroft. My father and mother send me out to hawk.—The Chairman said defendant would be fined 5s. and costs.

A VIOLENT CHARACTER.

Ralph Wood was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Robert Armstrong, at Mountsett. Defendant was further charged with assaulting the landlord and P.C. Longstaff. Armstrong said he kept the Plough Inn. On Saturday night this gentleman (pointing to defendant) entered his house, and was not in more than a minute till he commenced to badly use the women folk.—The Chairman: What do you mean by badly using the women folk?—Armstrong: There were two ladies in, and he felled one of them directly.—The Chairman; Was defendant sober?—Armstrong: Not exactly sober.—The Chairman: Were the women sober?—Armstrong: Yes. I put defendant out, but before I succeeded in doing so he struck me. When I got him out he seized me again, and blacked my eye.—The Chairman: Did you request him to leave before you put him out?—Armstrong: Yes.—The Chairman: What reply did he make?—Armstrong: He said he would go when he liked. After I went back into the house, defendant threw two large stones after me. I then sent for a policeman.—Defendant: When I went into your house didn't I pay for a quart of beer?—Armstrong: No.—Defendant: Yes, I did, and you supped with me.—Armstrong: I didn't.—The Chairman: What were the ladies you spoke of doing in your house?—Armstrong: They were travellers from the railway station.—The Chairman: How far is the station from your house?—Armstrong: About two miles.—The Chairman: When defendant entered your house did he call for beer?—Armstrong: No, but a man with him did. We would not let defendant have any drink if we knew he was in, because he once broke the house up.—Defendant said he was talking to the women in a corner when Armstrong entered. He was drunk, and struck him on the head with a whip he held in his hand. He (defendant) told him not to do it again, when Armstrong hit him a second blow. He and a young man then tossed him (defendant) to the door, and kicked him shamefully.—P.C. Longstaff said about ten minutes to ten o'clock on Saturday night, from information he received, he proceeded to the Plough Inn, where he found a crowd of men. Defendant was stripped, and was challenging anybody to fight. Witness requested him to go away, whereupon defendant struck him on the cheek. Witness threw him down and handcuffed him, but defendant was exceedingly violent, seizing him by the neck even after the handcuffs had been placed on him. He was taken to Dipton, where another pair of handcuffs were placed on him to keep him quiet. He was afterwards taken to Consett in a conveyance.—Mr. Annandale: Was defendant intoxicated when you first saw him?—P.C. Longstaff: Yes.—Defendant said as he was going away the policeman and the landlord rushed at him, and the latter knocked him down.—The Chairman said defendant had previously been fined for refusing to quit. They found all the charges proved against him. For refusing to quit and assaulting the officer he would be fined 20s. and costs in each case; and for the assault on Armstrong a penalty of 10s. and costs would be inflicted.—Defendant went to prison.

THE ALLEGED THEFT OF CHAMPAGNE AT BLACKHILL.

Edward Renwick was remanded till Monday next on a charge of stealing champagne belonging to John Young, innkeeper, Blackhill.

GARDEN ROBBERY.

Wm. Smailes, an elderly man, was charged with stealing gooseberries from a garden at Derwent Cote Hall. P.C. Smith said about four o'clock on Sunday morning he found defendant pulling gooseberries in a garden attached to the Hall. He had upwards of a quart in his possession at the time.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and asked the bench to deal leniently with him, as he had, he said, a small family.—He was fined 10s. and costs, 16s. 4d.

POWDER STORES.

Mr. Reed, manager at Lintz Green Colliery, appeared before the bench, and asked for a renewal of a license to store powder at Lintz Colliery. The license which had just expired authorised them to keep 200lbs. in store, but as this was a small quantity he wished to be allowed to keep 1,000lbs. in stock.—The Chairman said Mr. Reed would have to give the usual notice required by the Act if he wished to keep a larger quantity of powder in store than he had previously kept.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, July 4.—Before M. KEARNEY, Esq. (chairman), and J. CLAVERING, Esq.

INEBRIATES.

Matthew Watson, Stanley, miner, was summoned by P.C Kendrew for having been drunk at Stanley on Saturday night. As defendant did not appear he was fined 10s. and costs.——Daniel Hogarth, miner, Stanley, pleaded guilty to being drunk on the same occasion, and was fined 5s. and costs.——John Sayers, miner, Morrison Colliery, was charged with having been drunk near The Morrison Colliery. P.C. Nicholson said on the night of the 24th ult., he found defendant lying by the side of the road in a helpless state of intoxication. Defendant not appearing, was fined 10s. and costs.——John Kelly, labourer, Dipton, charged by P.C. Nicholson with a similar offence at Annfield Plain, was also fined 10s. and costs.——Thos. Hedley was fined 5s. and costs for having been drunk at Langley Park on Friday night last. P.C. Foster proved the case, and said defendant was fined for a similar offence at the previous court.——Henry Proud, of Stanley, sawyer, charged with a similar offence, was fined 5s. and costs.——Michael Martin, labourer, Greencroft Cottages, who did not appear, was charged by P.C. Robinson with having been drunk at Annfield Plain. Fined 5s. and costs.——Peter Connor, labourer, Catchgate, charged by the same officer with a similar offence at the same place, was also fined 5s. and costs.——Robert Whitfield, miner, of Stanley, was summoned by P.C. Kendrew for having been drunk at Stanley, on the 22nd of last month. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s. and costs.——Michael Flynn, of Pelton Fell, miner, was summoned by Sergt. Frazer for being drunk at Stanley. The officer said defendant struck a woman and blackened her eye. Defendant did not appear. He was fined 10s. and costs.——Robert Mason, miner, Edmondsley, charged by P.C. Rogerson with having been drunk at Craghead, was fined 10s. and costs.——Michael Brannon, miner, Cornsay Colliery, charged by Sergt. Nattress with a similar offence, was fined 5s. and costs.——Thos. Elliott, of South Moor, was fined 5s. and costs for having been drunk on the 21st ult. P.C. Curren proved the offence.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

William Jackson and William Clark, of Stanley, miners, were summoned for damaging a grass field belonging to Mr. John Clarkson, near Stanley. Sergt. Frazer said defendants were in search of birds' nests.—They were ordered to pay the damage and costs.——William Severs and Adam Storey, of Shield Row Colliery, miners, were summoned by Sergt. Frazer for trespassing in a field in the same neighbourhood. They were fined 1s. each and the damage and costs.——Parker Hunter, of the Moor Pit, miner, was charged with trespassing in a pasture field belonging to Mr. John Charlton, at Stanley. Defendant said he had gone over the field since he was a boy. He had passed through it when Mr. Charlton was in the field.—Defendant was fined 1s. and costs and the damage.——John Parker, John Walton, and Robert Anderson, Pit Hill, miners, were charged by Sergt. Frazer with damaging trees belonging to John Eden, Esq., at Pit Hill. Find 1s. each and the damage and costs.——Robert Scrafton, John Brown, Charles Scott, John McDonald, and Lawrence McCann, of Tanfield Lea, miners, were summoned for damaging a certain building belonging to Messrs. Dickinson and and Co., at West Shield Row Colliery. Mr. Eltringham, the overman at the colliery, said defendants were throwing stones on to the roof of the engine-house.—They were fined 9s. each, including damage and costs.——Edward McGarry, John McGowan, Thomas Down, and William Brown, of Annfield Plain, were summoned for damaging a reservoir belonging to Messrs. Dickinson and Co., at Pontop Colliery. P.C. Nicholson said on the 28th ult. he found defendants bathing in the reservoir. The embankment of the reservoir had been damaged and a wire fence that encircled it had been trampled down.—Mr. Sopwith, viewer for Messrs. Dickinson, said the bathers disturbed the clay at the bottom of the reservoir, which entered the pipes connected with the boilers and injured them.—Defendants were fined 6d. each and the damage and costs.——James Graham, John Brady, Adam Ironside, and William McDonald, miners, Annfield Plain, were summoned for trespassing in a grass field belonging to Mr. George Ritson, on the 30th ult. Graham and Brady were fined 2s. 6d. each and costs, and the others 1s. each and the expenses.——John Mitchell, of Cornsay Colliery, miner, was summoned by Henry Conway for damaging grass belonging to Messrs. Ferens and Love, at the above place, on the 26th ult. He was fined 2s. 6d. and the damage and costs.——Burnett Corrigan, Thomas Calligan, Robert Combe, and John Glendenning, pit boys, Tow Law, were summoned for trespassing in a grass field belonging to John Hodgson, on the 25th June.—They were fined 1s. each and the damage and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Andrew Tinley, of Stanley, miner, was summoned by P.C. Robinson for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Mr. John Charlton, on the 22nd ult. As defendant failed to appear, he was fined 10s. and costs.——Joseph Dawson, of Burnhope, miner, charged by P.C. Rogerson with refusing to quit Mr. Reuben Oxley's public-house on the same date, was fined 5s. and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Joseph Smith and James Laverick, of Graghead, miners, were summoned for playing at pitch and toss, on the 23rd ult. Sergt. Frazer proved the case.—Smith was fined 10s. and Laverick 5s. and costs.—Peter Quinn and Joseph Foster, of Annfield Plain, charged by P.C. Nicholson with a similar offence on the 22nd ult., were fined 5s. each and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Aaron Garthwaite, Heigh House, farmer, was summoned by P.C. Best for allowing six cows to stray on the highway, on the 25th ult. The defence was that the cows were on their way to the field at the time officer saw them. Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 3s. and costs.——Wm. Todd, cowkeeper, of Crookhill, was charged by P.C. Nicholson for allowing three cows to stray on the highway.—Defendant said one of his cattle was bad, and the others were sent sent out while it was being operated on. A fine of 3s. and costs was imposed.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

Mr. W. W. Thompson was summoned by Mr. Ground, surveyor to the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority, for disobeying an order of the justices. Mr. Dickinson appeared for the defence. Mr. Ground said on the 23rd May Mr. Thompson was ordered to connect his drain with the main sewer. Instead of doing so, however, he carried the drain to the end of his south wall and there left it.—The Chairman: Whose property separates Mr. Thompson's drain and the main sewer?—Mr. Ground: Mr. Thomas Wall's.—Mr. Clavering: How tan he continue the drain if he has to take it through Mr. Wall's property?—Mr. Ground: Mr. Wall will permit him to do so.—Mr. Thompson: He won't.—The Chairman: How far is it from the point to which he has carried it to the main drain?—Mr. Ground: Thirty yards. There are three drains to which he might have joined it, or he might bring the drain through his own house.—The Chairman (looking at a plan): Mr. Thompson seems to have carried a drain to where there is a junction.—Mr. Ground: That is an old drain which goes through the garden into the burn.—The Chairman: Has he put his drain into the old drain?—Mr. Ground: Yes, up to the south wall.—The Chairman: You think that is not satisfactory?—Mr. Ground: No.—Mr. Dickinson: This old drain has run through the garden into the Smallhope from time immemorial.—Mr. Ground:—I know it was an old watercourse which was afterwards made into a stone-covered drain.—Mr. Dickinson: Do you know that Mr. Wall has refused to allow Mr. Thompson to connect with his drain?—The Chairman: Mr. Ground has just told us that Mr. Wall is willing to do so.—Mr. Dickinson: But Mr. Thompson denies that. Did you (speaking to Mr. Ground) give Mr. Wall authority to carry the sewer underneath his own house?—Mr. Ground: No, it was a matter I had nothing to do with. Had it been a new house, he could not have done so, but as it was an old house I had no power to interfere.—Mr. Dickinson: How far is it to Mr. Wall's house?—Mr. Ground: Three yards.—The Chairman: Is there any mode of getting to the main sewer without going through the opening?—Mr. Ground: He can carry it through his house.—Mr. Dickinson was proceeding to address the bench, when the Chairman said if the law required Mr. Thompson to connect with the main drain there could be no defence to the case.—Mr. Dickinson said Mr. Thompson had put his sewage into the old watercourse.—The Chairman: But Mr. Ground says that is insufficient.—Mr. Dickinson: Mr. Thompson claims a right to put his drain through the wall into Mr. Wall's drain.—Mr. Clavering: If that be so, then Mr. Thompson ought to bring an action against him.—The Chairman: He might spend more that way than it would cost to join with the main drain.—Mr. Thompson, the defendant, was then called, and said Mr. Wall had refused to allow him to connect with his drain.—The Chairman said he was informed by Mr. Geo. Taylor Smith, a member of the Sanitary Committee, that the drain to which Mr. Thompson referred went under Mr. Wall's house.—Mr. Thompson: It does not. The new drain does.—The Chairman: That is the drain to which you want to convey your drain.—A discussion here ensued between Mr. Ground and Mr. Thompson, during which the Chairman suggested that Mr. Wall should be sent for.—Mr. Wall having arrived, he was asked if he was willing that Mr. Thompson should connect with his (Mr. Wall's) drain.—Mr. Wall replied that the drain he had put in was for his own use, and he would not allow Mr. Thompson the use of it. He did not, however, object to allow him to carry his drain through his yard.—Mr. Dickinson said Mr. Thompson did not wish to resist the wishes of the Sanitary Authority. If the bench adjourned the case for fourteen days, Mr. Thompson would take care to carry out the work to the Surveyor's satisfaction.—The Chairman said they would adjourn the case on this condition.

APPLICATION FOR BEER LICENSE.

Mr. Welford, on behalf of Mrs. Mary Wilson, applied for a license to retail beer off the premises. The applicant, he said, lived at Consett, and made a similar application last licensing day, but in consequence of not having certain evidence in court it was refused.—The Chairman: Do you apply for a transfer?—Mr. Welford: No; I apply for a new certificate to sell beer off the premises. Last time, when the application was made, the bench refused to accept written testimonials of character as evidence, and this was the reason the application was refused. To-day, I have two gentlemen here who will speak to Mrs. Wilson's character.—Mrs. Wilson, the applicant, was then called. She said, in answer to the Chairman, that the license was for a new house in Middle Street. She did not intend to put anybody into the old house. Both houses belonged to her.—Mr. Welford said he applied for a new license altogether. As soon as the license of the old house expired it would lapse. The Chairman: Is the new house near to any existing house?—Mr. Welford: It is next to Mr. Richard Murray's.—The Chairman: Is there any necessity for another one?—Mr. Welford: I submit that if we comply with the Act we are entitled to the license.—The Chairman: It is not compulsory on us to grant it.—Mr. Welford: If we give the usual notices, and comply with the Act, the Bench cannot withhold it.—The Chairman: The Act says the magistrates "may" grant it.—Mr. Welford (reading from the Act) said the justices could not withhold the license unless it was proved that the applicant kept a disorderly house or was a disreputable person.—The Chairman: That does not say we are compelled to grant the license.—Mr. Welford: These are the only objections you can raise to the application.—The Chairman: If the justices think the place unnecessary they need not grant the license.—Mr. Welford submitted that in the present instance the magistrates could not refuse the license. Mrs. Wilson already had a wholesale license to sell beer for the new house, and she wanted a retail license for the same premises.—The Chairman said the bench were willing to hear the witnesses as to Mrs. Wilson's character.—Mrs. Wilson and her son-in-law, Mr. Atkinson, having proved that the usual notice had been inserted in the *Guardian* and posted in the usual places, Mr. Routledge, chemist, and Mr. Hudson, farmer, were called, and gave the applicant an excellent character.—The Chairman said the license was granted.

THREATENING TO STAB A TRADESMAN AT SOUTH MOOR.

William Cooper, miner, was charged with threatening to stab Richard Wood, grocer, South Moor, with a knife. He was further charged with an assault on Mr. Wood, and also with using threatening language to Mrs. Wood. Mr. Welford prosecuted. Complainant said on the evening of the 22nd June he was closing his shop when the defendant came up to him, and after saying he "was the ——— he wanted to be at," endeavoured to strike him with a knife he held in his hand. Complainant, however, being much the bigger man, closed with him and prevented him using the knife.—The Chairman said there must have been some reason for defendant behaving in this way.—Mr. Welford said Mr. Wood had had occasion to summon defendant to the County Court for debt.—Mrs. Wood was called, and spoke to seeing Cooper endeavouring to strike her husband with the knife. He also threatened to "do" for her.—Thomas Hodgson, of Stanley Burn, was also called and said he saw defendant draw a knife out of his pocket and attempt to strike Mr. Wood with it.—Defendant did not deny having the knife in his hand, but said he had no intention of striking Mr. Wood with it. At the time, he said, he was cutting a piece of tobacco with it. He also alleged that the present proceedings had been brought against him because he refused to deal at Mr. Wood's shop.—He was about to call his son to prove that he never attempted to strike with the knife, when the deputy-clerk (Mr. Smith) said in a case of that description he could only give evidence as to malice on the complainant's part.—Both Wood and his wife declared that the summonses had not been taken out through malice, and they also averred that they were afraid defendant would do them bodily injury.—The Chairman said defendant would be bound over to keep the peace for six months, himself in £20 and two sureties in £10 each. For the assault on Mr. Wood he would be fined 20s. and costs.

THREATENING TO SPLIT A FARMER'S HEAD AT LANGLEY PARK.

John Crabb, miner, was charged with using threatening language towards William Wearmouth, farmer, Langley Park. Defendant's poultry seem to have gone into complainant's field. He seized one of the birds and threw it over the fence, and defendant observing the act, threatened to "split his head," but fortunately for both the parties did not carry his threat into execution.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

William Anderson, of Stanley, miner, was summoned by Sergeant Frazer for committing a breach of the peace by fighting on the 28th June.—Bound over to keep the peace and ordered to pay costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

Nicholas Davison, of Low Fell, was summoned for trespassing in pursuit of game on land belonging Mr. William Hodgson, on the 21st inst. The offence was proved, and defendant was fined 20s. and costs.

A SQUABBLE AT QUEBEC.

Robert Bertram was charged with assaulting Anthony Winn and Michael Hind, and in conjunction with William Bertram, was also summoned for assaulting Michael Barrett, at Quebec, on the 29th June. Dr. Carr defended the Bertrams. The assaults were proved. For the assault on Winn and Hind, Robert Bertram was fined 10s. and costs in each case. He was also fined 10s. and costs for the assault on Barrett, William Bertram being fined 5s. and costs for a similar offence.—Mary Ann Brannen, for assaulting Catherine Burns, at the same place, on the same date, was fined 10s. and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Robert Thompson, hawker, Annfield Plain, was summoned by Sergt. Frazer for allowing a horse and mule to stray on the highway on the 19th ult. Fined 5s. for each animal and costs.

USING A CART WITHOUT A NAME.

Michael Matthews, of Consett, was charged by P.C. Nicholson with hawking without a name on his cart. A fine of five shillings and costs was imposed.

A dozen persons were fined for keeping dogs without licenses. Several persons were proceeded against for not sending their children to school.

THE OUTRAGE NEAR HAMSTERLEY HALL.

On Tuesday, at Durham Sessions, before John L. Wharton, Esq. (chairman), and other magistrates, John Mason, miner, was indicted for unlawfully assaulting Fanny Feirabeend, with intent to carnally know, near Hamsterley Hall, on the 13th April last. Mr. T. C. Granger, instructed by Mr. A. W. Granger, prosecuted; prisoner was undefended. The evidence of the prosecutrix was given in German, which was interpreted to the court.

Fanny Feirabeend, the prosecutrix, said she was lady's maid to Miss Surtees at Hamsterley Hall. On the 13th of April she went to Newcastle, and returned by the last train, which reached Lintz Green about eight o'clock. After she had left the Station the prisoner came up to her and spoke. He asked her to go up the road leading to Dipton, at the same time taking hold of her arm, but she refused, and said she would cry out if he did not let her go. Prisoner replied that no one could hear her if she did cry out, and threw her down. At this time a man on horseback came up and the prisoner ran off, and she proceeded on her way to Hamsterley. On reaching the Park she saw the prisoner was close behind her. Immediately after, he took hold of her by the hair of the head and endeavoured to throw her down, which he ultimately succeeded in doing. She screamed out as loud as she could, when the prisoner put his hand over her mouth and prevented her. Prisoner also said he would kill her if she continued to cry out. The prisoner raised her clothes and attempted an indecent offence. He continued the assault until Mr. Stacey, employed at the Hall, and his wife came up, when he ran off. Her face was scratched and her lip was bitten. She struck at the prisoner several times with her parasol, which the prisoner seized and broke.

William Stacey, coachman at Hamsterley Hall, said he went to the railway station to meet the lady's maid. When he got to the garden gate of the Park he heard a shout of distress, and on looking he saw the prisoner in an indecent attitude towards Miss Feirabeend. The prisoner crossed the road, leaped over the railings, and ran into the wood. Witness followed him, when prisoner jumped over a cliff twenty-three feet deep. Witness afterwards returned to the Hall to get a horse and he then saw Miss Feirabeend who was in a very weak condition.

Sarah Stacey, wife of the last witness, gave corroborative evidence.

Sergt. Cully, Dipton, said he apprehended the prisoner and charged him. Prisoner told him where his hat was, and witness went and found it.

Dr. Bolton, surgeon, Ebchester, said he examined the prosecutrix on the 14th April, and found her in a very nervous state. She was scratched upon the face and in several places. She complained very much of a pain in her back, and her left thigh was very much bruised.

The prisoner, who had blubbered in a most cowardly fashion during the hearing of the case, said he was a miner employed at South Medomsley Colliery. Five or six months ago the pit was laid in owing to a reduction in wages. He got the name of being a blackleg, and got badly used by the men. He went to Newcastle on the 13th April, where he had a glass of spirit and got drunk. In coming home he fell in with Miss Feirabeend, and he hoped they would take as merciful a view of the case as possible.

The prisoner was found guilty.

The CHAIRMAN, in passing sentence, said it was perfectly monstrous that people in the position of Miss Feirabeend should not be allowed to walk quietly about the country without being assaulted by brutes like the prisoner. He (the prisoner) said he was drunk. That was no excuse but made the case worse. The one offence had led to the other and evil followed. The sentence of the Court was that he be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for two years.

THE CHARGE OF WOUNDING A MOTHER-IN-LAW.—James Williamson, cinderdrawer, was indicted at the Durham Quarter Sessions, on Tuesday, for unlawfully wounding Mary Ann Starford, on the 20th of April. Mr. Luck, instructed by Mr. Dickinson, prosecuted, and Mr. Corry, instructed by Mr. Granger, defended. The evidence was given at length in the *Guardian* last week. The defence was that Mrs Starford had aggravated prisoner by throwing a tea cup and brass candlestick at him.—Prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

DEATH OF J. LISHMAN, ESQ.—We regret to announce this week the death, at the comparatively early age of 49, of John Lishman, Esq., colliery owner and mining engineer, which occurred at his residence, Claypath, Durham, at half-past five on Friday morning last. The deceased, who came to Durham from Haswell about ten years ago, had been in an ailing condition, and under medical attendance for a long time past. Latterly he appeared partially to have rallied, but the improvement was of a fleeting and transient nature. His disposition was quiet and unobtrusive, and he gained many warm and appreciative friends, who deplore very keenly his early removal from their midst. The occasion of Mr. Lishman's coming to reside in Durham was the undertaking of the sinking of a new colliery near Sidegate, in which enterprise he had the assistance of a brother and a cousin. The concern was carried on under the title of John Lishman and Partners. The name of the colliery was at the onset known as the Cat House Pit, but afterwards became familiar to residents in Durham as the Durham Main Colliery. From the beginning the project was beset with difficulties which were only being successfully overcome at the time of Mr. Lishman's decease. As a colliery engineer deceased was well known throughout the county of Durham, and not a few who read these lines but will express sorrow that one whose nature was so affable and kind has been so prematurely taken away. Mr. Lishman was elected the first chairman of the Framwellgate Moor School Board. The duties of the office he discharged with rare tact and judgment, and these traits of character, coupled with his uniform courtesy of demeanour, won for him not only the respect but the warm regard of the members. At the expiration of his three years' term of office, Mr. Lishman declined to seek re-election, and his colleagues parted with him with extreme regret. By a singular coincidence, the very day on which Mr. Lishman was elected to the presidentship of the above Board—viz., on the 27th May, 1874—he lost his partner in life—a severe blow from which, we believe, he never wholly recovered. Those who knew the deceased intimately, speak of him and his worth in the highest possible and feeling terms; and it will doubtless be some source of consolation to his bereaved family—five sons and one daughter—to know that the parent whose loss they now mourn was not only respected but beloved by all persons with whom he came into contact. The cause of death was heart disease, engendered by an accident of which he was the subject, near Hetton, about ten years ago. The remains of Mr. Lishman were interred in St. Cuthbert's Cemetery, North Road, Durham, on Monday morning, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. E. Flecker, curate. The mourners were Masters R. R. Lishman, J. H. Lishman, W. Hugh Lishman, Ralph Norman Lishman, and Tom Alfred Lishman; Mrs. Thos. Lishman, sen., and Mr. T. Lishman, jun., Eppleton Hall; Mr. Wm. Lishman, Witton-le-Wear, and Mr. R. Richardson, Field House.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the members of the above Board was held in the Local Board Room, on Wednesday afternoon. There were present—Mr. Jenkins (chairman), Mr. Calvert, Mr. Routledge, Mr. Davison, Mr. Hudson, Mr. McDonald, Rev. F. Steggall, and Mr. Dunne.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company was read, offering to supply gas to the public lamps for the ensuing season, the price to be 50s. per lamp for 1,600 hours.

The Clerk, in answer to the Board, said last year's price was 53s. for a similar number of hours.

Mr. CALVERT asked if the price was ever below 50s. per lamp.

Mr. ROUTLEDGE believed that one year the charge was £2 6s.

The CHAIRMAN said there was a letter from Mr. Snaith, of Middlesbro', in which the writer said that the patent gas oil lamps, for which he was agent, were cheaper than coal gas, and asking for an opportunity of competing with the Gas Company.

The Clerk said the gas oil lamps required a great deal of attention. But for this fact, the cost of it would certainly be less than coal gas.

Mr. CALVERT said coals were cheap, and the Board ought to have the gas as low now as it was shortly after the Local Government Act was adopted.

The matter was referred to the Lighting Committee, to ascertain what price the Board paid for gas about ten years ago.

THE FOOTPATH AT BARR HOUSE FARM.

The following letter was read:—

GENTLEMEN,—I would beg to draw the attention of your Board to the footpath running through part of the Barr House Farm, and which, as you will know, is an awarded footpath, four feet wide, belonging to the public. I would, therefore, ask your Board to have proper stiles put up at the fences and turnpike sides, and ashes or other material that your Board may think proper put on to the footpath, to prevent trespass in wet weather, the same having been done to part of the footpath at the Carr House and by your Board. I would also beg to draw your earnest attention, as protectors of the public (morally as well as sanitarily), to the disgraceful scenes that are enacted on and near the above footpath Sunday after Sunday, as well as week days, and more especially where the footpath runs through the quarry near to Barr House. Here gangs of from thirty to forty fellows collect together for the purpose of gambling, or "schooling," as they term it. The language and actions used by them being anything but edifying to the unfortunate pedestrains who have in many cases to push their way through the midst of them, and be insulted, or otherwise leave the footpath altogether, in wet or dry weather, in the same manner as has to be frequently done at the street corners of this town. In the last matter I don't suggest anything, but leave it in your hands, knowing the great interest you take in matters concerning the public in your district, whether public health, education, or protection. Hoping I have not trespassed on your valuable time, and that the above matters will have your early and earnest attention,—I am, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

WM. SHELL, Builder.

Consett, July 1st, 1878.

Rev. F. STEGGALL said, with respect to the "schooling," that was a matter that the police could put down.

The Clerk said if the gamblers were on the footpath the police could summon them, but if they were on private ground the authority of the owner to prosecute was required.

Mr. CALVERT remarked that Mr. Shell ought to communicate with Supt. Oliver, and give him authority to prosecute men who were found gambling in the neighbourhood of the quarry.

The Clerk, in answer to the Board, said the footpath from Carr House quarry to Barr House was about 700 yards long.

The CHAIRMAN asked if the footpath was likely to be much used by the public.

Mr. CALVERT said it was chiefly used on Sundays

Mr. HUDSON observed that the foothpath was a near route between Crookhall and Blackhill.

Mr. DAVISON said the footpath was, no doubt, a convenience to the people who wished a short cut between the places named.

On the motion of Mr. ROUTLEDGE, seconded by Mr. DAVISON, the question of repairing the path and putting up stiles was referred to the Highway Committee.

Mr. DAVISON said it would be well if the police officers looked after the street-end loungers.

Rev. F. STEGGALL said the policemen at Blackhill very often had men up for obstructing the roads and footpaths, and he didn't know why this kind of thing was winced at in Consett.

The CHAIRMAN said the police at Blackhill were very vigilant in this respect.

The Clerk said there was usually a crowd of men standing at the ends of the streets, who made insulting remarks to people as they passed.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. CALVERT, and seconded by Mr. DAVISON, to call Supt. Oliver's attention to the nuisance.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Siddell's tender for painting the Board-room buildings was accepted. The Surveyor's report was read, and the Inspector's report, which gave a satisfactory account of the sanitary condition of the district, was also read, after which the members separated.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was a small supyly of both country and coasting wheat, and little from abroad. The fine warm weather of last week has been of short duration, and the temperature of yesterday and to-day has been very cold, with north-east wind. This has arrested the downward movement, and the business done to-day in both English and foreign was at about the rates of this day week. Barley, beans, and peas unchanged. Malt very dull. Oats 6d and maize 1s lower. Flour, on the week, has declined 6d to 1s per sack.

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At our market this morning we had a thin supply of grain. Of wheat only one sample on offer. Little variation in prices, oats selling at from 20s to 21s.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 185 beasts and 570 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, that of cattle was above an average, while sheep and lambs were middling. The supply of beef comprised 1,768 head. The number of sheep and lambs was 6,040. Pigs: 542 were shown. Beasts, prime heifers, per stone, 10s 3d to 10s 6d; secondary sorts, 8s 0d to 8s 6d; good oxen, 10s 0d to 10s 3d; middling, 7s 3d to 8s 3d; cows and inferior, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; pork, large, 4s 6d to 5s 9d; do. small, 7s 0d to 8s 0d; sheep, good vendable wedders, per lb., 9½d to 10d; middling, 8d to 9d; ewes and inferior, 7d to 7½d.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, 67s to 110s; new land hay, 80s to 120s; wheat straw, 2s 4d to 2s 9d; barley straw, 2s 0d to 2s 3d; oat straw, 2s 0d to 2s 4d per thrave.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Oats, 6s 6d to 8s 6d; barley, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; Indian corn, 7s 3d; beans, 10s to 11s 0d; peas, 9s 6d to 10s 6d per boll. Beef, 8d to 11d; mutton, 8½d to 11d; veal, 9½d to 10½d; bacon, 4d to 6½d; hams, 5d to 7d; cheese, 7d to 8d per lb. Chickens, 1s 9d to 3s 0d; ducks, 3s 0d to 3s 3d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d each; butter, 1s 3d to 1s 6d per lb.; eggs, 12 to 13 for 1s; pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 6d per couple. Apples, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; onions, 1s to 2s 0d per stone. Grapes, 1s per lb.

DURHAM POTATO, Saturday.—New potatoes, round, 1½d to 3d per lb; old do., 9d to 1s per stone.

DEPARTURE OF THE NORTH DURHAM MILITIA FOR CAMP.—On Tuesday at noon the whole of this regiment marched from the barracks at Gilesgate, Durham, to the railway station, from whence they were conveyed by train to the camp, near Redcar. The regiment numbers about 600 rank and file, and is under the command of Lieut-Col. Allison.

AMERICA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW YORK, June 18.

As I predicted, the discussion over the Presidential title has ended in proving Mr. Hayes duly elected. Last night, the following resolution was almost unanimously passed, 215 votes in the affirmative against twenty-one in the negative:—

"Whereas, at the joint meeting of the two Houses of the fourty-fourth Congress, convened pursuant to law and the constitution, for the purpose of ascertaining and counting the votes for the President and Vice-President, for the term commencing March 4th, 1877, on counting the votes Rutherford B. Hayes was duly elected President and William A. Wheeler was elected Vice-President for such terms. Therefore—

"Resolved that no subsequent Congress, and neither House, has jurisdiction to revise the action of such joint meeting, and any attempt, by either House, to annul or disregard such action or title to office arising therefrom would be revolutionary, and is disapproved by this House."

A person styling himself Donovon O'Rossa, an Irishman of low origin, has organised a scheme, to come into operation in case there be an Anglo-Russian war, for the destruction of the British mercantile marine by means of torpedoes and dynamite. He publicly opened a subscription list a month ago for this purpose, and already the amount he controls exceeds fifty thousand dollars or £10,000. This cold-blooded ruffian makes no disguise of his object; for in answer to a reporter he said, "Yes, I intend using dynamite." As this serious matter has been going on now for the past two months, it is my duty to refer to the same, and I do so mindful of the many harmless and useful lives sacrificed at the Clerkenwell explosion. This Rossa has been denounced from the pulpit of the Catholic Church, but the poor uneducated Irish, whose traditional love for their mother country overcomes all religious feelings on the matter, and so the subscriptions pour in. A pound charge of dynamite exploded beneath the hull of any of the Atlantic steamers would not only blow the vessel almost to atoms, but send the "Britishers" on board into eternity. These whiskey-brained Fenians have no conception of the force and power of the material they are going to make their friend. They attempted some experiments with small charges on the waste lands of Long Island last week, and were successful in blowing one of the "patriot's" arms off. They will go on until checked, and who knows, on the opening of hostilities, a dozen of these fellows won't sail to Glasgow and Liverpool and begin the murderous work, and perchance carry it on as successfully as that of the Mollie Maguire fraternity in the coal regions of Pennsylvania. These assassins murdered on an average two human beings every week for the period of six months. Having Irish blood in my veins, I am ashamed to acknowledge that more than nine-tenths of these bloodthirsty ruffians are low Irish men and women, the latter are even more fiendish than the former. The authorities are stringing these Mollie Maguires up by wholesale; four together on the same gallows being hung last week. His Excellency, Governor Hartrauft, of Pennsylvania, is a just and equitable man, and he wont pardon a murderer under any consideration. Need I add that in this country there are some of the most accomplished lawyers, politicians, doctors, merchants, and others Irishmen, and of Irish descent. This being a Liberal country, the difference of class is not openly acknowledged, but perfectly well understood.

There has been an unusual pandemonium in Congress. Of course the papers have exaggerated the scene very much, but from all accounts it appears the two hundred and odd, very odd, members of Congress took it in their heads to have a little fun. Referring to the occurrence an evening paper in this city says—"The British House of Commons, composed for the most part of elderly men, financially considered the most substantial men in the Kingdom, has its regular scenes and disorders and now and again has 'cat called' and whistled down an unpopular member, and when they follow the speaker of the House of Lords on the occasion of the Queen's speech, they are like a party of college 'sophs' on a hazing excursion." News reached us here from Canada the other day, that the Dominion House of Commons also had a scene. The speaker refused to adjourn until some decision was arrived at in a railway matter. The House sat all night, and much of the time was spent in "waltzing, singing, and whistling." I have seen the accounts in the Canadian journals and they confirm the telegram news. Is it a want of dignity, the press asks? One of the sights of New York is a visit to the Stock Exchange. The strangers' gallery looks down on a perfect pandemonium. Old men with white hair, and without screaming and hollowing like maniacs, the younger men simply frenzied with sheer excitement. The Jew and the Gentile battling with each other on fractional bids, in a manner which would prostrate the nervous system of any individual. There is nothing like it in any other exchange in the world, for here you have the Frenchman, the Italian, Greek, German, Spainard, English, and the true grit Yankee.

A. G. DUDLEY WARD.

AN EVENING BEVERAGE.—Epps's Cacaoine (Quint-essence of Cacao) is equally liquid and refreshing as tea, affording moreover a sterling support to the system. Unsweetened. Eac packet (6d.) is labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." 247k

The effect of "Budden's Insect Destroying Powder" on Beetles, Cockroaches, Crickets, Moths, Bugs, Fleas, and all kinds of Insects is simply marvellous. It acts like magic, and exterminates them in a very short time, if cleanly in use, and perfectly harmless to domestic animals. In Boxes, at 6d. and 1s. each. Agent for Consett—Mr. David Imrie, Front Street.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable Chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Manufactured by JOHN I. BROWN and SONS, Boston, United States. Depot, 493, Oxford Street, London.

FLORILINE!—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in part of honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s. 6d., of all Chemists and Perfumers. Prepared by HENRY C. GALLUP, 493, Oxford Street, London.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle. Manufactured in New York, and at 493, Oxford Street, London.

THE BERLIN CONGRESS.

The tenth sitting of the Cngress commenced at two o'clock on Monday, and terminated at a quarter past five. All the Plenipotentiaries were present.

BOSNIA AND THE HERZEGOVINA.

In consequence of the Porte's attitude of resistance in reference to the occupation of Bosnia and the Herzegovina by Austrian troops, the President of the Congress informed the Turkish Plenipotentiaries at Saturday's sitting, that such a policy on the part of Turkey was calculated to exhaust the patience of the Powers, and should the Porte not assume a conciliatory attitude, Austria, with the assent of the Powers represented at the Congress, would take the necessary steps for sending back the Bosnian refugees to their homes. Turkey, the President added, should not overlook that she owed to the Congress the preservation of a whole province. Similar representations were made by all the Plenipotentiaries to the Turkish delegates, who in consequence sent for fresh instructions from Constantinople, which had not yet arrived. Not only have the Turkish Plenipotentiaries received no instructions to yield on the question of Bosnia and the Herzegovina, but it is said that they have received orders to maintain their opposition. In Russian circles it is thought probable that no one in authority in Constantinople either wishes or has the power to take the responsibility of active opposition, and it is added that those occupying official positions at the Porte prefer to appear before the people as having had their hands forced by Europe.

DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PORTE.

The *Daily News* correspondent at Berlin telegraphs: The Congress again finds itself face to face with two difficulties, as in the early stages of the Bulgarian question. One is the Austrian occupation of Bosnia and the Herzegovina, which, although twice agreed to by all the European Plenipotentiaries, is still opposed by the Turks, who say they cannot act against their instructions. Great pressure is being exercised at Constantinople by the Powers, especially by Germany, and it is hoped that the Porte will send fresh instructions and yield, but this is by no means sure, "Non possumus" being now the Turkish motto. The most curious thing is that before the war the Porte offered Bosnia to Austria if she would join her. The other difficulty is the military commission respecting the Servian boundaries, which the Porte has already 'adhered to in the San Stefano Treaty. Thus defeated, Turkey shows more reluctance to do what she has bound herself to do than victorious Russia shows to make concessions to which she is no way pledged. The Military Boundary Commission again assembled befor the sitting of the Congress.

RUSSIA AND ROUMANIA.

The *Times* correspondent at Berlin telegraphed on Monday:—In to-day's sitting MM. Bratiano and Cogalniceano, the Roumanian representatives, stated their case. The facts are too well known to be repeated at length. They had concluded a special treaty with Russia permitting the armies of the Tzar to cross their territory, in return for which the Tzar promised to respect the integrity of the Principality. But now a most valuable province was to be taken from them, and another, which they did not want, was to be handed over in exchange. When the Roumanian representatives had read their memorial they left the hall. Lord Beaconsfield then, in a brief and pertinent speech, commented upon the action of Russia in exacting a strip of territory incorporated with Roumania for weighty reasons in 1856 and guaranteed by Russia's express promise in 1877. However, the question being one of secondary importance to England, the noble lord concluded, all he could do was to deplore the proceedings of the St. Petersburg Government and to protest against this infraction of existing international compacts. The Congress then determined to recognise the independence of Roumania on condition of religious liberty and an equality of civil rights being accorded to all inhabitants, and "the most favoured nation clause" extended to all States alike. The Russian Plenipotentiaries offered to increase the Dobrudscha territory to be ceded to the Roumanians, the additional district comprising the country between Silistria and Mannalia on the Black Sea. In Tuesday's sitting the portion of Roumanian Bessarabia to be handed over to Russia, and all that affects the navagation of the Danube and the pecuniary indemnity is to be settled by the Congress. Roumania will protest and acquiesce.

THE DESIRES OF GREECE.

In the last sitting of the Congress the Greek Plenipotentiaries at the end of their memorial contented themselves by expressing a general wish to annex the semi-Greek provinces of the Porte without preferring any special demands. The chances have not been improved since Saturday. Russia has much to say against the plan. By some members of the Congress it is proposed to offer to Greece the same rights of supervision and control over West Roumelia—that is, Thessaly, Macedonia, and Epirus—as Austria will be entrusted with in Bosnia, Herzegovina, and possibly Northern Albania. By thus extending the influence of neighbouring States over adjacent provinces which have long given trouble, the Congress might prevent the recurrence of recent events and remove the cause of future wars. If Russia, Austria, and Greece have each a share in the work of reorganisation and control allotted to them, the complaints of the unruly nationalities will be allayed, and the direct authority of the Sultan restricted to an area which he may hope to govern to the satisfaction of the people and to protect effectually against enemies. It cannot, however, be said that the Sultan acquieces in the scheme and that he may not attempt to foil it if he can. One difficulty consists in getting Russia to consent to the extension of Greek influence beyond a few districts close to the Greek frontier.—*Times.*

On Tuesday the Congress held its eleventh sitting, which commenced shortly after two, and closed at half-past four o'clock. All the Plenipotentiaries were present.

PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

It is believed in Diplomatic circles that the Congress will have completed the essential discussions of the principal questions by the end of this week, and that next week it will only have formally to sanction the labours of the Committee of Plenipotentiaries. As soon as this is effected, the committee will hold continuous sittings to settle the questions of detail.

CONCESSIONS TO SERVIA.

The Servian delegates declare themselves satisfied with the concessions made to them by the Congress. Antivari is to be declared a neutral port, but it is to be open to Austrian war vessels. Servia retains Nisch, but not Nogi Bazar, as Austria opposes the concession of the latter. The western frontier of Servia will be formed by the Eopuonic defile. The military commission has not yet pronounced its decision relative to Vranja and Pirot, nor has the northern frontier of Montenegro been settled, as discussion still continues on the subject of the tongue of land between Servia and Montenegro. The Montanegrins are dissatisfied with the extent of territory allotted to them, and complain of not obtaining compensation on the south. They obtain the stream of Bojana for purposes of commerce, but the banks of the river remain in the possession of the Turks.

THE PORTE AND THE CONGRESS.

The *Journal de St. Petersbourg* characterises as absurd the supposition that Turkey could oppose the execution of the decisions of the Congress. To imagine such a contingency, the journal adds, would be to believe that the Congress had only come together to express pious wishes. Before it separates it will either have positively ascertained that the Porte assents to its decisions, and will carry them out, or it will direct such measures to be taken as it considers necessary.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE PORTE.

The *Political Correspondence* publishes the following telegram from Berlin:—"Since Saturday the efforts of the Powers, and especially of Germany, have been centred in the endeavour to induce the Porte to acknowledge the decisions of the Congress in regard to the Austrian occupation. Mehemet Ali Pacha, is reported to have requested authority from Constantinople to quit Berlin, and has since held aloof from the salons of the Congress and the diplomatists. In Congress circles, however, no importance is attached to the recalcitrant attitude of the Porte, and it is expected that it will end in passiveness. The Powers adhere to England's proposal for entrusting to Austria the mission of restoring order in Bosnia and the Herzegovina, and their adhesion thereto is maintained in the form of a declaration which the Powers agreed to, not merely in the especial interest of Austria, but rather, as M. Waddington expressed it, as a 'mesure de police de l'Europe.'"

The *Daily News* correspondent telegraphs:—In consequence of the severe words the President addressed on Saturday to Mehemet Ali, the latter is said to have asked his Government for permission to leave Berlin. He has gone nowhere since. While the Ottoman Ambassador, Sadoullah Bey, gives a dinner, which Count Schouvaloff attends, Mehemet Ali is at Kroll's Garden.

Count Schouvaloff and Count Andrassy have come to an understanding upon the question of the frontiers of Montenegro.

A singular accident has occurred on the Thames Embankment. Fred Gamber, a lad about fourteen, was playing with others on the coping of the river wall, near to Blackfriars Bridge, when he missed his hold of one of the lamp columns and fell into the water, striking his head in his descent against the abutment, and fracturing his skull.

A few days since, as a number of youths were bathing in the Great Float, Birkenhead, one of their number, named William Acres, aged fifteen, was seized with crap and sank twice before he was perceived by his companions. As he sank a third time a boy, named Peter Carey, dived after him, brought him up, and he was taken ashore, but life was extinct.

The Nottingham county magistrates have granted an application on behalf of Messrs. Ault and Sons, of Eastwood, for permission to erect a manufactory of explosives, although an adverse memorial was presented from the inhabitants of adjoining villages, and it was proved by a police inspector that houses were in close proximity, and that a colliery shaft was within 200 hundred yards.

George Farrell, a ticket-of-leave man, who stated that he was a financial agent, has been charged, at the Clerkenwell Police Court with having been concerned with another man, not in custody, and George Hofper, in custody, in forging and uttering a cheque, purporting to be signed by the Earl of Bective, for £79. 10s. 2d.—Sufficient evidence was taken to justify a remand.

Dr. Samuel Birch, keeper of the Oriental antiquities in the British Museum, is preparing a translation of the inscription on the obelisk known as Cleopatra's needle, and now in process of erection on the Thames Embankment. This translation is intended to be written on parchment, packed carefully in a bottle, and deposited at the foot of the obelisk.

Three Middlesbrough men the other day went in a boat down the River Tees on a fishing excursion. Getting over Tees bar, they experienced heavy sea, and were unable to return. In consequence of their violent exertions the boat capsized, and they were thrown into the water. One of the men, David Churnley, was washed ashore alive, but his son and the third member of the party were drowned.

A fine of 50s. has been inflicted at the Divisional Police Session at Northampton, on a licensed victualler named Caroline Jane Grammage, for having sold gin 40.3 per cent. under proof. This was not denied, but it was asserted that a notice had been put up in the house stating that the spirits were under proof. It appeared, however, that this notice was placed in the bar, where it was not visible to the majority of the customers.

At the Mansion House Police Court James Pryor, formerly managing director of the Lombard Bank, who was acquitted by a jury on an indictment charging him with misappropriating the money of the bank, has been charged with stealing twelve silver spoons, the property of the bank, with whom they had been left as security for a loan. The prisoner said the spoons had been sold by public auction, and bought by him. The case has been adjourned, bail being accepted in one surety of £50.

Captain Slater, a retired full-pay officer, while sitting with his wife at the supper table, at Bedford, was suddenly seized with symptoms of insanity (of which there had previously been certain indications), and producing a loaded revolver from his pocket, he pointed it at the lady, who instantly left the room for aid. While she was out the report of fire-arms was heard, and on her return, she found her husband dead in the chair, the barrel of the revolver in his mouth, and his brains scattered about.

In a paper read before the Statistical Enquiry Society of Dublin it has been stated that the value of the annual wool-clip in Ireland is £1,500,000, and that the dairy-farming industry has a capital invested in it of £20,000,000. The writer, Mr. Connolly, who considers that Ireland is steadily improving, states that there are now 409 legitimate banking establishments in the country. Between the years 1862 and 1872 no fewer than 17,000 new buildings were erected in Belfast. The town valuation increased from £252,000 in 1866 to £503,500 in 1876. The population increased 40 per cent. in eight years.

The Board of Trinity College, Dublin, on written apologies from two students, Fisher and Cowen, suspended from their degrees, have removed the suspensions which had been imposed as penalties for the late riot in the College on the evening of the athletic sports.

At the Thames Police Court a well-dressed man named William Hewitt has been sentenced to six months' hard labour for sriking his daughter, a child eight years of age, two blows on the back of her head with his fist, and so injuring her that she was too ill to be brought to court.

George Williams pleaded guilty at the Thames Police Court to a charge of being concerned with another man not in custody in obtaining £1 14s. from Peter Hanson by means of the confidence trick.—Mr. De Rutzen sentenced him to hard labour for six months.

A man, thirty years of age, named John Haigh, has died at the Sheffield Infirmary. He was employed at the works of Messrs. Cammell, and had one of his legs fearfully crushed by a steam hammer. The leg was subsequently amputated, but he succumbed to his injuries.

A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane has been recorded on the body of John Jeffery, about sixty years of age, carrying on an extensive business as a corn dealer and farmer, in High Street, Lindfield, who hung himself from a bed-post with a bell-rope.

The Mayor of Cardiff has received a message stating that the Council of the Board of Trade had granted a license to the port authorising an import trade of cattle. This eventual success of the negotiations which have been proceeding in the matter is very satisfactory.

Under the Indian Vernacular Press Act it is stated that the proprietor of a Poona paper, the *Kirau*, has been summoned for publishing articles on the Indian expeditionary force hostile to the Indian Government. After a warning he was discharged without further punishment.

The Master of the Rolls has decided that he had no authority over some Krupp shells which had been sent here for transhipment to Japan to the order of the Mikado. Authority to impound them was sought by Mr. Vavasour, on the ground that their manufacture was an infringement of his patent.

It is proposed to erect in Central Park, a statue of Mr. Bryant, to be placed near that of Mazzini, the unveiling of which was the indirect cause of Mr. Bryant's death. Mayor Ely, of New York city, was asked to become treasurer of the necessary fund, and to receive subscriptions of five cents and upward.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE ISLE OF SKYE

A distressing accident has occurred at Portree, Isle of Skye. A chimney stack attached to one of the outhouses of the Royal Hotel fell and crashed through the roof of the kitchen, killing Mrs. Ross, the landlady, and a Mrs. Mackenzie, who was on a visit. Nearly an hour elapsed before the bodies were recovered, so great was the quantity of debris that fell.

THREE CATHOLIC PRIESTS DROWNED.

Three of the brothers attached to the Catholic religious order who are in charge of the Boys' Reformatory at Upton, near Cork, have been drowned whil bathing in the river near Innoshannon. The river was flooded owing to the recent heavy rains, and the brothers, who were unable to swim, were borne into deep water and drowned. A fourth had a very narrow escape of perishing.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION AT BOLTON.

A singular accident has occurred at the foundry of Messrs. Jackson Brothers, Church Wharf, Bolton. A number of men had just completed the casting of a bleacher's kier, eight feet in diameter. They were standing round the kier, waiting for the casting to set, preparatory to removing the brickwork, when, without the slightest warning, it suddenly exploded. Two of the men, named Lawrence Bergin and William Parker, were seriously burnt, while five others also sustained injuries which necessitated their removal home in cabs. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by the generation of foul air in the mould. The moulding shop was slightly damaged.

TWO BROTHERS KILLED IN THE STRAND.

On Monday morning an accident occurred in Surrey Street, Strand, which has unfortunately resulted in the death of two brothers, Lawrence Sullivan and James Sullivan. It appeared that the two deceased men were in the employment of Messrs. Vickers, newsvendors and publishers in the Strand, and a newly-purchased horse was put in their cart. A halter was round the neck of the animal, and when Lawrence Sullivan was about taking it off it suddenly started away and knocked Lawrence Sullivan down in Surrey Street, the wheels of the cart passing over his body, crushing him in a fearful manner. On his removal to King's College Hospital, Mr. Mills, the house surgeon, found he was dead. His brother, James Sullivan, remained in the cart and endeavoured to pull up the animal, but lost all control over it. Finding it was going over the steps of the Thames Embankment, he tried to get out of the back of the cart, and was pitched on his head. He was conveyed to Charing Cross Hospital, where he received every assistance that surgical skill could suggest, but expired shortly after his admission. The cart was completely smashed, coming in contact with the wall of the Underground Railway. The Two deceased were steady, well-conducted men, and had been in the employment of Messrs. Vickers for several years. About three years ago another brother of the above lost both his legs in a railway accident.

DESPERATE ATTACK ON A POLICE OFFICER.

On Monday, at the Barnsley Town Hall, George Rickards, a miner, and a native of Foleshill, near Coventry, was charged with a murderous assault on Police-constable Jackson, and also with being concerned in a wholesale garden robbery, at Havercroft, near Barnsley, on the 26th day of April. Two other men were apprehended at the time, but the prisoner left the district and went to Foleshill, and on the 31st of May last he and his brother were committed to Warwick Gaol for a month in default of paying a fine and costs. Prisoner finished his time on Saturday, and was apprehended by Detective-Sergeant Brown at Warwick Gaol, and taken to Barnsley.—Police-Constable Jackson said in consequence of frequent garden robberies he was watching a garden belonging to Joseph Peckett, at Newstead Havercroft, on the night of the 26th of April, when he saw the defendant and two other men cutting cauliflowers. He seized the prisoner, and was about to handcuff him, when he set his dog upon witness, and then, seizing him, they both fell to the ground. Whilst there the dog bit his legs in several places and tore his trousers. The prisoner also bit witness several times during a severe struggle. He also put his fingers in his mouth and tried to gag him, and left him there insensible. Mr. Blackburn gave evidence as to the severe injuries the prosecutor had sustained. He had over a dozen distinct teeth-marks on his legs and hands, and had been severely handled.—The prisoner, who admitted being there, declared he never took or cut any of the fifty-one cauliflowers they left in the garden. He was committed for three months for each offence—six months in all.

THE SCOTCH MOORS.

A correspondent of the *Field*, writing from Strutherpick, says:—"In this district of the Highlands report says there is no disease, but, on the contrary, birds never looked healthier, and the moors are well stocked. The breeding season has been most favourable all along, with the exception of two days, May 20 and 21, when there was a fall of snow. The broods never gave a better appearance than this season, and, as a rule, there are nine to eleven young birds in each brood. The weather for the past week has been most favourable, being very warm and dry, and there is little reason to doubt that this will be the best grouse season that has been for some years. Reports from Strathglass say that on some moors the birds are not numerous, the stock of parent birds having been small, but they are quite free from disease. The veteran sportsman, Mr. Horatio Ross, says that one of his keepers has daily to cross Wyvis ground for six or seven miles in the course of his duties, and he has not seen one barren bird; and, having been thirty-nine years in Mr. Ross's service, his word is absolutely reliable. On the 14th inst. he sprang three coveys, most of the birds of which could fly a short distance, one bird flying more than a hundred yards. He predicts an excellent season on Wyvis, and thinks the birds are now quite safe. The present favourable weather will confirm this prediction, and put the birds fairly on the wing. On the Kincardineshire moors of Fetteresso, Urie, Rickarton, Netherley, &c., sport is more promising than for years back. Coveys, although not exceptionally large individually, are numerous and strong. Partridges appear to have had a most favourable hatching this season, and are likely to yield well. Pheasants are also doing well, and will be in full of former years. Deer are unusually forward, several of the stags having already got their third antler, which is rare in the middle of June, and are in good condition. Ground game is fully an average.

John Price, collier, whilst asleep under a boiler at Pargreen Pit, Hanley, was literally boiled to death. The boiler was "tapped" for the purpose of cleaning, and the body was found floating in the boiling water.

The Marquis of Hartington has accepted the office of President of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, a post held almost from its foundation to his death by the late Earl Russell.

An inquest has been held on the body of John Salisbury, a joiner, aged 55, who died from sunstroke. A verdict to that effect was returned.

Lord Cowper has been elected Chairman of the Hertfordshire Quarter Sessions, vice Lord Salisbury, resigned.

The Pope having heard that the clergy in the diocese of Posen intemperately oppose the Government, has sent through Cardinal Ledochowisk the strictest injunctions to abstain from meddling with political affairs.

The valuable living of Leven, near Beverley, in Yorkshire, one of the prizes of the Church, has become vacant by the death of the Rev. George Wray in his ninety-seventh year. The living, according to "Crockford," is worth £1,222 annually.

The priest De Mattia, who won 2,780,000 in the State Lottery, betrayed by a confederate, has escaped to Switzerland. The Procurator-General, of Naples has sequestrated 750,000 lire deposited by De Mattia in the bank.

SHOCKING OCCURRENCE.

On Monday the particulars of a shocking accident were forwarded to Mr. Bedford, the coroner. It would appear that during the early part of Sunday a valuable parrot escaped from a house in Dean's Yard, Westminster, and flew as far as St. John's burial ground, which is situated between Horseferry Road and Page Street, where it alighted on one of the trees. A reward was offered for the capture of the bird, and many ineffectual attempts were made to regain it. The parrot still remaining on the spot, a man named William Harding, a mason's labourer, of 52, Horseferry Road, about 11 o'clock on Monday night, procured a ladder, and, placing it against the tree on which the parrot was perched, ascended it. In order to get within the reach of the bird, he left the ladder and held by one of the branches, which broke with his weight, and he fell headforemost on the edge of a tombstone, with such violence that death was instantaneous. His body presented a most sickening appearance, the head being completely battered in. Deceased, who was about 40 years of age, leaves a widow and five children.

EDUCATION GRANTS.

A minute of the Committee of Council on Education, explanatory of Article 7 (b) of the Code of the present year, has been issued. The article in question states that no grant is made for or in respect of any school, which is not previously in receipt of an annual grant, if the Department think that the school is unnecessary. The Committee of Council have resolved that a school situated in a district which is not under a School Board shall not be deemed to be unnecessary if it has, for the previous twelve months, been recognised by the Department as a "certified efficient school" (Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 48), and has had, during that period, an average attendance (Article 26) of not less than thirty scholars. No grant will be made to any such school as aforesaid—(a) For the first twelve probationary months. (b) For any period before the appointment of a certificated teacher; or (c) If the population of the school district, or within two miles by the nearest road to the school, is less than 300 souls, for whom another school aided under Article 19 (d) of the Code is available.

A CANNIBAL.

At the Thames Police Court, John Hye, a seaman, has been charged with a shocking assault on Robert Massey, of Plaistow, by biting off half of his ear. Since the outrage, the constable in the case had found a portion of the ear, and created a sensation by producing it in court.—The prosecutor said that at half-past ten o'clock on Sunday night he entered the Aberfelde Tavern, East India Road, with a friend or two, and was partaking of a glass of ale, when the prisoner entered, and made an accusation against him. Upon denying it, the prisoner struck him in the mouth, and he stood in his own defence, and rushed at him. As he did so, the prisoner got hold of him while standing up, and bit half his ear off. One of the persons in the house came up at the time, and dragged him away. He was taken to the Poplar Hospital, where his injury was attended to.—The prisoner, in defence, said that while at sea the prosecutor had cohabited with his wife, the mother of six children, and had been the means of breaking up his home on two occasions, and caused them to separate for four months. On Sunday night he found her drinking in the Aberfelde with prosecutor, and on asking her what she meant by it, one of the men struck him, and the prosecutor also hit him in the mouth, and challenged him to fight.—Mr. De Rutzen committed the prisoner for trial.

The medical officer of health has reported to the Shepton Mallett Board of Health that several cases of typhoid fever had broken out at Drayford from the use of improper water obtained from wells.

Mr. Roebuck, writing to the Secretary of the Wine and Beer Trade Association, says he is not sure it would not be wise to place all persons selling liquors under the jurisdiction of the magistrates.

During a thunderstorm at Salisbury, a waterspout of great size was distinctly seen to burst in the direction of the plain some three or four miles from Salisbury. Some of the streets in the city were flooded.

THROAT IRRITATION.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. Only in boxes, labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." 247k

At Liverpool, Denis Foley *alias* Murphy, a corporal in the 2nd Royal Lancashire Militia, has been committed to the Sessions for trial, on a charge of wounding Sergeant-Major Byrne, of the same regiment.

A bedridden man and his wife, named Anderson, have been suffocated by fire in Edinburgh. It is supposed that deceased had been reading in bed, and that the bedclothes caught fire after they had fallen asleep.

Mr. Dyke, the Canadian Government agent at Liverpool, reports that 5,211 head of cattle, 40 horses, 3,318 sheep, and 838 pigs have been brought to Great Britain by the Canadian steamship lines during the six months ending June 30.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.—CONSUMPTION IS CURABLE—A certain method of cure has been discovered for this distressing complaint by a physician, who is desirous that all sufferers may benefit from this providential discovery. It is beyond all doubt the most remarkable remedy of the age. Thousands have been cured by it. Full particulars will be sent by post to any person free of charge.—Address, Mr. WILLIAMS, 10 Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park, London.

THE INVALID'S FRIEND.—TODD'S QUININE WINE.—Dr. Wheatley, writing from the Crescent, Carlisle, says:—"I have much pleasure in giving my testimony to the efficacy of Mr. Todd's Quinine Wine. I consider it a valuable and pleasant mode of taking quinine." This valuable and renowned preparation of genuine English quinine is the most pleasant and certain remedy known for indigestion and all derangements of the stomach. The genuine is manufactured only by Joe Todd, chemist, Carlisle, and bears his name on the government stamp.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it will positively restore, in every case, grey or white hair to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," prepared by HENRY C. GALLUP, 493, Oxford Street, London, and sold by chemists and perfumers everywhere, at 3s. 6d. per bottle.

WATSON'S TAPEWORM SPECIFIC.—From Mr. Arton, chemist, Hulme.—"The bottle of 'Specific' you sent me I gave to a customer of mine, who had been troubled with Tapeworm many years. Having tried almost everything she heard tell of, she came to me in despair last week. I am glad to say the following day she came to tell me that your 'Specific' had the desired effect. The tapeworm discharged was seven yards long! That I can testify, she having brought it to me." Circulars sent post free. Address—J. H. Watson, A.P.S., Shipley, Yorks., and all chemists. Price, 2s. 9d., or by Post, 3s.

THE LAW OF HUSBAND AND WIFE.—The new Act establishes in certain cases a divorce court in every district throught the kingdom. It provides that if a husband has been convicted of an aggravated assault upon his wife, the court or magistrate before whom he is convicted may, if satisfied that the future safety of the wife is in peril, order that the wife shall no longer be bound to live with her husband, and such order is to have all the force and effect of a decree of judical separation on the ground of cruelty. The magistrate has also power to order the husband to pay a weekly sum towards his wife's maintenance, which sum may be varied from time to time, according to the condition of the man's circumstances. In addition, the legal custody of any children of the marriage under ten years of age shall, at the discretion of the magistratd, be vested the wife.—*Brief.*

Public Notices.

FOR SALE, CAULIFLOWER PLANTS.—Apply to ROBERT STOKEL, Clough Dene. 207m

LOOK OUT for the JUVENILE TEMPLE DEMONSTRATION and GALA at Tanfield Lea, on the 27th inst. 195m

THE Consett and District United Friendly Societies' GALA and PROCESSION will be held on Saturday, July 6th, 1878. 949k

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB SPORTS, August 3rd, 1878. 136m

STANLEY VEGETABLE and POULTRY SHOW will be held on August 31st, 1878.—G. FORSTER, Secretary. 156m

LOOK OUT for the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Bowes' Benevolent Lodge, GRAND PROCESSION and TEA, on July 27th, 1878, Co-operative Hall, Burnopfield. 161m

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Game on Lintz Hall Estate and Priestfield Lodge is strictly Preserved. Any Person Trespassing or Killing Game on these Estates will be Prosecuted according to Law.

NOTICE.

THE BLACKSMITH'S ANVIL, CART ARMS, and NAFFS, left at Mr. W. RICHARDSON'S, Railway Inn, Blackhill, about Two Years ago, if not claimed in seven days will be sold. 192m

NOTICE.

ANY Person or Persons found TRESPASSING or KILLING GAME upon Derwent Grange Farm, near Castleside, will be Prosecuted according to Law.

By order,
372g WILLIAM R. DICKINSON.

DERWENT ANGLING ASSOCIATION.

A REWARD OF FIVE POUNDS will be paid to any Person who shall give information to lead to the Conviction of any Person Liming or Poisoning the waters deputed to the Association, or taking fish therein by any other illegal means. By order of the Committee.

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

ANY Person found Trespassing in pursuit of Game, gathering Mushrooms, Brambles, &c., on Middle Heads, Oliverford, Middles, Knitsley Grange, Allen Heads Lyerdeen, Rowley, Dean Houl, and Healeyfield Farms will be Prosecuted as the Law directs.

July, 1875. 7132

CHEAP TRIP TO CARLISLE.

A SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Benfieldside Station calling at Shotley Bridge and Ebchester Stations, for Carlisle, on Monday, July 22nd, 1878, at 7 a.m. Return Tickets, at 3s. 0d. each, may be obtained, from THOS. BROWN, 19, Front Street, Shotley Bridge; GEO. EGGLESTONE, Baxton Burn; EDWARD WARDHAUGH, Jun., Front Street, Shotley Bridge; E. ATKINSON, Snows Green.

Children under Twelve, Half-price.
178m THOS. BROWN, Secretary.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above Society will hold their TENTH ANNUAL SHOW of HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, DOGS, POULTRY, &c., at Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday, August 14th, 1878.

Prize Lists on application to
JOHN RICHARDS, } Secs.
GEORGE RIDLEY, }
Beamish, June 19th, 1878. 150m

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

BENFIELDSIDE DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Accounts of the Benfieldside Local Board will be Audited, on Wednesday, the 24th day of July, 1878, at the Office of the said Board, in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon.

A Copy of the Accounts, together with all Rate-books and other matters mentioned or referred to in the Accounts, will be deposited in the Office of the said Board, and be open during Office hours to the inspection of all Persons interested, for Seven Days before the Audit.—By order.

JOHN BOOTH,
172m Clerk to the Board.

LANCHESTER WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.

ON Sunday, July 7th, 1878, the REV. W. H. MILWARD will preach in the Wesleyan Chapel, Lanchester, in the Afternoon at Two, and in the Evening at Six o'clock.

On Monday, July 8th, the REV. R. FENWICK will preach in the same place of worship, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon.

After which, TEA will be provided in the Vestry. Tickets, One Shilling.

In the Evening, the REV. RALPH FENWICK will deliver his popular LECTURE on "Happy Homes, and how to make them."

Chair to be taken at Half-past Six by Mr. W. CHEESMAN, Circuit Steward.

Admission—Front Seats, One Shilling; Back Seats, Sixpence. Entrance to Front Seats by Vestry Door.

A Collection after each preaching Service in aid of the Chapel Fund. 165m

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that on Monday, the 15th day of July, at the Board-room of the Consett Local Board, at Four o'clock p.m., there will be an Audit of the Accounts of the Local Board for the District of Consett, under and according to the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, and that a Copy of the Accounts to be Audited, together with all Rate-books, Account Books, Deeds, Contracts, Accounts, Vouchers, and Receipts mentioned or referred to in such Accounts, will be deposited in the Office of the said Local Board, and be open during Office hours thereat to the inspection of all Persons interested, for Seven Days before the said Audit and Examination, and all such Persons shall be at liberty to take Copies of, or Extracts from the same, without Fee or reward.

Given this 28th day of June, 1878.
JOHN ELLIOTT,
160m Clerk to the Board.

NOTICE.

SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PARISH OF MUGGLESWICK "PRINCIPAL PART."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in reference to the above District, that:—

1. The above School Board have (subject to the approval of the Education Department) made certain Bye-laws in pursuance of the powers given to the School Board by s. 74 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, as amended by the Elementary Education Act, 1876.

2. A printed copy of the proposed Bye-laws will continue deposited, for inspection by any ratepayer, at Waskerley, at the Office of the School Board, for one month from the date of the publication of this notice.

3. At the expiration of the said month the said proposed Bye-laws will be submitted to the Education Department for approval.

4. The School Board will supply a printed copy of the said proposed Bye-laws gratis to any ratepayer.

201m JOHN LIDDELL, Clerk.

Contracts.

WANTED, Tenders for PAINTING outside of Property in Green Street and Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, occupied by the Gas Company.—For particulars, apply to M. RICHLEY, Secretary, or THOS. HOLMES, Owner, Blackhill. 188m

To Lend.

TO LEND, on Private Mortgage, £1,000, £600, or £300.—Apply to T. W. WELFORD, Jun., Solicitor, Middle Street, Consett. 666k

MONEY TO LEND on Private Mortgage.—Apply to WM. HALCRO, Solicitor, 2, Mount Pleasant. Consett. 599k

Business Announcements.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DRAPERS, HATTERS, MILLINERS, MERCERS, HOSIERS, GLOVERS, HABERDASHERS, &c.

NOTE.—HAWKERS AND SMALL SHOPS SUPPLIED AT MANUFACTURERS' LIST PRICES.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRAPERS,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT; AND FRONT STREET, DIPTON. 144m

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

IT is FIVE Years since Mr. MARKHAM'S first attendance at Consett, and during that time he has Re-modelled and made to Fit the Mouth 218 Sets and partial Sets of Artificial Teeth, which have been obtained from unskilled pretenters to Dentistry, who seek to give no satisfaction but to get payment, not caring whether the Teeth Fit or not. Sufficient testimony can be given by some of those patients, who would not scruple to make answer for the manner in which they have been imposed upon.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH FROM 5s.; OR FULL SETS FROM £2 10s.

Attendance every Monday, from Eleven until Three o'clock, at the Surgery, Mount Pleasant, Consett, and at 40, Northumberland Street, Newcastle, where Mr. W. MARKHAM has been established 47 Years. 126k

THE LONDON TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

SHAW AND ATKINSON

HAVE now completed their final arrangements for conducting their Tailoring Department upon the London principle, viz., to supply a FIRST-CLASS SUIT, Made to Order, at the following low prices—

42/ 50/ 55/ 63/

The above are composed of the most FASHIONABLE CLOTHS and STYLES for the approaching Season. Upwards of a Hundred Patterns can be seen Daily at their, Establishment,

22, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

SHAW AND ATKINSON
PROPRIETORS. 39m

MARBLE CHIMNEY PIECES. KITCHEN RANGES.
REGISTER, GILL, HALL, AND SHOP STOVES.
GAS COOKERS, HEARTH TILES, &c.

DINNING AND COOKE, HOT WATER ENGINEERS,
91, 93, AND 95, PERCY STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 689h

WILLIAM HALL,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SEWING MACHINE AGENT, DIPTON.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ALLOWED TO AGENTS AND OTHERS TAKING ORDERS FOR SEWING MACHINES.

GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN SEWING MACHINES.

WILLIAM HALL'S SEWING MACHINES on the SINGER PRINCIPLE have the following advantages over all other Makes:—

1.—They are fitted with *Patented Shuttle*, with *no Holes* to thread.

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3.—The Shuttle Cover is *self-closing*. By a very simple *self-acting* arrangement, the Cover is closed with the first turn of the Wheel, preventing the *Shuttle being crushed* or the Machine damaged. The above arrangement prevents the Cog-wheels being broken; but to ensure greater strength, Wrought-iron Wheels, instead of Metal have been introduced. Sewing Machines with these advantages from £4.

The following Makers' Machines may also be had—ELIAS HOWE'S, from £4; the EUROPEAN, from 6½ Guineas; the BELGRAVIA, from £6 10s.; the WHEELER and WILSON, from £6 6s.; the TAYLOR'S PATENT, from £6 10s.; or any other kind of SEWING MACHINE at the *Reduced Prices*.

Any kind of SEWING MACHINE taken in Exchange and good value given.

All kinds of Extras, including Oils, Oil Cans, Screws, Screw Drivers, Instruction Books, Hemmers, Tuckers, Belts, Spools, Shuttles, &c., kept in Stock.

REPAIRS.—All kinds of Machines Repaired and Worn Parts Replaced.

SECOND-HAND MACHINES very cheap.

SEWING MACHINES on Hire, by Day, Week, or Month, with option of purchase. If purchased, Hire to go as part payment.

Agent for the LAMB KNITTING MACHINE. Knits a full-sized Stocking in ten minutes.

Any of the above Machines can be seen and tested at
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FRONT STREET, DIPTON.

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Fine Old BROWN BRANDY, Vintage 1856, 22 Years Old, 50 under proof, without any addition of Water, 33s. per dozen, or 2s. 9d. per Bottle,

AT

RICHARD MURRAY'S

Spirit Stores, Benfieldside, Consett, Leazes, Annfield Plain, Blackhall Mill, and Spennymoor. 142m

JOSEPH MURRAY,
GROCER, TEA DEALER, PROVISION AND FLOUR MERCHANT,
CONSETT,

Is now Selling every Article in the above Trade very low. Note the undermentioned Prices:—

Good Flour, 1s. 10d. per st.; 36s. per sack of 20st.
Best Fines, 2s. per st.; 39s. per sack of 20st.
Best Wheatmeal, 1s. 10d. per st.
Best Boxings, 1s. per st.; 11s. 6d. per sack of 12st.
Horse Corn, 17s. per sack of 12st.
Bran, 6s. 6d. per sack of 8st.
Best Red Potatoes, 9d. per st.

Shoulders of Bacon, about 14lb. weight, 4d. per lb.
Hams, about 14lb. weight, 6½d. per lb.
Bacon, from 4d. per lb.; Best, only 6d. per lb.
Pure Lard, 7d. per lb.
Butter, 10d., 1s., and 1s. 2d. per lb.
American Cheese, 8d. per lb.
Cheshire Cheese, 9d. per lb.

Roast Beef, 2lb. Tins, 1s. per Tin.

Pickles, Sauces, Jams, Jellies, Salmon, and Lobsters. Good assortment of Confectionery, Biscuits, and other Goods, suitable for small Shops, supplied at Wholesale Prices.

Teas, best value, at 1s. 6d., 2s., 2s. 6d. and 3s. per lb.
Fine Indian, only 3s. 6d. per lb.
Fine Coffee, 1s. per lb.; best, 1s. 4d. per lb.
Fine Sugar, 2½d. and 3d. per lb.
Loaf Sugar Tablets, 4d. per lb.
Rice, good, 2d. per lb.; best, 3d. per lb.

Soaps, Pale, 3d.; Mottled, 3½d. and 4d. per lb.
Currants, 4d. per lb.
Raisins 4d. per lb.
Sago, Large and Small, 4d per lb.
Pot Barley, 2s. per st.
Peas, Split, White, and Green.

No advance in Twist Tobaccos. Sinclair's Golden Rod still 3d. per oz.

Brushes, Baskets, Tins, Pans, and Ware of every kind Cheap.

COUNTRY ORDERS PUNCTUALLY ATTENDED TO. GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

Note the Address—
JOSEPH MURRAY,
16, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT. 51m

Business Announcements.

CHEAP GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

JAMES LAKE,
13, FRONT STREET, CONSETT,

HAS much pleasure in informing his Customers and the Public generally that he is determined to Sell his GOODS at the lowest possible Cash Prices these Hard Times.

GROCERIES.

Good Sugar	2½d. per lb.
White do.	3d. "
Lump do.	3½d. "
Fine Tea	1s. 6d. "
Indian Tea (Pure)	2s. "
Finest Imported	3s. 6d. "
Coffees, from	1s. to 1s. 4d. "
Soaps (Pale and Mottled)	3d. to 4d. "
Soda	2½d. per quarter st.

Currants	3d. to 4d. per lb.
Raisins	4d. to 5d. "

PROVISIONS.

Butter	6d. to 1s. 2d. "
Pure Lard	6d. "
Bacon	4d. to 6d. "
Ham	5d. to 7d. "
Cheese	6d. to 8d. "

Flour, Potatoes, &c., at Lowest Market Prices.

J. L. will clear out a large quantity of JAMS, &c., at a very Low Price, to make room for the New. He would call the special attention of the Public to the PURE INDIAN TEA at 2s. per lb.

☞ ORDERS WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

Observe the only Address—
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TELFER'S SMOKING MIXTURE,

RECOMMENDED for its rich and excellent Flavour. It is prepared and blended, with judicious care and judgment, from the finest Tobaccos the world can produce, making a faultless mixture. Sold only in Packets, 1oz., 2oz., and 4oz., at all Tobacconists, Stores, Shopkeepers, and Innkeepers.

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TOBACCO AND SNUFF MANUFACTURERS,
NEWCASTLE. 34m

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THOMAS ROBINSON,
CONSETT CARRIER,

RESPECTFULLY informs the Public that he has obtained the CARRYING BUSINESS, lately pursued by Mr. MICHAEL HARRISON, Dipton. Orders left at Mr. SKELTON'S, Commercial Inn, Consett, will receive his careful and prompt attention. Time—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. 416k

CLYDESDALE CART STALLION, "SIR COLIN," Winner of Glasgow First Prize last year, will Stand at Woodlands, near Knitsley Station, Weekly, from 8 p.m. on Saturdays till 6 p.m. on Mondays. Fee, Two Guineas. For Card, apply to Stud Groom, Woodlands Stud, near Consett. 44m

McCOURTY,
PRACTICAL WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER, JEWELLER, AND OPTICIAN,
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HAS onhand a Select Stock of GOLD and SILVER GOODS of the usual Requisites in the Trade to choose from at the Lowest Cash Prices. Goods made to Order, and Repairs in all the various Branches done on the Premises by Practical Workmen. 460k

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL.

PRINCIPAL, Mrs. BURTON. Music, Mr. BURTON. Drawing and Painting, Mr. J. ROCK JONES. A Resident French Governess. Arrangements may be made for Young Ladies to attend the Drawing Class. The next Quarter commences July 30th. Terms on application. 179m

MRS. I. ELSDON,

RESPECTFULLY intimates to her Friends and the Public that she has commenced business as GENERAL PROVISION DEALER, in VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT, and has always on hand HOME-MADE BREAD, TEA CAKES, &c.

SOUP and BROTH ready every day.

TEA, COFFEE, and other Refreshments provided on the shortest notice. 177g

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JAMES JOHNSON, Family Grocer and Tea Dealer. Teas, Coffees, and Spices of the Choicest quality. Good Useful Teas from 2s. per pound. Coffees, 1s. per pound. Household Soaps from 3d. per pound. All kinds of Drysaltery Goods cheap and of the best quality. Hotels and families supplied at wholesale prices.

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Deposits received at 5 per cent. interest payable half-yearly.—Apply to
WM. V. THOMPSON,
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25, Market Place, Bishop Auckland. 38m

BOTTLED ALE AND PORTER STORES AND LEMONADE AND SODA WATER MANUFACTORY,
DELVES LANE, CONSETT.

THE Trade and Public of Consett and District are informed that the Old Established Business, heretofore conducted by GEORGE YOUNG, will, on and after May 13th, be carried on under the style or Firm of YOUNG and ELSDON, by whom all Orders will be punctually attended to.

All Ærated Waters will be sent out in Codd's Patent Globe Stoppered Bottles. 21m

IMPROVED
CONCRETE FLOORING.
JOHN DOVE & CO.,
35, CLOSE, NEWCASTLE.
ESTABLISHED 1854.

BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, and others supplied with any quantity of PORTLAND and other CEMENTS, PLASTER, HAIR, LATHS, LATH TACKS, &c.

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NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

Respectfully invite the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, and Visitors to Newcastle, to inspect their New Show Room. They will then have an opportunity of going through the large Stock of New Carriages and Harness in the Northumberland Carriage Manufactory, and also the Second-hand Carriages and Harness in the Northern Counties Carriage Repository, specially opened for Sale by Commission. The Entrance to the whole of these Establishments is at 15, Pilgrim Street.

ATKINSON AND PHILIPSON,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. 86m

AN EXCHANGE and MART YARD, at Annfield Plain, Friday and Saturday, each Week, for all kinds of Stock and Merchandise. Charge, from 1d. to 6d. per stand. JOHN CRESSWELL, Proprietor. 146m

BENSON'S WATCHES. Watch and Clock Maker to the Queen and Royal Family, and by special appointment to the Prince of Wales and Emperor of Russia. Old Bond Street and (Steam Factory) Ludgate Hill, London.

BENSON'S WATCHES of every description, suitable for all climates, from £2 to 200 guineas. Chronographs, Chronometers, Keyless, Levers, Presentation, Repeaters, Railway Guards, Soldiers, and Workmen's Watches of extra strength.

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VEGETABLE and FLOWER SEEDS, POTATOES, CABBAGE PLANTS, Greenhouse and Bedding-out PLANTS, all of fine quality and reasonable prices, at JOHN CHARLTON'S, Nurseryman and Seedsman, Slades House, Ebchester. 805k

A. PHILLIPSON,
AUCTIONEER, FURNITURE DEALER, &c.,
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IS prepared to BUY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., for Cash, or Remove Goods to his Show-rooms, or any other desirable place, to be Sold by Auction.

MESSRS. J. PULLAR and SONS (Dyers to the Queen), Perth, beg to inform the Public of Consett and District that Messrs. ENGLISH and MILBURN having resigned their agency for Consett, they have appointed Mrs. SURTEES, of Rose Mount. All orders entrusted to her care will receive prompt attention.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Joicey's Houses, Oxhill.
Sale of superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, Beds, and Miscellaneous Effects.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Messrs. WILLIAM SPRY and JAMES BENNETT, who are leaving the district, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the premises at Joicey's Houses, Oxhill, on Monday, July 8th, 1878, the whole of their superior Mahogany and other HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Miscellaneous Effects. Particulars in Bills.

Sale to commence at One o'clock exactly. 185m

Green Street, Consett, and Templetown.
Superior Freehold Dwelling-houses for Sale.

MR. A. BRODIE is instructed to offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mr. GEORGE BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, July 11th, 1878, at Half-past Seven in the Evening (subject to conditions to be then and there produced), the Two Substantial and Well-built FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES, comprising—

LOT 1.—All that Substantially-built FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, situate in Green Street, containing Four good Rooms and every Convenience, as occupied by Mr. JAMES CHAMBERS.

LOT 2.—All that Well-built FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, pleasantly situate at Templetown, recently occupied by Mr. EDWARD APPLETON, and containing Four Rooms, and all the usual Conveniences attached.

☞ Lot 1 may be viewed on application to Mr. JAS. CHAMBERS, on the Premises; and further particulars as to both may be had on application to the Auctioneer, at his Office, Town Hall, Consett. 198m

Home Cottage, Consett.
Superior Freehold Dwelling-house and large Garden for Sale.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. JOHN PESCOD, who is leaving the neighbourhood, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. GEORGE BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, July 11th, 1878, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then and there produced, all that Superior and Commodious FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE known as Home Cottage, as at present occupied by the Owner, containing Six spacious Rooms, with all the usual Outoffices attached, and large Garden adjoining. The premises may be viewed up to time of sale, and further particulars may be had from the Auctioneer, at his Office, Town Hall, Consett.

☞ The attention of buyers of house property is directed to the above premises, which were erected under the supervision of the Owner for his own occupation, and are replete with every Convenience necessary for a comfortable and commodious residence. 190m

Front Street, Consett.
To Brewers, Beer Retailers, Capitalists, and others.
Valuable Freehold and Well-accustomed Beerhouse, Shop, and Tenemented House for Sale.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by the Executors of the late THOMAS SKELTON, deceased, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. GEO. BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, July 18th, 1878, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then and there produced, all that Valuable, Well-accustomed FREEHOLD BEERHOUSE, situate in Front Street, Consett, known by the name or sign of "The Oak Tree" Inn, as occupied by Mr. MATTHEW SPENCER, as tenant thereof, and containing Kitchen, Parlour, Tap Room, Bar, Two good Bedrooms, and neat Front Shop, together with the tenemented House immediately behind, fronting to Nelson Street, as occupied by Mr. DERRICK and others, and containing Five Rooms, with ample Cellarage, good Yard, and all the usual Out-offices.

☞ The attention of Brewers, Beer Retailers, and Capitalists is specially directed to this property, which is substantially built in a good central situation, and a lucrative and extensive trade having been carried on therein for many years, this is an excellent opportunity for buyers of property, either for investment or occupation.

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TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise of every description of Live Stock and Agricultural produce, and trust, by careful attention to all commissions with which they may be favoured, to merit the confidence of the Agriculturists of the District. Valuations for probate. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 744h

Sales by Auction.

Shotley Bridge Institute and Reading-room.

THE PAPERS for the ensuing quarter will be SOLD in the Reading room, on Monday Evening next, July 8th, 1878, at Eight o'clock. Non-members are at liberty to purchase. 199m

By Mr. J. Oley.

Milkwell Burn Cottages.

MR. J. OLEY begs to announce that he has received instructions from Mr. JOHN MONTGOMERY, who is leaving England, to SELL his Valuable FURNITURE and other Effects at the above place, on Saturday, July 6th, 1878. Sale at Two o'clock p.m. For particulars, see Posters. 169m

By Mr. J. Jenkins.

273, Railway Street, Leadgate.

MR. JOHN JENKINS has received instructions from Mr. JOHN HALLIDAY, who is about to Emigrate, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, July 8th, 1878, the whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Birch Press, nearly new; Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; small Drawers; 2 excellent Four-poled Bedsteads; 3 Iron Bedsteads; 2 Camp Bedsteads; 6 Pairs of Mattresses; Feather Bed, Pillows, and Bolsters; 2 Down Beds; 3 Flock Beds; Quilts, Rugs, and Blankets; 12 Polished Kitchen Chairs; 4 Windsor Chairs; 3 Arm Chairs; Iron Chair; 3 Kitchen Tables; Round Table; Washstand and Dressing Table; Eight-day Timepiece; 2 Clocks; large assortment of Pictures of various sizes; Parrot Cage; 2 Swing Glasses; Parlour and Kitchen Fender and Fire Irons; Poss Tub and Staff; Wood and Iron Pails; Kettle, Pots, and Pans; together with a large quantity of Crockery Ware.

Also, will be Sold at Three o'clock, an excellent nearly new Sewing Machine, by Howe.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 186m

By Mr. R. Sewell.

16, South Medomsley Cottages.

MR. ROBERT SEWELL, instructed by Mr. JAS. BROWN, who is leaving England, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place, on Monday, July 8th, 1878, the whole of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising 2 Mahogany Chests of Drawers; Bookcase; Press; 3 Four-poled Bedsteads; Iron Bedstead; Iron Tester Bedstead; 5 Pairs of Mattresses; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Washstand and Dressing Table; Swing Dressing Glass; Tea Table; 2 Kitchen Tables; 12 Polished Chairs; 4 Kitchen Chairs; Arm Chair; Iron Chair; Patent Wringer; 2 Down Beds; Pillows and Bolsters; 3 Sets of China; Eight-day Clock; Alarum Clock; Clothes Horse; Cradle; Cornice Pole and Rings; 5 Pictures; Dinner and Tea Ware; Parlour and Bed-room Fenders and Fire Irons; Kitchen Fenders and Fire Irons; Pots and Pans; Poss Tub and Staff; large Oilcloth; excellent Sewing Machine; 14 Patent Picks; 2 Sets of Drills; Copper Prickers and Beaters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 187m

For Sale.

FOR SALE, BUILDING SITES, situate between 10 and 11, Durham Road, Blackhill.—Apply to A. DOWSON, 9, Durham Road. 194m

FOR SALE, Cheap, a lot of LARCH POLES, from 28ft. to 30ft. long, suitable for Hay Sheds, Gate-posts, or Railings, at 5s. each.—Apply to W. ROBINSON, Mountsett, Lintz Green. 203m

THATCHING STRAW.—Long, Streight, Hand-thrashed, in Press Packed Bales, 85s. per ton, free to any Station on the Consett, or Carlisle Line below Hexham.—JOHN G. EAST, 7, Side, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand CONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett, or to JOHN BRODIE, Jun., Shotley Bridge. 811k

SHOTLEY BRIDGE, COUNTY DURHAM.

TO BE LET or SOLD, all that COPYHOLD HOUSE, situate at The Terrace, Shotley Bridge, and lately occupied by Mrs. SNAITH, deceased, containing on the Ground Floor, Dining-room, Kitchen, Pantry, Washhouse (with Fire-place, Boiler, Oven, and Sink, Water laid in) and Larder. On the Second Floor, Two Bed-rooms, Work-room (which can be used as a Bed-room), W.C., together with the Garden behind the same and the Outoffices attached.

The above commands a magnificent view of the Valley of the Derwent, and its situation renders it a most desirable investment.

Immediate possession can be given, if required.

For particulars, apply to WM. DICKINSON, Solicitor, 9, Middle Street, Consett, County Durham. 75m

To Let.

TO LET a ROOM and KITCHEN.—Apply at McCOURTY'S, Watchmaker, &c., Newmarket Street, Consett. 191m

TO LET, at Templetown, a HOUSE containing Three Rooms, with Garden attached.—Apply to SAMUEL TEMPERLEY, Delves Lane, Consett. 164m

TO LET, at Knitsley, a COTTAGE and large Garden.—Apply to M. SPENCER, Knitsley West Grange. 176m

TENTS TO LET, 120ft. by 30ft., 60ft. by 30ft., at Reasonable Terms.—Apply to E. LOVAT, Medomsley, by Lintz Green Station. 902k

TO LET or SELL, a HOUSE, containing Seven Rooms, situate in Harvey Street, Consett.—Apply to J. BATES. 434k

TO LET, a HOUSE and SHOP, situated in Durham Road, Blackhill.—Apply to Mr. WM. HEAD, 29, Durham Road, Blackhill. 204m

WANTED TO LET, part of a good DWELLING-HOUSE, to a respectable party without a family; the lady to give attendance to the advertiser, who resides on the premises.—Apply to 9, Tinmill Place, Blackhill.

TO LET, in Sherburn Terrace, a Two-roomed COTTAGE, with every Convenience. Rent moderate.—Apply to Mr. JOHN BELL, Grocer, &c., Sherburn Terrace. 167m

TO LET, at Annfield Plain, a BARBER'S SHOP, with a good business and immediate possession. Satisfactory reason for present Tenant leaving, on application to J. WAILES, Butcher. 181m

TO BE LET, and can be entered upon immediately, a HOUSE and SHOP, together with Two-stalled Stable, situate at Dipton.—Apply to Mr. M. STOBBS, 19, South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton, Lintz Green.

TO LET, with immediate possession, Two comfortable and convenient HOUSES, one containing Six Rooms and the other Four, situate at Durham Road, Blackhill.—Apply to W. RAW, Auctioneer, Blackhill.

TO LET, the Sportsman's Arms Wine and Beerhouse, situated in Derwent Street, Blackhill.—Apply to WILLIAM TURNER, 63, Blackfine, Blackhill, Benfieldside; or to Mr. JOHN FEGAN, on the premises.

TO LET, at Consett, a HOUSE and SHOP, with Shop Fixtures all complete, and a Pawnbroker's License and part Goods in Pledge.—Apply to MICHAEL McNALLY, Bath Hotel, Consett. 35m

TO LET, a Three-stalled STABLE, situate in Foundry Row, Blackhill, being part of that notoriously over-rated Property in Benfieldside Township.—Apply to RICHARD MURRAY. 995k

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LADIES requiring SERVANTS will do well by applying at Mrs. COCKBURN'S Register Office, Front Street, Consett. 503k

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TO LET, Town and Country SPIRIT VAULTS, in the thriving towns of Shields, Newcastle, Sunderland, &c. Positions near Markets, Docks, Collieries, &c. Ingoings from £30 upwards. Rents from £20 upwards, all doing good trades.—Apply, with stamped envelope, ATKINSON, Licensed Valuer, 114, Newgate Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 728k

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ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT MARQUEE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Members of the above Company will LET their Marquees on the most reasonable Terms, in sizes from 30ft. by 30; 48 by 30; 84 by 30; or 100 by 30. Also, they have a small Refreshment Tent, which can be LET on favourable Terms.—For particulars, apply to ROBT. HENDERSON, Catchgate, *via* Lintz Green. 57m

EDITORIAL NOTICE.

Several letters and local items left over till next week.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The Congress is likely now to get through its business much more expediciously than had been anticipated. Since every-day sittings are to be adopted, if things go on tolerably smooth, a fortnight more may see the Treaty of Berlin drawn up and signed. During the last few days there have been rumours of the retirement of Prince Gortschakoff from the scene, and the suggested reason is the prevalence of moderate councils at the Russian Court. A much more probable reason is the poor old gentleman's ill-health. The banquets are too much for him, to say nothing of the business. The Treasury think they have found a clue to the disclosure of the Anglo-Russian Agreement, and the prosecution of Marvin has, no doubt, been undertaken with the double object of serving as a warning to Government officials and giving the world to understand emphatically that the report of the Agreement as it appeared in the *Globe* was incomplete. The prosecution may do some good, if only remove the impression from the minds of Russophobists, which has been deepened by Mr. Alex. Roumer's cock-and-bull story, that the inopportune disclosure was a Muscovite machination.

The Court mourning is scarcely over for the King of Hanover when it is again commanded on a much sadder occasion. I do not remember so general a feeling of regret as that for the untimely death of young Queen Mercedes. She was as merciful as her name, and I trust has obtained the blessing of those who are merciful. Since the death of the Princess Charlotte there has been nothing within the charmed circle of royalty which has so much touched the heart of the people. I was looking at a yicture of her the other day among the leaders of Society in the *Whitehall Review*, little thinking how soon they would put up in the shop windows this number for sale with the announcement "The late Queen of Spain." With her ends the last hope of the Montpensier branch of the Bourbons ever sitting on the throne of Spain. It was for this that Louis Philippe plotted and intrigued more than thirty years ago. Twice the plan has seemed nearing success, and twice it has been dashed to the ground. It is an awful comment on the vanity of human wishes.

There are several matrimonial *on dits* in circulation, one of which I think is highly improbable. It is said that the Imperial Prince is about to marry the youngest sister of the Princess of Wales, Thyra, the last rose of Denmark, as I may describe her. This is a mere rumour without much foundation beyond the report that the young Prince is about to visit the north of Europe, and, consequently, would look in at Copenhagen. It is more probable that Princess Beatrice is destined to wed her cousin and to become Duchess of Cumberland. No objection can arise to this arrangement, particularly as the attempt to get up a match between the Duke of Connaught and Princess Mary of Hanover fell through last year. The Duke of Cumberland is reported to have made his peace with the German Kaiser, and to have renounced his pretensions to the throne of Hanover, and, consequently, he will be restored to the possession of those Crown lands in Hanover forfeited by his father on account of his obstinate and useless *non possumus*. But it turns out that the report is at least premature, and has been officially contradicted, for the present at least.

The Emperor William has at last decided, it is said, to resign in July in favour of his son. He has stood out strenuously against the physicians' advice to take rest in the country, and he alleges that he is bored by solitude, and has no desire to leave Berlin. But his medical advisers have put such a veto on his returning to work at least for a long time to come that at last the old man has given way, and is now taking steps to lay down the burden of Kaisership. As for Höedel, one of his would-be assassins, he has already been gibbeted in effigy by the stonemasons of Cologne Cathedral, who have fashioned his body into a gargoyle in the grotesque fashion in which the monks ridiculed their rivals, the secular clergy, during the middle ages. His body has been made like that of a quadruped, while his claws grasp a revolver in one hand and a newspaper in the other.

The weather changed upon the very day of the solstice, and according to a meterological tradition, which has a better foundation than most weather saws, there is likely to be a long continuance of heat. We have leaped at abound from Siberia to Hindostan.

"Summer, divinest summer, burns;
The fields are bright with azure and with gold."

The simile is purely metaphorical, of course, with regard to Smithfield, Coldbath Fields, Moorfields, and the other fields with which the Londoner is familiar, so named with more regard to historical tradition than to critical accuracy. If it is oppressive in green meadows and rustic valleys, judge what it is in Holborn and the Strand, with the thermometer at 90° in the shade and 70° in the darkness of the night! I repeat, sir, just to relieve my feelings, that it is hot; and any man who denies it may be set down as mendacious. The most perjured villian in the world would surely have the candour to admit this fact. There can be no two opinions upon this burning question. The very exertion of writing is too much for me. I suspect I shall run away from my subject. I am running away all this time. Like everything else, journalistic matter is thin. At this fearful rate of perspiration your correspondent will soon be nothing but a weak solution. The grasshopper has become a burden, at least I should judge so, to himself as well as to the person on whom he alights. Garments are a burden, and one can enter into the tastes of the Red Indian who felt himself sufficiently attired in a pair of spectacles and a necktie. I am afraid that the only burden that will not prove weighty is that of my communications. Ancient persons are saying that this is the real old-fashioned summer-weather, regardless of the prosy novelist who has been telling us that the world never was any older than what it is now, but, "on the contrary," as the young lady said when she was asked whether the live Duke whom she saw at the country ball had any whiskers,—"on the contrary, decidedly the reverse." Scientific men talk jargon about our having entered into a new "cycle," which in itself I have no objection to, as I don't know very clearly what it means; but if it is to be like this, I hope there won't be much of it, or else there won't be much of me. In a temperature like this a friend with a good cellar is unspeakably precious, irrespective of the quality of his wines. A subterranean apartment affords the only possibility of coolness.

Mr. Byron was not anxious for Mr. Sothern to produce "The Hornet's Nest." In fact, he said all he could to dissuade him from doing so until he had given the public another spell of "Lord Dundreary." This was thoroughly disinterested on Mr. Byron's part as he reaps a nightly harvest (in this country) from "Hornet's Nest," as long as it is kept in the bill. The author of "Our Boys" is not overproud of "the Nest." Well, the piece has been produced, and at the present writing, is the most undoubted success in London. The booking is enormous. The difference betwixt England and America in relation to the drama is indeed curious. Over there "The Crushed Tragedian" brought Mr. Sothern more money than anything else he played; here the public would not have the piece. In America "The Hornet's Nest" did not go at all; here it is a tremendous success. I will not attempt to point a moral, but simply advise those who have the opportunity and can enjoy a good hearty laugh to see "The Hornet's Nest."

Local and District News.

C. M. Palmer, Esq., M.P., has given a donation of one guinea to the Dipton Reading-room.

THEFT OF TALLOW.—At Durham Quarter Sessions, on Tuesday, Edward Grant (on bail) pleaded guilty to stealing four stones of tallow, the property of the Co-operative Store, at Consett, on the 24th April, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour. Mr. Skidmore, instructed by Mr. Welford, Consett, prosecuted.

THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF BLACKHILL.—The following official letter has been received by Mr. W. Raw, Blackhill:—

General Post-office, London, 1st July, 1878.

SIR,—With reference to the memorial which you forwarded to this office on the 17th ultimo, I beg leave to inform you that there is no intention, at present, of making any alteration in the name of the Post-office now known as Blackhill.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

A. BENTHALL.

Mr. Wm. Raw, Blackhill, Co. Durham.

PRESENTATION AT DIPTON.—On Thursday evening sen., Mr. John Maddison, of Dipton, was presented with a handsome gold locket and a church service mounted with silver. The chair was taken by the Rev. R. Tuson, and the presentation made by Mr. H. Prevell. Mr. J. Maddison, being entirely taken by surprise, thanked the subscribers in a short and feeling speech; in fact, he said, words could not express what he wished to say. The subscriptions were entirely from the committee who took part in the late election of churchwardens for Collierley, and the articles bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. John Maddison by a few friends on his election as churchwarden of St. Thomas's Church, Collierley, June 20th, 1878." On Thursday evening last, Mr. Maddison invited the subscribers and friends to a dinner at the house of Mr. Wm. Smith. After having partaken of the good things provided, and the cloth having been removed, Mr. Maddison took the chair, and Mr. H. Prevell the vice. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given, the company spent the remainder of the evening in a harmonious and enjoyable manner.

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.—The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the office on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs. W. Ridley (in the chair), W. Harrison, A. Robinson, W. R. Teasdale, and H. Welsh. The minutes of meeting held June 4th were read and confirmed. A memorial to the Home Secretary, in favour of the ballot in Local Board elections, was sealed. It was reported that the provisional order for purchasing the gas works had received the Royal assent, and the conveyance was being proceeded with. The Medical Officer's quarterly report stated that the deaths had been twenty-five, or 17·8 per thousand, sixteen being under five years of age, and the births eighty-three. No wonder that Tow Law schools and streets show so many children, with an increase each quarter such as this. The Inspector's and Surveyor's reports contained remarks on the flushing of sewers, the latter saying that the present system was defective, and the Inspector reported a bad nuisance at the "Barracks," rabbits, hens, ducks, pig tubs, and other foul things being lodged with human beings in the same dwelling. Legal proceedings were ordered in the case. Plans for alteration of premises for A. Weatheral and E. Green were passed. A pay-bill of £94 was allowed. Tenders for channelling and sewers were opened, and decision upon them adjourned.

DETERMINED SUICIDE AT LOW TEAMS.—An inquest was held on Monday night before Mr. Graham, at the Eslington Arms, Norwood, on the body of John Graham, sixty years of age, a pavier, and living at Gateshead. Deceased was a widower and lived with his daughter in Nun's Lane, Gateshead. It appeared that a man named Samuel Dinning, on Saturday morning last, about seven o'clock, saw the deceased hanging by his necktie from a high thorn bush in Nannie Owlet's Wood, near the Low Teams. Seeing that Graham was dead, Dinning allowed him to remain hanging, and went and informed P.C. James Hills, who removed the body to the Eslington Arms. Pinned to the deceased's breast was a piece of paper, upon which was written, "John Graham, paviour, Nun's Lane, Gateshead—Sunday morning; very bad; my head is distracted." In one of his pockets was found a parcel tied up with tape, and inside was an envelope bearing the words, "Deliver this to John Telford, Nun's Lane, Gateshead." A parcel was also found upon him containing a long statement, showing that his mind had been in a troubled state for some time. The cause of his trouble seemed to be the death of his wife, who died in March last, and some one had accused him of being the cause. He had taken last week eight pennyworth of opium, and it had no effect upon him. He had not, for some time back, been able to eat or sleep, and had just been wandering about.—The jury returned a verdict that the deceased committed suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity.

THE UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' DEMONSTRATION.—The annual demonstration of the united friendly societies of this district will be held tomorrow, and, should the weather be fine, this year's gala will outrival anything of that kind previously attempted in the neighbourhood. The arrangements for the procession have been printed and issued to the various orders, from which we observe that four bands of music have been engaged. The sports will this year form an attractive feature in the programme, liberal prizes having been offered by the executive, which will doubtless bring together a number of athletes.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Safe, yet Effective.—No other Medicine combines the same purifying, alterative, and tonic properties, which have raised these Pills so highly in the estimation of the public. In diseases arising from unhealthy situations, close apartments, and sedentary occupations, no means so potent for cooling, cleansing, and regulating the human body can be found. Holloway's Pills wonderfully improve a weak digestion by augmenting the gastric secretion and moderately rousing the function of the liver, hence their well-known power of removing tainted breath, and remedying every other dyspeptic unpleasantness. They entirely overcome the lethargic symptoms attending bad digestion, and have for years been esteemed the best and safest family aperient. They are particularly suitable for young females and children.

BURNOPFIELD WESLEYAN METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services of the above school were commenced on Saturday last, by the children and teachers processioning the village and singing several Sunday-school hymns, after which they returned to the Chapel, where there was a free tea provided for the scholars, of which 180 partook. There was also a public tea at four o'clock, when upwards of 100 friends and teachers were present. The tables were gracefully presided over by Misses Hopkinson, Turnbull, Weedy, Earl, and Davidson. After tea a public meeting was held, which was ably presided over by Mr. Wm. Wigham, the superintendent of the school, and suitable speeches were delivered by Messrs. Lawson and George Henderson, of Whickham, John Cook, of Swallwell, George Jopling and Ralph Batey, of Howdon-on-Tyne. On Sunday, three services were held, which were conducted by Messrs. Thompson, of Newcastle. At each service the children recited portions of scripture, poetry and dialogues, and sung several choice selections of anniversary hymns. Mr. Batey conducted the singing. Messrs. Brabban (of Byer Moor), alternately presided at the harmonium. The collections for the day were only a few shillings short of last year (excepting a donation given last year after the collections were counted to make up to former years), which may be considered at this time as extremely good. Great credit is due to the superintendent of the school, for his careful training of the children, which has so materially assisted in making it one of the best anniversaries ever held in the village.—*Correspondent.*

EAST HEDLEY HOPE.—On Saturday and Sunday last, the Primitive Methodists in connection with the above place held their annual Sabbath School anniversary in the British Schoolroom. On the first-named day the scholars were gratuitously entertained to tea, after which a large number of teachers and friends partook of the tea provided for the occasion. After tea a public meeting was held, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. Lee, J. Hope, and S. Robinson, the chair being very efficiently occupied by Mr. G. Barley, superintendent of the school. After the address, hearty votes of thanks were given to the speakers and chairman, and all those who took part in the day's proceedings, and the meeting terminated. On Sunday, three services were held; in the morning at half-past ten, when a most excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by Mr. S. Robinson, of Howdon, and in the afternoon at two, and in the evening at half-past five. The children recited scripture, poetry, and dialogues, which were interspersed with some choice pieces of music by the choir, who were under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Cook, the harmoniumist being Mr. J. Jackson. Liberal collections were taken after each of the Sunday services, in aid of the school funds.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—The quarterly meeting of the Leadgate and Consett circuit was held on Saturday sen. At the local preachers' meeting, Mr. R. J. Jury, Westwood, was subjected to a searching examination on the doctrines of christianity by the Rev. W. H. James, circuit minister, and was received on to "full plan." The local preachers and circuit officers then sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the ladies connected with the Leadgate church. In the evening the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. W. H. James. The Secretary (Mr. W. Davison) read the report, which showed a decrease of members, owing chiefly to removals, in consequence of the depression in the coal trade. The Circuit Steward (Mr. D. Ormerod, Shotley Bridge) read the financial report, from which it appeared that there was a deficit. The Rev. W. H. James has only been in the circuit twelve months, and as his term of probation is up, he will be received into full connection at the next annual Assembly. Steps have already been taken to furnish a minister's house, but on account of the dulness of trade, and the enforced idleness of many of the members, it was deemed expedient to postpone the matter for a year. Hence it will be necessary to ask for the appointment of a single man, and thus the circuit will be deprived of the services of Mr. James. At a special meeting, held at Benfieldside on Monday evening last, the following resolution was adopted:—"That this meeting deeply regrets that under the present commercial depression the circuit is unable to retain the services of the Rev. W. H. James, and hereby desires to express its appreciation of his labours during the past year, and trusts that his future labours may be successful." The next business of the meeting was the election of a representative to the annual Assembly. The meeting unanimously resolved "that Mr. F. Raine, Shotley Bridge, be appointed to represent this circuit at the annual Assembly, to be held at Manchester in August next." The Rev. W. A. James has accepted an invitation to labour in the Dowham circuit, Norfolk.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT CONSETT.—At the conclusion of the ordinary business at the Consett Local Board meeting on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. F. Steggall said there was a strong feeling at Lanchester that bye-laws for the township of Consett should be adopted. Father Smith, he said, had plenty of school accommodation, but was unable, in consequence of bye-laws not being in existence, to get the Roman Catholic children to school.—The Chairman having spoken in favour of the adoption of bye-laws, Mr. Routledge and Mr. Davison said they were not opposed to a Board School, but they had a strong objection to the passing of bye-laws, which simply meant that the children of Nonconformists would be driven into Father Smith's school.—Mr. Dunne remarked that if they had bye-laws, and all the Roman Catholic children were sent to school, all the space in the Catholic School would be taken up, withont the introduction of children belonging to other denominations.—The Chairman said he respected the objections given by Mr. Davison and Mr. Routledge, but it seemed hard that Father Smith could not get his children to school simply because there was an impression that other children might be forced into his school.—A requisition, asking the Clerk of the Board of Guardians to convene a meeting on the snbject, was produced and signed by the Chairman, Rev. F. Steggall, Mr. McDanald, and Mr. Dunne. It was understood that the proposed bye-laws were not to apply to that part of Consett included in the Ebchester township.

Cricket.

EXCELSIOR v. ALBION.

A match was played on Saturday last between the above clubs, and resulted in a victory for the former by nine runs. Score:—Excelsior—First innings, 26; second, 29. Albion—First innings, 34; second, 12.

TANFIELD v. BILL QUAY.

A cricket match was played at Gibside, on Thursday last, between the above clubs, and resulted in a victory for the former. Appended is the score:—

TANFIELD.		BILL QUAY.	
S. W. Smith, b Forman	0	J. Mather, b Reay	13
C. Fawcett, b Belfield	1	W. Wilkin, b Reay	8
T. Jewitt, c West	3	J. Belfield, b Reay	0
E. Reay, c Ridley	11	G. Forman, l b w	14
J. Dixon, b Belfield	3	F. Croft, b Temple	2
W. Taylor, b Belfield	19	G. Young, b Reay	0
J. Laidler, c Young	2	J. West, b Temple	0
J. Curry, run out	2	T. Barclay, b Temple	7
D. Temple, c Mather	0	J. Ward, b Temple	0
T. Snowdon, b Belfield	2	W. Ridley, c Taylor	3
H. Nicholson, not out	6	J. Murray, not out	0
Extras	9	Extras	3
Total	58	Total	51

STANLEY v. TANFIELD.

A match was played between the above clubs, on the ground of the Stanley team, on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. The following is the score:—

STANLEY.		TANFIELD.	
J. Hunter, c Reay	12	W. Taylor, b Harkness	5
J. Jordon, b Temple	8	E. Reay, b Harkness	5
J. Summberbell, b Laidler	7	S. W. Smith, b Armstrong	0
J. Dixon, b Laidler	2	G. Horner, b Armstrong	1
W. Linn, c Reay	6	G. Cooper, c Dixon	4
W. Armstrong, b Laidler	8	J. Laidler, l b w, b Harkness	3
J. Harkness, b Laidler	2	C. Fawcett, b Harkness	4
W. Curry, run out	0	T. Jewitt, not out	14
R. Armstrong, c Snowdon	2	D. Temple, b Harkness	3
J. Waugh, not out	0	T. Snowdon, b Harkness	3
J. Hogarth, b Laidler	0	H. Nicholson, run out	0
Extras	12	Extras	14
Total	54	Total	56

BIRTLEY v. PONTOP PIKE.

A match was played between the above clubs on Saturday last, at Birtley. The home team took the bat first, and in using it showed a persevering spirit in trying to win the game, but the bowling of Messrs. Brown and Stobbs, for the visitors, was too good, that they fell for the total of forty-four. The visitors then went in, and although the bowling of Messrs. Potter and Atkinson for the home team was good, the visitors succeeded in putting sixty-five to their credit, thus winning by twenty-one runs. Appended is the score:—

BIRTLEY.		PONTOP PIKE.	
B. Potter, b Brown	1	R. Tindale, retired	26
R. Rosecamp, c and b Brown	5	J. Rumney, b Atkinson	0
W. Baker, run out	7	G. Stobbs, b Atkinson	0
M. Armitage, b Brown	1	J. Storey, l b w	2
J. Atkinson, b Stobbs	0	R. Arthur, b Atkinson	5
T. Atkinson, b Brown	0	M. Stobbs, b J. Atkinson	4
J. Baker, b Brown	0	R. Turnbull, b Potter	0
G. Harrison, b Brown	0	R. Armstrong, b Atkinson	0
R. Ellis, c Rumney	1	W. Johnson, not out	5
E. Melville, not out	0	F. Brown, b Atkinson	1
J. Lumley, b Stobbs	7	J. Nixon, c Lumley	7
Extras	22	Extras	15
Total	44	Total	65

MEDOMSLEY v. LEADGATE.

This match was played at Medomsley, ending in a victory for the home team. R. Beattie and G. E. Milburn played a merry innings. The following is the score:—

MEDOMSLEY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
R. Cawthorne, c Nattress	1	b Power	0
J. Bell, c Maughan	0	c Greener	8
W. Palliaser, b Greener	5	b Burnip	11
R. Beattie, run out	22	c Maughan	6
W. Bell, b Murphy	8	run out	13
R. Lowther, run out	0	b Burnip	11
G. E. Milburn, b Greener	21	not out	6
J. Noble, c Armstrong	2	run out	3
P. Milburn, c Burnip	5	b Burnip	5
P. Gibson, b Burnip	4	b Burnip	0
M. Gibson, not out	0	b Burnip	13
Extras	5	Extras	14
Total	73	Total	90

LEADGATE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
J. Power, b Noble	10		
J. Murphy, c Palliaser	4		
S. Nattress, c Cawthorne	7		
J. Greener, c M. Gibson	0	c Bell	0
J. Maughan, b Noble	0	b Bell	0
M. Gardiner, b Cawthorne	9		
J. Burnip, c Palliaser	3		
J. Costello, b Noble	5		
G. Bennison, b Cawthorn	0	not out	6
E. Armstrong, b Noble	0	c G. E. Milburn	0
E. Robson, not out	1	b Bell	4
Extras	6	Extras	3
Total	45	Total	13

CONSETT v. LANCHESTER.

A friendly game of cricket was played between the above clubs on Saturday, on the ground of the former. During the past two years a number of matches have been played between these two clubs, which invariably were close and exciting contests, but generally resulted in favour of the Lanchester team. The day (Saturday), which was very fine, brought a goodly number of spectators to the cricket ground, to witness the first game this season, between the Young Men's Christian Association, and their old opponents from Lanchester. Both clubs were well represented, judging from the appearance of the respective teams set to do battle on their behalf. The ground was in prime condition, and the weather everything a cricketer could desire. The wickets being pitched, the Lanchester team elected to go first to defend them against the bowling of Messrs. Renton and Brears. The Dr., however, was not in his usual good bowling trim; he therefore retired, and was replaced by Mr. Brown, the fast underhand. The first five men, Messrs. Smith, Gair, Howells, Lawson, and Thompson, played very fairly, scoring respectively 5, 8, 8, 7, 7. The remainder of the batsmen do not require special notice, as they soon fell a prey to the deadly bowling of Brown and Brears, with a total of 55. The fielding of some of the Consett team was exceptionally good, while that of others was just as bad, so that on the whole an improvement would be desirable. The Consett team were then sent to handle the willow, to the bowling of Messrs. Dixon and Smith. A good stand was made, the principal batsman being Mr. J. Dixon, who put on 12 in his usual brilliant style. Mr. W. Brears (not out) putting together 19 in a style much admired by the spectators. Mr. J. Kidd, by a careful defence of his wicket, adding 8 to the number, and Mr. R. Smith, by free and hard hitting, scoring 13. The remainder of the team was disposed of for 16, bringing the total score to 68, showing the victory in favour of Consett. The fielding of the Lanchester team was very good throughout, and a lesson could be taken from them by the Consettonians with advantage. Appended is the score:—

CONSETT.		LANCHESTER.	
T. Swainson, b Smith	3	W. Smith, b Brears	5
J. Kidd, b Smith	8	J. Gair, c Smith, b Brears	8
C. Davison, c Howells, b Dixon	2	H. Howells, c Davison b Brown	8
J. Dixon, c Howells, b Smith	12	M. Lawson, b Brown	7
W. Brears, not out	19	J. Thompson, b Brown	7
T. Brown, run out	3	R. Henderson, run out	4
R. Park, c Lawson, b Dixon	0	H. Dixon, b Brears	0
Dr. George Renton, c Lidster, b Smith	0	C. Dixon, run out	0
R. Smith, b Smith	13	G. Wilson, c Renton, b Brears	0
J. Kirkup, b Smith	0	J. March, b Brown	6
E. Harris, b Smith	2	J. Knight, not out	3
Extras	6	Extras	7
Total	68	Total	55

"LYING IN STATE" OF A ROMAN CATHOLIC CANON.

On Monday morning there was an unusually numerous congregation at the Church of the Assumption, High Street, Deptford, on the occasion of the "lying in state" of the body of the Very Rev. Canon J. M. Glennie, formerly pastor of that church, who died at Weybridge on Sunday, the 23rd, in his 62nd year. Canon Glennie, at the first election of members of the London School Board, unsuccessfully contested the Greenwich Division. He was a true friend to education, and was instrumental in the erection of the commodious schools adjoining Deptford Railway Station for the Catholic children. His remains arrived at Deptford on Sunday evening, and on Monday morning the Bishop of Southwark sung the Requiem Mass, and the body was deposited in the vault of the mortuary chapel erected by the Chevalier Stuart Knill, of Blackheath.

A BIRKENHEAD LADY DROWNED NEAR KENDAL.

A coroner's inquiry has been held at Arnside, near Kendal, into the melancholy circumstances connected with the death by drowning of Miss Susannah Rose Bennett, daughter of Mr. Robert Bennett, wine merchant, of Claughton, Birkenhead. Deceased was staying at Arnside, on a visit to an invalid sister, and on Thursday night she went to bathe, being a very good swimmer. She was seen to jump into the water by some persons on the pier, the tide ebbing at the time, and after appearing to swim about for a few minutes she screamed twice and disappeared. A boat was quickly got out, and a careful search kept up for about two hours near the spot, it being twelve o'clock when her dead body was found near the pier, in seven feet of water. Deceased, who was 25 years of age, had been cautioned on a previous occasion that it was a dangerous place, but she replied that she was a good swimmer, and it is supposed that she was seized with cramp. Verdict, "Accidentally drowned."

A MAIL STEAMER STRUCK BY AN ICEBERG

The steamer Polynesian left Quebec on the 15th ult. with over 100 saloon passengers. All went well till the 18th when, at 1.30 a.m., a tremendous shock was felt; it seemed as if she was falling to pieces. We were all in our bunks, but were soon out of them, some in their night dresses, others without socks or boots. We thought she had struck on shore, but old stagers guessed what it was. When we arrived on deck, we heard our noble captain (who is a perfect gentleman and sailor) giving orders for the boats to be cut away and manned ready for lowering, which was immediately done by the gallent crew. By this time we had reached the forward part of the ship, when I, and another lady passenger, saw above us 30 or 40 tons of ice on the forecastle head. We heard then that she had struck a mighty iceberg, which, they said, was over the ship's masts. The engines were going very slowly; a dense fog was on at the time. After sounding, pumps, &c., it was found very little damage was done. After Monday we had a splendid voyage home.—*Correspondent.*

SINGULAR DISEASE AMONG DEER AND SHEEP.

For nearly twelve months past some of the fallow deer in Cassiobury Park, Watford, the seat of the Earl of Essex, have been dying one after another from a singular disease. The symptoms commence by the animals refusing food and drink, restlessness, and running against trees. Their power of walking is also affected, especially that of the hind legs. The disease is not confined to any age or sex or condition, some of the finest bucks being taken, and terminates in from two to five days. Out of a herd of 300 about 80 have died. Seventy years since a similar disease occurred, when out of a herd of 600 150 died, and again about 57 years since. The disease had not been observed in any of the neighbouring parks. There is also a disease among the ewes at Cassiobury, and out of 150 40 have died. Lord Essex has had dead deer and dead sheep examined at the Agricultural College, Cirencester, and from the elaborate reports furnished to his lordship it appears there is no evidence that the deer was mad, as some persons imagined, the opinion being that the deer die of apoplexy, arising from too good feeding.

THE SHORT SERVICE SYSTEM.

It is stated that the Government have come to the conclusion that the system of short service and Army Reserves introduced by Lord Cardwell and now in operation is far from being satisfactory, and that they propose to appoint a commission to inquire into its operation, with a view to ascertaining what alterations can be best made in it. Should this rumour—for we believe that at present it cannot be looked upon as more than a rumour—prove true, the commission will have no easy task before it, and its labours are not likely soon to be over; for, whatever demerits Lord Cardwell's scheme may possess, it at least has the merit of laying the foundation of a real reserve, however much fault we may find in its manner of so doing. The adaptation of so new a scheme to the very complex machinery of our army has produced innumerable points of friction that will require amelioration. The difficulty under which the commission will labour, however, will not be in discovering the faults of the Act, nor even in finding a more or less plausible scheme to obviate its defects, but rather in deciding between the rival schemes that have already been, or may hereafter be, brought forward.—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

ASSAULTING A LORD.

Robert Skinner, a young man described as a coach trimmer, of 14, Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, has been charged before Mr. Newton with assaulting Lord Ranleagh, of 18, Albert Mansions, Victoria Street.—Lord Ranleagh said that he was walking along Regent Street, when a party of three, the prisoner being one, overtook him, and after passing him about twenty yards made some remarks respecting him, he (Lord Ranleagh) walking lame, having the gout. The persons repeated their remarks, but he took no notice of them. At the corner of Vigo Street, the prisoner, who appeared to be waiting for him, made some remark to him, upon which he pushed the prisoner away. The prisoner then in a most artistic manner struck him on the nose, making it bleed profusely. He got a constable and gave the prisoner into custody.—Replying to Mr. Newton, complainant stated that the prisoner was a perfect stranger to him.—The prisoner: Did I hit you?—Lord Ranleagh: Yes, you let out from your shoulder remarkably well.—Police-constable Rutherford, 57 C, said that at the station the prisoner said the complainant struck him, and he returned the blow.—Malcolm M'Hardy, a servant in Savile Row, said he heard the prisoner, when advised to run away, say he would not, and that, having been struck, returned the blow, and would do such a thing again.—Mr. Newton said he thought the prisoner had committed an unprovoked assault. First of all he had made impertinent remarks, and when told to go away, and very properly pushed away, he had assaulted the complainant in a most unprovoked manner, for which he would go to prison for a month with hard labour.

The interment of Mr. Charles Mathews took place on Saturday at Kensal Green Cemetery. There was a large concourse of the deceased's professional friends and others at the funeral.

The Harvard and Yale College boat race was rowed a few days ago. Harvard won by twelve lengths; distance, four miles. Time, 20min. 45sec.

M. Paul de Cassagnac has been married at the Chapel of the Passionist Brothers to Mdlle. Achard, who is to said to bring him a large fortune.

A memorial has been presented to the Irish National Education Commissioners praying them to place the teaching of the Irish language on the "results programme" of the national schools.

The shooting lodge of Dalnamein, belonging to the Duke of Athol, has been destroyed by fire.

In America a mere thread of gold supporting a solitaire diamond is now the favourite engagement ring.

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STATIONS.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	2,G P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	5·45	9·40	12·30	2·30	5·35
Scotswood .... „	5·52	9·47	12·37	2·37	5·42
Swalwell .... „	5·59	9·54	12·43	2·43	5·49
Rowland's Gill .... „	6·9	10·4	12·53	2·53	5·59
Lintz Green ...... „	6·15	10·10	12·59	2·59	6·5
Ebchester .... „	6·28	10·23	1·12	3·12	6·18
Shotley Bridge .... „	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·18	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.			1·25	3·25	
dep.	6·42	10·37		4·45	6·35
Knitsley .... „	6·54	10·49		4·57	6·47
Lanchester .... „	7·3	10·58		5·6	6·56
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·14	11·9		5·10	7·7
Durham ....arr.	7·25	11·20		5·25	7·20

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Durham ....dep.	7·25		11·45	3·45	8·0
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·37		11·57	3·57	8·12
Lanchester .... „	7·50		12·10	4·10	8·25
Knitsley .... „	8·2		12·22	4·20	8·37
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.				4·30	
dep	8·15	9·10	12·35	3·35	8·50
Shotley Bridge .... „	8·20	9·15	12·40	3·40	8·55
Ebchester .... „	8·24	9·19	12·44	3·44	8·59
Lintz Green ...... „	8·34	9·29	12·54	3·54	9·9
Rowland's Gill .... „	8·39	9·34	12·59	4·0	9·14
Swalwell .... „	8·47	9·42	1·7	4·7	9·22
Scotswood .... „	8·54	9·49	1·14	4·14	9·29
Newcastle ....arr.	9·5	10·0	1·25	4·25	9·40

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m
Newcastle	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge ..	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8·29
Rowland's Gill ..	7·54	7·39	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge ..	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
Benfieldside (arr)	8·25	8·10	Newcastle (arr)	9·25	9·10

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STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	7·10	4·5	7·30
Scotswood .... „	7·17	4·12	7·37
Swalwell .... „	7·24	4·20	7·44
Rowland's Gill ...... „	7·34	4·30	7·54
Lintz Green .... „	7·40	4·36	8·0
Ebchester .... „	7·53	4·49	8·13
Shotley Bridge ...... „	7·59	4·55	8·19
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·5	5·2	8·25
dep.	9·20	....	....
Knitsley	9·32	....	....
Lanchester	9·41	....	....
Witton Gilbert	9·52	....	....
Durham ....arr.	10·5	....	....

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.
Durham ....dep.	7·55	....
Witton Gilbert ...... „	8·7	....
Lanchester .... „	8·20	....
Knitsley .... „	8·32	....
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·45	....
dep.	8·50	5·30
Shotley Bridge ...... „	8·55	5·35
Ebchester .... „	8·59	5·39
Lintz Green .... „	9·9	5·49
Rowland's Gill ...... „	9·15	5·55
Swalwell .... „	9·22	6·2
Scotswood .... „	9·29	6·9
Newcastle ....arr.	9·40	6·20

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STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	6·45	12·30	2·30
Benfieldside ...... „	6·50	1·30	4·30
Rowley .... „	7·0	1·40	4·40
Burnhill Junction.. „	7·10	1·50	4·50
Tow Law .... „	7·23	2·3	5·3
Crook arr.	7·35	2·15	5·15
Crook dep.	7·38	2·25	5·25
Bishop Auckland .. „	8·7	2·53	5·56
Darlington .... „	8·35	3·20	6·25
Stockton .... „	9·25	4·8	7·18
Middlesbro' ...... „	9·28	4·20	7·33
Saltburn .... „	10·15	4·55	8·10

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn ....dep.	5·45	11·10	2·20
Middlesbro' ...... „	6·23	11·45	2·55
Stockton .... „	6·34	11·55	3·5
Darlington .... „	7·10	12·30	5·37
Bishop Auckland.. „	7·45	1·15	5·30
Crook arr.	8·12	1·40	5·48
Crook dep.	8·15	2·20	5·55
Tow Law .... „	8·27	2·32	6·15
Burnhill Junction „	8·42	2·45	6·30
Rowley .... „	8·52	2·55	6·40
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	£25,815	14	5
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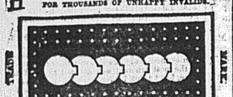
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RATEPAYERS' MEETING AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

LIVELY PROCEEDINGS.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of Benfieldside was held last night, in the Town Hall, at Shotley Bridge, for the purpose of considering a requisition lodged with the overseers respecting Ritson's Road and the ancient footpath. Mr. A. E. Turner occupied the chair.

The CHAIRMAN said: I think our fsiends might have got some one in the meeting who would have been more able to discharge the duties of Chairman than myself. However, as I have been nominated, I shall try to do my best. (Hear, hear). Perhaps I hall better begin the proceedings by reading the requisition served on the overseers, which is as follows:—

To the Overseers of the Township of Benfieldside.

We, the undersigned owners and ratepayers of this township, request you to call a vestry meeting for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of adopting means for opening out Ritson's Lane, leading into the centre of Blackhill, and closing the footpath from Benfieldside Farm to Blackfine.—T. W. Wright, Blackhill; William Reed, Blackfine; William Hay, Cemetery Road; John Moon, Cemetery Road; J. W. Scaife, Cemetery Road; Jacob Dowson, Derwent Street; William Palli-er, Derwent Street; George Lovat, Derwent Street; Joseph Walton, Derwent Street; A. E. Turner, Durham Road; John Heymer, Benfieldside Road; John Foggon, Durham Road; John Mewes, Durham Road; Samuel Walker, Derwent Street; Edward Sloane, Derwent Street; George Newmarch, Derwent Street; Jacob Hutchinson, Derwent Street; Eli Burton, Shotley Bridge; M. Jameson, Durham Road; John Proud, Durham Road; George Farrage, Durham Road; James Forsyth, Derwent Street; George Ainsworth, Benfieldside.

That, gentlemen, is the requisition served on the overseers, who, in consequence, issued the following notice calling the present meeting:—

Township of Benfieldside.—Notice is hereby given, that a vestry meeting of the inhabitants of the township of Benfieldside will be held in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Thursday evening, the 4th day of July, 1878, at half-past seven o'clock, for the purpose of considering a requisition lodged in the hands of the Overseers, respecting Ritson's Road and Ancient Footpath. Dated this twenty-eight day of June, 1878.—William Telford, Joshua Lax, Joseph Eltringham, Overseers of the Poor.

The meeting, as you will see, is therefore called for the purpose of adopting means for opening out Ritson's Road. This road, as you are aware, which has been used for the last twenty years, is of greater convenience to us than the ancient footpath opened out during the last month or two. The footpath, unless there is something done to it, will only be available to the public for five or six months in the year, owing to the bad state of the road, whereas Ritson's Road is already made and can be used as a footpath, which is all we desire. I think that the majority of the ratepayers, at least those I have come in contract with, are of opinion that the road known as Ritson's Road is preferable to the ancient footpoth, so that it is for this meeting to take the necessary steps for having it opened out. The road will facilitate business, and will be a convenience to the inhabitants of both Shotley Bridge and Benfieldside. The Chairman concluded his remarks by hoping the meeting would discuss the matter temperately.

Mr. CARSS: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, permit me, in the first place, to object to this meeting, on the ground that it is not a legally-constituted vestry meeting. The overseers have no power to call a vestry meeting for the purposes stated in the memorial. It is no part of the duty of the overseers to seek to close a public road. (Hear, hear.) In the second place, the notice convening the meeting is bad, as it is only called to consider a memorial placed in the hands of the overseers. The Chairman has said it is for this meeting to adopt measures for carrying out what is set forth in the requisition to the overseers, but the notice calling the meeting does not say so. Allow me to say that every notice convening a vestry meeting must definitely state the object for which the meeting is called. This meeting can do nothing more than deliberate on this requisition, but it is not competent for the meeting to pass a resolution in relation to the road. I have protested against the legality of the meeting, and against any steps being taken to further the objects set out in the requisition, which are not stated in the notice convening the meeting, and with these protests I shall leave that portion of the subject. I am willing to believe that those gentlemen who signed the requisition were actuated by the best motives——

Mr. JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM: Allow me, as one of the overseers, to reply to what Mr. Carss has said respecting the legality of the meeting, and to explain why the meeting was called.

Mr. CARSS: I shall be glad to hear what Mr. Eltringham has to say, and when I sit down it will be competent for him to make any remarks he may choose.

The CHAIRMAN: I was just going to say that we had better hear Mr. Carss out. Of course, if the meeting is illegal, the sooner we dissolve the better.

Mr. CARSS: As I have already said, I give the gentlemen present credit for the best intentions in relation to this matter, but you will pardon me if I say that the gentlemen who signed this requisition are not acting for the good of the township by seeking to close the ancient footpath and substituting Ritson's Road. This, gentlemen, is a matter that will effect the rates of this parish. Most of you will already be aware that the average rate in the township is 4s. in the pound. Permit me to state that the rate in the borough of Sunderland is only 5s. in the pound. As I have stated that this is not a legally-constituted vestry meeting, and as someone may retort that the previous meeting was also illegal, I had better state now that the other meeting was called by the overseers. That meeting appointed a deputation to wait upon the Local Board, as surveyors of the highways, asking them, or rather requiring them, to open this ancient footpath. It was perfectly legal for the surveyors to call a meeting for the purpose of doing a legal act, but it is not legal to ask the overseers to call a meeting for the purpose of closing a public road. If the Local Board accepts Ritson's Road, it then becomes a public highway, repairable by the inhabitants, consequently it will have to be metalled, kerbed, channelled and drained by the Board, at a cost of £1,500. If we borrow money at 5 per cent., to be repaid in thirty years, that will entail a permanent charge of £50 per annum for principal. The average interest at £37 10s. per annum gives, for principal and interest, £87 10s. The road would have to be lighted, and twenty lamps at £2 10s. each per annum would cost £50. It would take £50 per annum to maintain the road, and the interest on the Gas Company's plant, lamp-posts, &c., with incitentals, would be £12 10s. The whole would incur a permanent charge of £200 per annum, which would require a rate of 3½d. in the pound. We shall soon require a School-board rate of 4d. in the pound, so that we shall have a charge of 7½d. in the pound over and above what we already pay. There is also a rate for the new Cemetery, so that altogether our rates would not fall short of what is paid in the borough of Sunderland. I lay these facts before you, and I leave you as atepayers to deal with them. It is highly inexpedient, I submit, to increase the rates, especially during the present depressed state of trade. It has been stated by the Chairman that Ritson's Road would be a convenience to the inhabitants, but this I very much doubt. If any of you will take the trouble to measure the distance between the telegraph posts you will see that they are two chains apart. Now, by adopting Ritson's Road instead of going by our own parish road, the distance saved would be exactly two chains, or forty-four yards. (Laughter.) Would it be wise to spend £200 per annum, or a permanent rate of 3½d. in the pound, for the sake of saving fourty-four yards? With regard to the inhabitants of Shotley Bridge, their nearest way to Benfieldside Station is by Cutlers' Hall Road. I ask you, is the game worth the powder and shot? Apart from that, if the ratepayers will only have a little patience, Ritson's Road will come to the township as a natural sequence. Furthermore, when it comes to the township, it will come ready-made, and when it has to be lighted and maintained, it will be lighted and maintained by the increased rateable value of the property that will be built adjacent to it. There is another matter I wish you to keep in view. The Benfieldside Edge Road is being built upon, and the Local Board require parties building to leave a 36ft. street. That street in course of two or three years will be completed the whole length, and will be one of the best carriage roads to be found in this or the next township. In conclusion, I hope this meeting will maintain their right to the ancient footpath. It is a public road set out under the Lanchester Common Act, the addenda to which states that it shall be open at all times and for ever, which, as the pitman said, will be as long as we will require it. (Laughter.) It has been stated that the footpath will only be used a few months in the year. Allow me to say that the Board will repair it, and make it accessible at all seasons of the year. I find that some of my friends are beginning to lose their temper, and as I don't wish to raise a commotion, I shall conclude with this simple fact: That this footpath was not set apart for the use of the inhabitants of Benfieldside alone. It was set apart for the use of the inhabitants of Great Britain, so that this meeting cannot fairly, honestly, or legally do away with it. Mr. Carss concluded by moving the following resolution: "That this meeting determines to maintain the public right to the ancient foot road known as the Benfieldside and Berryedge Foot Road, and to resist every attempt to close the said road."

The CHAIRMAN: Before any person replies to the resolution ——

Mr. CARSS: You had better let some one second it first.

The CHAIRMAN: No. Those who are not acquainted with the facts concerning Ritson's Road are liable to be led astray by what Mr. Carss has said. To-night, Mr. Carss comes forward as an economist. (Applause.) He wants to show you how the money of the ratepayers can be saved. (Uproar.)

Mr. CARSS: I protest against the Chairman using personalities. He must address himself to the question. (Uproar.)

The CHAIRMAN: Have I to sit down or must Mr. Carss sit down? (Cries of "chair.") I am in your hands, gentlemen. If I am wrong I shall sit down, and if Mr. Carss is wrong he will sit down. Which of us is right? (Cries of "Chairman," "Carss.")

Mr. CARSS: No person has a right to use personalities. It is exceedingly rude and impertinent to do so.

A RATEPAYER: It is not personal to call a man an "economist."

The CHAIRMAN: We have had before us a lot of lamp-posts, a great deal about macadamised roads, the nearest road to Benfieldside Station, and the beautiful places that are to be built along Benfieldside Edge Road, but nothing was said about the width of the road at the far end, and the unseemly things that take place there. When Mr. Carss speaks about expense, I might ask why the township has been year after year put to the expense of a contest for Guardians. (Cries of "question.") It is all right. You may question away. I am in possession.

Mr. CARSS: If you are determined on going into personal matters I shall pay you off with interest. I shall have a Roland for an Oliver.

Mr. GEO. ETTRINGHAM (to the Chairman): Speak to the point.

The CHAIRMAN: Which is the point?

Mr. GEO. ELTRINGHAM: The road.

The CHAIRMAN: Are the lamp-posts to the point?

Mr. CARSS: What has the Guardians to do with lamp-posts? (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN: I will not allow you to interrupt me.

Mr. CARSS: Nor will I allow you to insult me, sir. (Laughter and uproar.)

The CHAIRMAN: I think the best thing for me to do will be to allow Mr. Eltringham to speak. He got up at the commencement of the meeting and wished to make some explanation in regard to the legality of the meeting.

Mr JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM said the requisition had been put into the hands of the overseers, to call the meeting, but he, as one of them, was of opinion that they were not compelled to do so. Some people were under the impression that overseers were bound to convene a meeting, but he asked anyone to show him a clause in the Act to that effect. He thought it was within the power of the overseers to refuse to call a meeting if they thought one was not necessary. With regard to the requisition read to the meeting, it had been presented in the usual way, but he held that that meeting was entirely illegal. As they already knew, a meeting for the consideration of this subject had already been held. That meeting had appointed a deputation to wait on the Local Board asking them to open out the ancient footpath, which had been done. The present meeting, he repeated, was illegal, because the persons who had requested the overseers ought, if they wanted Ritson's Road in lieu of the footpath to have attended the first meeting, where they would have had an opportunity of voting against the motion in favour of the old footpath being opened. That meeting, he added, had been called in opposition to his wishes, and he had given the requisitionists to understand that if the Auditor refused to allow the expenses attending it, they would have to bear the responsibility.

Mr. GEORGE ELTRINGHAM having seconded the motion,

Mr DOWSON said he begged to propose, as an amendment to Mr Carss's motion, that, in order to settle the dispute respecting Ritson's Road and the ancient footpath, a poll of the whole township be taken.

Mr FORSYTH seconded the motion.

Mr CARSS said it was unnecessary to put Mr Dowson's motion in the form of an amendment. If the original motion was negatived, then Mr Dowson's proposition would come before the meeting as a substantive motion.

A discussion here took place as to how the votes should be taken, the Chairman suggesting that all in favour of the motion should go to one side of the Hall. This course, however, was objected to by Mr Carss, who observed that in this way the neutrals would be included among those who did not vote for the motion. At this point,

Mr. AINSWORTH rose from the body of the Hall, and said he happened to be one of the much maligned neutrals who attended the first meeting, and who had since been twitted for want of courage. He wished to explain why he, as one of those now in favour of substituting Ritson's Road for the ancient footpath, did not oppose the motion carried at the previous meeting. On that occasion, the meeting claimed the opening out of the ancient footpath alone, nothing being said about Ritson's Road. The law was laid down by a few local luminaries—(laughter)—who explained it very lucidly, as far as it went—(renewed laughter)—but these gentlemen did not tell the meeting that Mr. Murray would give them Ritson's Road on certain conditions. (Applause.) They were told that Mr. Murray had set his back against the wall, that he would not let them have Ritson's Road, but had it been stated that he was willing to open the latter on certain conditions he felt convinced that the meeting would not have been so unanimous in its decision. (Applause.) He thought it was sheer nonsense to compare Ritson's Road with Cutlers' Hall Road. The question was not as between Ritson's Road and Cutlers' Hall Road, but as to whether the first-named road was more convenient than the ancient footpath. They all knew that the inhabitants of Edinburgh, Cork, or Dublin had a right to use the ancient footpath, but if the people of that township were of opinion that it would be to the public advantage to substitute Ritson's Road for it, he thought it was competent for them to do so. (Applause.) With regard to the expense of making Ritson's Road, he had no doubt, if the inhabitants saw it would be a convenience to the township, the people would gladly bear the expense of forming and maintaining it. Mr. Carss had put a lot of money down for lighting Ritson's Road with gas, but he considered this was just throwing dust in the eyes of the ratepayers, for what more necessity would there be for lamps in Ritson's Road than there would be for lights on the ancient footpath? (Applause.) Mr. Carss also told them to wait, and in the course of time they would get Ritson's Road ready-made for them. That, he considered, was a selfish policy. It was not a question as to what the ratepayers would require a hundred years hence, but what was needed now. It was admitted on all hands that Ritson's Road was preferable to the ancient footpath, and if there was to be any expense incurred in making the former, he felt sure the ratepayers would willingly put their hands into their pockets and provide what was necessary. (Applause.)

Mr. CARSS said as Mr. Ainsworth had spoken to the motion he claimed the right of answering his arguments. The gentlemen who spoke at the former meeting had been described by Mr. Ainsworth as "local luminaries." He (Mr. Carss) was glad that their brilliancy had received an addition in the person of the last speaker. (Laughter). With regard to the lighting, he wished to observe that if the township once adopted Ritson's Road as a public highway, the Board were bound to light it.

Mr. AINSWORTH: I should like to ask (and I wish it to be understsod that I don't do so offensively) if we could take over Ritson's Road as a footpath only.

Mr. CARSS: Allow me to say that it makes no difference whether the road is a carriage road, a bridle road, or a foot-road. Once taken over by the Local Board, they must keep it in repair.

Mr. AINSWORTH: Surely a bridle road or a footpath could not claim to be lighted.

Mr. CARSS: If the inhabitants demanded it, the Local Board would be obliged to do so. Apart from that question, permit me to say that if Ritson's Road is adopted by the Board the whole width (22 ft.) will have to be taken.

Mr. AINSWORTH: The Board might take the whole road, and still it could be used as a footpath only.

Mr. CARSS: We don't want one 22ft. wide. Four feet is plenty for any sober man. Moreover, if the Board wishes to take Ritson's Road as a highway, they could not do so, as our bye-laws require every new street to be 36ft. wide.

Mr. DOWSON: Is the road from Highgate to Allansford in the hands of the Local Board?

Mr. CARSS: It is a public road, but does not belong to the Benfieldside Local Board exclusively.

Mr. DOWSON: Why isn't this road lighted with gas?

Mr. CARSS: Because the people never demanded it.

Mr. DOWSON; The people have never asked for gas in Ritson's Road.

Mr. CARSS: But they will ask for it.

Mr. WILLIAM TURNER: Previous to this footpath being opened out, Mr. Murray and I met the Highway Committee of the Local Board, and Mr. Murray then offered to give a road 36ft., and also offered to kerb and macadamise it at his own cost, or make the parties do so who bought the building sites contiguous to the road, and I was surprised when I saw that that offer had been put in another light at the Local Board. (Applause.)

Mr. LAX: I was present at the time when Mr. Murray met the Committee, and I am much astonished at the statement which has just been made by Mr. Turner. What Mr. Murray said was that he would give a street 36ft. wide, making it a condition that the people who bought the sites were to pay for making the road.

Mr. TURNER: He also said he would make it. The only thing he refused to do was to take the case to Quarter Sessions.

Mr. LAX: Mr. Murray refused to be at any expense in the diversion of the road, and said he would make it a condition that the purchasers of building sites should pay for the making of the road. He did not say he would macadamise the road.

A RATEPAYER: I have a letter in my pocket which bears out what Mr. Turner has said.

Mr. JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM: Was that letter sent to the Local Board?

A RATEPAYER: No.

Mr. JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM: Then it is of no use.

Mr. CARSS: Mr. Murray sent a letter to the Local Board binding himself to make a 36ft. road from Dr. Geo. Renton's to the Railway Bridge. That letter is in the possession of the Board. After he made that offer he sold the land to Mr. Turner and the road remains unmade.

Mr. TURNER: At that time Mr. Murray didn't anticipate selling a large plot of ground. I maintain he had a perfect right to make that charge if he thought proper, and by doing so I don't think he has acted in opposition to the interests of the township. Besides, down that road was not the line of the ancient footpath.

Mr. CARSS: I am not saying it was, sir. (Laughter.)

Mr. GEORGE ELTRINGHAM said if Mr. Murray would consent to give them a footpath four feet wide along Ritson's Road he for one would be glad to accept it in lieu of the ancient footroad. But it was possible, if Mr. Murray gave them a four feet path, that he would sell building sites, and this footpath would necessarily be cut up by carts, and in time people would want a road to their premises, and the end would be that there would be a dispute as to whether the Board or the private owners should form it, just as the dispute arose about Cemetery Road. If the Board had to make Ritson's Road, it would be a costly job. He thought the sum named by Mr. Carss was below the mark. He had recently paid a road bill, and found that he got very little work done for £90.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you mean to say that Mr. Murray would not give the township a road 4ft. wide along Ritson's Road?

Mr. GEO. ELTRINGHAM: I cannot tell.

Mr. JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM: Has he ever been asked the question?

The CHAIRMAN: I understood one of the speakers to say that Mr. Murray would give up the 22ft., and nothing else.

Mr. DOWSON: I got a good many signatures to the requisition, and they were given on the understanding that there was only to be a 4ft. footpath along Ritson's Road.

Mr. HARRIS said if they once accepted Ritson's Road it would become a public highway. It was probable that somebody would build a house about half-way along it, and after destroying the road by leading material along it, he could then indict the Local Board for having a bad road. With regard to the old footpath, he said an attempt had been made to prevent the public from using it by deposits of filth. The speaker also said he would be in favour of a footpath 4ft. wide along Ritson's Road, instead of the ancient footpath, but said the Board would have to enter into a proper agreement with Mr. Murray to that effect before he would give his sanction to it.

Mr. TURNER: Have I from one end of the footpath to the other put down a piece of manure? I have put up a fence, and coal-tarred it, as I knew if I did not do so people would soon pull it down by sitting upon it. I think it is not charitable for Mr. Harris to throw out such insinuations. With regard to putting manure on the grass, I shall continue to do so, as that is the secret of farming.

Mr. HARRIS said he walked along the footpath the other Sunday, and took the trouble to measure the width of the stiles put up by Mr. Turner, and found that one was 8¼in. and the other 8½ inches wide.

A RATEPAYER: You shouldn't measure on Sundays.

Mr. HARRIS: I would measure on Sunday and every day. I would measure you if I had a chance. (Laughter.)

Mr. WHEATLEY thought the speakers ought to mount the platform and not speak from the body of the Hall.

Mr. HARRIS proceeded to say that he knew ladies in this neighbourhood who wore crinolines——

The CHAIRMAN: That does not appertain to the road question.

Mr. HARRIS: Yes, it does. (Uproar.)

A RATEPAYER said they were not met there to discuss the width of stiles.

The CHAIRMAN said if the stiles were not to Mr. Harris' satisfaction he could complain to the proper authorities.

At this juncture Mr. WHEATLEY rose from the body of the Hall and was proceeding to address the meeting when he was reminded of his own suggestion, namely, that the speakers should mount the platform.

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A RATEPAYER said they were not met there to discufs the width of stiles.

The CHAIRMAN said if the styles were not to Mr. Harris' satisfaction he could complain to the proper authorities.

At this juncture, Mr. WHEATLEY rose from the body of the Hall, and was proceeding to address the meeting, when he was reminded of his own suggestion, namely, that the speakers should mount the platform. Mr. Wheatley having taken up a proper position, placed his hands in his pockets, and after calmly surveying those below him, began by informing his hearers that there had been a great deal said about the road question, but they had never started at the right end yet. That was his opinion. After stating what took place at the previous meeting, Mr. Wheatley said several gentlemen connected with the Local Board were sent to Durham to look at the awarded plan, but they hadn't their spectacles on, and consequently failed to see the ancient footpath marked on it. A few members of the Board were not to be put down in this way, however, and other two or three gentlemen were again deputed to go to Durham. These gentlemen took their spectacles along with them, and saw the footpath marked on the plan, and had it opened out forthwith. (Applause.) He (Mr. Wheatley) was opposed to the old footpath being taken from them, and speaking of Ritson's Road, said no person seemed to have asked Mr. Murray to give them a 4ft. road along it, and therefore they knew not whether he would do so or not. He believed, if Mr. Murray, whom he respected as a gentleman, had been asked for a footpath along Ritson's Road in the first instance he would have given them one, and they would then have had two footpaths. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN said as no other person seemed to be desirous of addressing the meeting, he should submit Mr. Carss' motion.

Mr. CARSS: Before doing so, allow me to call the attention of the meeting to the fact that at the last meeting of the Local Board Mr. Ritson distinctly stated that when Mr. Murray purchased the Benfieldside estate he bought this Ritson's Road along with it. This is an important statement, and Mr. Ritson is responsible for it.

The CHAIRMAN asked if it was necessary to submit the motion to the meeting if the latter was illegal.

Mr. JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM said the Chairman had ruled the meeting in order by allowing it to go on and accepting the proposition.

The motion was then put to the meeting, when thirteen voted for and twenty-six against it. The motion was therefore negatived. Mr. Dowson's proposition was then put and carried by a majority of eighteen votes, thirty-one being in favour and thirteen against the motion.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

"NONCONFORMIST" AND THE WESLEYANS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The letter of "Nonconformist" in your issue of last week reminds me of the remark of a pedlar, who said, admiring the speed and comfort of travelling by rail, as compared with modes of travelling before the days of railways, "Boys, it's well our fathers lived before us, and found out this nice easy mode of travelling." I am inclined to think, if what "Nonconformist" says is true, that he, too, ought to have figured among our forefathers, as he has quite a different way of explaining what a Nonconformist is to any of them. You, sir, have no doubt read his definition of the word Nonconformist, but Walker, Gardner, and others have given a different definition, and I, "like a silly young man with more zeal than knowledge" believed them. It never entered my mind that one greater than these gentlemen was somewhere hereabouts. But I suppose "Nonconformist" is right, and Walker, Gardner, and others wrong; and so I, too, am wrong. But I am sure that my learned opponent, "Nonconformist," will look over my fault when he finds that I have been misled by men who ought to have known better. "Nonconformist" styles my attempt at letter writing as "rhapsodical, hikey-pikey, rodomontade, cant," &c., but attempts at ridicule answer no arguments, and cannot contradict facts. Now, sir, to reply to all the errors and false statements in the second epistle of "Nonconformist" would be, I am quite sure, too great a burden for your patience. First—His description of the policy and usage of the Wesleyans is a very false one; indeed, as everyone at all acquainted with their policy and usage knows. He must, sir, be very ignorant of, and very full of hatred to the Wesleyans, and that being the case, he hates, but he does not know what he hates. Second—He says that Wesleyan preachers are the most deadly enemies of temperance, which statement is a gross misrepresentation. Of the last fifteen preachers who have travelled in Shotley Circuit, ten were pledged teetotallers, and the other five, though not pledged to abstain, yet sympathised with, and spoke in favour of temperance. Besides, for several years there has been in large circulation a temperance magazine, conducted entirely by Wesleyan ministers, for the spread of temperance principles. The Wesleyans also have a connectional temperance society and a host of excellent labourers in the temperance cause, such as C. Garrett, T. B. Stephenson, J. Yeames, J. Broadbent, and many others whose places are in the front ranks of the great temperance army, men whose zeal is well known and whose advocacy of the cause is highly appreciated; men whom ministers of other denominations have pointed out as being excellent examples well worthy of imitation in this particular sphere of Christian labour. These are facts, sir, and are well known in the religious and temperance world, and it does seem to me very strange that any man can say of such men that they are the deadly enemies of temperance. Thirdly—I think that "Nonconformist" is also wrong in saying that, as a rule, the Wesleyans are intensely Tory. I would just say here, that notwithstanding the twice repeated statement of "Nonconformist" that the majority of Wesleyan electors in Consett are Tories, that Consett is notoriously Liberal as a whole, and Consett Wesleyans are no exception to the rule, there being three Liberal electors for one Tory elector among the Wesleyans resident in Consett. Again, the Wesleyan Conference is now about to assemble, and of the 240 laymen elected to attend it five of them are Liberal M.P.'s and two or three ex-M.P.'s, also Liberal. Surely it cannot be said that Tories of the most ignorant and devoted type elected these Liberal gentlemen. Again, on June 22nd, there were assembled at the house of a Wesleyan Liberal M.P. the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., the Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, M.P., Mr. Mundella, M.P., and a large number of Wesleyan ministers and laymen. It would be a strange thing, indeed, if such eminent statesmen as these could dawdle away their time among Tories of the most ignorant and devoted type. I might say more, but I think I have said enough on these points. I would just say to "Nonconformist," that the Wesleyans, as a religious body, have lived and multiplied like the Israelites in Egypt, amid the sneers and detractions of much abler men than himself, and as it has been in the past, so, I suppose it will be in the future, even after "Nonconformist" has uttered the vilest his heart contains.

A WESLEYAN AND A LIBERAL.

July 1st, 1878.

NANCY PICKLES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—Mite I again bother you too insert these few lines in oour paper. What nice wether it has been lately, people goin of pick-nickin and sportin about. There ought to be some other sort of place got up for pick-nicks, becase fokes is gettin tired of Shotley Spars. Fokes is goin to Whinnie House, and some reeley fancy such places for to go to to injoy thereselves, Mr. Editur, even on the raleway. I, for my part, would not like to go on such a place, unless, Mr. Editur, I had a reel proper leeve from the stashun-marster. But never mind, sir, everybody has there fancies, some for the Spars and some for the raleways.

I think, Mr. Editur, there has been lots of fites at Blackhill this last week or two. I see there was a row in front of Mr. Pallister's, and Mr. Brown hooked hold of the rong man. Now, sir, I think if Mr. Brown had passed by and not made hiself so handie, it would have been as well. I think everybody has plentie to mind when they mind there own affairs and there own sons, altho, Mr. Editor, some sons are beyond control, for they will keep the compinie of pochers and gamlers. I say that is very hard on any parent, and they have plentie to do to look after them.

Well, dear sir, I must tell you we have been sore trubled with beetles (or more comminly called black clocks) until Saterday, when some sort of a lot callin thereselves a band came passit, goin to a pick-nick, and heven be prased, sir, they fritened away the clocks with there discordint screamin trumpits. They did one good thing with there hart-brickin musik. Towser has recovered, and, my goodness, Mr. Editur, it took me to hold on to his coller, and hold on for mane strenth and stupednis, or all the docktors in the lokelity would have to been called in to dress the woonds. I have kept him tied up ever since for fear it would be the same way with him as it was with the clocks, that he shud take frite.

Well, Mr. Editur, I must end hear, and believe me to be yours truly,

NANCY PICKLES.

Blackhill, July 3rd, 1878.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION IN CONSETT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—As a reader of your valuable paper, I have been much interested in the discussion on Wesleyan Education. You will, perhaps, pardon me, Sir, for stating that I was educated at a Church of England School. Hence, when I read that "nothing but a Wesleyan School" was the ticket, I naturally began to wonder whether I had not spent my school-days in vain. I must confess, Sir, that I was never initiated into the profound doctrines of selfishness and hypocrisy which seem to be so extensively preached and practised in the neighbourhood of Consett. However, this I will venture to say of myself, that I once took the first prize for catechism; and, among other things, I learned that my duty towards God "is to believe in Him, to fear Him, and to love Him with all my heart, with all my mind, and with all my strength." I also learned that my duty towards my neighbour "is to love him as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should do unto me; to hurt nobody by word nor deed; to bear no malice nor hatred in my heart; to keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evil-speaking, *lying*, and slandering." Such a creed as this, Sir, is altogether antagonistic to the sanctimonious cant that will doubtless be taught in this great Wesleyan School that is about to appear in Consett. Your correspondent, "Wesleyan but also a Liberal," grows eloquent in setting forth the magnitude of the Wesleyan connexion. Even in Consett we are told there are between 700 and 800 persons connected with Wesleyanism. May I ask "Wesleyan," &c., if this gigantic body has been established by appealing to the Baptists and Primitives for assistance, as the Consett Wesleyans have done? If so, I think "Wesleyan" has nothing to bounce about. Your correspondent, "Nonconformist," exposes the gross inconsistencies that exist in the Wesleyan connexion. It is evident that "Nonconformist" has an excellent knowledge of Wesleyan Church policy; yet, notwithstanding the sweeping charges he brings against the Wesleyan priesthood, he might very properly conclude by exclaiming "The half has not been told!" I think "Nonconformist" has furnished "Wesleyan," &c., with a few rather stubborn facts about the provision that is made for the Wesleyan preachers. Not long ago, a Wesleyan preacher was appealing to a poor member of the society for a donation to the preachers' fund, and this good Christian man had the courage to ask where he would receive any assistance for himself in case of need, to which this father in Israel promptly replied "that he could go to the Workhouse." I can heartily substantiate the statements of "Nonconformist," in reference to the tyrannical way in which the laymen are treated when they attempt to go in opposition to the wishes of the superintendent. Permit me, Sir, in conclusion, to ask "Wesleyan," &c., a few questions. Is it true that the Wesleyan preachers' children are educated at the expense of the connexion? Is it true that a few of the preachers are endeavouring to establish houses of rest for those who are sick? Do the Wesleyan preachers fix their own stipend at the district meeting? If a Wesleyan local preacher happens to take part in services of another denomination, won't he have to answer for such conduct?—I am, Sir, yours truly,

X. Y. Z.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT LANGLEY PARK.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning, an inquest was held before Mr. Graham, at the Workhouse, Lanchester, on the body of Alfred Dace, a cokeburner at Langley Park Colliery, who received injuries on Monday which resulted in his death the following day. Deceased was in the act of taking a full waggon from the coke bench, when he slipped between it and the edge of the platform. He was much injured about the body, and after his removal to Lanchester Workhouse one of his legs was amputated below the knee by Dr. Wilson. The poor fellow never rallied, and died as above stated. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned. Deceased leaves a widow, but no family.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

CONSETT—At 21, Puddlers Row, on the 28th ult., Mrs. A. Cruickshank, of a son.

STANLEY—On the 28th ult., the wife of T. Benson, of twins, both boys.

MARRIAGES.

COLLIERLEY—At St. Thomas' Church, on the 27th ult., by the Rev. R. Tuson, John Hepple Robinson, to Eliza Edith, youngest daughter of the late Edward Gray, of Annfield Plain.

BURNOPFIELD, Co. Durham—On the 3rd inst., by the Rev. T. Stirrup, vicar of the parish, assisted by the Rev. C. Thompson, vicar of Walker, Charles William, only son of Charles Mitchell, Esq., of Jesmond Towers, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Eliza Highat, second daughter of Henry Wm. Watson, Esq., of Burnopfield. 202m

DEATHS.

CONSETT—On the 30th ult., aged 76, John Barron, Dun Cow Inn.

At 28, Queen Street, on the 25th ult., aged 25 years, William Turnbull, deeply lamented.

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