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AND DERWENT VALLEY ADVERTISER.

No. 296. CONSETT, SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1866. [PRICE ONE PENNY.]

Wanted.

TO MASONS.

WANTED EIGHT good WALLERS, and TWO HEWERS.—Apply to Peter Allan, Hill Top, Dipton, or on the works at East Tanfield.

To Let.

A BUTCHER'S SHOP TO LET, situate at the Corner of High-street, Consett. Rent £10. Apply to RICHARD MURRAY.

TO LET, a SHOP and STABLE, in a good Situation at Consett.—Apply to MR. JOSEPH HOWARD.

TO BE LET at South Moor, with immediate possession, a HOUSE, SHOP, WAREHOUSE and STABLE, with or without about Six Acres Grass Land.—Apply to MR GEO. HOBSON,

Harpenley Mills, June 7th, 1866.

TO BE LET, and entered upon immediately, a Small BEERHOUSE, situated near to the Shotley Bridge Ironworks.

For Particulars, apply to WILLIAM MOORE, Derwent Brewery, Blackhill.

TO LET, and may be entered upon immediately, the GROCER'S SHOP with a large convenient DWELLING HOUSE, STABLE, &c., attached at Dipton, at present occupied by E. Todd & Co. The FIXTURES also to be disposed of.

Dipton, May 24th, 1866.

TO BE LET, with immediate possession, an excellent and commodious DWELLING HOUSE, containing Eight Rooms, with Gas, Water, and other conveniences, and GARDEN attached, being No. 1, Ledger-terrace, near the Shotley Bridge Iron Works, Blackhill.

For Particulars apply to Mr ROBERT CLOUGH, Blackhill.

Blackhill, May 31st, 1866.

TO WHOLESALE GROCERS, DRAPERS, PAINTERS, PRINTERS, AND OTHERS.

TO BE LET, a large and commodious HOUSE and SHOP, together with a large WAREHOUSE, situate in the Front Street.—Apply to Mr THOMAS RAWES, Turf Hotel.

Berryedge, May 18, 1866.

TO BE LET BY CONTRACT, the Digging, Trenching, and Levelling of a portion of the Cemetery Ground. Particulars may be had by applying to William Whinney, at the Cemetery, to whom all Tenders must be sent in by JUNE 30th, 1866.

By Order of the Board,
THOMAS WHINNEY, Sec.

TO MASONS.

TO BE LET by Proposals, the Building of a House with Eight Rooms, at the Leazes, near Burnopfield.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at Mr JOHN COOPER'S, Pontop Gate, near Dipton.

Sealed Tenders will be received up to the 23rd inst. The Proprietor does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Public Notices.

BROOM-HILL COLLIERY.

COALS

OF excellent Quality can now be had, tipped from Tubs into Carts, or filled from the Heap, at the BROOM-HILL COLLIERY.

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REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONSETT AND DISTRICT—
MR W. J. SCOTT, AUCTIONEER,
CONSETT, BY GATESHEAD.

HAIRCUTTING AND SHAVING ESTABLISHMENT.

THOMAS LEWIS begs most respectfully to inform the Public generally that he has succeeded Mr Blades in that old-established Shaving and Haircutting Establishment carried on by him for the last Eighteen Years, in Front-street, Consett, and hopes by strict attention to Business to merit a continuance of the favours bestowed on that gentleman.

MISS BLADES,
(LATE OF CONSETT,)

BEGS respectfully to inform her Friends and the Public generally that she has commenced Business at the Grey-street Bar of Mr JOEL'S, White Hart Hotel, with a choice Stock of WINES, SPIRITS, and CHAMPAGNES, SPARKLING ALES, and STOUT, Hand-drawn.

Principal Entrance from Grey-street, opposite R. Joseph's, Newcastle.

JOHN ILDERTON,
TIN AND IRON PLATE-WORKER, &c.,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

IN returning thanks to his numerous Friends for past favours during the Twenty Years he has been in business at Shotley Bridge, begs to intimate that in addition to his establishment there, he has taken a SHOP at HIGHGATE for the better accommodation of his friends in that locality, where he will always have on hand an Assortment of Goods for Inspection, and trusts by assiduity and attention, still to merit their approbation and support.

N.B.—Shops supplied.

April 19, 1866.

JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM,
BUILDER, JOINER, AND UNDERTAKER,
BLACKHILL.

RESPECTFULLY announces to his Friends and the Public generally that he has removed to the Premises adjoining the Tin Mill School, and hopes by strict attention to business, together with moderate charges, to merit a share of public support.

AN APPRENTICE WANTED.

BLACKHILL.

THOMAS WILLIAM WRIGHT'S LONG ROOM.

THE BAZAAR COMPANY having terminated their engagement, the Room is now available for Bazaar's, Public or Private Sales, Public or Club Meetings, Balls, Concerts, Tea or Dinner Parties, Band Practice, or any legitimate purpose, for which the Room is adapted. Terms moderate.—Apply at the BAR, Blackhill.

May 29th, 1866.

ANNFIELD PLAIN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

THE ANNUAL SOIREE of the above institute will be held on MONDAY, June 18, 1866, in the Marley Hill Marquee (tastefully decorated for the occasion), which will be erected in a Field near Annfield Plain, kindly granted by R. T. Swallow, Esq.

The SOUTH HETTON PRIZE BAND will attend and play carefully selected pieces of Music during the Afternoon.

Tea on the Table at Four o'Clock p.m.

After Tea there will be a CONCERT of Vocal and Instrumental Music, under the Leadership of Mr Bower, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who will be assisted by JOE WILSON, Mr MACMILLAN, of Newcastle, and an efficient staff.

THE BALL

Will commence at Eight o'Clock in the Evening, when Mr Bower's excellent Quadrille Band will attend.

Admission: Tea and Concert, 1s; Concert only, 6d. Ball: Gentlemen, 1s; Ladies, 6d each.

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs ALLAN, BELL, FOREMAN, and HANDCOCK, and of the Members of the Committee.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery made in a cause GEORGE WILLIAM HODGE and WILLIAM HARLE, on behalf of themselves and all others, the Creditors of JOHN NICHOLSON, Deceased, against JOSEPH AYNESLEY DAVIDSON SHIPLEY.

The Creditors of the said John Nicholson, late of Shotley Bridge, in the county of Durham, Timber Merchant, who died in or about the month of August, 1864, are on or before the 30th day of June, 1866, to send by post prepaid to SAVILE RICHARD HOYLE, of No. 123, Cannon-street, in the City of London, the Solicitor of the said George William Hodge and William Harle, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them; or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Decree.

Every Creditor holding any security is to produce the same before the Master of the Rolls, at his Chambers, on MONDAY, the 16th day of July, 1866, at 12 o'clock at noon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 29th day of May, 1866.

JOHN W. HAWKINS, Chief Clerk.
SAVILE RICHARD HOYLE,
123, Cannon Street, London,
Plaintiffs' Solicitor.

Public Notices.

JOHN PARKER, Blacksmith, of Berry Edge, begs leave to inform the public that Reaping Machines, and all other kind of Agricultural implements, are put into proper working order at his shop.

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CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY. (LIMITED).

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL TEA PARTY and LECTURE in connection with the above Society, will be held in the LECTURE ROOM, on Saturday, July 14, 1866.

Further announcements in small Bills.

THE BROOMS GALA

WILL be held on MONDAY, JUNE 25th. THE GAMES, &c. (in which no Professionals can compete), will be as usual, with some new ones in addition.

Tea will be served at 3 o'Clock.

Admission to the Tea and Games, One Shilling; to the Games only, Sixpence.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the LIZZIE (Annfield Plain) WESLEYAN SABBATH SCHOOL will be held on SATURDAY, the 23rd of June, on Pontop-Pike.

Tea on the Tables at Four o'clock.

After Tea, Addresses will be delivered by Messrs Thomas Fenwick, J. Dobson, — Makepeace, G. Thompson, and — Robson.

After the addresses, several innocent Games will be engaged in by the Juveniles.

Tickets 9d each, to be had of the Teachers.

TO ROADMAKERS AND OTHERS.

WANTED TENDERS (Sealed) for the Cutting-out and Filling-in with broken slag of a portion of Melbourne Street, a portion of Shakespeare Street, and a portion of a back street, at Consett. The work must be done to the satisfaction of the Surveyor to the Local Board, and the advertiser does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Tenders to be sent to Mr John H. Hudson, Castle Dene House, near Consett, on or before Thursday next, the 21st inst.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

TO BE LET, the Leading of Sundry Quantities of Limestone as under.

LOT 1.—From Cold Rowley Station to the Castleside and Berryedge Road.

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4.—From Do. To near No. 1, Public House, Berryedge.

5.—From Do. To Carr House Lane.

6.—Also the Winning and Leading of a quantity of Stones, from Butsfield Burn, to the Five Lane Ends, near Woodlands.

Terms and Conditions of the above Works, may be seen on application to the undersigned at his office, West Wood House, Ebchester, Gateshead, by whom Tenders for the same will be received up to the 26th day of June inst., at 11 a.m.

By Order,
MATTHEW COUPLAND,
Surveyor of Highways, to the Board.
West Wood House, Ebchester, Gateshead,
11th June 1866.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.
LEADGATE DISTRICT.
DEPOSIT AND CONFIRMATION OF BYE LAWS

Notice is hereby given, that the Bye Laws adopted for the use of the above-named Board, are now lying at the Reading Room, Leadgate, for the perusal and inspection of persons interested therein, between the hours of Ten in the Morning and Four in the Afternoon, and that after the expiration of one month from the date thereof, application will be made to one of her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the confirmation of the same.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 1866.

MATTHEW COUPLAND, Clerk to the Board.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

JOHN MURRAY AND WILLIAM RAW

BEG most respectfully to announce to the Inhabitants of Consett and surrounding District that they will commence a

FORTNIGHTLY SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

at the house of Mr George Routledge, New Inn, Consett, for the better accommodation of the Public for disposing of surplus Stock and to meet the requirements of Buyers. This will open a Market every alternate Monday at Consett for the disposal of every kind of Farming Stock, Produce, Implements of Husbandry, Harness, Household Furniture, &c. In fact every commodity of Merchandise will be disposed of to the best advantage and on the most reasonable terms.

Charges for Entry—
Horses, Fat and Store Cattle, 2s 6d a head.
Sheep, 6d a head.
Pigs, 1s.
Implements, Furniture, &c., &c., 5 per cent.

The First Sale will take place on MONDAY, June 25th, 1866, and every alternate Monday afterwards, when all Entries must be made not later than the Thursday Night previously, in order to get advertised.

N.B.—All Accounts will be Settled on the Day of Sale.

TO FLORISTS.

BEDDING OUT PLANTS in great variety, at
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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

GENERAL NEWS.

Lord Cowley returned to Paris on Wednesday.

The Volunteer Review on the 23rd is to take place in Hyde Park.

The Queen left Windsor Castle for Balmoral on Wednesday evening, at a quarter to seven.

Count Kielmansegge, for many years the Hanoverian Minister at the English Court, died at his country seat in Holland on Tuesday.

THE CHOLERA.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* says the cholera has now broken out in the neighbourhood of Berlin. There were three cases at Frankfort-on-the-Oder on Sunday, and sixty-five cases in two days in the little town of Arnswalde.

CONTINENTAL AFFAIRS.

BERNE, June 13th.—The Federal Council have issued a decree calling out the first reserve of the Swiss army for the defence of the passes of the Alps on the side of Italy.

The Berlin *Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* publishes an article which, after reviewing the various Federal reform proposals made since 1863, says—The idea of Austria remaining a member of a more closely united confederation must be abandoned. Article 10 of the Prussian Reform project would secure to Austria that very position towards a reformed confederation which she so unyieldingly claims for herself on the principle that all German States should be confederates. Prussia is striving to bring about such a reconstruction of the Federal Constitution as shall affect as little as possible the independence of the Middle States, and a bund so closely united in its organisation that no foreign intervention, under the pretext of solving questions affecting the European equilibrium, could even interpose obstacles in the way of the national aspirations.

The *Daily News*' correspondent at Florence says:—The first hostile movement of Italy will be to throw 80,000 men across the Po in one body. Following up this first advance, she will be able to pour 300,000 troops into Venetia. The Italian Government gets its intelligence both from Berlin and Frankfort in five minutes having a wire kept always free for its service. The Italian papers have been hoaxed by a letter of sympathy for the Italian cause, purporting to be written by Mr Gladstone.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* describes the position of the Austrian army of the North. The centre is between Olmutz and Prague; the left wing extends from Prague to the north-western frontier of Bohemia; and the right wing from Olmutz to Cracow, where there is a strong intrenched camp.

CONTINENTAL CRISIS.
DECLARATION OF WAR.

On Tuesday morning, in a speech to the Common Council of Vienna, from whom he had received an address of loyalty, the Emperor Francis Joseph virtually made a declaration of war, thus effectually putting an end to all uncertainty as to the issue of the present crisis. In his speech the Emperor says that, after having used every effort to maintain peace, he finds it impossible any longer to do so, and he now resorts to the sword, confident in the righteousness of his cause, and in the cooperation of his subjects and his army. He congratulates the people of Vienna upon the loyalty they are exhibiting, and contrasts their attitude with that of the population of other countries.

The decision of the Federal Diet on Thursday was in favour of the Austrian proposal for the mobilization of the Federal army, which was agreed to by nine votes to six. The States, voting by their representatives in the majority were Austria, Bavaria, Saxony, Hanover, Wurtemburg, Hesse-Cassel, Hesse-Darmstadt, Nassau, Brunswick, Lichtenstein, Waldeck, Reuss-Greiz, Reuss-Schleiz, Schaumburg-Lippe, Lippe-Detmold, and Hesse-Homburg; those voting in the minority were Prussia, Luxemburg, Saxe-Weimar, Saxe-Meiningen, Saxe-Altenburg, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Oldenburg, Anhalt, Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, Lubeck, Frankfort, Bremen, and Hamburg. It will be seen that an equal number of States voted on either side, but as the smaller States are "grouped," one representative being allotted amongst several of them, the decision was in favour of Austria by a majority of three. The Prussian representative protested against the vote, declared that his county seceded from the Germanic Confederation, and after having made a proposition for the re-construction of the Bond, withdrew from the sitting. The Austrian representative, in reply, stated that the Confederation was indissoluble, no single member having the power to secede from it, and the Diet adopted a resolution endorsing his views.

THE FENIAN RAID.

The *Belgian* brings later news respecting the Fenian raid. It appears that the attack on Fort Erie only formed part of a plan for a general assault on British territory. In the first engagement of the Volunteers with the Fenians the former were outnumbered, and compelled to fall back; that they were subsequently reinforced by troops of the line, and that the Fenians were then in turn forced to retreat. They seem to have made for American territory, but not to have been permitted to enter the States by the Federal authorities. Thus cut off from retreat, they turned, and, according to a despatch dated from Ottowa at six p.m. on the 2nd inst., made a desperate stand against the English forces, but in the end were defeated, O'Neill, their leader, being shot. It is reported that 37 men and three officers of the 10th Royals had been killed in the action. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed amongst the Canadians, and all possible means were being taken to prevent any further invasion of British territory.

THE RUSSIANS AT BOKHARA.

The *Times* announces that on the 20th of May, the Prince of Bokhara, with an army of 40,000 men and 21 guns, engaged a Russian force, and suffered a decisive defeat. Though only 1,000 of his troops were killed, nineteen of his twenty-one cannons were captured, and the route was complete, while the losses of the Russians were insignificant. The Russians are now in Bokhara. The *Times* remarks that it is quite possible that Russia, if she ever does reach our borders, may be a better neighbour to us than the neighbours we have already; and even if it should prove otherwise, it is certain that we shall act at the greatest advantage by remaining where we are, instead of plunging into Asiatic deserts, according to former theories, for the sake of meeting an enemy half way.

FRANCE.

PARIS, June 13.—In to-day's sitting of the Corps Legislatif the debate on the Budget was resumed.

M. Garnier Pages demanded of the Government whether the events which threatened to disturb the peace of Europe might not absorb the surplus during the last half year of 1866; whether the expenditure provided for would not be exceeded in the event of its becoming necessary for France to take up a position of armed neutrality; and whether, if such should be the case, the Government would convoke the Corps Legislatif.

M. Rouher replied to the first question, that the surplus during the first six months of the current year had reached 19 millions, and the events alluded to could not shake the favourable condition of the Budget. With regard to the latter portion of the question of M. Garnier Pages, M. Rouher stated that the Government, not having the right to open credits by decree, would necessarily have to convoke the Corps Legislatif.

This declaration was received with cheers.

M. Jules Favre then opened the debate upon Mexico.

THE PRINCIPALITIES.

BUCHAREST, June 13.—The Roumanian Government has addressed a circular to the foreign Powers, complaining of the menacing military attitude assumed by the Porte, which it declares to be totally uncalled for, seeing that the intentions which actuate the Roumanian Government in its relations with Turkey are thoroughly loyal. The circular, in conclusion, announces that Roumania has been forced to arm in consequence of the warlike steps taken by the Porte.

AUSTRIA, PRUSSIA, AND ITALY.

VIENNA, June 13th.—Baron von Werther, the Prussian Ambassador at this Court, received his passports yesterday, and will leave Vienna this evening.

France has declined to undertake the diplomatic protection of Prussian subjects in Austria during the interruption of diplomatic relations between Austria and Prussia.

Bavaria has also met a similar demand with a like refusal.

The English Government has informed Austria of its willingness to recognise Prince Charles of Hohenzollern as Hospodar of the Principalities, provided he will take the oath of allegiance to the Sultan.

An Austrian courier, proceeding from Vienna to General von Gablenz, has been stopped in Prussian territory, and had his despatches taken from him.

The Bavarian General Mann has proceeded to the Austrian head quarters at Olmutz.

VIENNA, June 13 (Evening).—The Austrian Government, in sending the Prussian Ambassador his passports, informed him that it took this step because it looked upon the withdrawal of the Austrian forces from Holstein as having taken place under compulsion from Prussia.

BERLIN, June 13.—The Government forwarded yesterday to Count Karolyi the passports which he had demanded, together with a letter acknowledging the courteous manner with which he had fulfilled his diplomatic functions as Austrian Ambassador at this Court.

The following declaration has been made by the Prussian representative at the Federal Diet, in reference to the Austrian motion for the mobilisation of the Federal army:—

"The representative of Prussia cannot express any formal or material opinion on a subject which is entirely new to him."

CARLSRUHE, June 13.—The German States friendly to Prussia have been informed by the Prussian Government that it considers the Austrian proposal for the mobilisation of the forces of the Confederation to be entirely opposed to Federal law; and that, should war break out, Prussia will only uphold her own interest and those of the States in alliance with her.

The Prussian Government accompanied its proposals for a reform of the Federal Constitution by a circular note to the middle German States asking them whether, in the event of the Bund being dissolved by war, they would be ready to join a confederation organised according to the plan contained in the Prussian reform proposals.

BERNE, June 13.—The Federal Council have issued a decree calling out the first reserves of the Swiss army, for the defence of the passes of the Alps on the side of Italy.

FLORENCE, June 13.—Austria has confided to the care of the Dutch Legation in this city the interests of Austrian subjects in Italy, who until now had been under the protection of Prussia.

KIEL, June 13.—General von Manteuffel has ordered that every public functionary and official in Holstein shall take the following solemn engagement:—

"The King of Prussia having taken upon himself the chief governing power in the Duchy of Holstein through the Governor-General von Manteuffel, I hereby solemnly engage, in place of an oath, to submit unconditionally to the orders of the King of Prussia and of all authorities acting in his behalf; and also to fulfil loyally and faithfully all duties that may be entrusted to me."

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SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1866.

THE IMPENDING WAR.

The fate of Europe still hangs in suspense, and we have lived this week what Swift terms the life of a spider. We are driven here and there by rumours of wars, longing to see one solid substantial fact on which to fix our attention; but there is none, and like Alciphron, in Moore's *Epicurean*, we spring in air and darkness, and know not whither the wind blows us. Telegrams are perused in hot haste, and every act of the combatants scrutinised with a feverish eagerness, for the signal of war is every day expected. Though the thunder of cannon and the clang of arms do not resound in Europe, war is in effect declared, and even Mr Gladstone was on Monday obliged to say that he sees no hope of peace being preserved. Each side only waits for the other to strike the first blow. Either will bully and use brave words, but both decline to back up their threats by acts. Indeed, there appears to be a half-superstitious dread against commencing the battle; perhaps this is due to a wish to secure the sympathies of Europe, for public opinion will presumably run counter to that nation which rashly precipitates events. But now Europe would gladly be relieved from the suspense which hangs over events. She is weary of negotiations which are fruitless, and of conferences which bring no results; and whilst she would decry that raw haste, which Tennyson tells us is half-sister to delay, she is equally willing to condemn a state of armed peace, which is worse by far than actual war.

The events of the past week will, however, hasten the consummation. Prussia has, as was expected, thrown down her gage, and though Austria has not yet accepted the challenge her honour will bind her to avenge the insult to her representatives. Some time ago Austria, foiled in diplomacy by Prussia, referred the question of the Duchies to the Diet, a proceeding which was undoubtedly at variance with the Gastein Convention. In this crisis Prussia resolved to carry matters with a high head. Austria had of her own will broken the Gastein Convention, and therefore the Duchies were equally at the disposal of the two great powers. Accordingly on Thursday last the Prussian troops entered Holstein, the Prussian general assumed the supreme authority, dispersed the assembly of the local parliament summoned by Austria at Itzehoe, appointed Baron Scheel-Plessen civil-governor over the two Duchies, and imprisoned the Austrian commissioner. Thus overpowered and beaten the Austrian troops retired, and are retreating through Hanover and Hesse. The General in command in a farewell address announced that he had orders to retire, and bade the people be of hope, and wait for the dawn of better days. Whilst these events were transpiring, Austria appealed to the Bund, to which the Duchies question had been referred, and, on the ground that the Federal Pact had been violated, demanded that the whole army of the Confederation, with the exception of the Prussian contingent, should be forthwith mobilised. When we write we know not the result of this vote; but if it be hostile to Prussia she will take her own course. If this vote be carried she will declare the Germanic Confederation dissolved, and will play off the people against the Diet. The government of Berlin have already promulgated a programme of Federal Reform, which makes many changes in internal affairs and indirectly recognises the independence of the Duchies. The people are now eager for a national Parliament, and there is no doubt would support Prussia against the Diet. Then she would have all her ambition has coveted—the highest authority in Germany, and the full control of the German army.

One thing more there is that has hastened an open rupture—the circular of Count Bismark to the Prussian diplomatic representatives abroad. We should not have expected much of courtly courtesy in Count Bismark, but this despatch in tone and temper is unequalled amongst the despatches of late years, and is deliberately and gratuitously insulting to a great and powerful country. He charges Austria with holding the fixed determination to make war on Prussia; states that they desire war at any price—partly in the hope of successes in the field, partly to tide over domestic difficulties; and finishes by saying that Europe will see which of the combatants has tried most earnestly to secure peace. Count Mensdorff has replied with some dignity to these grave charges. He shifts to Prussia the *onus* of the present complications. He declines on the part of the Austrian Government all and every responsibility for the serious consequences of the Prussian decision, by which the conflict is henceforth consigned to the domain of facts, and proceeds to prove that since its despatch of the 26th of January, 1866, the Prussian Government has, both by word and deed, and without lawful ground, taken up a position in the Duchies which has rendered utterly precarious the condition of possession settled by the Gastein Convention. He concludes by reserving to Austria the right of action, since nothing remains for her but to take steps to defend her honour and guard her rights from being treated with contempt.

How after these notes war can be avoided seems to us impossible. Immense armies are concentrated within sight of the frontier, and within range of the famous battle fields of Saxony. Soon, we believe, her fields will again glisten with troops, and other battles stain the page of her history. On the one hand is Austria, who seeks nothing, and only wishes to protect her own; on the other hand, Italy sighing with patriotic fervour for Venetia, and Prussia ever eager and grasping, who, having used brave and big words, cannot but support them by deeds. Everything now tells of war. Garibaldi has joined his volunteers; troops are being hurried to the frontier, and the whole country resounds with the sound of the preparations for war, and the sharp clang of arms. Are we wrong, then, in wishing that the suspense was ended, and the anxiety of to-day exchanged for the sharp and severe conflict of to-morrow? We cannot see any loophole of hope, not one break in the clouded sky; why then linger on the brink of war, only to add to its horrors the dread of anticipation?

The French Emperor—whom many persons delight to picture as standing like the Argantes of Italy's heroic poet, to give the combatants the choice of peace and war with the air of a superior being, capable at once to dictate their fate—has at last spoken, and removed any doubts as to his intentions. In the Corps Legislatif on Tuesday, M. Rouher read a letter from his Imperial master, referring both to the past and the future—at once a programme and a policy. He is generous and magnanimous regarding the past; as regards the future he deals only in surmises and warnings. "The Conference," says the Emperor, "has failed. Will France be led to draw the sword? The French Government *thinks* not. Whatever may be the result of the war which may break out, no question affecting us will be resolved without the assent of France. France, therefore, will continue to observe an attentive neutrality, confident in her right and calm in her strength." His Majesty would have "repudiated all idea of territorial aggrandisement," if the Conference had assembled. "France could only," he says, "think of an extension of her frontiers in the event of the map of Europe being altered to the profit of a great Power, and of the bordering provinces expressing, by a formal and free vote, their desire for annexation." This can only mean that France is content to wait and watch. If, in Pitt's phrase, the map of Europe is changed, France will receive some extension of her provinces, some sop must be given to Cerberus, ere he will consent to any re-arrangement. If Austria should yield Venetia, which is at once her weakness and a rock of offence to other nations, and obtain in exchange Silesia, France would not be silent. She will alike profit whether Austria obtains Silesia, Prussia the Duchies, and Italy Venetia. Such seems to be the meaning of the Emperor's words.

And whilst the storm clouds are gathering thick around we cannot forget who is the instigator of all this commotion. Count Von Bismarck, it is, who by his treachery and duplicity has fired the torch of war in Europe. He urged on Austria to join in his wicked attack on Denmark, and now each has found an appropriate Nemesis. The wrong done to Denmark is to be avenged more quickly than we could have expected or anticipated.

Local and District News.

The Gipsies.—On Sunday the Rev. A. Jack, of St. Andrew's Congregational Church, held a religious service amongst the gipsies, at their encampment, in the suburbs of North Shields.

Robbery of a Large Parcel of Stationery.—As Sergeant Simpson was returning from his search for the parties who had assaulted the navvy on Sunday morning, he received information that a large parcel was lying near the New Market, Consett, and on going to that place he found a parcel, which he carried to the police station with great difficulty. On examination it was found to be directed to Mr R. Jackson, stationer, Consett, and the contents of the parcel were found to be a miscellaneous lot of stationery which had been sent from Newcastle on Saturday by Mr Robson, carrier. This parcel had been taken from Mr Robson's waggon between Saturday night and Sunday morning by some parties, and not turning out as expected, or for fear of discovery, had been flung down at the place where it was discovered by the party who informed the police. The thieves, have not yet been discovered.

Dramatic Entertainments in the Town Hall, Consett.—On Friday evening last, the Town Hall, Consett, was opened by Mrs Walters, of Newcastle, for dramatic entertainments. The attendance was only moderate on that occasion, but on Saturday evening there was a good house. During this week the attendance has only been moderate, and not at all commensurate with the heavy expenses which must have been incurred by Mrs Walters in bringing such an excellent company before a Consett audience. The various pieces performed since opening have been very creditably gone through, and the characters ably sustained by the various performers. To particularise, where all have done so well, would scarcely be just on our part, and we therefore decline to do so at present. We are glad, however, to recognise in Mr Frank Clifford, an old and familiar friend, and we hope that the support accorded to Mrs Walters and the company during their stay will prove renumerative. To our readers who patronise the drama we would say pay a visit to the Town Hall, and you will no doubt be highly satisfied with your visit.

Singular Robbery of £15 and Recovery of the Money.—About four o'clock on Sunday morning, while Sergeant Thompson, accompanied by Messrs McNally and Hott, were in search of some person who had been concerned in an assault upon a navvy on the Blue Mountains, they came upon three men, named Joseph Hughes, Owen Shuvlin, and another, engaged in gambling, who, as the police officer was in disguise, continued to play at pitch and toss until he was close upon them; but as soon as they recognised him they at once "bolted," leaving their coats, which they had off to allow their arms more freedom for "tossing." The police officer dodged after one of them for a short time, during which one of the party, named Owen Shuvlin, was observed to come back, and as soon as he secured the coats he took off. During the morning Hughes came to the police officer and asked him what had become of the coats. He was told that Shuvlin had taken them away, when he answered that there was as much money in his coat pocket as would make the officer drunk. On being closely questioned he stated that there was £15 in his pocket, and, therefore, he must see Shuvlin. He then went to seek him, and after a short absence he returned with Shuvlin, who denied that he had ever taken the coats, and Shuvlin was therefore locked up on the charge of stealing the coats. After being imprisoned for about 16 hours, during which he cogitated on the mutability of earthly prospects, he confessed to the officer that he had taken the coats and money, and if he went and looked in the middle of a bush near the quarry on the Medomsley road, about 500 yards from where he saw them gambling, he would see a stone placed on the top of the coats. The officer then went as requested and found the coats. He then begged the officer to take him and he would shew him where the money was secreted, which was done. The first portion of the money, consisting of £11, was found at the root of a bush in a hedge near the old Catholic college at Crook Hall; another deposit was then pointed out at the entrance to the Carrhouse Quarry, on the road between Consett and Leadgate, which, on being examined, was found to contain two sovereigns, and £1 10s in gold which he had in his possession when searched, made £14 10s. The prisoner was then taken back to the police station.

Another Serious Assault Case near Consett.—We regret this week to record the particulars of another serious assault case which occurred at an early hour on Sunday morning on the road between Consett and Blackhill, by the "Pasture Drift." It appears that between three and four o'clock an old and infirm navvy, who had been at his grocer's at Consett on Saturday evening, but who had for some time "housed" in Consett, took his departure from Consett, and before getting to the wooden bridge which crosses over the railway leading from the Tin Mill Pit to the Shotley Bridge Ironworks, he was met by four persons, one of whom felled him to the ground, while some of the others attempted to rifle his pockets. He, however, resisted as well as he could, but he was kicked so severely by some of the party as to render his features almost past recognition. His shouts reached the ears of two shoemakers, named Joseph Hott, of Berryedge, and J. Lindon, of Blackhill, the latter of whom was accompanying the former so far on his road home. These men at once made for the place whence the noise was proceeding and saw two men ill-using another. On coming near the place the two assailants were joined by other two, who commenced to throw stones at Hott and Lindon, who had therefore to beat a short retreat. On entering Berryedge, however, several persons, who had been alarmed by the cries, met them; Hott, Lindon, Hagan, McCartin, McNally, and party now became the pursuers in turn, and after a gallant chase succeeded in capturing two of the party who assaulted the "navvy," and brought them to the police station at Consett, where they delivered the prisoners over to the proper authorities. The names of the prisoners now in custody on this charge, are Peter Hall (better known as Lord Raglan), John Dorkin and John Kerlin - one of whom was apprehended on Monday by the police. Too much praise cannot be given to Hott, Lindon, McNally and others, whose names we have not been able to ascertain, for the prompt manner in which they acted on this occasion. We have no doubt that were the inhabitants of this district to do their duty by assisting the authorities to put down such crimes by arresting the guilty parties themselves when the officers are absent, or assisting them when present, the influence of their conduct upon such characters would be, in many instances, sufficient to prevent many of the crimes committed.

[Advertisement.]—*Holloway's Pills* are strongly recommended to all persons who are much reduced in power and condition, whose stomachs are weak and whose nerves are shattered. The beneficial effects of these Pills will be perceptible after a few days trial, though a more extended course may be required to re-establish perfect health. Holloway's medicine acts on the organs of digestion and induces complete regularity in the stomach, liver, pancreas, and kidneys. This treatment is both safe and certain in result and is thoroughly consistent with observation, experience, and common sense. The purification of the blood, the removal of all noxious matter from the secretions and the excitement of gentle action in the bowels, are the source of the curative powers of Holloway's Pills.

Shield Row Primitive Methodist Chapel Anniversary.—On Sunday the anniversary of the above place of worship was celebrated when impressive sermons were preached by Mr T. Carrick, of Consett, and the Rev. W. Howchin, the former discoursing in the morning from "The Blessedness of the man that trusts in God," and in the evening from "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death," and in the afternoon, the latter had for his subject "Religious Progression." The congregations at all the diets were large and highly respectable, and the collections liberal. A tea meeting was held on Monday evening, which was fairly attended, and several addresses were delivered by the officers of the church and others.

Rowley Baptist Sunday School Anniversary.—The anniversary services of the Rowley Baptist Sabbath School were celebrated on Saturday last by a public tea party at which about 90 persons sat down. The scholars were also liberally provided with tea and spice bread, gratuitously supplied by their friends. After tea a public meeting was held at which Mr Jasper Kell, of Castleside, presided. Addresses were delivered by Messrs Golightly, Raw, Watson, and the Rev. J. Brooks. During the meeting, several select recitations were given, and pieces sung by the children. On Sunday the services were continued, when Mr Watson, of Blaydon, preached in the morning and evening, after which liberal collections were taken in aid of the funds of the sabbath school.

Boiler Explosion at Barnard Castle.—On Monday evening, some alarm was caused in this town by a loud report and shock, which turned out to have been occasioned by the explosion of a boiler attached to a saw-mill belonging to Mr John Barningham, wood merchant. Two men, named Postlethwaite and Benson, received considerable injuries, though not of a dangerous character. One part of the machine was blown into the town, a distance of 400 yards, and alighted on a house-top in Douthwaite's yard. A deficient feed of water is supposed to have caused the accident.

Explosion in Hartlepool Dock.—A serious explosion took place in Hartlepool Dock, on Sunday, from the shipment of Shotton gas coal on board the Whitstable brig Mary Lack, Captain Stowe. The vessel was lying in the middle of the dock, having taken in a cargo of this dangerous coal, when an explosion took place, and a young man, named Alfred Wood, belonging to Bridge, near Canterbury, was blown up into the air, and was most frightfully burned about his face, arms, and legs. He is recovering gradually. The ship's decks were blown up.

Death of Mr. James Stevenson.—Intelligence was received in South Shields, on Wednesday, from Edinburgh, announcing the demise of Mr James Stevenson, late of South Shields. The deceased was principal partner of the Jarrow Chemical Company, but retired to Edinburgh a few years back, leaving the responsibility of the business chiefly in the hands of his son, Mr J. C. Stevenson. He took a deep interest in English Presbyterianism in the North of England, and contributed liberally to church extension. While a resident in South Shields he was a member of the Town Council, and filled the office of magistrate. He was about 80 years of age.

LANCHESTER POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY.—Before M. Kearney and J. Joicey, Esqs.

Aggravated Assault.—Peter Hall, John Dorkin, and John Keelin, were charged by Patrick Dormough with cutting and wounding him on the morning of the 10th inst. Sergeant Simpson stated that on Sunday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock, the prosecutor was proceeding on his road from Consett to Ebchester, when he was assaulted by a person who knocked him down and attempted to empty his pocket. His cries brought two persons named Lindon and Hott to his assistance, who saw a person kicking him, as soon as the two persons came to his assistance the assailant was joined by three others, who assaulted them with stones. Others came the assistance of Lindon and Hott, who then took the prisoners into custody, and delivered them into the hands of the Police. Thomas Lindon and Joseph Hott both gave evidence, and corroborated the statement made by Sergeant Simpson. The bench said they were determined to put a stop to these serious assaults, and fined Hall and Dorkin £5 each, or in default, 2 months' imprisonment. Keelin was remanded until next Thursday.

Stealing a Coat, Pocket Book, and £15.—Owen Showeland, of Berry Edge, was then brought up charged with stealing a coat, pocket book, and £15, the property of Joseph Hughes. From the statement made by Sergeant Simpson, it appeared that the prisoners were gambling with their coats off at four o'clock on Sunday morning, and that seeing the police approach they had run off, when Showeland returned and took away the coats, one of which belonging to Hughes contained £15. Prisoner denied taking it at the time, but after being locked up for some time he confessed to taking it, and took the police officer to where he had hid it. The prisoner said he had taken it to take care of it, and the prosecutor averred that he had full confidence in the prisoner, and could trust him with £50. The magistrates said that it was a very doubtful case, and, after cautioning the prisoner as to his future conduct, dismissed the case.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY.—Before A. Town and T. Wilson, Esq.

Drunk and Incapable.—Thomas Rees, of Berryedge, labourer, was charged by P.C. Baines with being drunk and incapable at Berryedge, on the 11th inst. Fined 2s 6d and costs.

Assault.—Michael Mallon, of Berryedge, labourer, was next placed in the dock, charged by Patrick Waldon, of Berryedge, labourer, with assaulting him at Berryedge, on the 28th ult. The defendant, who had been apprehended on a warrant, was fined £2 and costs.

Breach of the Highway Act.—James Brown, of Berryedge, labourer, was then brought before the Bench, and charged by P.C. Firn with committing a breach of the Highway Act, by furiously riding a pony at Benfieldside on the 13th ult. Fined 10s and costs.

TUESDAY.—Before A. Town, Esq.

Breach of the Peace.—Owen Mooney, of Blackhill, navvy, was brought up charged by P.C. Scott with committing a breach of the peace at Blackhill, by fighting at that place on the 11th inst. Bound over in one surety of £10 and himself in £5 to keep the peace for six months.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

A general meeting of the waywardens of the Lanchester Highway District was held in the Council Room, Lanchester, on Thursday.

Present:—Major John Joicey (presiding), Revs. W. Featherstonhaugh and J. Dingle, and Messrs W. Cumming, G. Wailes, G. Errington, R. Davison, G. Raine, T. Elliott, G. Walker, W. Watson, G. Alder, G. Hobson, N. Clark, W. Annandale, J. Stephenson, H. Ritson, D. Balleny, J. Calvert, E. Charlton, W. Bulman, J. Wilkinson, and J. Dolphin.

The Clerk read over the minutes of last meeting.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr G. Hobson seconded, a motion that the minutes be confirmed. Before putting the motion, however, the Chairman read a long letter which he had received from the Rev. J. Dingle, in which that gentleman used language more strong than courteous, and stated that the waywardens of the township of Tanfield and the surveyor had so managed as to have better roads in Tanfield and at less cost than those in other townships, and insinuating that part of the cost of roads in that township had been taken from others. He also thought that the estimates had been hurriedly gone through without giving the various waywardens time to object to some portions of such estimates. He therefore proposed as an amendment, that the minutes of last meeting be not confirmed, and that the townships who did not acquiesce in the decision of the last meeting in reference to such estimates, have now an opportunity of rectifying such estimates.

Mr G. Walker seconded the amendment.

The Chairman then put the amendment, for which four hands were held up, and on the motion being put it was carried by a large majority. The minutes were, therefore, confirmed, and afterwards signed by the chairman.

The Chairman briefly replied to the statements of Mr Dingle, in the course of which it was stated that the estimates had been gone through one by one, the objected ones coming on at last. At the close of the chairman's reply, he suggested that the surveyor should make out a rough analysis of the expenditure of the various townships, which would probably meet the case, which was decided to be done.

It was resolved that the rate now due shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer to the Highway Board within ten days after the 25th inst.

The Clerk read a letter which had been received from Mr Coupland, clerk to the Leadgate Local Board, requesting their account with the Highway Board, as they had taken the roads in Iveston township into their own hands, which was decided to be attended to.

A letter was also read from Mr Town in reference to a payment due to the Board from Benfieldside, Medomsley, and Ebchester, for which a check was drawn, and ordered to be paid.

THE TENDERS FOR THE TOWNSHIPS

were then examined, and the following are the results:—

To be left over in the hands of the surveyor and waywardens, and to be confirmed by the Board at their next meeting—Butsfield and Satley, Ruffside, Hunstanworth, Langley, Healeyfield, Collierley, Tanfield, and Lanchester.

Benfieldside.—Mr Archer's tender for £128 3s 8d was accepted; surveyor's estimate £120.

Rowley.—Mr J. Bullerwell, for £34, accepted; surveyor's estimate, £33.

Billingside.—Mr E. Shotton, for £24 15s, accepted; surveyor's estimate, £26 6s.

Edmondbyers.—Mr N. Bell, for £47 8s 6d; surveyor's estimate, £52.

Hedleyhope.—Mr W. Allison's tender for £94 4s accepted; surveyor's estimate, £97.

Muggleswick.—Mr N. Bell's tender for £113 9s 6d accepted.

In most of the townships left over the waywardens asked leave to make some alterations in the work required on some of the roads, or the difference in price between the contractor's and the surveyor's estimate was so great as to warrant the Board in requesting the surveyor to look over the tender for the purpose of ascertaining whether any mistake had been made.

The Surveyor stated that no tender had been received for Greencroft; he had seen some of the farmers, who had agreed to do it at the valuation prices.

The Board then resolved that the township of Greencroft be let to the farmers at the surveyor's estimate.

Mr Clark said that he believed that a balance of £19 odd was still due from the railway contractors, Messrs Murcill and Prodham, to the road contractors for Tanfield, and, if so, it was proper to see after it.

The Surveyor said that there was rather above £19 due from those gentlemen, and he had had to pass his word to the road contractors for the amount before the road contractors would go on with their contract.

It was resolved that the clerk be instructed to write to Messrs Murcill and Prodham requesting payment for the same.

Pay-bills amounting to £62 8s 8d were then ordered to be paid.

The Board then adjourned.

Imperial Parliament.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—Thursday.

The Lord Chamberlain brought up the reply of Her Majesty to the address praying for commissions to inquire into the late elections for Lancaster, Great Yarmouth, Reigate, and Totness. It informed their lordships that the commission would be issued.

The Rights of Dramatising Works of Fiction Bill was thrown out on a division.

The Ecclesiastical Commission Bill passed through committee, several of the clauses, however, having been struck out.

The remaining portion of the orders were then disposed of.

The House then adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Thursday.

In the Commons Mr Cardwell stated, in reply to Mr Jas. Lowther, that a despatch had been received from Lord Monck informing the Government of the Fenian raid into Canada. In a private letter, Lord Monck said he hoped by the next mail to give a good account of the invaders.

In reply to Sir W. Hutt,

Mr Layard said that up to the time he left the Foreign-office that evening no information had been received of any declaration of war on the Continent.

Mr Gaskell gave notice that, in the event of Lord Dunkellin's Amendment, to make the qualifications for the borough a rating, instead of a rental, franchise, being carried, he should move to reduce the amount from £7 to £6; and Mr W. B. Beaumont gave notice that he should also move that the county qualification be reduced from £14 to £12.

The House then went into committee on the united bills.

The discussion on Mr Hunt's amendment, to make the county franchise a rating franchise, was resumed, and several members having spoken, the committee divided, when the amendment was rejected by a majority of 7.

Mr Banks-Stanhope next moved the omission of that part of clause 4 which provides that of the £14 not less than £6 shall be for a house.

After some discussion, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said he would not oppose the amendment, on the understanding that provision was made that the occupations should be *bona fide* tenancies.

Some discussion ensued, and ultimately the amendment was carried by 361 to 74 votes.

The House adjourned at 12·40.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Guardians of the Lanchester Union, was held on Thursday, in the Board Room, Lanchester.

Present:—Rev. J. Thompson (presiding), Major Joicey, Messrs W. J. Joicey, R. H. Gee, T. Elliott, J. Parker, E. Charlton, G. Hobson, N. Clark, R. Dixon, D. Balleny, and W. Cumming.

The Clerk read over the minutes of the previous meeting, which was confirmed, and signed by the chairman.

The balance in the hands of the treasurer was stated to be £550 11s 3½d, and all arrears had been paid.

The Chairman stated that Dr. Watson, one of their medical officers, had seen himself and Mr Gee, and had requested them to state to the Board that it was his wish to resign, and hoped they would accept of his resignation.

After some discussion on this subject, it was resolved that Dr. Watson give the usual written notice of one month to the Board, and the clerk was ordered to advertise for another medical officer to supply his place.

The Chairman said he regretted to inform the Board that he would have to resign his position as one of the securities for Mr Laycock, their respected treasurer. He did so most reluctantly, but he had recently learned that his security was illegal, as he was a member of the Board, and should anything at any time happen he could not be touched; he was, therefore, no bond at all, and as he did not wish to stand in such a position without the responsibility he would give notice to retire. The same remarks would apply to his security for their clerk, which he would likewise have to resign.

The correspondence received since last meeting was then read by the clerk, which included a communication received from the Poor Law Board in reference to the appointment of Mr and Mrs Ross as master and matron of the workhouse, and asking whether Mr Ross had any children. Mr Ross, on being called into the Board-room, stated that he had a daughter, whom he was willing to pay for at any rate the Guardians thought reasonable so long as she remained in the house. The amount of charge was then settled by the Guardians, who directed their clerk to reply to the Poor Law Board at an early date.

A letter was also received from the Durham County Asylum in which it was stated that the asylum was at present so full as to prevent their taking any one in. Some discussion here took place as to where they would have to send any pauper lunatic if any other case occurred, when it was decided to send to Dunstan.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

then sat, and examined accounts amounting to £7 19s 6d, which, on the motion of Major Joicey, were ordered to be paid.

The Board then proceeded to the relief of the poor.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held in their offices in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday sen'night. Present—Messrs J. Priestman (chairman), E. Charlton, J. Calvert, J. Davison, J. Routledge, J. Seymour, J. Dickinson, E. Spencer, J. Collinson, and E. Spencer.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk read a letter received from the North-Eastern Railway Company for information required in reference to the district rate levied on them by the Board, which the clerk was instructed to answer.

A letter was received from Mr Ratcliffe in reference to the stench arising from an open sewer running down by Staffordshire-row to the Plantation-end. The Board instructed Mr Coupland to see if it required cleaning out, and it was decided that the further discussion of this subject was to stand over till next meeting.

The Rev. Moses Lupton also sent a communication which was read, asking for the Board to put a small portion of road adjoining the Primitive Methodist Chapel, in Knitsley-lane, into repair, which the Board decided to attend to as early as possible.

THE DUTIES OF MEDICAL OFFICER TO THE BOARD.

Dr. William Renton attended for an explanation of the duties required from him, as the letter received by him was he considered, somewhat ambiguous, and if acted up to properly, would prohibit him from his private practice. On Mr Renton retiring from the Board the whole subject was discussed, when it was decided that the duties of the medical officer to the Board were that he should report to the Board the sanitary condition of the district once in three months, and also that he should give any special assistance when called upon by the House and Road Committee. Dr. Renton, on being informed of the decision of the Board, briefly returned thanks. He hoped the district, which had for some time been remarkably healthy, would even be still more free from diseases arising from want of proper sanitary arrangment, to which the Board would probably attend.

PIT STREET SEWERAGE.

Mr Calvert reported, on behalf of the Sewerage Committee, that the sewerage of Pit-street had been let to Bernard Sloane.

THE CONTRACTS FOR JAMESON TERRACE AND ELTRINGHAM STREET.

The Surveyor reported that he had advertised the contracts for Jameson-terrace and Eltringham-street, as ordered by the Board, and submitted the specification for the works required at these places, which was approved of. Tenders for these contracts had been received from Messrs Jasper Kell, George Robson, and Simpson, Lodge, and Bockwith; the tenders of the two first named were accepted.

THE EBCHESTER ROADS.

The Chairman read a letter which had been received from the Home Office relative to the wish of the ratepayers of Ebchester to take their roads into their own hands. The Board would very willingly have acceded to the request of the ratepayers of Ebchester, but they found from the letter that they were compelled by law to take the roads into the district. The letter received inquired whether the ratepayers of Ebchester had held their meeting before the expiration of six months from the adoption of the Local Government Act in Consett.

THE SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor's report of the roads was then read over by the Chairman, who remarked that as it was impossible for the Board to go into the whole of the report at present, he thought it would be well to leave it to the Road Committee, who would arrange with the surveyor about the work and the material required.

Mr Gledstone proposed that the report of the Surveyor be accepted, that it be entered on the minutes of the Board, that the Road Committee be empowered to act in accordance with the report, and that such report be carried out so far as they consider proper.

Mr. Collinson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman here left the chair, and Mr J. Calvert presided in his absence.

PETITIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS.

The Chairman read over a petition adopted at a meeting of property owners held on Tuesday evening, asking the Board to borrow the money required for improving the streets, and levy a rate on the rateable property in the district to repay the same.

Several members of the Board said that they understood that a meeting of ratepayers had been held, at which, by a large majority, the ratepayers had decided not to borrow the money.

Mr Dickinson said that the previous meeting was a legally called meeting of ratepayers, but he knew nothing of this one.

After discussion it was decided that the petition lie on the table, and that each owner of property attend to the improvement of such property.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

The Surveyor drew the attention of the Board to the dangers attending travellers passing down Knitsley-lane from two railway crossings where no one was stationed to give warning to persons going that way.

The Board decided that the clerk correspond with the railway company on the subject.

ROAD NEAR THE CHURCH.

The Surveyor presented a plan showing the intended road near the new church, but as the road would infringe somewhat on Mr Brown's property it was decided that the road be so constructed as not to interfere with such property.

MIDDLE STREET SEWER.

Mr Collinson said that he understood that the Board would have to put in a sewer so far along Middle-street; if so, he was about to make a cellar and he would gladly pay the additional cost of making the sewer deeper so as to suit him to drain his cellar into it. It was stated that four feet was as deep as was necessary for the intended sewer to drain off the overflow of water, and Mr Collinson agreed to be at the expense of putting the drain other three feet deeper, which the Board had no objection to.

PROPOSED BUILDINGS.

Several plans were brought in and given to the House Committee to examine, which could not be entertained. They were ordered to be sent back for amendment.

ACCOUNTS.

Some small accounts were examined, and cheques for the amounts were signed and ordered to be paid.

BYE LAWS FOR THE USE OF THE BOARD.

Mr Gledstone read over a code of bye-laws which he thought would be useful in their meetings. They were formed by the committee, and were in force in Lanchester Highway Board and worked well, and no doubt they would effect a saving of valuable time in their meetings.

No motion, however, was made, and the subject dropped.

The Board then adjourned.

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Literary Institute, Leadgate, on Wednesday afternoon.

Present:—Messrs E. Charlton (chairman), J. Parker, J. Fletcher, J. Thompson, W. Smith, G. Rippon, W. Todd, W. Cheeseman, J. Wilson, and the Rev. F. Kearney.

The Clerk read over the minutes of last meeting, which, on being confirmed, were signed by the chairman.

The Surveyor's report of the state of the various roads under the Board, which contained several important suggestions, was next read over and confirmed, and the surveyor was authorised, in company with the Highways Committee, to inspect the various roads, and the committee, in conjunction with the surveyor, were to decide upon the work required to be done on such roads.

It was also resolved that the clerk write to Mr Burn, engineer to the Pontop and Shields Railway, to call his attention to the dangerous condition of the railway crossing between East Castle and Iveston, and to request his immediate attention thereto.

The Inspector reported that he had that day visited the principal part of Leadgate, and stated that, with the exception of premises behind the railway, the place was in good condition. The Sewerage Committee, in conjunction with the inspector, were requested to make a close inspection at an early date.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the chairman of the Lanchester Highway Board, and inform him that as the roads of the township of Iveston and certain portions of the township of Medomsley are now under the control of the Leadgate Local Board, that they now cease to be included in the Lanchester highway district and also request to be favoured with their account with the Lanchester Highway Board.

A copy of bill for the prevention of nuisances on the highways was then read, and the clerk was instructed to have the same printed.

The various committees were then elected, and are as follows:—

Highway Committee.—Messrs E. Charlton,* J. Wilson, and G. Rippon, in conjunction with the Surveyor of Highways.

Sewerage and Building Committee.—Rev. Francis Francis Kearney,* Messrs W. Todd and John Fletcher, to act in conjunction with the inspectors.

Gas Committee.—Messrs J. Thompson,* and W. Cheeseman.

Finance Committee.—Messrs J. Parker,* and Wm. Smith.

The gentlemen marked thus (*) are the conveners of their respective committe.

There was no other business before the meeting, and the Board adjourned.

Sporting Intelligence.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE MEETING.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH.

The Newcastle Handicap of 100 sovs in specie, added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, half forfeit, and 3 sovs each if declared, &c. The winner of any handicap of 100 sovs after the weights are published to carry 7lb, of two handicaps of 100 sovs, or of any race value 200 sovs, 10lb, or of any race value 500 sovs 14lb extra (extreme penalty); the second in the Northumberland Plate to carry 5lb extra, if not penalised for winning. The second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake, and the winner to pay 10 sovs towards expenses. One mile and a half. (31 subs., 12 of whom pay 3 sovs each.)

	Yrs.	st.	lb.
Major Stapylton's ch c Red Earl	4	8	12
Mr John Watson's ch c Nothing More	4	8	10
Mr Merry's b c Watchbox	4	8	0
Mr W. Cowen's b f Lady Durham	4	8	0
Lord Zetland's b g St. Magnus	4	7	11
Mr Dawson's b c Arkendale	3	7	11
Mr Merry's br c Primate	3	7	11
Mr T. Masterman's bl c Honesty	3	7	11
Mr J. Palmer's ch g Caithness	3	7	11
Mr Johnstone's b c Rococo	3	7	8
Mr Johnstone's ch f Lady Vane	3	7	8
Mr W. Nicholl's b c Missile	3	7	4
Mr Merry's b f Gong	3	7	3
Mr Bowes's ch c Claros	3	7	3
Mr Metcalfe's b c Savernake	3	7	0
Mr Jackson's br f Miss Williams	3	7	0
Mr Calder's br f Dark Agnes	3	7	0
Mr R. Chilton's br f Lady of the Tees	3	7	0
Major Elwon's br c Douro	3	6	11

ODIHAM MEETING.

TUESDAY.—The Hurstbourne Stakes of 15 sovs each, 5 ft, with 50 added, for two-year-olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies 8st 7lb, the second to save his stake. Half a mile, straight. 20 subs.

Captain Christie's Jeanie Deans, 8st 4lb……Challoner 1
Mr Padwick's Novice, 8st 4lb……J. Mann 2
Marquis of Hasting's Lupa, 8st 7lb……Fordham 3

Betting: 5 to 2 on Jeanie Deans, 6 to 1 agst Novice. Won in a canter by three lengths, bad third.

The Manor Plate (Handicap) of 50 sovs, for all ages, winners extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr Taylor's Volhynia, 3 yrs, 6st 6lb……Jackson 1
Mr Hill's Fair Rosamond, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb……R. Day 2
Mr Nightingall's Medicis, 4 yrs, 7st……Elphic 3

Betting: 100 to 30 agst Fair Rosamond, 4 to 1 agst Medicis, 5 to 1 agst Volhynia. Won in a canter by three-quarters of a length, bad third.

The Stewards' Stakes of 5 sovs each, with 30 added, for two-year-olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies 8st 7lb. Straight half mile.

Adamanthea 8st 7lb……Payne 1
Knight Templar, 8st 10lb……H. Jackson 2
Ambition, 8st 7lb……Owner 3

Betting: 3 to 1 agst Adamanthea, 7 to 2 agst Ambition, 5 to 1 agst Knight Templar. Won easily by a neck, good third. The winner was sold to the Marquis of Hastings for 310 guineas.

The Odiham Handicap of 10 sovs each, 2 ft, with 100 added. About two miles. 35 subs.

Mr Wolson's Deerfoot, 6 yrs, 8st 2lb……Deason 1
Mr H. Goater ns Monk of Avon, 6 yrs, 6st 12lb……Hokins 2
Mr Brayley's Pelios, 5 yrs, 8st 4lb……Fordham 3

Betting: 6 to 4 agst Pelios, 4 to 1 agst Deerfoot, 6 to 1 agst Monk of Avon. Won easily by two lengths, a length and a half between second and third.

The Dogmersfield Park Stakes (Handicap) of 5 sovs each, with 50 added, for two-year-olds. Straight half mile. 35 subs.

Mr Brayley's Stokeley, 7st 8lb……Murray 1
Mr Howard's Chevalier, Esprit, 7st 4lb……Scorey 2
Mr Burbridge's Rose Stock, 7st 7lb……Carroll 3

Betting: 7 to 1 agst Rose Stock, 10 to 1 agst Chevalier d'Esprit, and Stokeley. Won by a neck, good third.

The South Western Railway Plate of 5 sovs each, with 25 added. Straight half mile.

Miss Francis, 8st 7lb……Gifford 1
Yellow Girl, 8st 2lb……Carroll 2
Knight Templar, 8st 10lb……Neale 3

Betting: 100 to 30 agst Yellow Girl. Won by two lengths, bad third. The winner was sold to Mr Goddard for 120 guineas. Mr R. Land claimed Yellow Girl.

The Greywell Hill Stakes, a sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, with 50 added. About a mile.

Deer, by Vindex—Tranquility, 9st 4lb……Deason 1
Arazia, 8st 8lb……Hibberd 2
Varnia, 7st……Hartfield 3

Betting: 7 to 2 on Deerfoot. Won by a neck, bad third. The winner was objected to.

BIBURY CLUB MEETING.

WEDNESDAY.—Sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, with 50 added, for three-year-olds and upwards. One mile.

Fair Rosamond, 10st 5lb……Mr Edwards w.o.

The Champagne Stakes of 10 sovs each, with 100 added, for two-year-olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies 8st 7lb; the winner to give 3 dozen of champagne to the club. From the Bush in. One mile.

Mr Starky's Viridis, 8st 11lb……Cannon 1
Lord Falmouth's Sunnylocks, 8st 7lb……T. French 2
Mr Wyndham's Brother to the Mason, 8st 10lb……Adams 3

Betting: Even on Sunnylocks, 100 to 8 agst Viridis. Won cleverly by two lengths.

Sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, with 50 added, for three-year-olds and upwards. T.Y.C.

Out-and-Outer, by Stockwell—Sortie, 11st 8lb……Perry 1
Mazurka, 9st 11lb……Mr W. Bevill 2

Betting: 6 to 4 on Out-and-Outer, 3 to 1 agst Mazurka. Won by a neck, bad third. The winner was sold to Captain Machell for 500 guineas.

Handicap Sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, with 100 added, for two and three-year-olds. Above five furlongs. 23 subs.

Mr Starky's Kingsley, 3 yrs, 7st 5lb……C. Page 1
Mr Wyndham's King Christian, 3 yrs, 7st 13lb……Challoner 2
Ld. Westmoreland ns Miss Middleton, 3st 12lb……T. Sadler 3

Betting: 5 to 1 agst Miss Middleton. Won by a length and a half.

A Plate of 50 sovs, for two-yr-olds and upwards. About five furlongs.

Glendusk, 8st 6lb……Hughes 1
Mongrel, 8st 6lb……Fordham 2
Charles the Second, 6st 4lb……T. Sadler 3

Betting: 6 to 4 agst Mongrel, 9 to 2 agst Glendusk, 100 to 8 agst Charles the Second. Won by a length; good third. The winner was bought in for 270 guineas.

Handicap Plate of 50 sovs. One mile.

D. of Beaufort's Lord Ronald, 8st……Fordham 1
D. of Hamilton's Muezzin, 8st 11lb……T. French 2

Betting: 5 to 2 on Lord Ronald. Won easily.

The Bibury Stakes (handicap) of 5 sovs each, with 100 added, for three-year-olds, the second to save his stake. Last mile and a half. 11 subs.

Mr Fulke's Norma, 6 yrs, 11st 2lb……Owner 1
D. of Hamilton's Hurunui, 3 yrs, 9st 6lb……Mr Sterling 2

Betting: 5 to 2 on Hurunui. Won by a length.

The Eighth Biennial Stakes of 10 sovs each, with 100 added, for two-yr-olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies 8st 5lb. T.Y.C. 93 subs.

Hermit, 8st 10lb……Custance 1
Vauban, 8st 10lb……Fordham 2
Viridis, 8st 5lb……Salter 3

Betting: 6 to 5 on Hermit, 100 to 15 agst Viridis, 20 to 1 agst Vauban. Won after a good race by a neck; good third.

BEVERLEY MEETING.

WEDNESDAY.—The Kingston-upon-Hull Stakes of 5 sovs each, with 25 added, for all ages. About three-quarters of a mile.

Lambton, 5st 9lb……Craddock 1
Paxton, 5st 12lb……Walker 2
Esmeralda, 8st 9lb……Clayton 3

Betting: Even agst Paxton, 2 to 1 agst Esmeralda. Won by a length.

The Bishop Burton Stakes of 5 sovs each, with 100 added, for two-year-olds. Four furlongs 165½ yards. 19 subs.

Mr Hobson's Newland, 8st 10lb……Snowdon 1
Romping Girl……Osborne 2
Mr Masterman's Honestish, 8st 11lb……Dixon 3

Betting: 4 to 1 agst Newland, 2 to 1 agst Honestish. Won by half a length.

The Beverley Cup of 100 sovs in specie, added to a handicap of 10 sovs each, 5 ft, the second to save his stake. One mile and a half.

Mr Peckitt's Empress of India, 5 yrs, 8st 12lb……Martin 1
Mr Masterman's Fitzroy, 3 yrs, 8st 6lb……Dixon 2
Mr Chilton's Lady of the Tees, 3 yrs, 6st 13lb……Challoner 3

Betting: 13 to 1 agst Fitzroy, 5 to 1 each agst Empress of India and Lady of the Tees. Won by a length, the same between second and third.

The Londesborough Handicap Selling Stakes of 3 sovs each, with 40 added; the second to save his stake. T.Y.C. 19 subs.

Mr Cornish's Mayfair, 3 yrs, 7st 10lb……Morris 1
Mr Masterman's Nutt, 3 yrs, 7st 5lb……Nuttall 2
Mr Wilkins's Jessie of Dunblane, 2fyrs, 6st……Cameron 3

Betting: 5 to 2 agst Jessie of Dunblane, 4 to 1 agst Nun, 100 to 8 agst Mayfair. Won by a neck; same between second and third. The winner was bought in for 30gs.

The Grimston Plate of 50 sovs. Added to a handicap of 5 sovs each; the second to receive 10 sovs. One mile. 7 subs.

Mr Owen's Count, 5 yrs, 8st……R. Challoner 1
Mr Singleton's Balsam, 3 yrs, 6st 6lb……Cameron 2
Mr Long's Compensation, 5 yrs, 8st 4lb……Lawrence 3

Betting: 6 to 4 agst Count, 7 to 2 agst Compensation, 5 to 1 agst Balsam. Won by two lengths; a bad third.

The Farmer's Cup of 50 sovs, with 20 added. Two miles. 6 subs.

Mr Acklam's Wild Huntsman, 5 yrs, 11st 7lb……Mr G. Harland 1
Mr Devonport's Nun, 5 yrs, 12st 4lb……Mr Milward 2

Betting: 6 to 4 on Nun. Won by ten lengths; bad third.

Market Intelligence.

CORN MARKETS.

Newcastle Corn Market, Saturday.—The trade during the week has assumed a firmer aspect, with a good amount of business passing, and a free sale, at an advance of 1s on the prices of last week. At to-day's market the delivery of wheat from the growers was small, and sold readily at the prices of last week. A steady demand for English and foreign, with a good sale, at an advance on the rates of this day week. Barley, a good sale. Beans and peas unaltered. Rye little doing. Malt steady sale. Flour, free sale at 1s advance on the prices of this day week. Prices: Wheat, 47s to 53s; barley, 33s to 34s; beans, 39s to 40s; peas, 39s to 40s; rye, 27s to 28s; malt, 60s to 62s; flour—households, 33s to 34s; whites, 35s to 36s.

Newcastle Corn Market, Tuesday.—There was a brisk demand for wheat, at an advance of 2s per qr since this day week, and a good deal of business transpired. Grinding barley firm. Oats a fair demand. Peas slow sale, and rather lower. Other articles unaltered.

Hull Corn Market, Tuesday.—At to-day's market there was a small supply of English wheat, which sold freely. at 1s to 2s per qr advance. Foreign wheat sold freely, at last week's prices. Barley, beans, and peas only sold in retail at former rates. Oats more plentiful, and inferior quality easier to buy.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Newcastle Cattle Market, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 26 beasts from Aberdeen and the counties of the north east coast of Scotland, and about 232 beasts and 821 sheep were from foreign. There was less stock on offer to-day than last week, and fewer were shown in the market. Dealers and holders of stock in general are determined not to patronise this market so long as the branding system is in operation. The general quality of the stock was exceedingly good. Some prime heifers were shown, also several pens of splendid short-horned bullocks from North Northumberland. The foreign cattle were exceedingly above an average. 320 head of cattle were shown in the market to-day, the demand for which was in a somewhat wild and excited state, and it was decidedly the dearest market ever held in this town. 11s per imp. stone was generally the top price for beef, but in many cases considerably beyond that figure would be obtained. 1,400 sheep were shown. The mutton trade ruled steady, at about ½d per lb. advance on the rates of this day se'nnight, with a good clearance. The demand for lambs was in an active state. Several pens of a very superior quality were from East Lothian. Prices would range from 34s to 50s per head. Pigs—from some cause or another unexplained—about 120, up to a certain weight, were admitted into the market, but, from the confused state of affairs, very little business was done.

In the Dead Meat Market there was a small supply, which was of a very middling quality, and met with a slow demand. Mutton was selling from 8d to 8½d per lb.

Numbers shown:—Beasts, 320; sheep and lambs, 1,400; pigs, 120; store cattle, 0.

Prices to-day:—Beasts: Prime heifers, 10s. 9d. to 11s. 0d.; secondary sorts, 9s. 6d. to 9s. 9d.; inferior sorts, 8s. 6d. to 9s. 0d.; good steers, 10s. 3d. to 10s. 6d.; middling, 9s. 3d. to 9s. 6d.; cows, 8s. 6d. to 9s. 6d.; stags, 0s. 0d. Pork 0s 0d to 0s. 0d.; ditto, small, 0s. 0d. to 0s. 0d. per st. of 14lb. Sheep—good vendable wedders, 9½d to 9½d; large fat, —d to —d; middling, 8d to 8½d; tups, ewes, and inferior 7½d to 7½d per lb sinking offal.

Newcastle Potatoe Market, Thursday.—At to-day's market there was a short supply. English Regents, 0s 0d to 0s 0d; Scotch Regents, 10s 6d to 11s 0d; Rocks and Reds, 9s 0d to 9s 6d per load of 20 stones.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

Notices of births, marriages, and deaths are inserted free of charge. Such notices must be left at the *Guardian* Office, Front-street, Consett.

BIRTHS.

Workington.—At 19, Derwent-terrace, North-side, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr Hugh A. Kidd, late of Consett, of a son.

Castle Dene House, near Consett.—On the 12th inst., the wife of Mr John H. Hudson, of a son.

Newcastle.—At Oxford-street, on the 10th inst., Mrs D. Greig, jun., of a son.

At Gloucester-road, on the 9th inst., the wife of Mr G. Sutton, of a daughter.

At Oxford-street, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr J. O. Scott, of a son.

At Tyne-street, on the 8th inst., Mrs Thomas Forster, of a son.

Pendower, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—On the 10th inst., the wife of Henry Fell Pease, Esq., of Brinkburn, Darlington, of a son.

Gateshead.—At Fife-street, on the 8th inst., Mrs John Hindmarch, of a son.

At St. Cuthbert's-place, on the 12th inst., the wife of P. J. Mosley, of a son.

Wreakenton.—On the 7th inst., the wife of Mr Thomas Young, of a son.

Sunderland.—On the 11th inst., the wife of H. L. Wainewright, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Lanchester.—On the 12th inst., Mr William Tilley, agent, to Miss Ann Pickering, both of Consett.

Newcastle.—At St. Nicholas's Church, on the 7th inst., Mr William Witts. to Kezia, fourth daughter of the late Philip Heward, Esq., of Newton Abbot, Devon, supervisor of H.M. Customs.

South Shields.—At St. Hilda's Church, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. T. H. Chester, incumbent, Robert Edward, only surviving son of the late Paget Thompson, Esq., solicitor, to Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas White, Esq., shipowner.

Alnwick.—At Bolton Church, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. H. M. Buckle, M.A., McCharles Renner, Heppen, to Catherine, second daughter of Mr Richard Pringle, Abberwick.

DEATHS.

Consett.—At Pant row, on the 10th inst., aged 2 years and 3 months, Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Joseph Harrison, blacksmith.

Shotley Bridge.—On the 12th inst., aged 37, Elizabeth, wife of Mr John Leslie, painter.

Cutlers' Hall.—On the 13th inst., aged 54, Elizabeth, wife of Mr Jacob Urwin, tailor.

Newcastle.—At Armstrong-street, on the 8th inst., aged 38, Ann, wife of Mr Benjamin Atkinson.

At Henry-street, on the 8th inst., aged 36, Mr William Stoker.

At Buckingham-street, on the 10th inst., Robert, infant son of Mr Robert Williamson.

At Hinde-street, on the 10th inst., aged 69, Mr William Bell.

At Pilgrim-street, on the 6th inst., aged 49, Mrs Bridget Cairns.

At the Milk-market, on the 5th inst., Benjamin, infant son of Mr J. Dickinson.

At Pandon, on the 7th inst., aged 8, Mary Ann, daughter of Mr P. M'Laughlin.

At Tyne-street, on the 10th inst., aged 70, Mr George Richardson.

Gateshead.—At High-street, on the 12th inst., John W., infant son of Mr E. G. Lough, draper.

High Heworth.—On the 15th inst., aged 78, Mr Thomas Hull.

Tynemouth.—On the 8th inst., aged 48, Mr G. C. Atkinson, station master.

Haugh Cottage, near Bordon Mill.—On the 9th inst., Mr Joseph Bell.

Alnwick.—On the 6th inst., aged 62, Mr Daniel Robinson, labourer.

On the 6th inst., aged 4, James, son of Mr Wm. Middlemass, plumber.

Sheffield.—On the 7th inst., aged 40 years, Lucy Catherine, the beloved wife of Mr D. A. Aitchison, formerly of Benfieldside.

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