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Leadgate, July 5, 1867.

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July 6th, 1867.

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July 4, 1867.

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See future Announcements.

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Shotley Bridge, April 6, 1867.

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Tanfield Lea, June 28th, 1867.

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BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The summer exhibition of plants, flowers, &c., in connection with the Botanical and Horticultural Society of Durham, Northumberland, and Newcastle, was held on rase Wednesday and Thursday, at the society's show ground, Barras Bridge. The weather, that important element in the success of a flower show, was splendid; in fact, the day was perhaps the finest we have yet seen this year. The unfavourable character of the past season naturally had an adverse effect upon the quality of the show; the bedding-out plants have had scarcely a chance, with cold weather continued so far into the summer. Nevertheless, the show as a whole was highly interesting. The stove and greenhouse plants, heaths, and ferns, were magnificent. Pelargoniums, calceolarias, geraniums, and cut flowers were also very fine. Of fruit and vegetables there was little or nothing to be seen.

The chief prize winners were Jeremiah Hall; William Moult, gardener to Lord Ravensworth; Thos. Flowdy, Gateshead; George Lees, gardener to J. M. Redmayne, Esq.; Hugh Huston; Jas. English, Gateshead; J. Hogg, Newcastle; George Cook, gardener to E. James, Esq., Holeyn Hall; William Wardle; E. Adams; Alexander Cram; Mr Battensby; Mr Atkinson; and Stephen Nairn. A special prize was given to Mr Petch, gardener at Whitfield Hall, Haydon Bridge, for an elaborate floral device representing a spire.

Mr G. R. Stephenson's band was in attendance during the afternoon and evening of each day, and under the leadership of Mr William Ure, performed a selection of music.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

No. 4 of a Series of Sketches of the new town of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, and the grand country surrounding, to be continued and appear weekly in the Guardian during the Summer Season.

During the present month we have given in detail a lengthened account of several delightful and interesting places adjacent to the town of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, including Wilton Castle, the seat of Sir John Lowther, Bart., with the imposing scenery, park, garden, and the ornamental grounds. Upleatham Hall, the seat of the Earl of Zetland, with its woodland beauties and lovely hills and valleys. Skelton Castle, the residence of J. T. Wharton, Esq., Lord of the Manor, the Lawns, rosary, grounds and park. Freebro' Hill, described as the greatest Celtic mount, with its prodigious dimensions, and grand prospects. Staithes, the curiosity shop of Cleveland, its grand cliffs and sublime views of sea and land, together with the wonderful progress of the Commissioners of the Saltburn Improvement Company in making ready and beautifying their newly acquired property, the Glen of Hazeldean, which is an extensive and charmingly wooded retreat, adjoining the unmatched beach. That magnificent building, the Zetland Hotel (a further description of which will shortly be given), a splendid specimen of Italian architecture, with its 120 apartments. Some idea of the size may be formed by our readers when we state that 140 gentlemen dined with ease and comfort in the coffee room, on the 5th of this month. We at the same time pointed out the most pleasant and romantic routes from Saltburn to Wilton, Upleatham, Skelton, Staithes, and Freebro'. We intended giving on the present occasion a description of Kilton woods and that ancient relic of antique grandeur the castle which is situated in one of the most picturesque forests in the kingdom, and commands views of unequalled variety and expanse, and is only about one hours walk from the Zetland. Almost adjoining Kilton is the pretty village of Lofthouse, from where as far as the eye can behold may be seen hill and dale, mountain and valley, moorland blooming with heather, stately forests, rippling brooks, and a matchless view of the German Ocean. We are reluctantly compelled, however, to postpone, till next Saturday, publishing a full description of Kilton and the district. Our crowded columns, is the best apology we can offer for not doing so this week.

We are informed by a resident at Saltburn that the place numbers considerably more visitors, at the present time, that it did during any part of June last year, and that each day witnesses a number of fresh arrivals. Visitors will find an easy guide, in a nicely arranged handbook, published lately by W. H. Brownless, descriptive of the beauties of Saltburn-by-the-Sea and district, with several excellent illustrations of a very interesting character.

LOFTHOUSE BAND CONTEST.

The ninth annual band contest at Lofthouse was held on Monday week, and was very successful. Lofthouse is a pleasant village about 3½ miles from Saltburn, and is most beautifully and romantically situated. The contest took place in a field close to the village, and on the edge of a beautifully wooded glen. The attendance was very large, visitors arriving from all the neighbouring places, and the greatest and liveliest interest was taken in the contest. The following were the competitors and the pieces they played:—

Felling Chemical Works Brass Band.
18 performers; leader, Mr J. Clementson; conductor, Mr T. Woods.
Selection "William Tell"..........Rossini
" "L'Africaine"..........Meyerbeer
Guisbro' V. R. Band.
18 performers; leader and conductor, Mr M. Calvert.
Selection—"Ernani"..........Verdi
" "Giovanni D'Arca"..........
Heckmondwike Albion Brass Band.
18 performers; leader, Mr Parker; conductor, Mr J. Brooke.
Selection "Don Giovanni"..........Mozart
Overture—"Zauberflote"..........
Marske Operatic Brass Band.
18 performers; leader, Mr J. Herbert.
Selection—"Twelfth Mass"..........Mozart
" "Fra Diavolo"..........Auber
Middlesbro' Alexandra Brass Band.
18 performers; leader and conductor, Mr H. Milburn.
Selection—"Semiramide"..........Rossini
" from Messiah 'Worthy is the Lamb,' Handel
Stockton V. R. Band.
18 performers; leader and conductor, Mr G. Fiddler.
Selection—"L'Assault Musical"..........Marie
" "Le Marriage Secret"..........Cimarosa

The judge was Mr Fender of York, and after hearing all the bands play he adjudicated the first prize, £14, to the Heckmondwike band; the Felling Chemical Works Brass Band was adjudged the second prize, £10; Middlesbro' the third £7; and Guisbro' the fourth, £4. The decision of the judge gave the greatest satisfaction, and seemed to be endorsed by all present.

Several visitors from Newcastle and the district were conveyed by the Robert Scott steamboat, which was chartered by the Felling Band. This band has only been established two years, and under the accomplished leadership of Mr T. Woods, of Newcastle, has made decided progress. Their success is all the more commendable considering the short period they have practised together, and that several of the members are youths varying from 14 to 18 years of age. At the formation of the Felling Chemical Works Brass Band, in 1865, Messrs H. L. Pattinson, with their usual kindness and liberality, presented the members with a complete set of first-class musical instruments, and the present victory proves that the members have made good use of them. The present occasion being the only time in which they have taken part in any contest, the result will, we have no doubt, be fully appreciated by Messrs Pattinson. The contest was altogether a great success. The day was fine and clear and sunny; the attendance was large and fashionable; and the music was excellent. Next year we would advise the committee to provide seats, for many of the visitors are fatigued by standing all the time the bands were playing, and would no doubt gladly pay a small charge each for the use of a chair or form. Perhaps they could also secure a proper vessel in which to land those who come by sea at Skenningrave, and thus avoid the inconvenience experienced by the the passengers being carried through the waves some distance to the small boats and then rowed to the steamers. The trip was a most delightful one. The band played dance music homewards, and the passengers on board danced heartily. The journey from Skenningrave to Shields was made in three hours and a half, a distance of 36 miles.

1ST NEWCASTLE RIFLE BAND TRIP TO MORPETH.

On Thursday week a special train left the Central Station, Newcastle, at two, conveying the band of the First Newcastle Volunteer Rifle Corps, and a number of their friends, to the fine old town of Morpeth. This was the third annual trip of the band to that place, and it was the most successful in every respect of the whole of them. The rendezvous was the Collingwood Gardens, in Oldgate, Morpeth, to which several additions have lately been made by the spirited proprietor, Mr Geo. Charlton, and here the band under the direction of Mr E. Potts, played a rich and varied programme of music, to which the company danced upon the spacious lawn. Some thousands of people visited Morpeth on the occasion, and the well-wooded banks of the Wansbeck were covered with excursionists. The gardens are now very greatly improved, and are well worthy of a visit. To the attractions of the gardens the proprietor has added a fleet of small boats, and in these many of the company disported themselves on the waters of the Wansbeck. In honour of the event the bells of the town, by the order of the Mayor, rung merry peals at intervals. The band, and a number of the excursionists partook of substantial refreshments, liberally provided by Mrs Hunter, of the Earl Grey Inn, an old and famous hostelry. The day was altogether a most enjoyable one; the weather was everything that could be desired, and the arrangements were excellently carried out. To the committee, and especially to Sergeant Cocks, of the Morpeth divisional police, great credit is due for the order and regularity with which the proceedings were conducted. After spending a pleasant day the company left Morpeth in several special trains the last arriving at Newcastle about half-past eleven o'clock.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge and the Prince de Teck, with the Duke of Sutherland and other distinguished personages, are now in Paris.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE.

The Pasha of Egypt is lodged in the Tuileries, and is the object of great attentions. He has attended a magnificent ball at the Hotel de Ville, and was on Wednesday present at a grand review of 15,000 troops in the courtyard of the Tuileries, which Prince Humbert and Prince Arthur of England also attended. In obedience to the command of the Sultan, the Pasha will prolong his stay in Paris. On Sunday afternoon the Sultan arrived.

On Monday the the distribution of prizes at the Exhibition took place. The address of the Emperor contained only sentiments of a general character, appropriate to the occasion. His Majesty observed though the Exhibition had apparently in view only material interests, a sentiment of concord and civilisation arose from the competition of intelligence. Nations learn to know and esteem each other, and hatred is extinguished. The truth becomes more apparent that the prosperity of each country contributes to the prosperity of all. The exhibition not only exhibited the marvels of luxury, but the interests of the labouring classes had never aroused more lively solicitude. Thus all improvements march forward. If science, by turning matter to account, liberates labour, the cultivation of the mind, by subduing vice, prejudices, and vulgar passions, also liberates humanity. The Emperor alluded to the visit of the majority of the sovereigns and princes of Europe to the Exhibition. They would see France as she is—great, prosperous, and free—and notwithstanding her development of wealth, and the enticements of prosperity, would divine without trouble that the fibre of the nation is always ready to vibrate as soon as the question of honour and the country arises, and that this noble susceptibility could not be a subject of alarm for the repose of the world. The Emperor said, 'Let those who have lived for a short time amongst us carry to their homes a just opinion of our country, let them feel persuaded of the sentiments of esteem and sympathy we entertain for foreign nations, and of our sincere desire to live at peace with them.' His Majesty concluded by expressing a hope that the Exhibition of 1867 would mark a new era of harmony and progress.

In the afternoon at 2 30 p.m., the Emperor received the Lord Mayor and some of the Aldermen of the City of London. The Lord Mayor read an address, in which he referred to the late attempted assassination, and also congratulated His Majesty on the success of the Exhibition. In reply to the address, which was written in English, the Emperor thanked the Lord Mayor and the other members of the deputation, in the same language, for the cordial step they had taken, and the hearty sentiments they had expressed.

PRUSSIA.

The King has gone to Liegnitz; Count Bismark to Pomerania.

The University of Halle have just given Count Bismark a certificate of character. They have made him a doctor of philosophy, but they have refused to make him a doctor of law, the learned members holding that the achievements of the Count were not so striking in the department of law.

On Thursday Herr Tweaten was sentenced by the Disciplinary Courttopay a fine of one hundred thalers, on account of a speech delivered by him in the Chamber of Deputies.

According to a Berlin paper a distinct understanding was arrived at in Paris between the Prussian and French Government on the North Schleswig question. It was agreed that Flensburg, Duppel and Alsen should continue to belong to Prussia.

A Government ordinance has been published suspending the banishment of the families of those inhabitants of Northern Schleswig who had evaded by flight their liability to military service.

DISARMAMENT OF LUXEMBURG.

BERLIN, June 28.

The *Bourse Gazette* announces that it has received authentic information that arrangements were being made with the railway administrations for the removal of the war material at present in the fortress of Luxemburg.

AMERICA.

A new jury has been sworn in for the trial of Surratt. One witness disposed that be saw Surratt conversing with Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre at Washington a few minutes previous to the assassination of the late President Lincoln. Surratt successfully appealed to the court to compel the attendance of witnesses for the defence, his means being exhausted.

General Steedman has been offered and declines the mission to Mexico.

The Republicans captured Campeachy on the 1st June.

ITALY.

The bill drawn up by the committee as a counter scheme to that brought forward by the Government for the conversion of the ecclesiastical property, propose the conversion of the whole of the property, its division into small lots and sale by auction, the Government to be authorised to issue bonds sufficient to realise 400,000,000 of lire, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent., and redeemable in twenty-five years. The bill further imposes a tax of thirty per cent. on ecclesiastical property, and stipulates that no bishop shall be appointed until the number of the episcopate shall have been reduced, and a new circumscription of the dioceses introduced.

Signor Ferrara has submitted to the chamber of Deputies the bill for the provisional exercise of the Buuget as modified by the Senate. It was adopted by 211 against 19 votes.

ROME.

At a public consistory held on Wednesday, which was attended by 400 bishops, the Pope pronounced an allocution in which be praised the zeal of the prelates in coming to Rome, and their attachment to the Holy See. He said,—

'Nothing was more beautiful than that example of the union of the church to celebrate the canonisation of martyrs and the centenary of St. Peter. When the enemies of the Catholic Church saw this union, they could comprehend her immense power and the error of those who declare her to be antiquated. The union of bishops and the Vicar of Christ would always tend more and more to strengthen the Church.'

His Holiness confirmed the condemnation of errors already denounced by the allocution of 29th October, 1865, and expressed the desire to convoke, as soon as a fitting opportunity should offer, an ecumenical council to repair the evils which oppressed the church, and to point out the necessary remedies. The Pope concluded by recommending prayers to God and the Immaculate Virgin, and by giving the bishops his Apostolic Benediction.

On the 29th ult., the ceremony of the canonisation took place with great pomp. One hundred thousand foreigners were present, and the Pope was loudly cheered.

TURKEY.

Official reports from Omar Pasha announce that a great success has been obtained by the Imperial troops over the volunteer corps concentrated in the district of Lapethi. After this defeat of the volunteers the inhabitants of Lapethi delivered over to the Imperial army 6,000 carbines and a large quantity of munitions of war which they had recently received from Greece by the Arcadi. The Imperial army now holds the strongholds which it was necessary to occupy previous to marching on Sphakia.

THE EMPEROR MAXIMILIAN.

A New York message of Monday says that the captain of an Austrian frigate has telegraphed from New Orleans to the Austrian Minister at Washington that the Emperor Maximilian has been executed, and Juarez refuses to deliver up the body.

CANADA.

The Confederation of the British North American Provinces is now a fully accomplished fact. Lord Monk has been sworn in as Viceroy of the dominion of Canada, and henceforth all the wide territories of the British Crown in those parts are to be governed according to their collective interests. Notwithstanding the big words of the 'New York Herald' all this seems to have been done without the least opposition on the part of the United States. The harvest reports from America are favourable.

THE QUEEN OF HANOVER.

The Queen of Hanover has, it is stated, been informed by the Prussian Government that a new suite of attendants—probably of less decided political opinions than the members of her present suite—has been selected for her, and that she must either accept these strangers or leave the province within three days. Her Majesty has declined to do either, and has told the Prussian Government that she can only change her residence in compliance with the desire of her lord and master King George.

SPAIN.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

MADRID, June 28.

Senor Cartro, minister of the colonies, and Vice-Admiral Rutalcurd, minister of marine, have tendered their resignations, on account of a disagreement with their colleagues upon several points of the scheme for the conversion of the passive and external debts.

MADRID, June 27, evening.

In to-day's sitting of the Spanish Chamber, the announcement was made that the Minister of State had resigned. Senor Arrazola has been appointed Minister of State, Senor Martin Bella Minister of Marine, and Senor Rolcoli Minister of Justice.

THE SULTAN IN PARIS.

The Sultan has entered Paris, and is now comfortably housed in the Palace of the Elysee. The Lyons terminus had been elaborately prepared to receive him. The waiting-room was decorated with the taste that the French know so well how to display on such occasions. At both extremities were constructed rows of benches rising above each other, sufficient to accommodate at least the six hundred persons, high functionaries, and others, who had been specially invited. The walls and pillars were covered with light blue tapestry adorned with escutcheons bearing the Imperial arms, and before the doors were marquees of rich crimson velvet, surmounted by flags displaying the tricolour and the crescent. In the outward court were rows of Venetian masts, with long streamers and trophies, over which floated the French and Ottoman colours intermingled. From this court, to which access is had by the Boulevard Mazas—the prison of the same name is close to the station—the public were on the present occasion excluded, as it was reserved for the troops of the line, the cavalry, and the Imperial carriages. The weather was most beautiful; a cloudless sky, and the heat of the sun, tempered by a slight breeze, drew forth crowds not merely to the Lyons terminus, but to every spot at which a passing glimpse of the cortege could be caught. The whole way, from the Rue de Lyon to the Palace de la Bastille, the Rue St. Antoine and the Rue de Rivoli, which now form but one street, was thronged with people either moving towards the Bastille, or remaining stationary, with extraordinary patience, on both sides of the way. In the Court of the Carrousel were stationed a regiment of dragoons, and a regiment of infantry occupied the space between the Louvre and the triumphal arch which stands in front of the central pavilion of the Palace of the Tuileries, while two regiments formed the guard of honour at the Lyons terminus and in the courts. Six most sumptuous carriages had been placed by the Lyons Railroad Company at the disposal of the Sultan and his suite, and this is, I believe, the first time that his Majesty has travelled by rail. At half-past three o'clock nine Imperial carriages, escorted by the Cent Garde and two detachments of Lancers of the Imperial Guard, left the Tuileries for the terminus, and at ten minutes or a quarter-past four the Emperor proceeded to the same spot, without escort of any kind. He arrived at the station ten minutes before the Sultan. The meeting between the two monarchs was most cordial. They entered the same carriage, and, followed by the others, containing the son and two nephews of the Sultan, and the rest of the suite, proceeded to the Tuileries. The personages who accompanied the Sultan were Fuad Pasha, his Minister of Foreign Affairs; Djemil Pasha, his Ambassador in Paris; Djemil Bey, First Secretary; H. Djemil Bey, First Chamberlain; Emir Bey, First Secretary; H. Djemil Kiamil Bey, Grand Master of the Ceremonies; Kalid Bey, Second Chamberlain; Marco Pacha, principal physician to his Majesty; Clarifi Bey, principal interpreter to the Divan; five chamberlains, six officers of the Body Guard, and a number of other officers, military and civil, attached to the personal service of the Sultan and to that of the three Imperial Princes. The procession left the terminus amid the acclamations of the crowd who were attracted by the novelty of the sight, and reached the grand entrance to the Louvre shortly after five o'clock. The great balconies and the windows of the Palace were full of spectators, and in that court as well as the Court of the Carrousel the crowd, who had waited for hours under a hot sun, was immense. I must say there was some disappointment. It was thought the Sultan would enter the French capital on horseback, and escorted by a body guard in Eastern costume. He came, however, in a close carriage with the Emperor, so that hardly a glimpse could be caught of his features, hemmed in as the whole *cortege* was between a double line of soldiers. It was headed by outriders, then came a squadron of the White Lancers of the Imperial Guard, then the Imperial carriage, in which were seated the two Emperors, escorted by the Cent Garde in their most gorgeous uniform. These were followed by nine or ten other Imperial carriages, with their suite; two squadrons of Lancers brought up the rear. They entered the Louvre by the great colonnade entrance, traversed the Grand Court between lines of infantry, the court of Napoleon III., the Carrousel, and, passing under the triumphal arch, arrived at the central pavilion of the Palace of the Tuileries, known as the Pavallion de l'Horloge. Here the monarchs alighted, and proceeded to the state apartments, where the Empress was awaiting them. The Sultan was formally introduced to Her Majesty, and, after paying his homage in Eastern fashion, again entered his carriage and, accompanied by the Emperor, proceeded slowly along the grand avenue of the garden, the Place de la Concorde, the Champs Elysees, the Avenue Marigny, and alighted at the Elysee, which had been prepared for his reception. The Sultan must be greatly pleased with the reception given him by the Paris population; it was most respectful throughout, if not enthusiastic.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

The coffee growing in Texas is successful.

Over thirty brides were lately at the Niagara Falls Hotel in one day.

A lady at a New York ball, recently, wore 80 dollars' worth of curls on the back of her head.

Mrs. Lincoln has given 600 dols. to the Association for the Relief of Destitute Coloured Women.

In one of the counties of Tennessee, the registry lists contain the names of 36 whites and 642 negroes.

A five weeks' rat hunt has come to an end in one of the townships of Ohio after a slaughter of 4,600 rats.

Five bank officers have been poisoned and made seriously ill in Mobile by eating ice cream made in a copper freezer.

Cyrus W. Field is undergoing a fine of 25 dols. per day for every day's absence from the New York Superior Court, in which he was called as a juryman.

The death of a prominent citizen at St. Louis is reported to have occurred from a cancer on the nose, "caused by the pressure of his spectacles."

A family, living near Marietta, have been poisoned by the mother putting arsenic into the bread, by mistake, instead of soda. Prompt medical aid saved their lives.

George Kinman, a boy of sixteen, lately completed at Memphis the feat of walking one hundred and twenty miles in as many consecutive hours, on a wager of 500 dols., doing the last mile in fourteen minutes.

There is a large emigration from Texas to California. At last accounts about one hundred families were preparing to start from Coryell, McLellan, and some of the more western counties of the state.

The funeral of Charles F. Browne (Artemus Ward) was solemnised at Waterford, Maine, on the 6th ult. The Masonic fraternity assisted in the burial.

Wendell Phillips, the sublimest of "stump orators" in the States, said he was wedded to truth and philanthropy when a boy. The *Boston Post* thinks he must have became a widower when quite young.

The *Times of India* of May 15th published some facts which tended to excite reasonable hopes of the safety of Dr. Livingstone. On the 17th of that month, however, the same journal states that the previous intelligence was altogether inaccurate, and that there can now be no doubt of the murder of this distinguished traveller by the Mafites.

The Hudson River has become so full of carp, or "gold fish," that fishermen take them by the waggon load. They originally came from a private fish pond near Washington's headquarters at Newburg, which communicated with the river by an outlet, through which the fish made their way to the main stream. They have bred with great rapidity, and have stocked the river.

King Ludwig, of Bavaria, has quarrelled with his Wagner. The Royal patron had dared to interfere with some of the musician's arrangements for the production of an opera, and Wagner left Munich in the pet. It will be hard for the gold-sticks and silver-sticks and fiddle-sticks in waiting until the runaway is brought back. A child could as easily do without his toy as King Ludwig without his Wagner.

A telegram from Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg states that there were ten English vessels wrecked in the Arctic Sea. The remainder lost were chiefly Norwegian. The English Consul at Archangel has despatched a steamer with provisions for the relief of the crews of the abandoned vessels. The Russian Government steamer will not be able to leave Archangel till Tuesday, 2nd July. A subsequent telegram from Archangel, dated Saturday, 12 o'clock, announces that the Ashford had arrived with three crews of lost ships, and 20 more crews were saved and were on board incoming vessels.

It is now pretty generally believed that if the Abyssinian captives are to be released by anything but death, it must be by force. The only obstacle is the supposed impenetrability of King Theodore's dominions. "Niger," writing in the *Standard*, says this invasion is not so difficult as it has been thought. At Suakin (in Nubia), not far from Massowah, there is a natural channel from the Red Sea leading to a harbour capable of holding transports of from 2,000 to 3,000 tons. Suakin is under a Turkish governor, and its population are favourable to the English. Thence to the borders of Abyssinia the distance is short, and guides could easily be obtained. A French company ply between Suez and Suakin regularly, so that a constant communication with this country by means of the Mediterranean Telegraph could be kept up. The writer knows Surkin, and believes that a valuable native contingent could be raised there. When at Aden he understood that Consul Plowden had been assassinated by the escort sent to re-conduct him to Massowah, but he may have been misinformed. He asks whether it could be ascertained if the captives would be willing to accept the consequences to themselves of an armed intervention.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT WALTON JUNCTION.

A frightful railway accident, resulting in the loss of several lives and in serious injury to a great number of persons, occurred on Saturday morning at Walton Junction, where the London line branches off to Chester, at a short distance from Warrington. The 10·25 a.m. passenger train from Liverpool to Birmingham and London reached Warrington at about its usual time, and having picked up some additional passengers, left the Bank Quay Station at 11·25. As it approached the Walton Junction the driver saw a coal train just ahead of him, which was evidently being shunted out of his way on to the Chester line. As there appeared to be plenty of time for the shunting operation, the driver of the passenger train did not slacken speed. He was right in supposing his line would be clear in time, but unfortunately, when he reached the points which had just been passed by the coal train he found that the pointsman must have neglected closing them, as his own engine and carriages shot right on and into the coal train. There was a terrible crash. The fore part of the passenger engine wedged itself into the break-van of the coal train, and stuck there. Two or three of the carriages in front of the passenger train were smashed to atoms, and all their occupants injured more or less severely. Several of the coal trucks were also broken to pieces, and large splinters from them were scattered about on each side of the line. As soon as possible those of the passengers who were able left the carriages in which they had been seated, or clambered from among the debris of the broken ones. The passengers who suffered least set themselves to the work of recovering those whose injuries were most serious, and in a very short time several doctors and a large number of railway officials reached the spot from Warrington, and also took part in the labour. Some of the passengers as they were taken out from the debris, or drawn from carriages which had been overturned, were placed on the grassy slope of the line, where the doctors examined them, and then had them conveyed to places where the attention which was further necessary could be bestowed.

Up to the present time the number of victims has reached seven, five of whom were either killed instantly by the collision or died before they could be removed from the scene of the disaster; one died on Sunday, and the seventh on Monday morning.

A searching inquiry into the circumstances which led to the accident has been instituted by the managers of the London and North Western Railway Company, but nothing of importance has been elicited beyond the main facts already published. It is clear that the coal train was duly shunted to permit the passenger train to proceed; that the signal "all right" was given by the pointsman; that the passenger train went on at full speed, and that when it reached the junction-points it found them open instead of being closed, and so followed and ran into the coal train before a break could be put on, or the steam shut off. The question as to how the points came to be open and with whom the blame rests, is one which will doubtless be clearly answered at the coroner's inquest, and in the meanwhile John Lawson, the pointsman who was in charge at the junction, has been suspended, and remains in town awaiting the result of the inquiry.

The number of passengers who received injuries of so serious a character as to require surgical aid is officially stated to be 33. Of these one was sent at his own request to Bury-lane, five to Liverpool, four (one since dead) to the Patten Arms Hotel, Warrington, and 23 (one since dead) to the Convalescent Hospital. This hospital is a wooden structure, built about twelve months ago, at a time when Warrington was seriously threatened with a visitation from the cholera, and is admirably adapted for the use to which it has now been put. It was noticeable that there was no groaning or complaining on the part of the men, who seemed tacitly to acknowledge that all that human skill could do for them was being attempted, and it was their duty to acknowledge the kindness of those who tended them by silently and manfully bearing their pain.

Among those killed on the spot is a young lady, who has since been identified as Miss Adcock, and who was travelling from Liverpool to Wolverhampton. In her pocket was found a small diary, regularly written up from New Year's Day. The last entry she wrote was dated on the day preceding her death, and ran thus:—"Oh, what a miserable day. Letter from ——; disappointed; very unhappy." Mrs Partridge, of Oakford House, near Exeter, had been on a visit to Liverpool, and was returning home in company with her son, a young man of about 22 years of age. When the collision occurred, both were thrown out of the carriage, landing at some distance from each other, and while Mr Spinks was attending to the young man, as one of the most dangerously injured, he was called away to attend to a lady who was said to be dying, and who proved to be Mrs Partridge. When he returned to the son he found him dead, and the mother did not survive him many hours.

IVESTON TEMPERANCE MEETING.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., the anniversary of the above society was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Iveston. An excellent tea was provided by Mesdames Armstrong, W. Armstrong, Reid, Ward, and Hetherington; and the tables were presided over by Miss Hetherington, Miss Robinson, Miss Shearer, Miss Attey, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Robson. About ninety persons partook of the repast.

After tea a public meeting took place, when Mr H. Carss, of Cutlers' Hall, was called upon to preside. Having explained the object of the meeting, he introduced

Mr George Charlton, of Bensham, whos name was the signal for a burst of applause from an audience that filled the chapel in every part. He prefaced his speech by remarking that they were to suppose that he had been sent amongst them by the Government to introduce strong drink, and was to give a faithful description of all its properties. Suppose also that he had with him a cask of rum, and gave each a glass therefrom; and just as they had swallowed the liquor he, by a magic wand, brought before their minds all the evils resulting from the drinking traffic—the misery, crime, poverty, useless expenditure, and heavy rateage. He thought they would at once cry out, "There is no Government under Heaven will get us to take that." The reason that they did not feel that way towards the traffic then was that it had gradually crept upon them, and they did not feel it as if it had came suddenly upon them; but, as it was, it was a riddle to him that Englishmen with good sound sense could allow such a curse to exist in their midst, and thought it a silly thing that two men had to come from Newcastle to ask them to stop drinking poison. (Applause.) After having been 32 years a teetotaler, he never regretted the step he then took, and liked the simple, godlike principle better that night than ever he did. There were some snivelling bodies who had tried it for a week, and then said they could not manage with it—the result of a week's experience. (Laughter.) He had found it to answer in all things; yet men could not do all things with teetotalism. They could not burn a house down, they could not shoot their neighbour; and the prostitute could not carry on her nefarious life without drink. Their specific object for coming to Iveston was to get up a little pluck among the people to carry out what they knew to be right. He had no doubt that they were convinced of the wrongfulness of drinking. The facts and arguments of the various advocates that had visited them from time to time were such as to convince the thickest skull that ever was made. (Laughter.) What they wanted was moral power to execute their convictions. The landladies thought they were flats; and what were other people to think. Taking stuff that made fools of themselves and weakened their constitution, and what their wives should have was given to keep a lazy man and sly woman. The landlords were the great drones of society, and it would be to the interest of ratepayers to pension them off. They were in the habit of hearing a great deal about the endurance of drunkards' wives; but he did not believe a lot of it. It was more than human nature could stand. There might be a few angels in petticoats. If it were his case, they would get hot tongue for supper. (Applause.) He thought his hearers would be past the lane-end that believed that drink made men strong. Time was when that opinion was very prevalent; but that day was past. Suppose that a man went into a public-house and spent 1s or 1s 6d in liquor, he would go home after that and want his supper. If he had got that much steak into him he would not feel ready for another meal for some hours. People should exercise common sense. In speaking about the Permissive Bill, he asked why the publicans were alarmed at the two-thirds vote of the ratepayers? It was because there was a deep-seated conviction in their inmost soul that the system was wrong. (Hear, hear.) He blessed God that there was a day coming when their good old country would be rid of it, when the people would rise *en masse*, with a Cobden and a Bright of the Corn Law to concentrate their common sense and religious feeling, and sweep it away. (Applause.) During the years that he had been a Poor-Law Guardian he had seen great numbers of paupers, but he was glad to tell them that he had never seen one teetotaler in the workhouse. (Hear, hear.) And were they still going to tolerate such a cursed system? (Cries of "No, no.") A number of his friends had told him that be was not such a radical in politics as he used to be. He thought that in that respect he was advancing rather than retrograding, as he believed in manhood suffrage. [The Chairman: So do I.] He reminded the chairman that he meant a man. He did not call everything upon two legs a man. He meant the man of principle, of sobriety, and of industry; not those that could be bought for 3s. a dozen. At a recent election of members for Newcastle Town Council be contested in one of the wards, and his canvasser asked a publican for his vote, which met with the response: "I would sooner vote for the devil." Having been made aware of that, he sent his canvasser back to the publican to inform him that his (the publican's) master was not a candidate for the Council that time. (Laughter.) Mr Charlton further advocated the prohibition of the traffic by law, and resumed his seat amid loud applause.

Mr George Dodds was then called upon, and in the course of a pithy speech of a similar character to Mr Charlton's, remarked that the only difference between the abstainer and the non abstainer was that the one had ceased taking poison and the other had not. It was nothing to the credit of those that believed Christianity that they were not against the sale of intoxicating drinks, as there was no difficulty in showing the immorality of the system. It was a sad fact that the traffic depended upon the responsibility of the church for its support, for was it not a truth that publicans were harboured in its pale, and professing Christians gave their countenance to that which had the seal of heaven's reprobation upon it! A drunkard needed only to be seen to be despised or pitied; but a tippling Christian, so far as sustaining the system was concerned, was a worse man than the drunkard. The remainder of Mr Dodds' speech was a recital of his experience as a temperance missionary, and his career as a manufacturer, which elicited frequent bursts of applause.

Messrs T. Harrison and J. Winter then explained the workings of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, and urged upon the abstainers present to join the division that they represented.

The Chairman gave a lengthy and humorous speech, being a *resume* of the preceding speakers, and during the evening the meeting was considerably enlivened by Mr Jas. Weir singing a number of capital melodies.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, about 70 of the friends of the cause adjourned to the school-room where the before-mentioned ladies (to whom credit is due) had a substantial supper provided. We need not state that after having received such a mental feast, they did ample justice to the "bread that perisheth."

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the guardians in the Lanchester Union was held in the Board-room, Lanchester, on Thursday.

Present: Messrs D. Balleny, in the chair, R. H. Gee, J. Collinson, G. Hobson, G. Alder, J. Bowey, J. Wilkinson, E. Charlton, J. Calvert, and N. Clark.

The minutes of last meeting were read over by the clerk, confirmed, and afterwards signed by the chairman.

The treasurer's balance sheet showed that he had in hand the sum of £350 18s 8d.

The correspondence read included a communication from the Ross Union, enclosing a petition to the House of Commons, against the passing of Mr Hunt's valuation bill. This petition was similar to that forwarded by the board some time ago, and, therefore, was put to one side. A communication was also read from the Board of Trade respecting agricultural returns.

The Finance committee then sat and examined the accounts amounting to £232 14s 6d, also the estimates for painting the workhouse. On the return of the committee, Mr Alder moved that cheques amounting to the sum passed to them be drawn and handed to the respective parties; and that the contract for painting the workhouse be given to Mr Forster Robson, which was carried.

The inspector of nuisances for the western district of the union—Mr Laycock—reported that he had given notices for the abatement of nuisances at Templetown to Messrs Dolphin and Leybourne. It was resolved that the various medical officers of the union should send in a fortnightly report, specifying the disease and number of cases under their care, and also a report of the state of health in their district.

The board then proceeded to the relief of the poor, after which the Assessment committee sat. The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The committee appointed at a previous meeting to sit at Consett and examine the rate books reported that they had inspected the rate books, and found that none of the items in the rate had been altered.

The committee then adjourned to the 11th of July.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY ROARD.

A general meeting of the waywardens of the Lanchester Highway Board was held in the long-room of the Black Bull Inn, Lanchester, on Thursday last.

Present: Major Joicey (presiding), Messrs H. Smith, N. Clark, W. Bulman, G. Errington, J. Wilkinson, J. Alder, G. Hobson, and G. Walker.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read over, which on being confirmed, were signed.

The treasurer's report showed that the sum of £786 11s 9d was in hand, and that the following townships were in arrears:—Consay, £55; Greencroft, £10; Muggleswick, £5; total, £70.

CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT.

The Surveyor reported that he had seen the Surveyor for the Durham district who spoke favourably of Mr Henderson, who had satisfactorily executed several contracts for him, and the board then confirmed the contracts entered into by Messrs Henderson and Jefferson; also the contracts entered into by Mr Harrison for carting material, and Mr Batey for breaking stone in Esh township.

ENCROACHMENT AT BANTLING CASTLE.

The Surveyor reported that he had called at the office of East Castle Colliery, and had also written to the proprietor of the colliery, from whom a letter had been received. This letter was read by the Clerk, from which it appeared that the owners of the colliery thought the highway board must be misinformed, as they were not encroaching, they had only repaired an old hedge.

The Surveyor said, on referring to the map, he found that the encroachment was in the township of Iveston, which was now under the Leadgate Local Board, but that the cottages were in the township of Tanfield.

Mr Clark said it was quite correct that the cottages were in the township of Tanfield, but he thought it would be well for the clerk to write to Mr Coupland, clerk to the Leadgate Local Board, on the subject, which was agreed to.

The Surveyor had also written to the contractor working the quarry near complaining of the dangerous condition of the road, to which he had received a reply promising that it would be attended to. He had received a letter from the Derwent Mining Company, in which they enclosed an account for clearing a road during winter. Referred to the waywardens and surveyor.

A letter had also been received from Mr Weeks, agent for some property at Flint Hill, calling the attention of the board to the road at that place. The portion of road complained of is where an alteration was made a short time ago by sinking the road a little, and Mr Weeks complained that by reason of the road being lowered the tenants could not get so readily to the property. He also complained that there was no possibility of persons being able to drive a cart into the field since the alteration of the road.

The Surveyor said that he had visited the place, and found that by removing the gate to another place, they could have a good entrance into the field. He did not know whether they could make much improvement in the footpath.

The Chairman thought it would be well if the surveyor, waywarden, and gentleman complaining could meet together and see if anything could be done, which was agreed to.

The Surveyor said that Mr Gibson had written to him for some information, and as it was out of his power to give the information he desired, he had answered his letter to that effect. It would take him (the Surveyor) a long time to get all the information he wanted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr N. Clark said he had been deputed by Mr Talmadge to give notice that at their next meeting he would propose that the treasurer's salary be augmented from £10 to £20.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ESH.

Mr H. Smith asked whether he should gave notice to the Board for the improvement of a road for which the Surveyor had already drawn a plan to submit to the Board. The road would be a great improvement, and be considerably shorter.

The Clerk said that the first step was to call a vestry meeting to ascertain the feeling of the ratepayers on the subject.

Mr Smith applied to the Board for leave to allow the surveyor to prepare the necessary estimate to lay before a parish meeting, which was granted.

The Surveyor, in answer to Mr Smith, said that he found that a considerable portion of the money which he expected was for the outlay of the present year had been expended for the last year's work, and he was afraid that they would be unable to do the required work with the balance.

The Chairman said that some of the townships had money in hand, what had been done with that?

The Clerk: The sum in hand was deducted from the recent calls.

The Surveyor said it would be very difficult to get some of the township work through with the present rate.

Mr Smith: Then the cry will be that the new surveyor has run us into debt.

Mr Clark: You must try to manage as well as you can with the money.

The Chairman: Perhaps you can previous to the next meeting ascertain the rateable value of the townships, and the amount paid, and call upon those who were able to pay a little more.

The Clerk read a letter from Robert Whitfield, of Satley, complaining of the state of a road at that place.

The Surveyor said that the complaining party had applied to the Rev. Mr Dingle several times. He thought it would be well to see the waywardens, and if the road was repairable at the public expense it could be put right. There must be very little, if any, traffic on the road, as it was quite green at both ends.

It was stated that the applicant was understood to have taken down a fence for the purpose of building his house.

Mr Clark said if this was a public road, the applicant had then taken great liberty if he had removed any portion of the fence.

Several pay bills amounting to £247 3s 5d, were then passed, and a cheque for the amount was handed to the surveyor.

Accounts amounting to £67 1s 8d was also passed, and a cheque ordered to be drawn for the amount.

The Board then adjourned.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the Board-room, Town Hall, Consett.

The members present were Messrs J. Gledstone (in the chair), J. Calvert, J. Collinson, J. Routledge, H. Brown, E. Spencer, and J. W. Davison.

ENCROACHMENT RENTS.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read,

The Clerk reported that he had only received £2 10s for encroachment rent from Richard Murray, in compliance with an order from the magistrates. The order was that he had to pay £5 to the Board; but he desired them to limit it to £2 10s, as the rental of the others was so small.

The offer was not accepted, and the clerk was requested to ask for the original amount.

KNITSLEY LANE CROSSING.

A letter was read from Mr N'Nay, secretary to the Stockton and Darlington Railway, stating that he would not be able to have an interview with the representatives of the Board, relative to the Knitsley Lane crossing, this week, but would embrace an early opportunity.

COST OF MEDICAL REPORTS.

The Chairman read a communication from Dr W. M. Renton, stating that the charge of his four quarterly reports for the past year was £1 1s. All the members thought the charge very reasonable, and the amount was ordered to be paid.

INSPECTOR'S RESIGNATION.

The Chairman: The next matter is the consideration of the inspector's resignation, which was adjourned from last meeting.

Mr Calvert thought there was not a sufficient number of members present to deal with that question, and moved its adjournment till next meeting.

Mr Brown seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

PIPES IN STOCK.

The Chairman intimated that there was a number of 15-inch pipes belonging to the Board lying in a ravine near the parsonage, and thought they ought to be removed to a safer place.—Ordered to be put into a pinfold, except they were sold.

THE PROPOSED NEW MARKET.

The question of carts and stalls standing in the streets, adjourned from last meeting, next came up for consideration.

Mr Collinson thought that they ought to be allowed to stand as heretofore until proper accomodation be made.

Mr Calvert: Can the Board remove them, if they are not a nuisance?

Mr Brown: It was understood that if the Board would not take into consideration the erection of a suitable place for their accommodation, private persons would, provided the Board gave them a guarrantee that they would compel the hucksters to go off the streets.

Mr Routlege was of opinion that they were a nuisance standing upon the streets.

The Chairman thought the Board was not in a position financially to take the matter up, and suggested that it stand over till a more numerous attendance.

The suggestion was adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the flagging in the Middle-street was progressing favourably, and would be finished by the end of the month, except that of John Temperley's, who had given him no authority to proceed with the work. Flagging, kerbing, and channelling had been commenced with in John-street, and the Water-lane contract was progressing but slowly. He had received £12 7s 1d, as part payment for the private improvements made at Blackhill, and had given notice to those that had not paid that there would be five per cent. to pay upon the amount due to the Board. The 9-inch pipe leading from the main sewer through Mr Carrick's yard to Thomas-street required taking up and re-laying as it was chocked. The cost would be about 1s 3d per yard or 25s for the entire. Mr Carrick had promised to put water-closets into his property as soon as the sewer was cleaned, and also to pave the yard, Front Street, but it could not be removed until the sewer in Mr Seymour's field be carried forward about 40 yards, which would cost about £8 10s.

The Board ordered that Mr Temperley be written to about the flagging, and if he did not order the work to be done, they would do it for him.

A considerable discussion ensued concerning the 9-inch pipe through Mr Carrick's yard.

Mr Brown contended that it was a back-yard and not a street that the 9-inch pipe was laid down in, consequently it was private property, and the owners would have to clean it.

The entire of the other members dissented from Mr Brown's opinion, and thought it was an advantage to the Board to get the pipe through Mr Carrick's property. The inspector and Messrs Calvert and Spencer were deputed to inspect the place, and on their return reported that there were a number of cottages facing the back of the property referred to, and it had evidently been intended for a street. On the motion of Mr Calvert, seconded by Mr Collinson, the pipe was ordered to be cleaned and re-laid.

The sewer in Mr Seymour's field was, on the motion of Mr Davison, seconded by Mr Spencer, ordered to be carried forward about 40 yards.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

was then read, which showed that several nuisances existed in the high part of the town, but could not be removed until the sewer was carried forward. Thomas Little had disobeyed the notice served upon him to erect privy and ash-pit accommodation. A person wished to have her house registered for lodgers; but he could not recommend it, as the property was not in a proper state. Little or no attention had paid to the notices served upon the tenants of Richard Mitchell and the executors of the late Charles Allen certifying that the premises were unfit for human inhabitation.

It was agreed that the application for the keeping of a common lodging-house would not be granted until proper privy accommodation was provided.

In the course of this discussion it was ascertained that Mr Little ceased to have any connection with the propery that the notices for the privy accommodation related to, and it was also found that Mr Calvert was depuyt-landlord. A notice was then ordered to be served upon Mr Calvert.

The question of closing the aforesaid houses as being unfit for human habitation was left with the Nuisance Removal Committee.

HIGHWAY REPORT.

Mr M. Coupland's monthly report was then read over, which stated that there had been no special works on hand further than regular attendance upon the roads, and breaking and carting material. He expected the greater part of the team work would be completed during the next two months. The improvements in Consett Hall Lane would be completed ere long.

The following are the totals of the various pay-bills:—

	£	s	d
Conside and Knitsley	25	10	9
Ebchester	10	3	6
Iveston	5	6	11
Total	41	1	2

The report was adopted, and the various bills ordered to be paid.

CONSETT AND BLAYDON RAILWAY.

The Chairman wished the Board to take into their consideration the propriety of memorialising the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company to run a train from Leadgate and Carrhouse Stations to Blackhill Station in time to catch the ordinary trains that will run upon the new line to Newcastle, as that arrangement would be a considerable advantage to those villages.

Mr Davison suggested that the Leadgate Local Board might co-operate with them.

The Chairman wished that the general public might also have a part in the matter. He moved that the clerk be instructed to draw up a memorial, which, on being seconded, was carried.

FIVE PER CENT., OR A NEW GAS COMPANY?

A letter was read from the Shotley Bridge Gas Company stating that they would not allow 5 per cent. off their account as their agreement was for cash.

This caused considerable commotion in the Board. Some of the members seemed anxious to cut connection with the Gas Company, and have a new company started, while others were inclined to trust to the light of the moon during the next winter.

The Clerk was eventually instructed to inform the company that it had been previously allowed to the original gas inspectors, and the Board did not intend to pay it.

NEW BUILDING.

On the suggestion of the Building Committee, the plan of a new house to be built by Mr J. Heads, was adopted, provided the builder make the front windows 6 ft by 2 feet 6 inches, and the back bedroom window 6 feet by 3 feet 6 inches.

The Board then adjourned.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT COURT OF BANKRUPTCY.

MONDAY.—Before Mr Commissioner ABRAHALL.

In re PHINEAS CHARLES TOWNSEND, of the Globe Inn, Clayton Street, Newcastle, publican—last examination and discharge. The liabilities showed that there was due to creditors unsecured £371 19s 2d.; to creditors to be paid in full, £77 1s 6d.—total, £449 6s 8d. The assets were found entirely in the property given up to the assignees, of the value of £297, the deficency being £152 0s 8d. The bankrupt was not represented. Mr Stewart appeared for the assignees, and said he had received no instructions to oppose the application, which was at once granted by the Commissioner, who remarked that there seemed a prospect of a fair dividend being realised.

In re JOHN BOLTON THOMPSON, South Shields, grocer and provision merchant.—Last examination and discharge. The following is the statement of accounts:—To creditors unsecured, £761 17s 8d; creditors holding security, £165—total, £926 16s 8d. Good debts, £271 14s 6d; doubtful, £14 13s 6d. To property given up to the assignees, £60; in hands of creditors, £165—total £511 8s 8d. There were bad debts on the estate amounting to £269 11s 10d. Mr Watson appeared for the assignees, and Mr Robinson for the bankrupt. Mr Watson said he had no further opposition to offer, inasmuch as the property, which it was asserted had been removed, had been restored.—Application granted.

TUESDAY.—Before Mr Commissioner ABRAHALL.

Re JOSEPH ARMSTRONG, boot and shoe maker, Brampton, Cumberland.—This was a sitting for last examination and discharge. Mr T. Hoyle appeared for the assignee, and the bankrupt was unsupported. There being no opposition, the bankrupt was allowed to pass and take his discharge.

Re PETER GRAY, shipbuilder, South Hylton.—This was a sitting to receive discharge. Mr Joel appeared for the bankrupt, and Mr T. Hoyle for the assignees. In the absence of opposition, the bankrupt received his discharge.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

NEWCASTLE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY.—Before the MAYOR (Ald. Hunter), and Ald. NICHOL.

A BATCH OF FELONIES.

Ann Neil (26) was charged with stealing a box containing clothing belonging to a man named John Cowell, of Blandford-street. Mr Bush appeared on behalf of the North-Eastern Railway Company to prosecute. On Saturday Mr Cowell came to Newcastle by rail, and left a box containing clothes to the value of £20, at the Left Luggage Office, Central Station. The box was placed outside of the office, and Detective Vardy was sitting upon it, when the prisoner came up and asked if the box was his. He replied that it did not belong to him. She then asked him several questions as to whether he had come from the country, after which she went out of the Central Station. A short while after she returned with a youth, with whose assistance she carried the box away. She was followed and taken into custody. Sent to prison for three months.

Michael Hedley (40) was charged with stealing 14 lbs of tobacco and 4 lbs of snuff, belonging to Messrs Nelson, of Blyth, from a carrier's cart in Pilgrim-street. The parcel containing the tobacco and snuff were placed in Mr Joicey's carrier's cart in Pilgrim-street on Saturday afternoon, and a little while after the prisoner committed the robbery. Having such a bad character the prisoner was sent to the Sessions, in the hope that he may be sent to prison for a long period.

James Dalton (28) and Peter Turner (25) were charged with robbing James Smith of £1. Prosecutor, who lives in Seaham-street, got up about three o'clock on Sunday morning, and went out to get some drink. He went to Clayton-street where he met the prisoners and two other men. He offered to stand a bottle of rum if they would get it, making the offer in the hope that he would get his share. He took some money out of his pocket, and Dalton snatched a sovereign from amongst it, and went away with Turner. Both the prisoners were afterwards apprehended, Dalton having the sovereign in his hand. Turner was discharged, and Dalton sent to the Sessions.

ASSAULTS AND ROBBERIES.

John Turnbull, James Black, and James Milburn were brought up on remand, charged with assaulting and robbing a man named James Craig. Sent to prison for 3 months each.

William Gunning (18) and Ann Hackett (18) were charged with assaulting Joseph Harris and robbing him of a watch and chain and a purse containing £1 7s. The prosecutor lives in Burn's-bank, Quayside, and about midnight on Saturday he was going into his house with his wife when the prisoners committed the assault and robbery. Sent to prison for one month each.

Wm. Bell, Arthur Howe, Septimus Embleton, and John George Jobling were charged with assaulting and robbing John Jackson, better known as 'Skipper' Jackson, on Thursday morning last in Henry-street, Shieldfield. The Bench were of opinion that only an assault had been committed, and fined the prisoners 40s each.

AFTER THE RACES.

Jerome Millbrock (45) was sent to prison for one month for attempting to pick pockets in Newgate-street, on Saturday. The prisoner confessed to being a cardsharper from London.

A NEGLIGENT HUSBAND.

Ralph Clark (26) was sent to prison for one month for neglecting to support his wife and family, causing them to become chargeable to the union.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

John Harbottle (29), was charged with cutting and wounding Thomas Wall. Chief constable Sabbage conducted the case. The prosecutor was in charge of Mr Wilkinson's tent on the Moor on Sunday night, when the prisoner came in and began quarrelling. Wall ordered the prisoner out of the tent, and afterwards assisted a waiter in putting him out. The prisoner came back, and going up to Wall, stabbed him in the left side with a pocket knife, and attempted to stab him a second time, but the knife only went through the coat sleeve. The prisoner was immediately apprehended.—Wm. Glass, who had charge of an adjoining tent heard the prisoner say he had a good friend in his knife. As the prosecutor, who has been attended by Mr Hume, surgeon, was not yet out of danger, the prisoner was remanded for a week.

THE MANSLAUGHTER OF AN ENGINEMAN.

Francis Allinson, was brought up, on remand, charged with the manslaughter of Wm. Wallace, on the 21st ultimo. Mr Bush prosecuted and Mr Joel defended. The evidence was similar to that taken at the inquest last week. Allinson and deceased were enginemen on the North-Eastern Railway. On the night of the 21st ult., they came out of a beer shop in Railway-street, Scotswood-road, and seemed to be friendly with each other. Two men, who followed almost directly out of the house, saw Allinson and Wallace fighting in the street, but did not interfere, as they thought, being under the influence of drink, they would not hurt each other the way they were going on. After three or four rounds Allinson was going away, when Wallace followed and hit him, upon which they again commenced fighting, and the deceased, with a heavy blow, was knocked backwards over, the back of his head beating heavily against the ground. He was taken home, and died on the 23rd ult. from the effects of the blow on the head. The prisoner was committed for trial at the Assizes.

TUESDAY.—Before the MAYOR (Ald. Hunter) and Ald. WILSON.

THEFT OF A WATCH.

George Parker (30) was charged with having stolen a watch from John Thompson. About ten o'clock on Wednesday night the prosecutor was coming from the Moor, when he was set upon by three men, who, after assaulting him, stole his watch. Detective Thorburn apprehended the prisoner, who was identified as one of the men who took part in the assault and robbery on Monday; and he would have been apprehended earlier, but the police waited in the hope that the watch would be found. The prisoner was committed for trial at the Sessions.

STEALING LINEN.

Mary Ann Oates (25) and Margaret Neighton (21) were charged with stealing a large quantity of linen, the property of Mr Thomas Oliver, Ridley Place. The linen was in the kitchen of Mr Oliver's house, ready to be taken away to be washed on Tuesday night, but was suddenly missed. Information was given to the police, and about eleven o'clock at night Detectives Thorburn and Anderson apprehended the prisoners with some of the stolen articles in their possession. The remainder of the stolen goods were found at a shop in Silver Street, where they had been taken by the prisoners. The prisoners, who, it was stated, made a regular practice of committing such robberies, were sent for trial at the Sessions.

SERIOUS ROBBERIES BY AN APPRENTICE.

Charles Taylor, Thomas Stormand, and Robert Watt, all youths, were charged with stealing a number of watches, the property of William Kirton, watchmaker, Collingwood Street. Taylor was an apprentice with the prosecutor, and the other two prisoners were also in the same service. Mr Kirton having missed a great many watches, gave information to the police, upon which Detective Anderson, accompanied by P.C. B 53, Davison, went to the house of Taylor, in Romulus Terrace, Gateshead, and asked for the watches he had stolen from Mr Kirton. Taylor replied that he had none, but afterwards opened a drawer out of which five watches were taken, all of which were identified by Mr Kirton as his property. Seven pawn tickets were also found on Taylor. Anderson afterwards apprehended Watt, and Davison Stormand, and upon the latter three pawn tickets for watches were found. Fourteen watches were produced, and all of them the prosecutor identified. When charged, Taylor admitted the robbery, but the other prisoners denied all knowledge of it, stating they had pledged some watches for the prisoner, but did not know they had been stolen. Watt was discharged and taken as a witness; and he stated that he had pledged two watches for Taylor, who told him that Mr Kirton was his uncle. He always believed they were related. He never knew the watches were stolen. Stormand was also discharged. Taylor, who pleaded guilty, was sent to gaol for three months.

GATESHEAD BOROUGH POLICE.

TUESDAY.—Before the MAYOR and Mr Alderman JOHNSON.

THEFT OF CLOTHES.

Wm. Wade was charged on remand with stealing clothes from a line in the Crescent, Durham Road End, the property of Mr Charles Borries. The prisoner on being found with the clothes in his possession said that they belonged to his sister and she had given him them. The prisoner was sent to gaol for one month.

ALLEGED ASSAULT BY AN INMATE OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Michael Flinn, an inmate of the workhouse, was charged on remand with having committed an assault on another inmate, whose name did not transpire. The case had been previously adjourned, in order that the accused might be examined respecting his sanity. Mr Colquhoun, the master of the workhouse, said he could not get the medical officer to sign a certificate to the effect that the defendant was a lunatic. Dr Cooke explained that the reason why he refused to sign a certificate was because he considered the man was quite sane. The defendant promised to conduct himself better for the future, and was discharged.

GATESHEAD COUNTY POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY.—Before G. H. RAMSAY and R. W. HODGSON, Esqs.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT WASHINGTON.

John Atkinson Vale, a hewer, was charged on a warrant with breaking his contract with Mr Wm. Kimpster, and others, the owners of Washington Colliery, by leaving his employment without giving the usual notice. Mr Johnson, from the colliery office, proved, the agreement, and defendant, on being asked, pleaded guilty to running away. Vale stated that he was doing well at the colliery, for he had 5s per day, and was quite content with his work until the late accident, by which several lives were lost. Ever since that occurrence he had been nervous, and afraid to go down the colliery. Vale was asked to return to work, but he positively refused to do so. He was therefore ordered to be imprisoned in Durham Gaol for one month. Towards the conclusion of the business of the court, and after the defendant had been confined some time in one of the cells, he consented to work his time out, and on making a promise before the Bench to that effect he was liberated.

BREACH OF THE CATTLE PLAGUE ORDERS.

John Fenwick, butcher, of Dipton, was summoned for a breach of the Cattle Plague Restrictions on the 18th of Jube. P. C. Taylor proved the offence, and the defendant was fined 20s and costs.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—FRIDAY.

The business transacted was of very little public importance, the discussions chiefly being upon the Construction of the House, and the Established Church in Ireland.

The Earl of BRADFORD stated that he had laid before her Majesty their lordships' address of the 24th inst., to which he presented the Queen's reply.

Other business occupied their Lordships for a short time, and they adjourned at 6·35 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—FRIDAY.

The members met at four o'clock, and after discussing several subjects the House went into committee on the Reform Bill.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the insertion in the clause the following—"Every poor rate payable from an occupier in respect of any premises capable of conferring upon him the Parliamentary franchise under this or any other act, shall be demanded of him by a requisition or demand note wholly or partly in writing or print, which requisition or note shall be deemed to be duly served if the same is delivered to the occupier or left at his last or usual place of abode, or with some person on the premises in respect of which the rate is demanded, and no rate shall be deemed to be payable within the meaning of this or any other act as aforesaid, until the expiration of seven clear days from the service of such requisition or demand," which was negatived without a division.

Lord J. BROWNE then moved an amendment to the effect that it should be the duty of the overseers to make the demand within one month after the publication of the rate, and that in each case of neglect he should be liable to a penalty of £1.

Upon a division, the numbers were—For the amendment, 48; against, 327; majority, 279. The amendment was accordingly rejected.

After some further debate on the clause, in which several members took part,

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that having fulfilled his engagement, he considered himself fully free to vote as he liked.

After which the committee divided, when the numbers were:—For the clause 205, against 207; majority against the clause 2. Shortly after the House adjourned until the evening sitting.

The Irish Reform Bill formed the topic of debate, when Mr C. FORTESCUE moved a resolution in reference to the necessity of an alteration in the law for the elections in Ireland. But after

The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER had explained the reasons why the Government considered it better not to make a change in Ireland in consequence of the dissatisfied state of the country at present, the hon. member withdrew his motion.

A lengthy debate then took place on Volunteers and Riots, Capt. VIVIAN explaining that the Volunteers were solely established to protect the country against foreign invasion.

He was followed by the Attorney-General and other members.

After which the motion, which had been submitted by Capt. Vivian, was agreed to.

The remaining portion of the business of the House was disposed of, and it adjourned about 1·50 a m.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—MONDAY.

Lord CAMPBELL introduced a bill for exempting rifle and artillery volunteers from serving on juries.

The Earl of SHAFTESBURY gave notice of a motion as to a statement made by the Archbishop of Canterbury respecting the Rubric Commission.

Lord STRATFORD DE REDCLIFFE moved for papers affecting the measures adopted by the Government of the Danubian Principalities for depriving the Jewish residents of Moldavia of their landed property, and expelling them the country. The Earl of Denbigh expressed great disgust at the manner in which the Moldavian Jews had been treated. The Earl of Malmesbury had no objection to lay the whole of the papers on the table.

Lord DE GREY, in calling attention to the memorandum recently issued in regard to the employment of volunteers in aid of the civil power, thought the Government should take one of two courses, either instruct the volunteers that they were not released from their ordinary obligations as citizens; or if it was intended that they should be further used, they should be placed under military discipline. The Earl of Longford thought the instructions clear and distinct. If, however, they were misunderstood, the Secretary of War was willing to withdraw the portion to which objection was made. Earl Russell, Earl Cowper, Lord Halifax, the Earl of Ellenborough, and other noble lords having spoken, the subject dropped.

A number of bills having been advanced a stage, the Earl of Malmesbury confirmed the statement that the Government had agreed to allow the difficulty attending the Tornado case to be settled by a new trial.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—MONDAY.

The O'DONOGHUE gave notice of a bill to amend the Game Laws in Ireland. Mr Powell gave notice that he would bring in a bill to provide better security against wilful injury to the person.

Lord STANLEY, in reply to Mr Baxter, referring to the Alabama claims, stated that he could not say the Government were making very rapid progress; but nothing had occurred that led him in any way to despair of the negotiations being brought to a satisfactory settlement. His Lordship promised to submit the papers before the close of the session.

Mr HARDY admitted that his attention had been drawn to the alleged cruelties practised in the slaughter of calves for veal.

Sir S. NORTHCOTE, in reference to the claim of Captain Jarvis, said that the sum of £1,800 was paid as compensation for his dismissal from the service, out of the general revenue of India.

Mr HARDY, referring to unfair weights and measures, said that the Government did not think it desirable to bring in a bill until the Royal Commission on the standard weights and measures had reported.

A conversation arose on a motion by the CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER, to continue the morning sittings on Tuesdays and Fridays. The motion was agreed to.

The House then went into committee on the Reform Bill.

The first generally important point raised was suggested by Mr CANDLISH, who moved a clause prohibiting electors employed for rewards, during an election, from voting, under the penalties of a misdemeanour. A terse discussion ensued, when it was agreed that the services in question must have been rendered within six months prior to the day of election.

Mr Laing's amendment as to triplicate constituencies, was introduced virtually by Mr HORSFALL, who nominated Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham for a third member. A vigorous discussion ensued, in the course of which the Chancellor of the Exchequer said, if met in a spirit of compromise by the Liberal side of the House, Government would agree to remodel the distribution scheme, so as to meet Mr Horsfall's proposal. The clause was added to the bill, after a division.

The House then adjourned.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—TUESDAY.

The proceedings were unimportant, and their Lordships adjourned after a short sitting.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—TUESDAY.

At the morning sitting Lord Stanley, in reply to Lord Eustace Cecil, said that the Viceroy of Egypt had postponed his visit for a few days at the request of the Sultan.

The House of Commons went into Committee on the Reform Bill, resuming the consideration of Mr Horsfall's clause to give a third member to Liverpool, Birmingham, and Manchester, to which the Chancellor of the Exchequer agreed to add Leeds. Mr Roebuck contended that Sheffield had a better claim for a third member then Leeds. Mr Hugessen urged the importance of making the re-distribution more complete, and Mr Gladstone said it would simplify their progress if they first decided what new seats were to be given. He believed that further disfranchisement would be necessary. Mr Bright hoped that the Government would enlarge their scheme so as to meet the wishes of the majority of the House. The Chancellor of the Exchequer replied that he had done his best to meet the views of the House as recorded in its decisions, and said that they could not go on opening questions that had been decided. The Government were not prepared to support any further disfranchisement, and he appealed to the House to support the Government in their decision. Mr Hadfield moved to include Sheffield in the clause. The amendment was opposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and, on a division, it was negatived by 258 to 122. An amendment in favour of Bristol was also negatived by 235 to 136. The portion of the clause relating to Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, and Leeds was then agreed to.

Mr Serjeant GASELEE moved that each of the four boroughs be divided into two wards, but the motion was at once negatived. Mr Bright protested against the four members being taken from proposed new boroughs. The Chancellor of the Exchequer defended the course taken by the Government, and said he must resist any further attempt to interfere with the distribution scheme of the Government. Mr Gladstone denied that the Government were making a fair compromise if they took away members from any of the new boroughs. The only way was to disfranchise four more small boroughs. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said he would on Thursday state the alterations the Government proposed to make in the schedules.

After a few words from Mr Ayrton, who recommended members to withdraw hopeless amendments, Mr Laing said he should not press his clause for the grouping of boroughs. The clause was then added to the bill.

Mr Hibbert moved a clause declaring the payment of the expenses of conveying voters to the poll illegal, and the debate was being continued when the House adjourned.

At the evening sitting Mr O'Reilly called attention to the charge of Chief-Justice Cockburn on the prosecution of General Nelson and Lieutenant Brand, in which his Lordship declared it to be the unquestionable law of the land that no English subject could be subject to martial law, and moved that the House would regard as utterly void and illegal any commission or proclamation purporting to proclaim martial law in any part of this kingdom. Mr Hardy deprecated the House laying down a rigid rule. The charge of the Chief Justice was not a judicial decision, and there was much doubt about the law of the matter. No Government in this country was likely to proclaim martial law, but it was unwise to fetter the responsibility of the Executive.

The resolution was ultimately withdrawn, and the other orders having been disposed of the House rose.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—WEDNESDAY.

Mr HARDY, in reply to Mr Whalley, stated that the Mayor of Birmingham and two other gentlemen had made certain representations to him with reference to the lectures of Mr Murphy, but he had told them that he did not think Mr Murphy could be criminally prosecuted. They had left with him a statement, but he must decline to produce it.

Mr MONK then moved the second reading of the Banns of Matrimony Bill, the object of which is to provide that banns shall be published after the second lesson. After a short discussion the motion was agreed to.

Sir C. O'LOGHLEN moved the second reading of the Roman Catholic Churches, Schools, and Glebes (Ireland) Bill. He explained that the object of the bill was to enable limited owners of land to sell it for Roman Catholic churches, schools, and glebes.

The bill was opposed by Mr NEWDEGATE and the ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR IRELAND, but on a division the second reading was carried by 119 to 75.

Subsequently Mr HARDY brought in a bill to extend the Trades Unions Commission Act, 1867, which was read a first time, and the House adjourned.

DURHAM SESSIONS.

The Midsummer Quarter Sessions for the county of Durham were opened in the Court House, in Durham, on Monday—Thomas G. Thompson, Esq., of Sherburn, presiding. There was a large attendance of magistrates on the bench. The names of the Grand Jury were called, when three gentlemen—Messrs Kipling, of Darlington; P. Morris, of Durham; and James Thompson, of Bishop Auckland—not answering, were ordered by the Chairman to be fined the full penalty (£5) for the offence. The Grand Jury was then empannelled as follows:—

James Monks, gentleman, Adin Cottage, Durham (foreman); John Corbett, rope manufacturer, Lower Teams, Gateshead; John Curry, Bishop Oak, Wolsingham; Geo. F. Cooper Featherstone, farmer, Holts, Stanhope; George Hay Gowland, silversmith, Bishopwearmouth; W. B. Gray, shipowner, Prissick Street, Hartlepool; John Hartley, glass manufacturer, Mowbray Villa, Bishopwearmouth; Thomas Nicholson, jun., shipowner, Park Place East, Bishopwearmouth; William Henry Marshall, coal-fitter, Cliff Terrace, Hartlepool; Thomas William Usherwood Robinson, brewer, Houghton-le-Spring; Robert Darnell Smith, gentleman, West House, Durham; John Carr Tone, builder, Stockton Road, Bishopwearmouth; Joseph Walton, gentleman, Frosterley, Stanhope.

The Chairman before alluding to the cases before them said he would explain the reason he was there that day. They would remember that at the quarter sessions held at Christmas last, Mr Burdon tendered his resignation. He (the chairman) was sure they would receive that resignation with regret; for a long period Mr Burdon had held the position as chairman—for, indeed, a generation of men. He had consulted all parties, and he had during that long time never drawn forth the censure either of a vigilant press or of a people sensitive of their rights. This was brought about by a rare combination of tact and judgment on the part of that gentleman. They had done well in electing as his successor Mr Wm. Scurfield Grey. Her Majesty had, however, previously elected him to a position of trust and honour. In the reign of Queen Mary a law was passed, which enacted that no high sheriff should be a justice of the peace. The office of recorder therefore devolved upon him. The calendar before them was a large one, but he was glad to say that most of the cases were of a light and trivial character, and were such as might be due in a great measure to the depression in trade. A great many of the cases were those of people who had been before them previously, or had been convicted before the magistrates, and it was a question whether the reason of that was whether their sentences were too lenient or not. Baron Alderson had said that in cases where he had persons brought before him repeatedly, he thought it his duty to send the offenders away for a term of transportation, in order to see whether a new land and new associations would not bring about a reformation in them. Unfortunately, the system of transportation had been abolished, and that of penal servitude adopted in its place. The only cases on the calendar calling for remark were those of a man named Graham, who was charged with stealing a horse; George Laws, for stealing a portmanteau; and Thos. Charlton, for stealing a purse and money.

The trial of prisoners was then proceeded with, the Chairman presiding at one court, and Mr Robinson Fowler at the other. The following were the sentences:—

BILLS IGNORED.—The Grand Jury ignored the bills in cases of James Ridley (21), labourer, and Benjamin Todd, indicted for felony; and that against Jane Barrass (41), for felony.

NOT GUILTY.—Mary Ann Gilbraith and Isabella Mackenzie, felony; Patrick Doyle, unlawful wounding; Adam Johnson, stealing from the person; Mary Whitelock, obtaining goods by false pretences; Wm. Campbell, robbery from the person; Margaret Prudhoe, felony; Isaac Batey and Robert Fitzpatrick, horse stealing; Wm. Hodgson, Thomas Rowntree, and Wm. Featherstone, felony; Wm. Forster, felony.

FINED £5.—Daniel Dinning, unlawful wounding.

ONE MONTH'S IMPRISONMENT.—George Huscroft and Thomas Leighton, housebreaking—and to the reformatory for three years each at the expiration of their term of imprisonment.

TWO MONTHS.—Mary Summers and Mary Ann Summers, felony.

THREE MONTHS.—Michael Gallagher, burglary.

FOUR MONTHS.—Thomas Hunter, obtaining money by false pretences; John Carter, obtaining money by false pretences.

SIX MONTHS.—Wm. Finn, obtaining goods by false pretences; John Atkinson, fraudulent bailee; Robt. Hogarth, stealing from the person; John Kelly, felony.

EIGHT MONTHS.—John Godfrey, feloniously receiving.

TWELVE MONTHS.—Francis Hart, sheep stealing; John Wilson, attempted rape; William Wilson and John Campbell, felony; George Thompson, horse stealing; Mary Gibson, felony.

FIFTEEN MONTHS.—Frances Foreman, felony.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS.—Thomas Parkin, felony; John Johnson, felony; Matthew Steel, horse stealing; William Featherstone, felony; John Watson, shopbreaking.

FIVE YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.—William Crow, obtaining by false pretences; James Davison, robbery from the person; John Bygate, felony, one week on first count, five years on second.

SEVEN YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.—John Hair, obtaining by false pretences, one week on first count and seven years' penal servitude on second count; James Green Dobson, felony; John Ogden, felony; William Paddon, felony; Henry Doyle, robbery from the person; William Anderson, burglary; James Rose, shopbreaking.

The meeting of the county magistrates was held on Wednesday. The chief business was the appointment of a governor for the county gaol at Durham. There were originally 74 candidates for the office, but a committee, which had been appointed to examine the testimonials of the candidates, recommended in their report the following:—Estcourt Day, Putney, late Captain of 26th Cameronians; Edwin Mainwaring, Notting Hill, London, late Captain of 16th Regiment; Burney Charles, Jersey, Commandant of the Naval Training Establishment; Charles Armstrong, Lieut.-Col. of 35th Regiment; and James Young, the present Deputy-Governor. These five names were put to the vote, and Lieut.-Col. Armstrong was elected by a considerable majority. At the quarter sessions held on the 31st of December, 1866, it was agreed that the county courts should be altered and enlarged, at a cost of £5,000. Sir Wm. Eden now proposed that that resolution be rescinded. After a good deal of discussion, Sir William, at the request of the Chairman, withdrew his motion, and the former resolution was confirmed.

NEWCASTLE MIDSUMMER SESSIONS.

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Town and County of Newcastle were opened on Wednesday in the Guildhall, Sandhill, before Mr W. Digby Seymour, Q.C., Recorder. The learned gentleman was accompanied to his seat at ten o'clock by the Mayor (Ald. Hunter), the Sheriff (Mr Richard Cail), and the Under-Sheriff (Mr W. S. Daglish). The calendar was unusually heavy, containing 15 indictments, in which 24 prisoners were charged—five of them females—upon counts, more or less, cases of felony. The following gentlemen constituted the Grand Jury:—Messrs Richard Wellington Hodgson (foreman), A. P. Harrison, Geo. Curry, John Herring, John Carr, jun., David Donkin, James Garland, Cuthbert Harrison, Alex. Laing, Ralph Watkin, L. W. Philipson, Henry Watson, Alex. Wood, L. Stobart Carr, and Richard Charlton. The usual formalities having been gone through, the Recorder charged the Grand Jury. He said he was sorry to inform them that the calendar of these Sessions was unusually heavy—he thought, with a single exception, it was the heaviest calendar within his experience as Recorder for the town, so far as regarded the number of offences for trial. He had gone over the depositions of the cases for the purpose of seeing if any of them required observation on his part, or if they suggested anything by which he could assist the Grand Jury in the discharge of their important duties. There were but two cases to which he should call their attention by a few remarks. One of these was the case of William Wintrip (28), blacksmith, indicted on two counts, one for unlawfully and maliciously killing two sheep; and the other, on the same day, unlawfully entering into a close or field with intent to steal a sheep. He merely called their attention to this case to point out the difference, in returning a bill, as to whether the object of the prisoner was theft or malice. Another case in the calendar he would draw their attention to—that of David Hedley and Thomas Carty, charged with feloniously receiving a quantity of hay, well knowing the same to have been stolen. Now, in this case, the whole of the evidence, with a single exception, was that of parties who, themselves, had stolen the hay, and they stated in their evidence that they were encouraged by the prisoners to steal it. They would, therefore, have to carefully consider the evidence, to justify them in finding a bill, as regarded corroborative testimony of the principal felonies. There were no other cases in that long list of offences to which he wished to call their attention. Some of them were very serious in their character; and he was sorry to see two cases of an offence which he had hoped was not likely to be repeated in Newcastle. He meant cases of robbery in the street, where women were concerned in the commission of the offence. Now, these were offences which he had visited, since he first sat as Recorder, with the severest sentences. For a time, he thought the calendar had been free from such cases, but now he saw they were holding up their heads again. They might rely upon it, that, should true bills be found and conviction ensue, he would most unsparingly administer the force of the law. These were all the features of the calendar he had to notice, and he would now discharge the Grand Jury to their duties.

STEALING WEARING APPAREL.

Mary Ann Oates (25), and Margaret Neighton (22) were charged with stealing a quantity of wearing apparel, the property of Thomas Oliver, Ridley-place, Newcastle, on the 1st of July inst. Mr Shaftoe prosecuted. Oates pleaded guilty and Neighton not guilty. Neighton was acquitted; and Oates, who had been twice previously convicted of larceny, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

THE CLAYTON-STREET ROBBERY.

Charles Moffatt (31), striker, Thomas Crystal (27), tailor, and William Grey (25), baker, were charged with feloniously breaking and entering the warehouse of John Rees, on the 14th of April, and stealing three bottles of ale. Mr Mulcaster appeared to prosecute, and Mr Wright defended Crystal and Grey. The cellar was locked up on the Saturday night, Detective Anderson deposed to seeing Crystal examine the street-grating about two o'clock in the morning in question and then walk away. About half-an-hour afterwards he observed all three prisoners come up to the front of Mr Rees' shop, look up at the windows, and also walk off again. Shortly afterwards Moffatt and Crystal came back and attempted to lift up the grate, but being disturbed, one of them cried "cheese it," and both, with Grey, who was on the watch, made off. Again Crystal and Grey came walking along Clayton-street, and Crystal was secured. Witness then went down into the cellar, and found Moffatt there, who quietly delivered himself up. Guilty. Moffatt and Grey were sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment each, and Crystal to six months' imprisonment.

STEALING A WATCH.

John M'Laughlan (32), hawker, and Jane Watson (26), were charged with stealing a watch from Bartholomew Bolt, on the 13th of April. Mr Wharton appeared to prosecute. Watson pleaded guilty. Bolt met with the girl on the day in question and accompanied her to the railway arches. There she stole the watch, and then ran away. M'Laughlan then came upon the scene, and so prevented pursuit. Guilty. M'Laughlan was sent to prison for twelve and Watson for six months.

STEALING MONEY.

Robert M'Lawrence (26), labourer, was indicted for stealing £7 from Thomas Marshall, on the 14th of March. Mr Wright appeared for the prosecution. The prisoner was boots at the Central Exchange Hotel and on the night of the 13th of April £7 in silver was taken by some one from an open drawer in the bar of the hotel. Prisoner was proved to have been in the bar on that night, and a witness named Mallon deposed to prisoner asking him to take charge of £7 in silver subsequent to the robbery. Guilty: Six months' imprisonment.

STEALING TOBACCO AND SNUFF.

Michael Hedley (40), shoemaker, was charged with stealing 14lb of tobacco and 4lb of snuff, on the 29th of June last, the property of John Joicey. Mr Harrington prosecuted. The parcel containing the articles was taken from a cart in the street, and a Mrs Dunn deposed to seeing prisoner put it on her stair-head soon after it was missed. Guilty. 15 months' imprisonment.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Isabella Bailey (53), married woman, obtaining by false pretences, a pair of stays, the property of Mary Ann Barufather. One month's imprisonment.

Lisle Codling (28), joiner, stealing a quantity of joiners' tools, the property of Thomas Brown, Robert Farrier, Geo. Lawson, and William Frizzle. Eight months' imprisonment.

John Hook (45), labourer, obtaining by false pretences two pairs of scissors, one brush, and two combs, the property of George Thomas Brummell. Two months' imprisonment.

John Durant (40), clerk, embezzling £1 18s 1d, the property of Mr E. M. Bainbridge; and further stealing 18s belonging to Ralph Grey; and further obtaining a quantity of flannel, the property of James Rogerson; and further obtaining a coat, the property of Thomas Finch. Sentence deferred.

John Masterman (15), labourer, feloniously receiving sixteen brushes and a comb, the property of Robert Cooper. Three months' imprisonment.

ALLEGED STEALING AND RECEIVING.

David Hedley (26), cartman, was charged with feloniously receiving a truss of hay, the property of John Welsh. Mr Mulcaster and Mr Greenhow appeared for the prosecution. The case was a very complicated one. It seemed that on the 7th April Welsh missed two trusses of hay from his stable in Egypt, on the New-road, Newcastle. Inspector Thomas Scott traced the hay from Welsh's stable to Hedley's on the morning after the robbery, and in consequence of what he was then told by Hedley he took two men, named George Salkeld and John Smith, alias "Herring Jack," into custody on the charge of stealing. The two prisoners were brought before the magistrates, Hedley appearing against them as witness. Smith and Salkeld, however, turned approvers. Hedley was committed to the Sessions for receiving, and the two witnesses now swore that Hedley had instigated them to steal the hay, which they did, and sold it for 2s the truss. Hedley in his defence admitted buying the hay, but denied any knowledge of its being stolen.—Not guilty.

Thomas Carty (35), labourer, charged on the same indictment with a similar offence, was also acquitted.

SLAUGHTERING SHEEP.

William Wintrip (28), blacksmith, was charged with unlawfully and maliciously killing two sheep, the property of Wm. Dobson, on the 5th June. The prisoner was further charged on another count of the indictment, with on the same day attempting to steal a sheep, the property of Sir Wm. Armstrong. Mr Greenhow prosecuted; and Mr Wright defended. Guilty. Twelve months' imprisonment.

STEALING FROM THE PERSON.

James Robson (23), sailor, and Mary Marrion (25), were charged with stealing a watch and £4 from John Benjamin Valliance; and on the 27th April stealing 5s from John Gilhespie. Mr Headlam prosecuted.—Guilty. Robson was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, and Marrion to 12 months' imprisonment.

The Court then rose.

THE RECORDER ON THE TOWN CLERKSHIP.

The Grand Jury found true bills against every prisoner mentioned in the calendar, and in discharging them the Recorder said since he had last spoken to them an event had taken place in the history of Newcastle which called for remark. Their venerable Town Clerk had ceased to fill that office, which he had adorned under thirty-two years of the new Corporation and thirteen of the old. How he had adorned that responsible office, and how he discharged every duty belonging to it, the people of Newcastle were as well or better able to tell than he was. He (the Town Clerk) would have the satisfaction of carrying with him into his retirement the confidence and respect of all who have been connected with him. His memory would ever be held in remembrance by every member of the community. In selecting their future Town Clerk, the Corporation had, by a unanimous vote, secured the services of an esteemed and an eminently worthy and distinguished gentleman, one on whom the mantle of Mr Clayton had worthily fallen.

THURSDAY.

The business of the Sessions was resumed this morning, before the Recorder (Mr Wm. Digby Seymour, Q.C.)

THOMAS ATKINSON (22), labourer, FRANCIS CARR (23), sailor, and ROBERT BRYCE (21), labourer, were indicted for feloniously breaking into the warehouse of Wm. Robinson Holmes, on the 23th of April last, with intent to commit a felony. Mr Wilkinson appeared to prosecute; Mr Wright defended Atkinson and Carr; and Bryce was undefended. The jury found Atkinson and Carr guilty, and Bryce not guilty. Carr, previously convicted, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, and Atkinson to twelve months' imprisonment.

ANTHONY BATTLES (30), labourer, and PATRICK GRADY (30), puddler, were charged with unlawfully assaulting Jas. Green, on the 30th of May, with intent to steal. Mr Wright prosecuted; the prisoners were undefended. Mr Green keeps the Shakespere Hotel, Shakespere Street, Newcastle, and in May last Battles was introduced to him as a person who wished to purchase his business, which was for sale. On the 30th of May, Battles came to the hotel, in company with the other prisoner Grady, and asked to be shown over the premises. Mr Green took them down into the cellar, and here the alleged assault was committed under circumstances already reported. The Recorder said he could not see how the prisoners could be punished for the offence stated in the indictment—assaulting and attempting to steal from the person. No attempt of that sort had been proved or attempted to be proved. It was his duty, therefore, to direct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. Both prisoners were, therefore, discharged.

This concluded the business of the sessions.

NORTHUMBERLAND MIDSUMMER QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Northumberland Midsummer Quarter Sessions commenced on Wednesday, in the Court House, Hexham; Mr C. W. Orde, Nunnykirk, in the chair.

The Finance Committee recommended that a rate of three farthings in the pound be imposed, to be paid on or before the 23rd September next. There is at present a balance in the treasurer's hands of £6,063 9s 3d, to be applied in payment of orders to be made at these Sessions, and at the several adjournments, and also of prosecutions at the ensuing summer Assizes.—Agreed to.

The reports of the visiting justices of the several prisons for the past quarter were read. The gaol report stated that the prisoners were generally healthy and the prisons clean and in good order, and at the date of this report there were 87 prisoners—73 males and 14 females. The salary of the governor of the prison at Morpeth was increased to £350.

A police rate of a halfpenny in the pound was imposed upon the several districts of Lowick, Alnwick, Rothbury, Morpeth, Castle, and Hexham, payable on or before the 29th July. The propriety of appointing two additional constables for the Alnwick district was adjourned until next Quarter Sessions.

Mr Sanderson moved the following resolution:—"In those counties where no cattle plague has existed for three months it shall be lawful for the justices in Quarter Sessions, or at any adjournments, to appoint in different parts, of the county discreet persons to grant licenses to move cattle in, through, or out of the county, in case of the owners of stock, providing in each case the sanction of the Privy Council be obtained to the appointments before any written authority is given out to such persons, and that they sign their names and addresses, 'A.B., duly qualified by the Quarter Sessions to grant licenses.'

Mr J. M. Ridley seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Clerk of the Peace was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of a memorial from the North of England Chamber of Agriculture, praying that all the restrictions on movement of cattle in the county be abolished.

The Privy Council have allowed as compensation for healthy animals slaughtered the sum of £209, and £507 11s 9d for the deceased animals slaughtered between the 26th August and 23rd November, which will be paid to those parties to whom the cattle belonged.

Mr Anderson said the clerks to the Justices were receiving £20 for duties performed with respect to the cattle plague, which had now become almost *nil*, and he proposed that the sum be reduced to £5 per annum, which, after some little discussion, was agreed to.

TERRIBLE SHIPPING DISASTERS.

ONE HUNDRED VESSELS SUPPOSED TO BE LOST.

An Archangel telegram reports that possibly a hundred ships have been lost. Six abandoned ships have been brought in; crews supposed to be on the Lapland coast in a deplorable condition.

A telegram from St Petersburg to-day says the losses in the White Sea will probably amount to not fewer than 100 vessels. The crews were on the south coast of Lapland, suffering dreadful privations. Lord Stanley has directed telegrams to be forwarded to the British consuls at Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania, to send assistance if possible.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

It is said that, at the close of the Paris Exhibition, Mr Henry Cole, C.B., is to receive a baronetcy as the reward of his services upon the English commission.

It is announced that the Princess of Wales was able on Monday, for the first time since her illness, to take an airing in the garden of Marlborough House.

At the Shire Hall, Lancaster, on Monday, Colonel Wilson Patten, who has been appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was re-elected a knight for North Lancashire without opposition. He was proposed by Mr R. Townley Parker, and seconded by Mr Joseph Fielden.

THE VISIT OF THE BELGIANS TO WINDSOR.—The State apartments at Windsor Castle are being prepared in readiness for the approaching visit of the Belgians. They will be entertained by her Majesty on the occasion.

It is announced by the "Western Daily Press" that Sir Morton Peto is about to retire from the representation of Bristol. The affairs of the firm of which he is the leading member have, in consequence of the demands of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, been placed "under the jurisdiction of the Court of Bankruptcy."

MARTIN v. THE REV. MR MACKONOCHIE.—In this case a responsive allegation by the defendant has been filed in the registry of the Arches' Court with reference to the ceremonial practices at St. Alban's, Holborn. The elevation of the paten and cup has been, it is pleaded, discontinued, and the question will be raised whether the use of incense and mixing water with the wine are illegal in the Church of England.

THE PROPERTY OF TOM SAYERS.—On Saturday an application was made to Mr Marshall, chief clerk at the Rolls Chambers, to serve a notice of decrees on the three children of Mr. Sayers. The application relates to a friendly suit, the object of which is to protect (for the children) about £3,000 railway stock. The application was granted.

Government have, it is said, determined that the Sultan shall be entertained at an official *fête*, and have delegated the discharge of this duty to the Secretary for India and the Indian Council. The naval review will be held at Spithead on Wednesday, the 17th of July. Arrangements are progressing for the great review by the Queen in Hyde Park next Friday. It is estimated that over 10,000 troops will be on the ground.

The following is a copy of a placard affixed to the breast of a figure in a suit of grey "dittos" exhibited at the Paris Exhibition:—"Antonie Giglia, Marchand Tailleur, a Verceil.—Dress of fancy (tout de meme) with port-foglio and port-money assured in such a manner, not to can be lost nor robbed without the possessor also deeply sleeply can be perceived of it. The westcoat contains secret pockets for papers."

At a meeting of the preference shareholders of the Great Eastern Railway on Wednesday, the directors recommended that the shareholders should renew, in the present session, an application for powers to raise the necessary capital to meet the debts against the company. The sum required would be three millions, of which two and a half were due on debts for which the company might be sued at once. It was decided to appoint a committee to confer with the directors on the subject.

EXCITING SCENE AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.—An exciting incident has occurred at the Zoological Gardens. A countryman, while looking at the bears, dropped his hat, and, to recover it, had the foolhardiness to descend the pit. As soon as he got to the bottom he was seized by one of the bears, and immediately two others came from their cave and began dragging him towards it. Some sticks were thrown to him by the excited lookers on, and fortunately one of the keepers went to the man's assistance, and succeeded in setting him free.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY.—A Florence letter, in the *Situation*, gives some details of a tragical event which has taken place at Count Pallavicini's household. This general, who belonged to a noble Genoese family, enjoyed a high position in the esteem of the Italian nation and army. It was he who received Garibaldi's sword at Aspromonte. About a year since he married a young and beautiful Calabrian lady, in that extreme Neapolitan province, where he commands, with full powers for the repression of brigandage. The general seems to have had well founded reasons for distrusting his wife, and some days since, on returning from parade unexpectedly, he saw what drove him into an excess of fury, and with his sword, at a single blow, he killed the countess. The letter adds that the paramour escaped.

THE "TOMAHAWK" AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.—Last week's number of the *Tomahawk* has a very remarkable cartoon—remarkable for its subject and its execution. It represents the Prince of Wales as "Hamlet," struggling with John Bull, who, as "Horatio," is holding him back from pursuing the ghost of George IV., to whom the Prince is saying, "I'll follow thee!" The inference is obvious, and the publication of such a picture is surely a sign of the times; for the *Tomahawk* is by no means "a low Radical paper," and has been grimly cynical at the notion of a writer in the *Star* pretending to know anything of society—at the same time quoting the *Star's* laudatory notice in its advertisement. It is another sign of the times, which will probably have been noticed by those whose inclination or whose duty prompts their attendance at public dinners, that while the toast of the Prince of Wales, once so provocative of enthusiasm, is now received with comparative coldness, the mention of the name of the Princess calls forth unmistakeable demonstrations of sympathy and personal attachment. *Qui vivra, verra.*—"*The Flaneur*," in the *Morning Star*.

EXTRAORDINARY SUICIDE.—A few days ago a mason was eating his dinner near an old pit at Rhymney, when some one said to him, "You are sitting in a sweet place; can't you smell something?" He got up after having lighted a pipe, and went to the mouth of a pit, where he saw something white at the bottom. Two girls passed him, one said it looked like a baby. He went at once and fetched two engineers and a policeman; and Jas. Joseph, a pit carpenter, went down with a rope round his body. When he got to the bottom he found the object to be the body of a woman named Thomas, who was engaged to be married to one William Prothero, and who had not been seen since she left her brother's house, nearly a week previous. The first inquest has been held, but stands adjourned, the only evidence adduced being that of her sister-in-law, who said she was perfectly sound in mind.

A THREATENING LETTER.—The "Manchester Courier" prints a letter which was posted last week to Mr Oldham Whittaker, of Hurst Mills, Ashton-under-Lyne. There has been a dispute between the grinders and their employers, and some ruffian, adopting Broadhead's tactics, has sought to influence the course of affairs by threatening Mr Whittaker with assassination. The following is the text of the document:—"You think, perhaps, because the strange disclosures now pending in Sheffield will daunt the poor trodden-down men who have to earn their bread hard and honestly, will succum to your diabolical proceedings, which are damful to the furthest extent; but you must know that all such hell-sought working will never be acceeded to. How dare you propose such threats? We live in an age when the working man must have his just rights. You had better withdraw your foolish discussion, for sure as you are a living man you will be put an end to in some way yet to be thought on. Don't expect to survive long this warning. Assassinated you must be, as others have been whom you would expect had not been.—Yours, ASSASSINS." After the revelations at Sheffield, such threats come with singular force upon the public mind.

DROWNING OF EXCURSIONISTS AT NEW BRIGHTON.—On Saturday last a large number of excursionists visited Liverpool from Wigan and the neighbourhood. Amongst them was a great number of colliers, many of whom crossed the river to Cheshire, principally to New Brighton, for the purpose of enjoying the luxury of sea-bathing. Two of them engaged one of the bathing machines belonging to a person named Hayes. They were conveyed into about nine feet of water. Immediately after getting into the water the proprietor of the machine saw them struggling in the water, and he jumped into a boat and rowed towards the men as fast as possible. Before he could get the boat to the spot Hayes saw the men were exhausted, and it was evident they were unable to swim. He therefore at great risk jumped into the water and swam towards them, but before he had reached the place both had sunk. Their bodies were recovered about an hour and a half after and brought ashore. Dr. Harrison, of Lord-street, Birkenhead, was on the spot at the time, but his services were of no use as the men were quite dead. Their names are Geo. Atherton, aged 23, and Joseph Smith, 28, both working colliers from Ince, near Wigan. A great number of the relatives and friends of the deceased were on the shore at the time, and a distressing scene took place. The bodies of the poor fellows were removed to the Marine Hotel to await an inquest.

EXTRAORDINARY MORTALITY AMONG THE SALMON OF THE SOLWAY.—During the last three or four days the residents in the neighbourhood of Rockliffe and Burgh Marshes have witnessed the recurrence of an extraordinary phenomenon connected with the salmon of the Solway. After each tide the shores have been found strewed with dead and dying salmon and salmon trout, all apparently in a healthy condition, and presenting no indication of the cause of death. Attention was, we believe, first called to those stranded fish on Friday, when large numbers of sea-gulls were observed unusually busy along the sands, and as soon as it became known that plenty of salmon could be obtained without the trouble of using "poke, half, or leister," and for the mere labour of picking up, numbers of people hastened to the shore to join in the search. We have heard of some fifty fish being found on the sands of Rockliffe Marsh, and we believe that on the Burgh Marsh side of the river a much larger number have been picked up. It will be remembered that a similar occurrence took place last year, when various theories were put forth as to the cause of death. The fact, however, that the mortality of last year was accompanied by the same conditions of weather and water as that of this year seems to settle the doubt as satisfactorily as probably it ever will be settled. During the whole of last week the Eden had fallen unusually low; the tides were also low; while, at the same time, the weather was exceedingly warm. The able chronicler of meteorological observations at Silloth records "A week of brilliant summer weather, sky almost cloudless; solar radiation great, and atmosphere very dry." The sun would, therefore, play with unwonted power upon the shallow water at the mouth of the Eden, raising its temperature, and sickening its finny inhabitants even unto death. There is little doubt, in fact, that the fish left by the tide have either died of a sun-stroke or have been so much sickened and weakened by the action of the sun as to be unable to get away with the receding tide. We understand that a specimen of the sea-trout found, was, on Tuesday night, forwarded to Mr Buckland for examination, and we may therefore shortly look for an able and scientific opinion upon the subject.—*Carlisle Journal*.

Sporting Intelligence.

NEWMARKET JULY MEETING.

TUESDAY.

The PLATE of 50 sovs, for three-year-olds 7st 7lb, four 8st 10lb, five, six, and aged 9st; winner to be sold for £300, if for £200 allowed 7lb, £100 14lb. B.M.
Lord Westmoreland's Gannymede, by Lambton—Lampada, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb ... Kenyon 1
Mr Goodwin's c by Vedette, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb ... Goodwin 2
Capt. Machell's Plunder, 3 yrs, 7st 7lb ... Jeffrey 3
Betting: 5 to 4 agst Gannymede, 7 to 1 agst Plunder. Won easily by a length and a half.

The HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES of 10 sovs each, for 2-year-olds. Last four furlongs of New T.Y.C.
Lord Westmoreland's Idalia, by Thunderbolt, 2 yrs, 6st 10lb ... Kenyon 1
Prince Soltykoff's War Queen, 2 yrs, 6st 5lb ... Butler 2
Mr Pryor's False Alarm, 2 yrs, 7st ... H. Covey 3
Betting: 5 to 2 agst False Alarm, 3 to 1 agst Idalia. Won by three lengths, a neck separating second and third.

MATCH of 100 sovs, h ft. Last half mile of New T.Y.C.
Lord Conyngham's Dr Syntax, by Bantam—Fie, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb ... Fordham 1
Mr Payne's Dulcet, 2 yrs, 7st 10lb ... Cannon 5
Betting: 5 to 4 on Dr Syntax, who won by a neck.

The PLATE of 50 sovs, for two-year-olds 6st 10lb, three 8st 12lb, four 9st 10lb, five, six, and aged 10st; m allowed 3lb. New T.Y.C.
Baron Rothschild's Hippia, by King Tom—Daughter of the Star, 4 yrs ... Daley 1
Duke of Newcastle's Ninny, 3 yrs ... Kenyon 2
Marquis of Hastings's See-Saw, 2 yrs ... Butler 3
Betting: 6 to 4 agst See-Saw, 9 to 4 agst Hippia, 4 to 1 agst Ninny, and 10 to 1 agst Queen of Trumps. Won by a length, a neck dividing second and third.

MATCH.—Off by consent.

The JULY STAKES of 50 sovs each, 30 ft; for two-year-old colts 8st 10lb, and fillies 8st 7lb; second to receive back his stake. New T.Y.C. Five furlongs 136 yards. 55 subs.
Marquis of Hastings's Lady Elizabeth, by Trumpeter—Miss Bowyer ... Fordham 1
Duke of Hamilton's Leonie ... Edwards 2
Lord Falmouth's Court Mantle ... French 3
Betting: 11 to 8 on Lady Elizabeth, 13 to 8 agst Leonie, and 100 to 8 agst Restitution. Won easily by a length and a half; six lengths separating the second and third.

The SWEEPSTAKES of 10 sovs each, for two-year-olds, colts 8st 10lb, and fillies 8st 7lb; winner to be sold, with engagements, for £100. Last four furlongs of New T.Y.C.
Mr Pryor's False Alarm, by Loup-Garou—Phœbe ... Loates 1
Mr Thomas's Snowdrift ... Edwards 2
Mr H. Bird's Clematis gelding ... J. Mann 3
Betting: 2 to 1 agst False Alarm. 3 to 1 agst Snowdrift. Won by a length; a head separating second and third. Lord Vivian claimed Snowdrift.

The SWEEPSTAKES of 25 sovs each, for two-year-olds, colts 8st 10lb, and fillies 8st 7lb; maidens alld 5lb. Last four furlongs of New T.Y.C. 4 subs.
Duke of Hamilton's Contempt, by King Tom—Sneer ... Edwards 1
Duke of Beaufort's Lady Grace ... Fordham 2
Betting: 6 to 5 on Contempt, who won by three lengths.

The SWEEPSTAKES of 10 sovs each, for two-year-olds 7st, and three 9st; winner to be sold for £100. New T.Y.C.
Mr W. G. Craven's Bandmaster, by Kettledrum—Ellermire, 3 yrs ... T. French 1
Prince Soltykoff's Princess Thyra, 3 yrs ... J. Mann 2
Mr Chaplin's Duffer, 2 yrs ... Jeffrey 3
Betting: 6 to 4 on Bandmaster, who won by half a length; a head separating second and third. Prince Soltykoff claimed Bandmaster.

WEDNESDAY.

MIDSUMMER STAKES of 50 sovs each, h ft, for three-yr-olds; penalties and allowances. B.M.
Lord Stamford's Feodor, by Ivan—Blarney's dam, 8st ... Daley 1
Mr Wyndham's Golden Bloom, 8st 6lb ... Fordham 2
Betting: 6 to 4 on Golden Bloom. Won easily by two lengths.

BEAUFORT STAKES of 15 sovs each, 5 ft, with 100 added by the Jockey Club for the winner, and 25 for the second; winners after June 27, at ten a.m., extra. Suffolk Stakes Course.
Mr Payne's Bradamante, by Voltigeur—Doralice, 6 yrs, 7st ... Mordan 1
Duke of Newcastle's Julius, 3 yrs, 8st 4lb ... Fordham 2
Count Batthyany's Vandervelde, 6 yrs, 8st ... Covey 3
Betting opened at 3 to 1 agst Vandervelde, but closed at 5 to 1 each agst Vandervelde, Monitress, and Julius, 6 to 1 agst Bradamante. Won easily by three lengths; a bad third.

MATCH, 100 sovs. Last half mile of new T.Y.C.
Lord Wilton's Parma, 3 yrs, 8st 7lb ... Challoner 1
M. of Hastings' Lady Barbara, 2 yrs, 8st 4lb ... Fordham 2

PLATE of 100 sovs, added to a handicap of 10 sovs each. New T.Y.C.
Bismark, 3 yrs, 8st 5lb ... Daley 1
Pyrrhic, 2 yrs, 5st 12lb ... Kenyon 2
Court Card, 3 yrs, 6st 2lb ... Goodwin 3
Betting: 3 to 1 agst Pyrrhic, 5 to 1 agst Bismark. Won by a head; a neck between second and third; Bounceaway was fourth.

MATCH of 50 sovs. Three furlongs.
Mr Fulke's Red Comyn, 8st 10lb ... French 1
Mr Alexander's Lady Seaham, 8st 6lb ... Fordham 2

EXETER STAKES of 40 sovs each, h ft, for two-yr-olds. Last half mile of New T.Y.C.
M. of Hastings' Athena ... Fordham 1
Mr Pryor's Grimston ... Loates 2
Betting: 13 to 8 on Athena. Won in a canter by four lengths.

PLATE of 50 sovs. New T.Y.C.
Whitby, 4 yrs, 8st 1lb ... Loates 1
Gentle Kitty filly, 3 yrs, 5st 7lb ... Butler 2
Indian Star, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb ... Kenyon 3
Betting: 5 to 2 agst Indian Star, 3 to 1 each agst Whitby and Lady Sophie. Won by a length, a length between the second and third.

SWEEPSTAKES of 10 sovs each, for two-yr-olds. Chesterfield Course.
Mr Biggs's Patti (late Queen of the West), 8st 1lb ... Fordham 1
Baron Rothschild's Pole-axe, 8st ... Peake 2
Mr Dawson's c by Newcastle, dam by Colsterdale, 8st 3lb ... Loates 3
Betting: 7 to 4 on Patti, 2 to 1 agst Pole-axe. Won by a length, a bad third.

TOWN PLATE of 50 sovs, for three-yr-olds. B.M.
Baron Rothschild's Jasper ... Daley 1
Mr Batson's Eglamour ... Deacon 2
Mr Hughes' Master Robert ... Prior 3
Betting: 4 to 1 on Jasper. Won by a length; a head between second and third.

HER MAJESTY'S PLATE of 100 guineas, for three-yr-olds 8st 3lb, four 9st 7st, five 9st 12lb, six and aged 9st. 13lb. Two miles.
Major Stapylton's Sandeelah, 6 yrs ... Snowdon 1
Mr Masterman's Honestish, 3 yrs ... Maidment 2
Mr Falshaw's The Lion, 5 yrs ... J. Osborne 3
Five ran.

The HOLM HILL STAKES of 3 sovs each, with 20 added, for two-yr-olds and upwards, the winner to be sold. Three-quarters of a mile.
Mr Eeles's Maid of Usk, 4 yrs, 8st 12lb ... Noble 1
Mr Howen's Esmeralda, 3 yrs, 7st 1lb ... Maidment 2
Mr Dobson's Southampton's dam colt, 3 yrs, 7st 3lb ... Craddock 3
Seven ran.

The CONSOLATION SCRAMBLE STAKES (handicap) of 3 sovs each, with 20 added. Half a mile.
Mr P. Smith's Miss Boswell filly, 3 yrs, 8st 10lb ... J. Snowdon 1
Mr Dobson's Southampton's dam colt, 3 yrs, 8st 4lb ... Carroll 2
Marquis of Queensberry's Minna, 2 yrs, 7st 10lb ... Milne 3
Four ran.

THURSDAY.

MATCH. Half a mile.
Lord Wilton's Parma, 8st 4lb ... Challoner 1
Prince D. Soltykoff's Princess Thyra, 8st 4lb ... Marr 2

HANDICAP of 10 sovs each. New T.Y.C.
Mr Savile's Maid Marian, 3 yrs, 6st 1lb ... Kenyon 1
Mr Montgomerie's Lady Sophie, 4 yrs, 6st ... Jeffrey 2
Mr Chaplin's Volunteer, aged, 8st 9lb ... Custance 3
Betting: 4 to 1 each agst Lady Sophie and Volunteer, 6 to 1 again Maid Marian. Won by a head, three lengths between second and third.

SUMMER STAKES of 16 sovs each, 5 ft, with 100 added by the Jockey Club; winners after June 27, at ten a.m., extra. Six furlongs.
Duke of Newcastle's Julius, 4 yrs, 8st 7lb ... Daley 1
Count Batthyany's Mount Palatine, 4 yrs, 8st 7lb ... H. Covey 2
Baron Rothschild's Water Cure, 3 yrs, 6st ... Jeffrey 3
Betting: 100 to 30 agst Julius, 9 to 2 agst Mount Palatine. Won by a head, a length between the second and third.

CHESTERFIELD STAKES of 30 sovs each, for two-yr-olds. Last half of B.M.
Mr Cookson's Formosa, 8st 7lb ... Heartfield 1
Duke of Hamilton's Leonie, 9st ... Edwards 2
Baron Rothschild's Suffolk, 9st 3lb ... Daley 3
Athena, Citron, Pearlfeather, Maid of Masham c. also ran.
Betting: Evens agst Athena, 4 to 1 agst Leonie, 9 to 2 agst Suffolk, 100 to 7 agst Pearlfeather, 20 to 1 agst Formosa. The start was somewhat delayed by the fractiousness of Lord Falmouth's colt, Pearlfeather; but ultimately they were got away on good terms. When they had run half the distance Athena was beaten, and half way up the hill Suffolk was shut out, and Formosa and Leonie drew away, Formosa winning very easily by a length; Suffolk was beaten three lengths from Leonie.

MAIDEN PLATE of 50 sovs, for two-yr-olds. About half a mile.
Lord Stamford's Charnwood ... Kenyon 1
Baron Rothschild's Miss Giraffe f ... Daley 2
Mr Pryor's Ritualist ... Loates 3
Betting: 7 to 4 on Charnwood, 10 to 1 agst Giraffe f. Won by a neck; bad third.

MATCH. Last half mile of T.Y.C. The winner to take the loser.
Lord Westmorland's Signet, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb ... Goater 1
Prince D. Soltykoff's Princess Thyra, 3 yrs, 8st 2lb ... Mann 2

PLATE of 50 sovs. Last 6 furlongs of B.M.
Baron Rothschild's Hippia, 3 yrs, 8st 10lb ... Daley 1
Mr De La Ce's The Salvor, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb ... Butler 2
Mr Chaplin's Narino, 3 yrs, 9st ... Custance 3
Betting: 8 to 1 on Hippia. Won by a length and a half, a good third.

CARLISLE MEETING.

TUESDAY.

The TRIAL STAKES of 3 sovs each, with 20 added. From the Stile turn, about six furlongs.
Mr Masterman's Honestish, by Young Dutchman—All's Well, 3 yrs, 8st 1lb ... Carroll 1
Mr P Smith's c by Skirmisher—Miss Boswell, 3 yrs, 7st 7lb ... Cameron 2
Mr Eastwood's Hawthorn Bloom, 3 yrs, 7st 7lb ... Curry 3
Sabrina, and Imperator, also ran.
Betting: 5 to 4 on Honestish, and 7 to 2 offered agst any other. Won by half a length; bad third.

The GRAND STAND HANDICAP of 5 sovs. Certain winners extra. Once round.
Mr W. Sharpe's Shamrock, by Knight of Gwynne—Verbena, 4 yrs, 5st 12lb ... Walker 1
Mr Barber's Contract, 5 yrs, 6st 11lb ... Gradwell 2
Mr Easton na Haphazard, 4 yrs, 6st 2lb ... Noble 3
Wee Wee Flower, Honesty, Attache, Sweet Jessie, and Gayous, also ran.
Betting: 5 to 2 agst Honesty, 4 to 1 each agst Haphazard and Contract, and 6 to 1 each agst Gayous, Sweet Jessie, and Shamrock. Won by four lengths; two lengths separating second and third; a bad fourth. Mr Masterman declared to win with Gayous.

The CUMBERLAND PLATE of 100 sovs, for all ages, added to a Handicap Sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, 5 ft., second to save his stake. Certain winners extra. Twice round and a distance. 42 subs, 15 of whom pay £3 each.
Major Stapylton's Fair Wind, by Weatherbit—Fair Ellen, 3 yrs, 6st ... Craddock 1
Mr R. Eastwood's Lord Hastings, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb ... Cameron 2
Mr Bowes's War, 4 yrs, 7st 6lb ... Challoner 3
Empress of India, Hawkswell, Helen, Master Butterfly, and Rabbit Trap also ran.
Betting: 5 to 2 agst Fairwind, 4 to 1 agst Lord Hastings, 5 to 1 each agst Crown Prince and Hawkswell, and 6 to 1 agst War. Won by half a length, a neck dividing second and third.

The CORBY CASTLE STAKES of 5 sovs each, with 30 added; for two year olds 6st 7lb, three 8st 7lb, f and g alld 3lb; certain winners extra. About six furlongs. 6 subs.
Mr R. Eastwood's Evelina, 2 yrs—3lb ex ... Cameron 1
Mr T. Masterman's Honestish, 3 yrs—5lb ex ... Carroll 2
Mr R. Menzie's Flash Emma, 2 yrs ... Walker 3
Betting: 5 to 4 on Evelina, and 6 to 5 agst Honestish. Won by a head; a bad third.

The MAIDEN PLATE of 40 sovs. About six furlongs.
Mr R. Sly's Mountain Maid, by Plum Pudding—Vigil's dam, 4 yrs, 7st 1lb ... Cameron 1
Mr George's c by Fandango—Southampton's dam, 3 yrs, 7st 3lb ... Craddock 2
Mr R. Menzie's Falls of Clyde, 3 yrs, 7st 3lb ... Challoner 3
General Williams colt, Bay Duck, and Gipsy Girl also ran.
Betting: 5 to 4 agst General Williams colt, 3 to 1 Falls of Clyde, and 4 to 1 each agst Bay Duck and Mountain Maid. Won by two lengths; a neck separating second and third; and a head between third and fourth. The winner was bought in for 67 guineas.

WEDNESDAY.

The ATHLETIC STAKES. About five furlongs.
Mr Eeles's Maid of Usk, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb ... Challoner 1
Mr Eastwood's Evelina, 2 yrs, 6st 11lb ... Cameron 2
Mr H. Clarkson's Mountain Maid, 3 yrs, 7st ... Nuttall

The SCURRY HANDICAP STAKES of 3 sovs each, with 30 added, for all ages. Six furlongs.
Mr Barber's Contract, 5 yrs, 8st 2lb ... Thorpe 1
Mr Howen's Esmeralda, 3 yrs, 7st ... Maidment 2
Mr P. Smith's Miss Boswell filly, 3 yrs, 7st 7lb Cameron 3
Six ran.

The LOTTERY STAKES of 5 sovs each, 3 ft, with 40 added. One mile and a quarter.
Mr Sharpe's Shamrock, 4 yrs, 6st 13lb ... Walker 1
Mr J. Osborne's Rabbit Trap, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb ... Platt 2
Mr Barber's Helen, 6 yrs, 7st 7lb ... Maidment 3
Seven ran.

CRICKET.

TO SECRETARIES AND OTHERS.—*The covers of Communications intended for this Department of the Paper should be endorsed with the word* CRICKET, *and addressed to the* EDITOR, *or to our Cricket Reporter,* MR J. C. MOOR, *Stanhope Street, Barrack-road, Newcastle.*

ALBERT, OF NEWCASTLE v MORPETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—On Thursday last the above clubs played a match at Morpeth, which resulted in favour of the Albert by one run. The weather was delightful, and there was a large number of spectators on the ground. There was some excellent bowling on each side, that of Mr J. Forster, of the Albert and Mr Hare, of the Morpeth, being most notable; consequently but a short score was run up, that of the Morpeth Grammar School Club, who got the first innings, being 26; Albert 27.

SEATON BURN v GOSFORTH.—On Saturday, a match was played between the above clubs, on the ground of the latter, which resulted in favour of the Gosforth on the first innings. Score:—Gosforth, first innings 63; second innings 60, with 4 wickets to fall. Seaton Burn, first innings 43.

WALKER ROYAL ALBION v PERCY MAIN.—On Saturday, a friendly match was played between these clubs, on the ground of the latter, and ended in an easy victory for the Royal Albion. Score:—Walker, 1st innings 70; 2nd innings 20, with 9 wickets to fall. Percy Main, 1st innings 31. 2nd innings 58.

MIDDLESBOROUGH v WEST HARTLEPOOL.—On Monday, a match was played between the second eleven (with a bowler) of the Middlesborough Club and the West Hartlepool Club, on the Cricket Ground, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbro'. The Middlesborough went in first and scored 373—the highest they have ever reached. Hartlepool in their first innings only got 55, and in their second tussle were stopped at 75. It will thus be seen that Middlesborough won by 244. The weather was fine, the grounds in good order, and there was a fair attendance.

MATCH AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Another of a series of matches, arranged between the Second Eleven of the Chester-le-Street Cricket Club and the clubs of the various villages in the neighbourhood, and those of more important places, took place on the beautiful ground of the Chester Club, on Saturday last. The match was between the second Eleven of the Chester-le-Street club and the West Pelton Cricket Club. The weather was delightfully fine, and there was a fair number of spectators on the ground to witness this, one of the now annual second eleven matches. Wickets were not pitched till two in the afternoon, notwithstanding the game was brought to a satisfactory conclusion by half-past six, the result of which was an easy victory for the Chester-le-Street colts by one innings and 25 runs to spare. The batting of J. Usher (the captain), R. Tate, and J. Potts, of the Chester team, was quite up to the mark; in fact, the latter two are proving themselves quite masters of the art, and are now fairly entitled to be entered in the books of the club as players of the First Eleven. R. White of the West Pelton party, in his two innings secured a very careful sum of 17. The fielding on both sides was superior to that on the occasion of the match with the Second Eleven of the Durham and Chester Clubs on the preceding Monday. The Workhouse band was present, and played several of their best airs.

AQUATICS.

HOARE v. TAYLOR.—The match between Thomas Hoare, of Hammersmith, and James Taylor, of Newcastle, is off, it appears, Taylor not having made the second deposit at the time appointed, and thus forfeiting the £5 already down.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY AMATEUR REGATTA.—The first Durham University Amateur Regatta came off on Monday and Tuesday, on the Wear. Hitherto, the University men have joined in the annual City Regatta, but as that was fixed at too early a date this year, a split took place, and the University men determined to hold a meeting of their own, which has proved a great success. Annexed is a return of the racing:—

The Warden's Cup, for sculls; outriggers; for amateurs:—First Heat: Bryan Walker, first; G. Gulston, 0. Second Heat: J. Wallace rowed over. Final Heat: Walker, first; Wallace, second.

The St Cuthbert Plate (silver cups), for junior four-oared outriggers (amateurs).—First Heat: Bishop Hatfield's Hall—Holdemen, J. Fawcourt, W. Douglas, G. Sharland (stroke); Kaye (cox.)—first. D.A.R.C.—J. Wall, C. Chapman, J. Cooke, G. Adamson (stroke); Cooke (cox)—0. Second Heat: U.C.B.C.—E. J. Tymons, J. Oliver, W. C. Garvey, J. Forster (stroke); Addison (cox.)—saved distance. Final Heat: Bishop Hatfield's Hall crew first; U.C.B.C. second.

The Challenge Cup, with Silver Presentation Cups; for four-oared outriggers (amateurs).—First Heat: M.A.R.C.—W. A. Stephenson, W. Peterson, W. A. Baboneau, J. Renton (stroke); J. Young (cox.)—first. T.A.R.C.—C. M. Johnson, H. K. Dryden, Lewis James, L. Armstrong (stroke); T. Sterling (cox.)—0. Second Heat: Grammar School (1st crew)—J. G. Wilson, A. C. Cherry, G. Ingram, H. Lowe (stroke); E. H. Dykes (cox.)—first. U.C.B.C.—J. D. Houghton, H. Rhodes, R. Jenkins, E. S. Robson (stroke); Addison (cox.)—0. Third Heat: D.A.R.C.—C. Henderson, C. Rowlandson, W. Brignall, jun., C. E. Barnes (stroke); A. W. Barnes (cox.)—saved distance. Final Heat: Grammar School crew, first; M.A.B.C., second.

The Wear Plate (silver cups), for pair-oars (amateurs).—First Heat: D.A.R.C.—W. Brignall, jun., C. E. Barnes (stroke)—first. R.W.C.—G. Gulstone, J. Davison, (stroke)—0. Second Heat: U.C.B.C., first; D.A.R.C. second.

The University Plate, for four-oared outriggers, for inhabitants of the city of Durham only—first prize, £10 10s; second £2 2s. First heat: Adelaide—G. Alderson, J. Raikes, W. Marshall, H. Craggs (stroke), ———— (cox.)—first. Aurora: F. Laidler, F. Heaviside, A. Laidler, J. Fawell (stroke); M. Lee (cox)—0. Second Heat: Dreadnought—R. D. Marshall, E. Marshall, W. Wardropper, C. Marshall (stroke); Herbert (cox.)—saved distance. Final Heat: Dreadnought, first; Adelaide, second.

The sports were continued on Tuesday. The weather was damp and cold, and the attendance consequently small. The Wharton Plate brought six crews to the post. The Durham Grammar School 1st crew, won the first heat by beating the Tees Amateur Boat Club crew—J. Bowron, A. J. Dowman, A. Macintyre, J. Bowron (stroke), T. Curchin (coxswain). The Tyne Amateur Rowing Club won the second heat, beating the University College Boat Club crew. The Middlesbro' Amateur Boat Club crew, and the crew of the Durham Amateur Rowing Club, competed for the third heat, which was won, after a good race, by the latter. The Durham Amateurs and the Tyne men came together for the third heat, and the Grammar School saved distance. The heat was won by the Durham Amateurs. In the final heat the Grammar School crew, after an exciting race, just managed to snatch the victory from the crew of the Durham Amateur Boat Club. For the Neville Cup (cutter skiffs), there were five entries, but only three boats came to the post. The first heat was won by G. Sharland, who easily beat W. Holt, J. L. Wharton saving distance. In the second and final heat Mr Wharton beat his opponent, Mr Sharland. Mr H. Rhodes, of the University College Boat Club, walked over for Cambridge Challenge Cup. The Consolation Stakes was won by the Adelaide, manned by G. Alderson, J. Raikes, W. Marshall, H. Craggs (stroke), beating the Aurora, whose crew consisted of F. Laidler, F. Heaviside, A. Laidler, J. Fawell (stroke), M. Lee (coxwain).

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THE FATE OF MAXIMILIAN.

The wheel of fortune turns incessantly round, and history is full of examples of how short and sudden is often the way from the throne to the tomb—how it is ever the poor prerogative of greatness to be wretched and unpitied. And of all the stories on her ample page, history records none more sad and touching than the tale of the fall of MAXIMILIAN. It has been long known that he was overwhelmed with misfortune. Disaster followed disaster with increasing haste, and a broken fortune, says OVID, is like a falling column, the lower it sinks the greater height it has to sustain. MAXIMILIAN could not resist his fate. He gathered around the remnant of his party, and after making a brave and determined resistance was at last compelled to surrender. It was hoped that his captors would be magnanimous enough to spare his life, but a telegram this week has destroyed our every hope, for it is announced—and the rumour is apparently acknowledged as true—that the ill-fated Emperor has been shot. Just four years ago an Austrian Archduke he left the repose and honour of his position to wear the crown of Mexico, and at last to sink beneath his load of splendid care. Four years ago he left Europe with his beautiful wife in the brightness of youth and promise; to-day the late Emperor is a corpse, and his wife, widowed of her reason by the calamities she has endured, is now widowed indeed by the crowning sorrow of her unhappy life. Like the suitor in the play MAXIMILIAN of Austria has opened the golden casket and found in it, not the treasure on which his heart was set, but a hollow skull—"a carrion death, within whose empty eye there is a written scroll"—a scroll whose meaning were plain had we but the wit to read it aright. The fate of MAXIMILIAN is, indeed, an eloquent commentory on the vanity of human greatness and glory. Called by him who wishes to be the arbiter of the two continents to the Imperial crown he found it but a crown of thorns. When difficulties arose, when the darkness and blackness of night settled over the Imperial fortunes, NAPOLEON left his *protege* to his fate, and with indecent haste fled from the scene of his failure and disgrace. The result was certain: the French army gone the Emperor lost his only support and his throne fell of its own weight. He found his presence was distasteful to the majority of the people; he found how vain and idle were all his hopes of retrieving the country, and joining his fortunes, in a last desperate throw, with the desperate men who had at first deceived him, he lost his cause and his life. It is just the old world-story, which WOLSEY told—to-day a man puts forth the tender leaves of hope; to-morrow blossoms, but the third day comes a killing frost, which nips his root, and then he falls. Now he has fallen none will be found to blame and many to pity him. The cruellest blows of fortune often fall on those who deserve them least. There are martyrs who miss the palm, but not the stake; heroes without the laurel and conquerors without the triumph; and MAXIMILIAN has been one of these. His only fault was his ambition. The prospect of an uneasy crown tempted him to risk his happiness and his life on the venture, and we cannot blame him if fortune played him falsely. He committed a mistake and he has bitterly expiated his error: enough for us if we learn the lessons with which the story of his decline and fall is pregnant.

The Mexican expedition is amongst the most bitter and ignominious of the Imperial failures. And the Napoleonic blunders have not been few of late, for, as M. THIERS said, there are now no more mistakes for the Emperor to commit. The Mexican project was blunder from the first. It had failure stamped upon it, and it existed only so long as the struggle in America prevented the people of that continent from interfering, or, indeed, from understanding the drift of the Imperial policy. But when the crisis was over NAPOLEON found his plans frustrated by the United States Government, and in consequence of their pressure and menaces he abandoned his design and left MAXIMILIAN, whom he had lured only to betray, to be the scapegoat of his sins. What can the French people say to this? What judgment will posterity pass on such an event? Will they not say that the Mexican affair was more than a *faux pas*, a simple blunder; that it was, indeed, a crime and a wrong? Whilst then, we, who remember the promise of his life, and his many generous qualities and high motives—we, who know how he was deceived and betrayed—must sympathise with his sorrows and misfortunes, we may also condemn that false and mistaken policy which demanded the sacrifice of his life.

The execution of MAXIMILIAN is altogether matter for regret. As a question of policy the Liberals would have done well to spare his life, and previous reports had given some hope that such a magnanimous course would be pursued. We have as yet no clue to the change of policy. Whether JUAREZ' prisoner had refused to accept the terms on which he should be set free, or that the Mexican Republicans resolved to execute the ex-Emperor in revenge for his barbarous decree by which, during the late hostilities, his captured foes were dealt with as brigands and not as prisoners of war, is at present uncertain. Probably the latter is the motive. It is, we believe, a mistaken one; but we can readily believe how the people, who saw only in MAXIMILIAN a foreign usurper, bent on destroying the national independence, and the representative of despotism, would clamour for his blood, and demand his life as the revenge for their wrongs. If any of the Liberal leaders had been captured they would probably have met the same fate as the ex-Emperor, and as it was, several of the best and noblest of the generals of the popular party were executed, for the Imperialists treated all risings as treason. The measure he gave has been but meted to him again; and whilst we deplore his sudden end and pity his sad fate, we must be careful how we condemn those who caused his death.

Local and District News.

LOCAL PATENT.—Mr Robert Eadie, C.E., F.R.G.S., Blaydon, has been granted provisional protection for "Improvements in Axles" for railway rolling stock and common road vehicles.

THE BAZAAR AT BLANCHLAND.—The bazaar at Bay Bridge, Blanchland, in aid of the building fund of the new Wesleyan Chapel at Bay Bridge, has been most successful, the total proceeds amounting to £252 7s.

BLACKHILL SCHOOL.—This school was examined on Thursday, the 27th ult., by the Rev. C. W. King, her Majesty's Inspector, who expressed himself highly satisfied with the state of the school.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT BLACKHILL.—On Monday a temperance meeting was held near Mr Barkas's, Blackhill—Mr George Lowes in the chair. Suitable addresses were delivered by Messrs Bushby, Harrison, and Farrage. After the close of the proceedings several signed the pledge.

THE LATE ACCIDENT AT CONSETT WORKS.—We understand that the late accident at these works, was caused by an explosion, not of gas, but of air. It seems that the person Williams with others was engaged in filling a boiler with water, and that the air was so much compressed by the water which had entered the boiler, as to force off the manhole door or unscrewing the bolts, with such violence as to cause the injuries stated in our impression of last week.

CORK MODEL OF LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.—We have this week been visited by Mr Anderton and his famous model of Lincoln Cathedral—made of old corks, and must say that it is a wonderful piece of workmanship, and very ably shows what may be done by patience and perseverance. This model is accompanied with those of two other churches—St. Stephen's (Hull), and St. Botolpe's (Lincoln). We would advise all our readers (who have not yet done so) to pay a visit to the exhibition.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—SHOTLEY BRIDGE CIRCUIT.—The quarterly meeting of the officials of this body was held at Castleside on Monday, when the attendance was not so large as on former occasions. The Rev. T. Southron presided. There was little business of any importance done beyond the usual routine. There was a deficiency in the numbers and finances as compared with last quarter. The Rev. J. Welford, from Stockton, will be in the circuit in a week or two to take the place of the Rev. G. Wood, who is removing to Wooler.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE PRIMITIVE METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL.—The anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Sabbath School, Shotley Bridge, was held on Sunday last, when appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev. A. Lattimer. At each service the children recited and sang select pieces in a very creditable manner. On Saturday the usual tea meeting was held when about 200 persons partook of the cup which cheers; after which suitable addresses were delivered by several teachers. The whole of the services were unusually successful.

NORTH SHIELDS WATERWORKS.—The annual meeting of the North Shields Waterworks Company was held in the Commercial Hotel, on Tuesday evening, Mr R. Milburn in the chair. A dividend of six per cent. was declared. A report from Mr Tone, C.E., on the state of the works was read, and ways and means were adopted to raise the requisite funds to carry out the proposed new works. Messrs R. Milburn, C. Laing, Geo. Fenwick, J. Jackson, William Wingrave, C. Hunton, and J. Ridley were elected directors, and the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

ACCIDENT FROM A CANNON.—On Tuesday whilst a crew of Tyneside oarsmen, going to compete in the Paris Regatta, were leaving in one of the steamboats from Newcastle Quay, an unfortunate accident happened. A small cannon was being discharged as a parting salute, and as the match was being applied to the touch-hole, somehow or other a man named George Bolton, 38 years of age, and living at Gateshead, stepped in front, and had one of his legs very much shattered. He was removed to the Infirmary, where he now remains.

DEATH FOR WANT OF MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.—On Thursday evening an inquest was held before the deputy coroner, Mr Hoyle, respecting the death of Alexander Elliot, 8 years of age, who died on Tuesday. The evidence was to the effect that Elliot took ill last Thursday, his symptoms being that of scarlet fever; but his parents were too poor to get a doctor, and they could not obtain a dispensary letter. The jury returned a verdict of death through natural causes, but regretted that in a town like Newcastle any one should die for want of medical attendance.

GATESHEAD TOWN COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the Council was held on Monday, in the temporary Town Hall, Queen's Head Yard. The Mayor occupied the chair. The special business was the election of an alderman in the place of Mr J. Smith, J.P. The result of the voting was as follows: For the Mayor, George Miller, Esq., 5. For Councillor Hewitt, 4. For Councillor Brown, 4. For Councillor Murchamp, 3. The Mayor declared himself to have been elected to the vacancy. In returning thanks he said he could assure the Council the position of alderman was one which he should highly prize.

EXTRAORDINARY SWIFT STEAMING.—The Barrow Steam Navigation Company's splendid new steamer "Herald" made her first run from Barrow to Douglas, on Monday last, in three hours, being at the rate of upwards of nineteen miles per hour, a speed nearly equal to an ordinary railway train. For her first trip she had on board a much larger number of passengers from the lake and midland districts than was anticipated. With the short sea passage, and this fine steamer on the station, we have no doubt this will soon become the favourite route to the Isle of Man.—*Barrow Herald.*

ST. JOHN'S (NEWCASTLE) BURIAL BOARD.—A meeting of St. John's (Newcastle) Burial Board was held on Tuesday evening—Mr J. Burnup in the chair. The interments were as follows:—April: On the consecrated side, 34; cost, £35 16s 2d; unconsecrated side, 74; cost, £28 7s 1d; total, 108; cost, £64 3s 3d. May: Consecrated side, 40; cost, £57 4s 6d; unconsecrated side, 67; cost, £25 2s 6d; total, 107; cost, £82 7s. June: Consecrated side, 30; cost, £24 15s; unconsecrated side, 67; cost, £15 18s 7d; total, 97; cost, £41 3s 7d.—A discussion was entered into relative to the glazing work at the cemetery, Mr Owen stating that the contractor, Mr Richardson, was supplying inferior glass. Mr Richardson was requested to replace it, and he stated he had no objection to do so.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A FARMER.—At Durham Sessions, on Wednesday, an appeal case was heard—Kirton *v.* Smith. This was an appeal made by the appellant, John Kirton, farmer, Waterhouses Farm, against a judgment given by the magistrates at the Lanchester Petty Sessions, of fradulently assisting to remove and conceal a quantity of furniture, the property of a farmer, named Michelson, residing at the New House Farm, on the 11th of May, with a view of defrauding Mr Henry Smith, the landlord of Mitchelson. Mr Meynell appeared for the prosecution, and Mr Blackwell on behalf of Mr Smith. At the trial at Lanchester, the magistrates gave a decision adverse to Mr Kirton, who was adjudged to pay a fine of £80, or double the value of the goods found. An appeal was now made against this decision, the facts adduced being similar to those brought before the Lanchester magistrates, and reported in the *Guardian*. The bench, after hearing the case, decided to quash the magistrates' conviction against Mr Kirton.

LECTURE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—On Saturday evening the Rev. G. Wood delivered a lecture in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Annfield Plain, on "The Bible the Book of God." The Rev. Blythe Hurst, M.D., incumbent of Collierly, presided, and the Rev. J. Hughes, curate, introduced the lecturer in a few appropriate remarks on the importance of the subject announced for the evening's lecture. Mr Wood then commenced his lecture, which was admirable, and throughout full of important information and useful knowledge, and fraught from the beginning to the end with thrilling interest. At the conclusion of the lecture, Dr. Hurst, in a short address, said he was much delighted to have the privilege of listening to such an excellent lecture, and moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer.—The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. Hughes, and carried with applause.—Mr Jas. Dobson moved that the thanks of the meeting be accorded to the two ministers of the parish for their presence and services. This motion was also carried, and the meeting then broke up.

PRESENTATION TO THE LOCOMOTIVE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—On Friday last, a handsome silver tea and coffee service was presented to Mr E. Fletcher, locomotive superintendent of the North-Eastern Railway Company, by the directors, as an acknowledgement of their appreciation of the great ability which he had shown in the management of his department during the late strike of enginemen and firemen. The service bore the following inscription:—"Presented, by the North-Eastern Railway Company, to Edward Fletcher, locomotive superintendent, in acknowledgment of the eminent services rendered by him, under circumstances of great difficulty, on the occurrence of the strike of 1,080 of the company's engine-drivers and firemen, without notice, on the 10th April, 1867." Mr Fletcher was presented at the same time, by Mr James Pulleine, of Clifton Castle, Yorkshire, formerly chairman of the company, with a silver tankard, as a mark of his esteem. The presentations were made at a dinner given by the chairman, Mr H. S. Thompson, at his town residence, to the directors and chief officers of the company.

A LOVER'S JOURNEY.—Not a hundred miles from Annfield Plain lives a young lady, who, in her anxiety to see her "lovyer," took a journey, the length of which would have deterred many an anxious and fair maiden from visiting the object of her affections. Not so, however, the young lady to whom we refer. It appears that "John" had not come up to time in his attentions to the fair one, and on Sunday morning last her mistress sent her out for a short walk with the child, which was carefully deposited in a perambulator. "Jane," in her great anxiety to ascertain the why and wherefore of her lover's inattention, no sooner sniffed the fresh breeze, than she made up her mind to travel to Gateshead, a distance of eleven miles, where dwelt her intended. Having set her mind upon a visit, she was not long in putting her idea into execution, and away she went, the perambulator being pushed somewhat vigorously before her. Her journey, by no means an easy one, by reason of the "ups and downs" as travellers who have performed the distance will most readily admit, was, however, performed satisfactorily, but whether the object of our heroine's visit was accomplished deponent sayeth not. Certain it is, however, that as the shades of evening began to gather, our loving friend with her youthful charge before her might have been seen, somewhat jaded, of course, on her road homewards, having already accomplished considerably more than a Sabbath-day's journey. She was "put through" on reaching home by "master and missus," who, poor souls, in her opinion, knew nothing of love, for keeping the child out so long, and of causing them so much anxiety from her long absence with the child. A walk of twenty-two miles with a perambulator in front is, we should think, no joke.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday night an accident occurred on the Darlington Section of the North-Eastern Railway, near Auckland station, by which a valuable engine was almost totally destroyed. It appears that an engine with a train attached had been coming along the Barnard Castle branch, and was just entering upon the Darlington section at the junction with that line, when another engine and train were passing the point, and they came into collision, one being thrown off the line and considerably damaged. The cranes were brought into requisition to get them on the line, but this was not accomplished for several hours.

THE DEAD BODY OF A CHILD FOUND IN A PAWNSHOP.—Mr Theodore Hoyle, deputy coroner, held an adjourned inquest on Wednesday afternoon, at the Manors Police Court, touching the death of a female infant found in Mr Robins' pawnshop, Pilgrim Street, on the 17th June. The body which was wrapped up in a paper, was found underneath a form in a pawnshop by a boy. Inquiries have been made by the police, but no trace of the mother can be got. Mr Hume, surgeon, stated that he had made a post mortem examination, and was of opinion that the child had been born alive, and had died from want of proper attention at birth. The jury returned an open verdict.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Bad Legs.—When from injury, feeble circulation, foul blood, or neglected chill, inflammation succeeded by ulceration has attacked the lower limbs, the sufferer may turn for a cure, without fear of disappointment, to Holloway's celebrated Ointment, whose fame for such disorders has resounded throughout the habitable globe, and testimonials in all languages have been received, universally praising this celebrated Ointment. In all old cases, Holloway's Pills should be taken while his ungent is used; both together are most effective, and the cure accomplished painlessly and readily; under their joint curative influence the worst wounds or ulcers assume a more healthy character and shortly begin to fill up or contract, and soundly heal.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT A SHIPBUILDING YARD.—An inquest was held, at the Durham Ox Inn, Cattle Market, on Wednesday evening, before Mr T. Hoyle, deputy coroner, upon the body of Robert Purvis, thirty-seven years of age, a shipwright, who died in the Infirmary, on Tuesday. The deceased was employed at Messrs Geddie and Lamb's shipbuilding yard, Tyne Main, and on the 19th ult., was engaged, with other men, in letting a cradle with a ship upon it run into the river, when a chock slipped out from under the cradle, knocking the deceased down. In falling, he threw his arms out, and one of them got under the cradle, and was fractured. He was taken to the Infirmary, where he died on Tuesday from the results of the injury. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN THE CONSETT TOWN HALL.—The opening services in connection with the Baptist cause were held on Sunday evening last, in the above place. The services began with a sermon—in the open air—by the Rev. John Brooks, of Shotley Bridge. Subject—"Without God in the world." Mr Brooks briefly and graphically described the deplorable condition of practical Atheists, and earnestly urged all around him to become children of God. After the address a large number of people proceeded to the hall, where the Rev. D. M. McGregor was appointed to preach. Subject—"The voice of one crying in the wilderness." He proceeded by describing the hard and difficult task of the great pioneer of Christ, whose duty it was to "prepare the way" and to rouse men to think for themselves, under whose preaching the gorgeous unreality of Judaism began to crumble and fall. He contrasted the times of the Evangelist with our own by alluding to the decay of all forms of superstition at the present day. He applied his argument by appealing to all Christians—in view of the rapid march of everything around us—to be up and doing, as these are not times for us to be at ease in Zion. Mr McGregor continues to preach every Sunday evening at six o'clock in the Town Hall.

NEWCASTLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN PRESBYTERY.—The monthly meeting of the Newcastle United Presbyterian Presbytery was held on Tuesday, in Claveringplace Chapel (the Rev. S. Wallace's). The Rev. Charles Fraskin, Mount Pleasant, Ferryhill, discharged the duties of moderator. The resignation of the Rev. Mr Campbell, of Whitby, was read, and the necessary action taken thereupon. The sitting was principally occupied in considering an application from the congregation worshipping in Ryehill Chapel (the Rev. Robert Brown's). The petition was praying the Home Mission Committee to give them a grant of £35 per annum for a period of three years. The reasons stated by the petitioners for the finances getting into a discouraging state, were the recent death of a lady who had contributed liberally towards the funds of the congregation, the recent secession, and the depressed state of trade. A long discussion took place on the application, all the members sympathising with the congregation, and with the exception of the Rev. Mr Bell (Newcastle), and Mr Young, elder (Newcastle), supporting the prayer of the petition. It was resolved to transmit the petition to the Home Mission Committee, and to support its prayer. The Rev. Mr Bell and Mr Young entered their dissent against this decision.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A most serious and deplorable accident occurred near to Shotton Edge on Sunday evening last. It appears that on the afternoon of that day, Mr J. W. Scurr and Mr Richard Reay, sen., farmers, of Berwick Hill, near Ponteland, drove down to Bedlington in a dog-cart, to visit a late invalid neighbour of the former gentlemen, and a near relative of the latter. On their return home in the evening, they had nearly arrived at the entrance of the lane leading to Brenkley, when the young horse Mr Reay was driving, which was a very spirited one, was suddenly startled by something coming out of the hedge, which caused it to spring to the opposite side of the road. The wheel of the vehicle suddenly came in contact with the edging stones of the footpath, and Mr Scurr was immediately pitched over Mr Reay, both falling violently on the hard road on their heads. Mr Reay was stunned for some time, and, after gaining consciousness, found his friend was speechless. He contrived with great exertion to return to the residence of Mr Wm. Hoy, about 190 yards from the place where the accident happened, where assistance was obtained. When Mr Scurr's body was found he was quite dead. Mr Scurr, who was a young man and had occupied the Field House Farm, at Berwick Hill, for little more than two years, was a son of the Rev. Jonathan Scurr, incumbent at Ninebanks, near Haydon Bridge, in this county. His untimely end is much and sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the neighbourhood, by whom he was greatly esteemed. It is hoped that Mr Reay, though severely shaken, will recover.

WELSH PIC NIC AT CONSETT.—On Monday the annual pic-nic in connection with the Chapel and Sunday School of the Welsh Independent Congregation, who hold their services in the building formerly used as the temporary church, was held in a field near the railway station, Consett, kindly granted by R. Taylor, Esq., to whom the congregation are greatly indebted for his kindness, for no inconsiderable share of the great success which attended their gala. The weather was to all appearances likely to turn out most unfavourable for the success of their enterprise, but, fortunately, although dull, the whole day the rain kept off. In the afternoon the Sabbath scholars met at the chapel, and headed by their teachers and others, walked in procession to the field. On their arrival they speedily separated, and joined together in playing innocent games. Tea was provided by Mr Rowe, which was accompanied by excellent provisions, in a tent erected on the ground, and such was the demand for the refreshing beverage that between 500 and 600 partook of the good things provided. The tables were most graciously presided over by Mrs James Jones, Miss Jones, Mrs Pearce, Miss Dobbs, Miss M. A. Jones, Miss Williams, and Miss M. Jenkins. Tea over, the company assembled outside, where games, music, and dancing became the order of the day. The proceedings were kept up with great harmony until the shades of evening gave warning that it was time to go home. Above 1,000 persons were present upon this, the most successful pic-nic of our Welsh friends, and we trust that the proceeds will be something handsome.

INSPECTION OF THE NEWCASTLE POLICE FORCE.—On Wednesday morning, the members of the Newcastle Police Force underwent their annual inspection by Colonel Woodford the Government Inspector for the Northern District. The inspection took place in the court-yard of the Westgate Police Station. Very few members of the Corporation were present. The force was drawn up in line by the drill master, Sub-Inspector Curtin, and had an imposing and effective appearance. Col. Woodford, on arrival, was received by Chief-Constable Sabbage, and was saluted on parade. The ranks were then opened, and the Inspector having passed along, expressed himself much satisfied with the general bearing of the men. He was also much satisfied with the new clothing of the men, which they wore for the first time, and with the state of their accoutrements. The report of the chief-constable showed that there were present on parade—The chief-constable, six inspectors, seven sub-inspectors, seven sergeants, and ninety-eight constables—in all, 119; on duty one inspector, one sergeant, and twenty-seven constables—in all, 29; sick, two constables; absent with leave two sub-inspectors and three constables; required to complete the number, two constables. After the inspection, Colonel Woodford examined the cells and books at the station, under the charge of Inspector Walter Scott; and for the same purpose visited during the afternoon the Manors (Inspector Amos), Prudhoe (Inspector Hall), and Ouseburn (Inspector Thomas Scott) divisional stations.

QUESTION OF RIGHT OF WAY.—At the Hexham Petty Sessions, on Monday, before Mr Thos. Ridley, Major Waddilove, Captain Atkinson, and Messrs Charles Grey and Robert Wallace, four men, named William Tweedy, Wm. England, James Burn, and Thomas Purvis, were charged with having assaulted George Bradley on the 17th June, while he was proceeding along a footpath on the lands of Wheelbirks, in the ownership of Mr G. T. Dickinson. Mr William Taylor, Hexham, prosecuted, and Mr J. A. Bush, Newcastle, appeared in defence. The prosecutor stated that he had travelled along the footpath in question for many years. He was walking there on the evening of the 17th June, when he was met by the accused and asked to go back. This he refused to do, when Burn seized him by the neck, and in a struggle which ensued his waistcoat was torn, and he was dragged a number of yards. In cross-examination, prosecutor said he had been previously told that he would be stopped if he used the footpath. He was not trespassing. There had been a road over the lands for thirty years. He admitted that the ground was enclosed and that under a former proprietor he had gone through the house on the property, and had taken other directions than that in which he alleged the footpath ran. An old man, named Thomas Hornsby, deposed to having used the footpath a number of years ago, but admitted to having used it being acquainted with the occupier. Mr Bush submitted that there was no road laid down when the allotment was made, and produced the ordnance maps in proof. The prosecutor had been warned, and the alleged assault had only been made in the exercise of the owner's legitimate right; therefore the case did not come within the cognisance of the Court. Mr Taylor craved conviction on the ground that there had been excess of violence. Their worships, after consulting together for some time, came to the conclusion that no unnecessary violence had been shown, and dismissed the case.

The Rev. Henry Christopherson, who has for many years held a very high position as a Nonconformist preacher and divine, and who was lately chaplain of the Congregationalist College in St. John's Wood, has been licensed (after ordination on Trinity Sunday) by the Bishop of London to the curacy of St. Clement, Lancaster Road West, Notting Hill, on the nomination of the Rev. A. D. Robinson.—*Times.*

"GETTING CIVILISED."—A fisherman named John Peel, made his 17th appearance before the South Shields bench, on Monday, on the charge of drunkenness. He expressed great regret for his conduct. He had been teetotal since February, but getting a glass the other day, he broke loose again. He was getting a "bit civilized" now, and if they forgave him that time, they would not "see his portrait" there again for a long time to come. A fine of 2s 6d and costs was, however, enforced.

SINGING PROFANE SONGS.—On Monday, the South Shields magistrates, the Mayor and Ald. Potts, fined three youths, varying in age from 13 to 17 years, for singing profane songs on the road leading to the south pier. They said in defence that they heard the song at the theatre, but Ald. Potts refuted the assertion, and said he had often been there and had never heard any such profanity. If they came up again on such a charge, Durham gaol would be their portion.

The Barrow Steam Navigation Company's splendid new paddle steamer "Herald" arrived at Barrow from the Clyde, on Friday the 28th ult., after a remarkably quick passage of 10½ hours. The "Herald" is a beautifully modelled and handsomely finished and flushed decked steamer of 550 tons, with powerful oscillating engines, and is fitted up with patent floats and all recent improvements. On the passage from the Clyde she obtained a speed of between 18 and 19 statute miles per hour, and notwithstanding her great speed the absence of vibration excited the admiration of all on board. The "Herald" is intended for Barrow and the Isle of Man trade, and will be a great acquisition to the travelling public.

THE CASES OF DROWNING IN THE TYNE.—On Monday morning, Mr J. M. Favell, coroner, held an inquest at the house of Mrs John Snowball, Prince of Wales Inn, Grosvenor Street, Gateshead, on the body of Robert Charlton, aged five years, who was drowned in the river Tyne on Saturday afternoon. The deceased and his brother William were playing on the New Quay, Hillgate, Gateshead, when William, who was the elder of the two, slipped over the side of the wall into the water, and Robert, in endeavouring to save him, was also precipitated into the river. Before assistance could be rendered, both lads sank, and it was two hours before the body of Robert was recovered. Although diligent search has been made for the body of William, it had not, up to a late hour in the evening, been recovered. A verdict finding that the occurrence had been an accidental one was returned.

FUNERAL OF MR ROBERT HAWTHORN.—The remains of the late Mr Robert Hawthorn, the senior partner in the eminent engineering firm of Messrs Robert and William Hawthorn, in this town, were interred on Tuesday afternoon in the family vault at the burying ground at Newburn. The hearse, containing the coffin, was followed by eight mourning coaches containing—Mr William Hawthorn, sen., Mr William Hawthorn, jun., Mr W. Armstrong, Mr Ronaldson, Mr D. Hawthorn, Mr J. T. Thompson, Mr A. Thompson, Mr C. Thompson, Mr Henry Scott, Ald. Dodds, Mr W. Dixon, the Rev. C. Moody, the Rev. F. Gipps (Corbridge), Mr Daggett, Mr Jos. Dixon, Mr Henry Parker, Mr W. Thompson, Mr John Dodds, Mr David Burn, Mr Dodds (Alnwick), Mr H. Milvain, Mr Sang, Mr A. C. Houen, Mr Gildart, and Mr Lonsdale. Nearly the whole of the workmen employed at the works at the Forth Banks marched in procession after the carriages.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPEL, NORTH SHIELDS.—The anniversary sermons in connection with this chapel were preached on Sunday last by the Rev. J. B. Paton, president of the Congregational Institute at Nottingham. The congregations were large and the collections liberal. On Monday evening Mr Paton delivered a lecture on "Home Missions" in the chapel to a numerous audience. The rev. gentleman, in the course of his remarks, adduced a number of arguments in proof of the power and value of independency, and graphically pointed out what he considered to be the causes of its weakness. Mission work was the life of the Church. It gave occupation to the members, who, while administering the consolation and blessings of religion to others, were increasing their own grace. Village churches and mission stations in towns were needed, and more efforts should be put forth in those directions, as the true means of increasing their churches and augmenting their strength.

DEATH OF A POLICE SERGEANT IN GATESHEAD.—After a lingering and painful illness of about ten months duration, Mr David Nun, for more than twelve years the drill-sergeant of the Gateshead Borough Police Force, died on Monday morning between twelve and one o'clock. Mr Nun, a well known, active, and painstaking officer, served for many years in the Royal Horse Artillery, in which corps he held the rank of corporal, and ultimately obtained his discharge on a handsome pension. He then came to Gateshead, where for a time he drilled his brother policemen, acting first, however, as a civilian. He then joined the force, retaining his position as drill-master, and he held that office until recently when failing health confined him to his bed, from which he never again rose. The deceased was highly respected by his brother officers, many of whom attended his funeral on Wednesday. Mr Nun was about 56 years of age, and lived in Grosvenor Street, Gateshead.

ALLEGED MURDER AT BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday evening an inquiry was opened at Mrs Dobson's, Blue Row, before Mr W. D. Trotter, coroner, on the body of John Allen, a shoemaker, belonging to South Church, a village situated about one mile from Bishop Auckland, who was found dead on the highway near Railway Terrace Forge, on Sunday morning last. Sergeant Booth, of the Durham county constabulary, deposed that he was on duty in Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland, at one o'clock on Sunday morning, when he received information that a man had been killed and was lying on the highway near to Blue Row. The sergeant sent his informant to the police station to apprise the superintendent of what had occurred, and went, in company with two other constables, to the place where the man was said to be lying. When near Railway Terrace Forge the body was discovered near the hedge and about fifty yards distant from the Stockton and Darlington Railway crossing. Several cuts and bruises were discovered on the head and face of deceased. The body was removed to the Sun Inn, at Blue Row, when it was identified as that of John Allen, a shoemaker, belonging to South Church.—Robert Adamson, miner, South Church, said he saw Adam Harrison, *alias* Tap Harrison, a pitman, belonging to West Auckland, and deceased, John Allen, both down on the side of the road together, Allen being topmost. Allen, on getting up, said he wanted to go home, when Harrison struck at him several times, knocking him down. A boy, brother to Adamson, then went towards deceased to assist him, and on touching him exclaimed he was dead. Harrison, on ascertaining that such was the case, decamped. A long and vigorous search was then made by the police authorities for him, but without success, and about eight o'clock on Sunday morning he delivered himself up at the Bishop Auckland Police Station, having been secreted in a garden all the morning. He acknowledged that he was the cause of Allen's death, and said he was sorry for what had occurred. He was then locked up. The deceased was a widower, and has left four young children. The inquiry was adjourned for the production of evidence.

MARLEY HILL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SOIREE.—The annual soiree in connection with the Marley Hill Mechanics' Institute was held on Monday, and, as has always been the case for the past fourteen years (when favoured with fine weather) everything went off with the greatest possible success; indeed, it would have been strange had it been otherwise, for a most attractive programme was prepared—first came tea, next a concert, after which was a ball. The attendance was large, including a great many people from Newcastle, Gateshead, Consett, Leadgate, Dipton, and Burnopfield, omnibuses being engaged to run from the various places to Marley Hill. The soiree was held in a large marquee erected in a field, the use of which was given by Mr Drummond. The interior of the marquee presented a pretty appearance, the decorations being numerous and tasteful. The tea tables were presided over by the following ladies:—Mrs C. Berkley, Marley Hill House; Mrs Watson, Burnopfield House; Mrs Gooch, Lintz Hall; Mrs Coulson, Killingworth West House, Mrs Welford, St. Mary's-terrace, Newcastle; Miss Liddell, Grove House; Miss Robinson, Mountsett House; Miss G. Hancock, Barcus Close; Miss Charlton, Cromwell-street, Newcastle; Miss Smith, High-street, Gateshead; Mrs Todd, Mrs Dixon, Mrs A. B. Charlton, Mrs R. Patterson, Mrs Moore, Mrs M. Robson, and Mrs Bone, Marley Hill; Miss Henderson, Sunniside; Miss Watson, and Miss Proud. During tea the Tanfield Lea Brass Band played a selection of music. After tea the chair was taken by Mr C. Berkley, who called upon Mr Patterson, the treasurer, to make a statement as to the affairs of the institute. During the past year there had been a slight decrease in the number of members. There are 900 books in the library, but the number would have been greatly increased had the bookcase room been large enough. At the commencement of the year there was a balance of £23 3s 9d in hand, the soiree brought in £83 13s 5d, and, with the subscriptions, the income for the year amounted to £128 9s 6½d. The expenditure, including £70 15s 1d at the soiree, amounted to £106 5s 7½d, leaving a balance of £22 10s 10d, in addition to which there was £15 due from the owners of Marley Hill Colliery. Mr Hurst moved, and Mr Boyd seconded, a vote of thanks to the ladies who had presided at the tea tables; and a vote of thanks was also passed to the chairman, on the motion of Mr Snowball. The concert of vocal and instrumental music then commenced. The band was under the leadership of Mr T. S. Watson, of Newcastle; and the singers were Messrs M'Millan, Harrison, and Sinclair, all of Newcastle. The ball was afterwards held, which was thoroughly and entirely enjoyed. The refreshments, which were excellent and admirably served, were purveyed by Mr C. G. Randall, of the Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

Below is an account of the traffic during the week ending June 29th, 1867:—

	1867. Miles open 1229. £	s.	d.	1866. Miles open 1207½ £	s.	d.
Passengers, &c.	26,831	0	0	26,870	0	0
Merchandise & Minerals..	53,285	0	0	51,575	0	0
Total	80,116	0	0	78,445	0	0
Aggregate	1774,527	0	0	1760,347	0	0

Newcastle Races 1866 and 1867.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY.—Before Mr KEARNEY, A. H. TALMADGE, and E. T. SMITH, Esqs.

POACHING.

John Hobkirk and Ralph Moore, pitmen, were charged with being on land in search of game on the 22d ult. It appears that on the day in question a gamekeeper named Barker watched the two men ranging though some fields with a dog near Lanchester. On being charged, however, they denied all knowledge of the dog. They now pleaded guilty, and the bench fined them 20s and costs each.

Ralph Proudlock, pitman, and George Richardson, engineer, were also charged with a similar offence on land belonging to Mr Wm. Hedley. The offence was proved by P.C. Thomas Forster; but the bench allowed the men to go on payment of costs, Mr Hedley having given one of them leave to be on his land.

PITMEN LEAVING THEIR WORK.

Charles Brimicum, pitman, was brought up on remand, charged with leaving his work, contrary to the agreement existing betwixt himself and his masters, the South Derwent Colliery Company. Mr Bush prosecuted, and from that gentlemen's statement it appeared that the defendant was brought from Tavistock with a number of others to work for the company in question, at their pit, on Annfield Plain, in September last, and after being supplied with furniture by the company he continue to work for them until the 2d March, when he put in a certificate from a doctor, stating that a removal to his native air would be advisable, but recommending the company to give him a lighter job. This they promised to do, but on the 25th of March he disappeared from the neighbourhood with his family, and it was then discovered that he had sold the furniture the company had provided him with. He was subsequently apprehended by P.C. Newbolt at Tavistock. The proprietors of the colliery pressed for punishment, in order that others might be prevented from leaving their work in the manner the prisoner had done, and he was sent to goal for three months' imprisonment.—Three men, named McCann, Connolly, and Downey, were charged with a similar offence. The prisoners had engaged themselves to work for the Lintz Colliery Company, but left their work without notice, on account, as they alleged, of the bad state of the air and the lowness of the workings. A viewer, who appeared to prosecute, stated that a proper description of the workings was given the men in the agreement. The magistrates committed the men to goal for two months, but suspended the order to allow them a chance of going to work and fulfilling the terms of the agreement.

DRUNK AND RIOTOUS.

John and George Ritson, miners, were charged by P.C. Foster, with being drunk and riotous at South Moor, on the 16th ult. Fined 5s each and costs.

W. Twaddle, W. Harrison, and John Bellows, miners, were charged by P.C. Smith, No. 269, with being drunk and riotous on the 22d ult. Fined 5s each and costs.

ASSAULT.

W. Coxon was charged by John Thompson with assaulting him on the 22d ult. Fined 10s and costs.

CATTLE STRAYING.

John Johnson was charged by P.C. Foster, with allowing his cattle to stray upon the highway near South Moor. Ordered to pay costs.

NON-PAYMENT OF POORS' RATE.

Several parties were charged with non-payment of poors' rate, upon whom orders for the same were made by the magistrates.

FRAUDULENTLY REMOVING GOODS.

Mrs Ridley, of Ewehurst Head, grocer, was then charged by W. Forster with fraudulently removing certain articles of household furniture, &c., to evade payment of rent due by her. Several witnesses were called to prove the offence; the most important witness, however, could not swear to the exact time, which the prisoner stated was on the Friday evening previous to the term day. The witness stated it was on a Friday evening, but was uncertain as to the date. At that time there was a balance of 10s due to the landlord for rent.—To be imprisoned, but if prisoner would make arrangement to pay the amount, the Bench would hold back the order for one month.

Market Intelligence.

CORN MARKETS.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Saturday.—The trade during the past week has assumed much inactivity, with a limited amount of business passing at last week's prices. At today's market the supply of wheat from the growers was small and sold readily at the rates of this day week. The trade with factors rules firm for English and foreign, at the prices of this day week, with a limited sale. Barley steady sale. Beans and peas no change. Rye little doing. Flour a firm demand. Wheat, 66s. to 73s; Barley, 42s. to 49s; Beans, 47s. to 51s; Peas, 45s. to 46s; Rye 34s. to 36s; Malt, 68s to 73s; Flour, households, 46s to 47s; whites, 47s. to 48s.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—Only a quiet wheat trade, and the business done was on a restricted scale; really fine samples of both English and foreign met a moderate demand at rather easier rates, whilst secondary sorts were difficult to sell at 1s to 2s per qr decline on the rates of this day week. Grinding barley in moderate demand at late rates. Oats dull. Beans and peas 1s per qr lower.

	s.	d.	s.	d.
Wheat, English red, per qr	69	0	to 70	0
— Scotch red and white	57	0	67	0
— Danzig and Konigsberg	63	0	70	0
— Stettin, red	65	0	—68	0
" Uckermarks, marks	66	0	—68	0
" Polish, mixed and white	62	0	—70	0
" Silesian red	65	0	—68	0
— Pommeranean and Rostock, red	67	0	—69	0
— Hamburg and Bremen runs of red	65	0	—68	0
— Hanoverian and Lower Elbe	65	0	—67	0
— Danish and East Coast of Holstein	66	0	—67	0
— Swedish	65	0	—66	0
Barley, English malting, new, per qr	00	0	—00	0
— Scotch	00	0	—00	0
— Saal	00	0	—00	0
— Danish, Holstein, Baltic, malting	00	0	—00	0
— Chevalier	00	0	—00	0
— Grinding & Distill., stout, weigh 56lbs	36	0	—37	0
— Ditto ditto thin	34	0	—35	6
Rye, Danish, Prussian, Mecklenburg, per qr.	41	0	—42	0
Oats Danish, Baltic, Friesland	27	0	—29	0
— Scotch, new, per 42lbs	00	0	—00	0
Peas, Danish, Hamburg, Baltic, boilers	43	0	—44	0
— Ditto ditto feeders	41	0	—42	0
Beans, Hamburg, Hanover, Friesland, large	43	0	—44	0
— Ditto ditto small	45	0	—46	0
Flour, English, per sack	44	0	—46	0

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—A large supply of wheat, but a slow demand, at a decline of from 1s to 2s per qr. An average supply of barley, but a small supply of oats; quotations same as last week.

CATTLE MARKETS.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 200 head of cattle and 89 sheep from Aberdeen and the counties of the north-east coast of Scotland, 182 beasts and 600 sheep were from foreign, 42 beasts were from Ireland, and about 30 from the the south. The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 270 beasts, and 290 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week.

Respecting quality, generally speaking, that of cattle was above an average, time of the year considered. Sheep were tolerably good, but lambs were indifferent.

The supply of beef comprised 798 head. The extreme high prices of the two last markets has caused an unusually large number to be on offer this morning. Hence an excessively heavy trade for all breeds, at a decline of fully 9d per imperial stone from the rates of this day se'nnight. The weekly market held yesterday at Darlington, and the foreign arrivals at Sunderland, both of which operated against the beef trade, and the supplies being more then adequate to the demand, a very dull finish was experienced, and a large portion remained unsold.

The number of sheep and lambs was 6,950. The mutton trade was sluggish, at a decline of ½d per lb from the rates of last week, and a total clearance was not effected.

Lambs experienced an inactive demand, and prices declined about ½d per lb on the rates of Tuesday last, and part remained unsold.

Pigs—420 were shown. The pork trade was rather improved. Large fat porkers were in good demand at previous rates, and the store kinds met with a brisk sale, and all sold.

Numbers shown:—Beasts, 798; sheep, 6,950; pigs, 420.

Prices to-day:—Beasts: Prime heifers, 9s 3d to 9s 6d; secondary sorts, 7s. 9d. to 9s. 0d.; inferior sorts, 6s. 3d. to 7s 3d; first-class oxen, 8s. 9d. to 9s. 3d; middling, 7s. 6d to 8s 3d; cows, 6s. 3d. to 8s. 6d. Sheep—good vendable wedders, 6½d to 7d; middling, 6½d to 6¾d; tups, ewes, and inferior, 5½ to 5¾d.

Number and prices of the corresponding weeks in the last three years:—

	Beasts.	Price ℔ st.	Sheep	Price ℔ lb.
1864...	707	7s 0d to 8s 9d	6,430	8d to 9d
1865...	815	6s 9d ... 9s 9d	7,500	10d ...10½d
1866...	531	7s 6d ... 10s 9d	4,150	11d ...11½d

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW MARKET.

TUESDAY.—The following were the prices to-day:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d	
Old land hay	6	0	0	to	8	0	0	℔ ton.
Do. this year's growth..	0	0	0	to	0	0	0	"
New land hay	6	15	0	to	7	15	0	"
Do. this year's growth..	0	0	0	to	0	0	0	"
Clover hay	0	0	0	to	0	0	0	"
Wheat straw	0	2	6	to	0	4	0	℔ thrave
Barley straw	0	0	0	to	0	0	0	"
Oat straw	0	3	5	to	0	3	4	"

GENERAL GRAIN AVERAGES.

The following are the average prices of grain for the six weeks ending Saturday, June 29:—

	Quarters.	s.	d.
Wheat	31,317	64	10
Barley	538	35	3
Oats	1,308	28	8

COUNTRY BANKRUPTS.

(From Tuesday's London Gazette.)

P. Neving, recently of Leeds, soap dealer.

W. Hudson, Upper Canning Street, Liverpool, cotton dealer.

R. Furnival and J. Morris, Manchester, small ware manufacturers.

Applicants for situations, &c., who reply to advertisements are recommended to forward only *copies* of their testimonials, and not the original documents.

Announcements of students taking honours or successfully passing examinations, are treated as advertisements and must be paid for at the usual rate.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, June 24.—Before A. TOWN and T. WILSON, Esqs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

John McDead, Shotley Bridge, labourer, John Wilson, and George Mulholland, Blackhill, puddlers, were apprehended on the 9th June, and the case adjourned for a fortnight for the production of a witness, charged with wilfully doing damage to the surgery rail-fence, at Blackhill, on the morning of the 9th June, the property of the Consett Iron Company. Fined 2s 6d each, to pay damages, 10s 9d each and costs, or in default to be sent to prison for fourteen days.

DRUNK AND RIOTOUS.

James McDermot, Consett, puddler, was charged by P.C. Gilroy, with being drunk and riotous at Consett, on the 22nd June. Fined 10s and costs.

Patrick Matthews, Consett, puddler, was charged by P.C. Thompson, with being drunk and riotous at that place on the 22nd June. Fined 5s and costs.

DRUNKENNESS.

Hugh Afnen, Consett, puddler, was charged by P.C. Thompson, with being found drunk in the streets at Consett, and indecently conducting himself on the 22nd June. Fined 10s and costs.

THE STEAMER "GRENADIER."

The Tyne Steam Shipping Company's London and Newcastle steamship *Grenadier*, under the command of Captain John Cracknell, has been much patronized of late by passengers generally, between this port and London. On the passage from London on Saturday last, there were about fifty ladies and gentlemen dined on board in the saloon. After the repast which was of excellent quality and handsomely arranged, one of the passengers took occasion to observe on the courtesy, attention and good conduct of Capt. Cracknell; his great care, as well as watchfulness, over the safety of the vessel, his skill in his profession and devotion to his duties; and in addition to the comfortable arrangements of the vessel. A resolution to that effect, moved by Jas. Mather, Esq., of the Grove, Westoe, and seconded by Mr E. S. Hills, of Newcastle, was carried unanimously by the passengers—all standing. The resolutions were then drawn up and signed by all the passengers, and presented to Captain Cracknell; and Mr Mather was requested to communicate a copy of the resolutions to C. M. Palmer, Esq., the chairman of the Tyne Shipping Company.

The detachment of the 54th Regiment, under the command of Captain Carter, which has for the last few months been "ball firing" at Whitley, left Newcastle Quay, per the Grenadier steamer, on Wednesday afternoon, *en route* for Aldershott. We are glad to learn they will be under the charge of Capt. Cracknell, who has just received so deserved a meed of praise.

SPORTING ITEMS.

LADY ELIZABETH.—This clipping filly has, up to and including Tuesday, won eleven races, being, in fact, all she has started for, and the amount won in stakes is £8,155. The performances of Achievement were last season regarded as extraordinary, but the Marquis of Hasting's mare far eclipses Colonel Pearson's, the latter up to the close of the July Meeting last year having won but seven races, of the aggregate value of £6,052.

LORD LYON AND LECTURER.—It is stated that before the end of the season a match between these two celebrities will be negotiated for a large amount, over the Two Middle Miles at Newmarket. Should this interesting event come off, it would certainly be the most exciting match of modern times.

NUTBOURNE.—At the show of the Southern Counties Association, held at Brighton last week, the £50 cup, for the Best thorough-bred stallion, was awarded to Mr J. Wyatt, who exhibited his stallion Nutbourne. Among the entries were Bodminster, Master Fenton, Orest, and Merry Hart.

SUNDERLAND REGATTA.—The Wear Regatta was begun at Hylton, a few miles above Sunderland on Tuesday, and, as an experiment, may be regarded as in a great measure successful. The following are the results of the principal races:—Wherry Race: Harrison, first; Smith, second. Four-oared Ships' Gigs: Sutherland, Thompson, J. Cunningham, and C. Cunningham, beat Parkinson, Clasper, Hildrew, and Little. Four-oared Outrigger: Boyd, Winship, Carroll, and T. Matfin beat Blenkinsop, Wakefield, Percy, and Bob Chambers. Skiffs: Hogarth beat C. Marshall.—On Wednesday the regatta was concluded. The pair-oared wherry race was won by Graham and Smith. The professional skiff-race: J. Percy, 1; A. Hogarth, 2. Pair-oared outriggers: C. Marshall and R. D. Marshall, 1; G. Hutton and A. Robson, 2. Grand challenge cup, four-oared race for amateurs: Durham A.R.C., 1; Wear B.C., 2. Four-oared outriggers for amateurs: Phœnix B.C., 1; Tees A.R.C., 2.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

NEWCASTLE.—At Balman Village, on the 1st inst., the wife of Mr B. Plummer, of a daughter.

SUNDERLAND.—On the 30th ult., the wife of Mr Thomas G. Greenwell, of a son.

HEXHAM.—At Westfield, on the 1st inst., Mrs C. T. Maling, of a daughter.

SANDHOE HIGH HOUSE.—On the 1st instant, the wife of Major Bell, of a son.

PRESTON HILL.—On the 2nd inst., the wife of W. Lumsden, Esq., of a son.

THE ELMS, Malton.—On the 28th ult., the wife of the Rev. George Augustus Smith, incumbent of Hutton's Ambo, of a daughter.

BRAFFERTON MOOR, Yorkshire.—On the 25th ult., Mrs P. Poyne Gallwey, of a son.

RUGELEY, Staffordshire.—On the 22th ult., the wife of T. C. Cookson, Esq., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GATESHEAD.—At the Wesleyan Chapel, High West-street, on the 3rd inst., by the Rev. R. Haworth, Mr Thomas Willis, to Jane Brown, the only daughter of the late Captain James Agnew, Belford, late of Berwick-upon-Tweed.

COLLIERLEY.—At St. Thomas's, on the 30th ult., Mr John Purves to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr Jas Irwin, both of Catchgate.

DEATHS.

NEWCASTLE.—At Brandling-place, on the 30th ult., aged 87, Ann, widow of Mr Thomas Rutherford, brewer, of this town.

At Spital Tongues, on the 2nd inst., aged 28, Miss Jane Todd.

At High Friar-street, on the 29th ult., aged 74, Ellen, wife of Mr John Chamley.

At Camden-street, on the 28th ult., aged 22, Mr Ralph Balmain.

At St. Mary's-street, on the 30th ult., aged 63, Mrs Anne Brown.

At Kent-street, on the 30th ult., aged 3, Phœbe, daughter of Mr George Green.

At Causey-bank, on the 3rd inst., aged 44, J. F. Chatt, carpenter, late of H.M.S. Hannibal.

GATESHEAD.—At Seymour-terrace, on the 1st inst., aged 82, Elizabeth, relict of the late John Phillips, Esq.

On the 16th ult., aged 65, Mr John Willey, labourer.

WHICKHAM.—On the 30th ult., aged 5, Thomas, son of Mr Joseph Liddell.

SWALWELL.—On the 1st inst., aged 16, Mary, daughter of Mr Ralph Forster.

NEWBURN.—On the 30th ult., Henry, second son of Mr J. Steel, blacksmith.

RYTON.—At Emma Villa, on the 26th ult., aged 23, Mr Isaac Liddle; on the 28th ult., aged 44, Mr John Shotton, miners.—Also, aged 16 years, Mary Shotton, daughter of the above.

SHIELD ROW.—On the 26th ult., aged 56, Robert Parker, much respected.

WATERLOO, Blyth.—On the 1st inst., aged 64 years, Jane Dodds.

JARROW.—On the 1st inst., aged 50, Ann, wife of Mr R. Plues, confectioner.

CULLERCOATS.—On the 2nd inst., Mr John Brown, much lamented.

AMBLE.—On the 28th ult., aged 18, Mary, daughter of Mr Matthew Matthews.

LONDON.—On the 27th ult., aged 72, Mr R. W. Whitfield, only son of the late Mrs Whitfield, of Hexham, highly respected.

LESMAHAGOW, Scotland.—On the 26th ult., Janet Pate, wife of Mr Hugh Loundon, late of Sunderland.

PARIS.—On the 25th ult., Lady Panmure.

ROME.—On the 24th ult., aged 20 years, Mary Frances, the eldest daughter of Philip H. Howard, Esq., of Corby Castle.

SYDNEY, New South Wales.—On the 5th of April, aged 33, Sarah Ann Matilda, wife of A. Greville, Esq., and eldest daughter of the late Ralph Hindmarsh, formerly of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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