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Hills, Ireston, Edon, Derwent, Medomesley, Astwood, Consett, Delve, and Blackhill Tinnimill, representing a total of 12,000 men and boys, had been invited to take part in a large political demonstration, on Saturday afternoon, at the new sports ground at Edon, a spacious field beside Mr W. Armstrong's, Hall, Feather Inn, Derwent Colliery. The weather was of the most unfavourable description, showers of rain continuing to fall with but slight intermission for two or three hours. The number of those who took part in the demonstration was considerable numbers, and, as the Leeds and Great Northern Brass Band, marched in procession through Leadgate, Medomesley, and the surrounding pit villages. The handsome banner of the lodges were a conspicuous feature of the procession. On reaching the field, about 4.30 p.m., the

The chairman was Mr. Robson, Leamington. The speakers present were Messrs. A. Wilson, W. H. Lambton, and Lamont. The latter, all agents of the Durham Miners' Association; Ernest Forster, Fish Colliery, and others.

The chairman enquired whether it would be desirable to hold that meeting in the face of the "work weather." (Voice: "You can write to

...determine whether it was worth the risk. He considered that good advice, if it could only be acted upon. (Laughter.)

persons who would come to the Miners' Hall, who would decline to visit the field on such an occasion. He hoped they would agree.

Mr. J. Wilson hastily mounted the wagon, stating that those present were not the men they desired to speak to, as they were capable of taking care of themselves.

(Voice: "Thank you.") There was nothing to thank him for, as he had not done anything. He was asked to present himself to the Union, as they wanted to address especially the non-union members of the crowd. He advised them, therefore, to postpone their meeting until the next day. The speakers, promised to return the next day, and the company of the non-unionists was expected to be present. The company refused to do this, and the unionists subsequently held, it is said, a meeting at the same place. The company, as partially decided to hold the demonstration at the same place, and the unionists were hence.

HEARD DEAD OF A TRADES UNION OFFICIAL AT CONSENT.

The adjourned inquiry was resumed on Monday afternoon, at the house of Mr Patrick Coyne's, 100 Pleasant Hotel, Cossett, by Mr Cossett, who was present. The first witness was Robert Briggs Williams (28), of Spencer street, Cossett, who died very suddenly on the 10th of July, 1891, at the age of 28. He was a member of the Trades Union, and was at the time of his death, in the circumstances described in last week's issue.

Mr Fraser said he had made a post-mortem examination of the body, and ascertained that the cause of death was severe inflammation of both lungs.

One of the jurors said Williams would be well-nigh roasted some days while at his work and at other times nearly swept out of the mill.

After a short discussion, the jury returned a verdict that Williams died from severe inflammation in both lungs, and acute double pneumonia.

[We wish to state that in the use of the word "suspicious" in the head-line of this melancholic occurrence, appearing in last week's issue, that we had no intention of casting the slightest reflection upon the relatives of the deceased.]

the mortal remains of the deceased, who was known in the neighbourhood as the secretary

the Ironworkers' Union at Consett, and was greatly respected and esteemed amongst the workpeople generally, were consigned to their final resting-place in Bonfieldside Cemetery, Saturday afternoon. Although rain was descending in torrents, there was a numerous company

On Saturday afternoon, a very heavy thunder

of the day was light and genial, but a

After two o'clock in the afternoon, the sky darkened and was soon followed by a downpour of rain. There were heavy peals of thunder, with lightning accompaniments. The only effect of the storm, so far as we can learn, is that the trunk of a large tree, situate at the back of the premises

J. S. Moffatt, Commercial Hotel, Shot
lge, was split from the top to the bottom

One of the most severe thunderstorms experienced at Tow Law for a considerable time occurred on Saturday afternoon. Shortly after one o'clock it became quite dark, and this was presently followed by a deluge of rain, tremendous bristles of thunder, and flashes of lightning. The committee of the storm was present in a grand manner.

At 11:45 a. m. a thunderstorm visited Stanhope. Saturday afternoon between two and three o'clock. To the north the clouds gathered in blackness and density, and frowned threateningly over the town. The wind blew from the north, and the lightning was vivid, the peals of thunder loud, and the tempest of hailstones and torrents of rain which fell were something unusual. At Weatherford the hailstones were reported to be of the size of a pea, and the hailstones covered the ground to the depth of one or three inches. Much damage was done in the gardens by the hailstones and pieces of ice to the fruit crop, and to small and tender plants, which were stripped of leaves and blossoms, and in some cases killed. Several houses were flooded in the place, especially the vicarage, where the surplus water from Martin Street and East Lane gullies ran through the drains into the vicarage and ran through the house. The station also was flooded. The usual lake was formed at Tormon, West End.

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William Hale and George Patterson, two of Mr Lindsay Wood's grooms, corroborated the statement respecting the bier at Smith's and Lamb's.

Mr. Harle submitted that it was a most unlikely thing for the accused to have been an approved stock upon whom in the manner suggested. It was not more than likely that a little at the beginning had led to a great deal.

Col. Sheppes: It had never been suggested by either side that this instrument (the "bulletin-board") was used, and some one might have been in a very different position; a blow on the temple with that would have been fatal to any man. The case had been ably argued on both sides, and after carefully considering it, the jury had decided to dismiss both the charges against Dr. Harle and to have special protection given them. And

They had, however, no right to lock a man up— even if he was drunk—without there was some flagrant breach of the law. In this case, Dunt was a man who had lived all his life at Christchurch-Secret, and not likely to go away; if wanted, he could have been found at any time, and there was no necessity to lock him up. When offences of that kind were committed by policemen, the Bench felt it their duty to take even more notice of them than of one of the ordinary public. They could not do less than send Smallwood to prison for six weeks, with hard labour.

Subsequently, Mr Harle applied to the Bench to alter the penalty recommended by the Bench to that of a fine, and Mr Sturges said they could see no reason for altering their decision.

DEATH OF THE VICAR or TOW LAW.

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BISHOP AUCKLAND. — Register Office, 9th inst.,
Christopher Phillips to Jane Turnbull, both of
Auckland.

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WEST PELTON.—High Hold, 11th inst., aged 21

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