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,, 18.—Leadgate 1st v Littleburn, at Leadgate.
,, 18.—Blackhill Royal Oaks v Spen Juniors, at Shotley Spa.
,, 18.—Burnopfield v Royal Artillery, at Burnopfield.
,, 13.—Medomsley v Tanfield, at Medomsley.
,, 18.—Derwent Valley v Westwood, at Westwood.
,, 18.—Gloucester v Greenside, at Newcastle.
,, 18.—Ovingham v Drysdale, Newcastle, at Ovingham.
,, 18.—Blaydon v Haydon Bridge, at Blaydon.
,, 18.—Whickham v Jarrow, at Whickham.
,, 18.—Corbridge v Prudhoe Castle, at Corbridge.
,, 21.—Blackhill Royal Oaks v Sunderland West End, at Sunderland.
,, 22.—Consett v Newcastle Artillery, at Newcastle.

WOLSINGHAM v TINDALE CRESCENT.—Played on Saturday at Wolsingham. Score:—Tindale Crescent, 16; Wolsingham, 33.

CHRIST CHURCH v RYTON.—Played at Ryton on Saturday, and resulted in a draw. Score:—Christ Church, 68; Ryton (for eight wickets), 23.

WHICKHAM JUNIORS v BLAYDON RED STAR.—Played at Blaydon, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 9 runs. Score:—Whickham Juniors, 45; Blaydon Red Star, 36.

CROOK v DURHAM COUNTY SCHOOLMASTERS.—Played at Crook on Saturday, and resulted in a draw. Score:—Crook, 129; Schoolmasters (for 9 wickets), 100. I. Richards (Consett) scored 14 runs.

BLACKHILL JUNIORS v LANCHESTER RED STARS.—Played at Lanchester on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Blackhill. J. J. Raw and J. Little batted well for the visitors, scoring 15 and 9 runs respectively; while H. Parker (not out) put on 11 runs. Score:—Juniors, 49; Red Stars, 32.

BLACKHILL RED STAR v JUBILEE STAR.—Played in Consett Park on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the Red Star by 71 runs. T. Lynn and J. Wilson played well for the winners, while Reed did good service for the losing team. Score:—Red Star, 160; Jubilee Star, 89.

FELLING CHURCH INSTITUTE v DERWENT VALLEY.—Played at Swalwell on Saturday, W. Wilkinson playing well for his 15. On the latter going in three wickets fell for two runs to the bowling of Carmichael. J. Shield batted well for 19, and after a very pleasant game the home club won by 22 runs. Score:—Felling Church Institute, 39; Derwent Valley, 61.

CHESTERFIELD v CRAGHEAD.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors. Score:—Chesterfield, 25; Craghead, 42 for two wickets.

CONSETT 2ND v DUNSTON 2ND.—Played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, and terminated in a victory for the home team. Score:—Consett, 38; Dunston, 75. T. H. Kirkup bowled very well for Consett, taking five wickets for seven runs.

DIPTON S.S. v BLACKHILL JUNIORS.—Played at Dipton on Saturday, resulting in a victory for the home team by 49 runs. For Dipton, Mande (44) played good cricket, J. Murray, with 24 runs, was second highest scorer, but gave several chances, and R. Chapman (12) and T. Simpson got their runs by steady batting. Score:—Dipton, 106; Blackhill, 57.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v DUNSTON.

Played in Consett Park on Saturday, the home team winning by 64 runs, the game being mainly remarkable for the admirable batting of J. R. Richards (45). Score:—

CONSETT.		DUNSTON.	
W. Turnbull b Leadbitter	2	J. Thompson c Foggon b Young	0
G. Smith b Donkin	1	W. A. Leadbitter lbw b Foggon	2
J. Siddell b Leadbitter	2	W. Reay b Foggon	0
T. Jameson c Reay b Donkin	17	F. Donkin b Young	0
Dr Young run out	5	C. McIntyre c Siddell b Foggon	0
J. Richards b Donkin	45	F. Pattinson b Young	4
Dr Short b Donkin	0	F. Rennant not out	18
P. Gibson b Reay	1	J. G. Wood run out	1
R. Park run out	14	R. Watson run out	1
J. Dixon b Watson	3	A. Payne run out	0
H. Foggon not out	1	J. Noble c Richards b Smith	12
Extras	19	Extras	2
Total	110	Total	46

MEDOMSLEY v MARLEY HILL.

Played at Marley Hill on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Medomsley by 98 runs. The home team batted first, but only made a poor stand against Little's bowling, who took five wickets for four runs, the whole team being dismissed for 21 runs. Medomsley sent in Messrs. G. Walton and A. Little to the wickets, and although they scored slowly, they were not separated until the score had reached 60. Walton played a splendid bat throughout, being very patient, and at times hitting hard; while Little also played a faultless innings of 23. Campbell and Cant also played well. Scores:—

MEDOMSLEY.		MARLEY HILL.	
G. Walton b Brown	34	T. Robson b Little	0
A. Little b Brown	23	G. Robson run out	4
G. E. Milburn b Brown	0	J. Brown b Little	0
T. Murphy b T. Robson	1	P. Elliott b Little	0
M. T. Milburn b Brown	1	J. Ringer b G. E. Milburn	0
F. Robinson c Elliott	0	G. Gray b G. E. Milburn	9
F. Archer b Brown	0	G. Coulthard b Little	0
W. E. Charlton b Brown	2	J. Charlton b Little	0
R. Campbell not out	23	W. Douglas c Little	0
R. Cant b T. Robson	12	C. Wilkinson run out	0
T. Cookson c T. Robson	9	W. Carruthers not out	0
Extras	14	Extras	8
Total	119	Total	21

TANFIELD v STANLEY.

Played at Tanfield on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the home team by 31 runs. The batting of Messrs Harkness and Brown was splendid for the home team. For the visitors Dodds did good service. Score:—

TANFIELD.		STANLEY.	
T. Jewitt c Fitches b Harkness	9	R. Knox c Jewitt b Laidler	3
P. Harkness c Gibson b Lowery	25	R. Gibson c Jones b Laidler	6
T. Curry c Harkness b Lowery	2	W. Dodds b Laidler	16
W. T. Brown b Snape	18	T. Lowery lbw b Jewitt	0
J. Robson c Siddle b Snape	1	I. Harkness b Laidler	0
E. Reay c Knox b Lowery	3	J. Benfold c Robson b Laidler	1
G. Jones b Lowery	0	C. Fitches c Bowes b Curry	0
J. R. Bowes c Dodds b Snape	3	R. Sanderson c Brown b Laidler	0
T. J. Swinburn c & b Lowery	1	J. Snape c Robson b Reay	4
J. G. Herron b Lowery	4	T. Siddle b Reay	0
J. Laidler not out	1	S. Shaw not out	1
Extras	9	Extras	1
Total	76	Total	35

BLACKHILL ROYAL OAK JUNIORS v MEDOMSLEY 2ND.

Played at Medomsley on Saturday, and, after a well contested game resulted in a victory for the visitors by one run. Score:—

ROYAL OAKS.		MEDOMSLEY.	
J. Maddison b Hetherington	0	W. Walton c Kempster	1
A. Hall lbw b Cant	0	M. Charlton b Forsyth	9
J. Forsyth b W. Cant	2	W. Barnes b Maddison	0
J. Postle b W. Cant	8	J. Taylor b Maddison	3
A. Ward c W. Cant	2	J. Hetherington b Maddison	0
R. Johnson st Charlton	7	T. Bramley b Forsyth	1
G. Lowes b W. Cant	3	W. Cant b Forsyth	3
A. Kempster b W. Cant	1	J. Cant run out	2
F. Westgarth b W. Cant	0	W. Hunter run out	0
J. Gardner b W. Cant	0	G. Bramley b Forsyth	1
W. Cuthbertson not out	0	R. Wheatley not out	0
Extras	10	Extras	12
Total	33	Total	32

BURNHOPE v MOORSLEY.

Played at Moorsley on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Burnhope team. Score:—

BURNHOPE.		MOORSLEY.	
W. Dyson b Harrington	19	J. Gilroy b Dyson	0
J. Lawson c Steele b Horne	7	J. Gardner b Dyson	4
H. Burnett c Smith b Harrington	3	R. Burgess b Dyson	14
T. Burnett c Harrington b Horne	6	E. Cowell b Gair	2
J. Robinson b Lister	14	H. Horne b Gair	6
A. Heckels b Harrington	0	H. Wilson c Dyson b Gair	8
J. Gair b Harrington	0	R. Smith c Dyson b Gair	0
J. Burnett b Harrington	0	J. Steele b Gair	2
W. Winter c Gilroy b Harrington	5	R. Harrington b Robinson	0
W. Elliott not out	1	O. Dixon b Robinson	0
G. Robson b Lister	0	S. Lister not out	0
Extras	1	Extras	12
Total	56	Total	48

CASTLE EDEN v TRIMDON (DEAF HILL).

In dull, cheerless weather this match was played on the ground of the former on Saturday. The home team went first to the wickets, and only scored 18, not one of the batsmen being able to make anything of the bowling of Messrs Crow and Murray, the former taking six wickets for 11 runs, and the latter three wickets for five runs. On the visitors going in to bat, their opponents' score was soon rubbed off, the innings closing for 62. Score:—

CASTLE EDEN.		TRIMDON.	
W. Picket b T. Crow	1	A. Vasey b Scott	10
J. Leary run out	0	W. C. Murray c Simpson b Scott	5
W. Curry b Murray	2	A. Lonie b Leary	6
J. Simpson c Lonie b Murray	0	W. Bradley c Armstrong b Scott	3
W. Armstrong c Davison b Murray	5	J. Longstaff b Curry	2
W. Dodd b Crow	3	M. Davison c Armstrong b Leary	0
P. Scott b Crow	5	A. Atchison c Dodd b Curry	3
H. Hewitt b Crow	0	J. Weedy c & b Curry	4
F. McGee b Crow	0	G. Davison c & b Dodd	9
J. Dixon c Davison b Crow	0	T. Crow c Simpson b Dodd	6
A. Pearson not out	0	W. Crow not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	14
Total	18	Total	62

BURNOPFIELD v NEWCASTLE Y.M.C.A.

Played at Burnopfield on Saturday, resulting, after a very pleasant game, in a victory for the home team by 103 runs. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		NEWCASTLE.	
R. Armstrong b Tait	35	H. Poattle c Curry	2
J. H. Cuthbertson b Trail	4	F. R. Dance run out	1
H. C. Wood run out	16	H. Tait c Purdy	0
W. Hogarth b Trail	19	C. F. Trail b Lamb	9
G. Finlay b Trail	28	C. Little b Hogarth	0
J. Curry b Little	2	H. Shorter c Ferguson	1
W. Charlton b Little	4	D. Lumsden b Hogarth	0
J. Potts not out	3	F. Short run out	3
G. Lamb b Trail	0	P. H. Cook c Finlay	0
G. Purdy b Little	1	A. Muir b Hogarth	1
R. Ferguson b Little	1	J. Denison not out	0
Extras	14	Extras	7
Total	127	Total	24

Correspondence.

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THE BLUE BRIDGE AT SHOTLEY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian

SIR,—The public footpath along the Derwent from Shotley Bridge to Allansford crosses that stream a little way out of the village by a very narrow wooden bridge of a construction involving great economy of timber. It has been in considerable disrepair for some months, and is now positively dangerous, even in daylight. The two ends are in different counties and under different local authorities, and no one need be surprised if a serious or fatal accident should illustrate the need of an improved system of local government. Meanwhile the small sum required might be spent by the Benfieldside Local Board, who certainly represent the bulk of the people interested in the matter, and the ultimate responsibility settled afterwards, without waiting till some person is hurt or drowned.—I am, &c., VISITOR.

MUZZLING THE PRESS BY WASKERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Space permitting, will you kindly publish this letter in your valuable paper and oblige, as I shall certainly not trouble you again on this subject, it being stale to most, and is only handled by a few individuals who are doing their utmost to cause discord instead of working for the benefit of the school, and harmoniously with the majority of the Board. As "Pro Bono Publico" quotes in last week's letter, "By their fruits are they known," I am happy to say this quotation is applicable to the three members proved as it was by public opinion at the election, they being supported by two-thirds of the ratepayers and electors, and having been members of the last Board were known by their fruits. "Pro Bono Publico" must have more suitable fruits than he has hitherto to deal with if he wishes to receive a substantial share of public sympathy on the expiration of his stewardship. I doubt if the reports to your paper would have been suppressed if the Board meetings had been fairly and correctly reported, but then the public would have known the feeble views of these brilliant, intelligent, and infallible orators. He seems to infer by his letter that the majority of the parishoners are in the dark by returning these three unenlightened gentlemen as their representatives. As he seemingly has such a superfluity of light, he should remove the bushel and shine a little upon us.—Yours, &c., ONE IN THE DARK.

GROSS CRUELTY AT VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Will you allow me to call the attention of the members of the Naturalists Club to the following case at Victoria Garesfield? On passing through the village the other day I was informed of the following inhuman incident occurring at the place. Three inhuman brutes, with a mongrel belonging to one of them, came across one of the most inoffensive of our little wild animals—a hedgehog—and after getting their cur to seize and worry him as much as the mongrel would, as the blood began to run down the dog's lips from the spikes probing it, these monsters commenced to make a football of the poor little victim. After kicking it about until they were tired, the poor little animal was put into some water by them to make it open, so that they could manage to get at its belly. The hedgehog being still alive, while the others held it one of the wretches took out his pocket-knife and ripped up the poor tortured little thing, taking alive from it three young ones that were also alive. What do the naturalists of the place say to this? It is time some of the villagers acknowledged a love of the beautiful. My advice to the Club is to find out the names of those inhuman and see their parents or guardians, and get them to chain the mongrel and those inhuman wretches together upon letting them out, as perhaps they might fasten upon some of their neighbours' children and get the cur to seize and worry them also if not chained up.—Yours, &c., A LOVER OF NATURE.

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QUEEN'S JUBILEE PREPARATIONS.

CONSETT.

On Tuesday night, another meeting of the Jubilee Committee took place at the Public Buildings, Parliament Street, Consett, under the presidency of Rev F. Steggall (vicar). The undermentioned gentlemen also attended: Rev T. Durant, Messrs W. Aynsley, J. W. Davison, Geo. Ainsworth, G. T. Hyden, A. Brodie, J. Hardy, W. Shell, J. Kelly, P. Coyle, S. Rowe, Robt. Jackson, W. Swainston, W. Dawson, T. Carr, J. Milburn, A. Jackson, W. Rippon, and T. W. Welford (secretary).—Letters were read from Miss Tate and Mr Mulcaster, the proprietors of private schools in Consett, respectfully declining the offer of the Committee for their pupils to participate in the festivities.—Mr M. Hobday, conductor of the Consett Iron Company's Brass Band, wrote stating that the band had been virtually engaged to take part in the celebrations at Benfieldside, and therefore could not fulfil any engagement at Consett.—Mr Hyden announced that they were negociating for the services of another band.—Mr Hyden further reported that the Sports Committee—who were empowered to spend £5—had agreed to purchase £1 worth of toys for the infants attending the four schools in the town, without any programme being arranged.—The subjoined is the programme of the other sports:—

Standard VI. and VII.—Boys handicap flat race, 150 yards, and girls ditto, 100 yards. First prize, 2s 9d; 2nd, 2s; 3rd, 1s; 4th, 9d; 5th, 6d.—Boys' foot-pegging race, and boys' three-legged race, 100 yards each; also girls' skipping competition (two minutes); and skipping race, 100 yards. First, prize, 2s 3d; 2nd, 1s 9d; 3rd, 1s 3d; 4th, 9d; 5th, 6d.

Standards IV. and V.—Boys' handicap foot-race, 100 yards, and girls' ditto, 100 yards. First prize, 1s 6d; 2nd, 1s 3d; 3rd, 1s; 4th 9d; 5th, 6d.

Standards III. and II.—Boys' handicap foot-race, and girls' ditto, 100 yards each. Also boys' wheelbarrow race, 50 yards; and girls' skipping race, 80 yards. First prize, 1s 6d; 2nd, 1s 3d; 3rd, 1s; 4th, 9d; 5th, 6d.

Tug of war, for boys, teams of eight, winners to receive 1s each.

The entries for the sports closed yesterday (Thursday) evening.

The report of the Sports Committee is as under:—

"The ballot for order in the procession resulted as follows:—1st, Wesleyan School; 2nd, National Schools; 3ad, St. Patrick's School; 4th, British Schools. It is recommended that the scholars assemble at their respective schools, and meet on Medomsley Road at two o'clock, and march by way of Gibson Street, Newmarket Street, Mount Pleasant, Spencer Street, Parliament Street, Church Street, Victoria Street, Trafalgar Street, Harvey Street, and Sherburn Terrace; to turn and proceed thence *via* Front Street, to the Primitive Methodist Chapel; to turn and proceed by way of Middle Street, and Shakespeare Street, to the Parish Church, where two verses of "God save the Queen" will be sung by the children *en masse*, accompanied by the band; then to separate and proceed by different *routes* to the respective schools for tea. The scholars to proceed in different companies to the field after tea, and to be headed by one or other of the bands when ready. It is further suggested that the procession be headed by some gentlemen of the Committee—the chairman and others. The Committee also suggests that hoardings be erected in distant parts of the field, labelled in large characters "Ladies" on one side, and "Gentlemen" on the other; thus indecency may be avoided. There being a difficulty in classifying children from private schools for sports, it is recommended that they be allowed to compete in any event subject to children of 14 years to enter in events open to Standard VII.; of 13 years, in those open to Standard VI., and so on. It will be absolutely necessary to have a course marked off by ropes and posts; and the committee is requested to provide the same. A printed programme is recommended.

"(Signed on behalf of Sports Committee),
"GEO. T. HYDEN."

—On the motion of Mr Jackson, seconded by Mr Rowe, the report was adopted; the committee being empowered to arrange for marking off the field with posts and ropes.—Mr Ainsworth promised to see Mr Jenkins with respect to having a bandstand erected.—An offer was received from Mr S. Rowe for the exclusive right to supply refreshments in the field, and also sub-let the stalls in the Vicarage Feld; but it was eventually resolved, on the proposal of Mr Ainsworth, that the Committee retain the right of allowing stalls to be erected in the field, the question of letting and rental being left in the hands of a sub-committee. — The police arrangements were relegated to Supt. Oliver and a small committee.—It was resolved to have a printed general programme of events (including the Aged Folks' Tea in the Town Hall); although Mr Kelly made a suggestion that a larger programme be issued containing the names of the children entering for the various competitions. — Mr Ainsworth announced that the committee had ordered a £15 box of Jubillee Fireworks (which comprises numerous devices and designs) from Messrs Brock and Co., London; and Mr Jenkins had undertaken to partition off the ground requisite for the display, and also to specially engage a practical man to let off the fireworks, at his own expense.—The proposals were agreed to, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr Jenkins.—It was determined that the bonfire should be located in the Vicarage Feld, and not on the summit of the Blue Mountains, as originally intended.—Other details having been arranged, the committee adjourned.

The Vicar of Consett has arranged for a special service to be held in Christ Church, on Tuesday next, at 11 a.m.

Mr Jenkins, J.P. (Chairman of the Local Board), will entertain the whole of the members, with the Clerk and Surveyor, to luncheon, on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee.

TOW LAW.

A largely-attended Jubilee demonstration was held by the Wesleyan Methodist Vigilance Band on Saturday night, at which, among other attractions, was the Blackhill Mission Band. There was also open-air singing, addresses by various ministers, and a public tea.

BLANCHLAND.

Final arrangements have not yet been made for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. It is probable that the special service will not be held until Sunday, the 26th inst., owing to the absence of a resident vicar, and partly to this cause may be attributed the delay occasioned in bringing matters to a satisfactory conclusion. It is proposed to provide a meat tea for the choir, school children, and others wishing to attend, at the Lord Crewe's Arms Inn, and there will be music, dancing, and various games on the green.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Tuesday night, a public meeting was held in the Girls' National School-room to make final arrangements for the celebration to be held in Lambton Park on Tuesday next. Mr Lindsay Wood occupied the chair. The secretary reported that the total subscriptions amounted to £45 19s 6d. It was therefore decided to give the children a tea in Lambton Park, also sports of various kinds. The old people are to have a substantial tea in the Lambton Arms long-room. On Wednesday, June 22nd, a procession will march to the Park.

EASTGATE-IN-WEARDALE.

At a meeting of the committee, arrangements were mane for the coming Jubilee celebration on the 21st inst. A short service will be held in All Saints' Church, by the vicar (Rev J. Eddowes) at two p.m., after which a procession, headed by the band, will march to Blakie's Isle, a large field adjoining the village, where a first-class repast will be provided, free to all parishioners. An excellent programme of sports has been arranged, for which money prizes are offered. At night a large beacon on the Billing Hills will be lit. Mr J. R. W. Hildyard, Hutton Bonville Hall, the principal landowner in the parish, has subscribed £15 towards the funds in addition to a tea for the school children.

STANHOPE.

The representatives of the different denominations, elected as a committee for arranging and carrying and carrying out the commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, held their first meeting in the Town Hall—Dr Arnison, J.P., presiding. Mr J. Smurthwaite was elected on the committee in place of Mr R. Ward, who was unable to attend. Mr T. C. Brown was appointed secretary, and Mr J. Temperley treasurer. It was decided to give a free tea to 1,000 children of Stanhope under 14 years of age, including the scholars of the day and Sabbath schools, further consideration to be made with regard to the scholars of the Sunday-schools who are above that age, and to give a shilling extra to the old people who are in receipt of parochial relief. It was also proposed that 6d each be given to the scholars, should the funds allow.—Mr Smurthwaite suggested that if medals instead of money were given it would be something in after years to look back upon. The idea met with approval.—In order to meet the above arrangements twelve of the committee were appointed to solicit subscriptions in the various districts. In consequence of the school examination being on the 21st it was decided to postpone the festival until the 28th.—A petition was drawn up requesting the masters of the different places of employment, together with the tradesmen of Stanhope, to make that day a general holiday.—The Chairman expressed his gratitude for the kindness and unity which existed amongst the different denominations.

The Committee of the Stanhope Jubilee celebrations have collected £35, and that of Eastgate £22. At Stanhope on the 21st, the day will be observed as a general holiday. The celebrations take place in the Castle Park of Mr Henry Fell Pease, M.P. There is to be a monstre procession, headed by Stanhope Saxhorn Band. The Volunteers, Oddfellows, and Mechanics' Benefit Societies, all the school children of the of the place, the Choral Society, and the chapel and school choirs are also to take part in the proceedings. The children and all old people over 60 will be regaled gratuously with tea, and all old widows in receipt of parochial relief will be allowed 1s 6d extra relief. Sports, speeches, music, and feeding will be the order of the day inside the Castle Park. Luncheon will be provided for the Volunteers by their respected Captain (Mr Duncan McCallum). A knife-and-fork-tea will be provided for the inmates of the Workhouse by the respected and genial old Dr C. Arnison, Butts House, Stanhope. The High Street Chapel worshippers and congregation, not being recognised as a religious body, pluckily have a Jubilee celebration of their own in the beautiful grounds of Howl John Bottoms, kindly placed at their disposal by Mr Wm. Vickers, of Howl John Farm. They provide tea gratuously for 300 children on Saturday, who attend Miss Earl's Sunday afternoon childrens' service. They have a procession through the village on their way to the field, headed by the Stanhope Band. A public tea and a pic-nic, at which games of various kinds will be indulged in. On the Sunday they have the services of Mr Mosley, the temperance missionary of Bishop Auckland, and a floral service in High Street Chapel. At Eastgate, there are also large preparations. Tea will be gratuously provided for all the children and old people. Mr J. R. W. Hillyard, of Horsley Hall, gives all his workmen a dinner. A football match between the married and single men will come off, and a huge bonfire on the Billing Hills in the evening. Mrs Moore kindly supplying creative stimulants in the shape of half a gallon of distilled maintain dew.

Rookhope also is not much behind, while St. John's Chapel will be *en fete* that day. At Wolsingham and Witton-le-Wear there will be similar doings.

WEARDALE.

Mrs Robson, of Holland Road, Kensington, has gromised to give, through Rev R. Shepherd, 300 Jubilee mugs to the younger childrrn of St. John's parish, Weardale, in connection with their celebration of the Jubilee on the 21st inst.

Arrangements for the Jubillee celebration are now almost complete at St. John's Chapel, Weardale. The children are to be regaled with tea, and Jubilee mugs are to be presented to them. Various sports and a large bonfire are also part of the programme.

At a meeting of the Weardale Guardians—Dr Livingstone presiding—Mr Stephenson asked what the Board were going to do for the outdoor paupers on Jubilee day?—Mr Curry understood the Guardians would allow them a little extra as Jubilee fare.—The Chairman pointed out that the circular from the Poor Law Board only applied to indoor paupers.—Mr Stephenson asked if they could not give outdoor paupers an extra 1s?—The Chairman pointed out that the auditor would disallow it unless it could be shown that on Jubilee day the paupers really stood in need of the extra 1s more than at any other time. The only way it could be done was to grant the Chairman a salary which would cover the expenditure, and let him distribute the amount to the paupers. (Laughter.) They could laugh, but he believed that such a course would be perfectly legal.—Mr Snowball remarked that those who were so anxious about the Jubilee fare of the outdoor paupers should carry out their benevolent designs by private subscriptions. It would certainly be the most honourable way.—Mr Curry said that at Wolsingham Rev Chancellor Espin had joined him in providing a Jubilee treat. He would provide a tea for all the outdoor paupers, who numbered 33, and Chancellor Espin and others would defray the cost of the tea to the other poor people. He asked the Board to allow the Relieving Officer to attend on that day and pick his own people out.—Mr Stephenson said that was not the question before the Board, which was whether the outdoor paupers should have a treat at the expense of the Union.—Mr Chairman: Can we do it?—The Clerk said they could not. Before they could expend anything for such a purpose they must first secure the sanction of the Local Government Board, or they might be surcharged. — Mr Stephenson said at Hexham the same question arose, and a resolution was passed which provided that all outdoor paupers should receive an extra 1s, and those under twelve 6d, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.—The Chairman suggested that the consent of the Local Government Board should be asked.—On the motion of Mr Stephenson, seconded by Dr Arnison, it was agreed to ask the sanction of the Local Government Board.—The Relieving Officer also promised to go to Wolsingham on Jubilee Day to look after the paupers.

STELLA.

Mr J. B. Simpson, of Hedgefield House, Stella, will entertain between 700 and 800 children and old people to tea on the 21st inst.

WYLAM.

On Monday evening, the General Committee met to consider the reports of the different subcommittees—Rev C. W. James, general secretary, presiding; with Dr Foulis acting as treasurer, and Mr Brady as financial secretary. It was agreed that there be held a Jubilee service in St. Oswin's Church at two p.m. A series of games and contests for prizes in Oakwood Park, lent by Mr Grey, a public tea, free to the inhabitants, an open-air concert, also open-air dancing (weather permitting). A display of fire-works is contemplated, together with an ascent of fire balloons and a bonfire. The Old Wylam Reed Band will be in attendance.

THE BEACON FIRES.

The movement for establishing beacons on the various prominent heights in Durham county in commemoration of the Jubilee is being pushed forward very vigorously, and already a number have been arranged for, whilst others are projected. Mr F. W. Shields, Durham, who has taken a great interest in the movement, has been in communication with the principal landowners in the district, and already it has been decided that beacons should be lighted on Edmondsley Meor, the High Fell at Gateshead, Benfieldside, Leadgate, High Cassop, and Jawblades, near Langley Old Hall, and other places. Arrangements are also being pushed forward for having bonfires at High Brandon, Wolsingham, and different places in the neighbourhood of Stanhope, and other localities. Thanks to the energy of Mr Cummings, of Langley West House, and Mr Logan, of Langley Park, and the liberality of the Earl of Durham, who has ordered Mr Pearson, his chief woodman at Bleach Green, near Witton Gilbert, to supply 20 loads of firewood for the purpose.

A correspondent writes: It is intended to have a bonfire on Moot Law Hill, between Stamferdham and Matfen. Messrs Allendale, of Lintz Green Paper Mills, are taking a great interest in the matter.

WOLSINGHAM.

The various committees of the religious societies are fallen into line in their several spheres for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the jubilee celebration. A substantial tea is to be provided, at the instance of Rev Chancellor Espin and other kindly disposed gentlemen, for the "old people in the town." The tea will probably be served in the Town Hall. The Wesleyans are also making preparations for a tea and outing for their Sunday scholars and teachers and friends. The scholars are to be presented with medals. It is expected that the Baptists and Primitive Methodists will join in with the Wesleyan arrangement on the 21st.

Trade Notes.

A NEW INDUSTRY IN WEARDALE.—There is at present a good demand for the mineral known as brightus, the price of which is well up to £5 per ton. As several veins of this valuable mineral are to be found on the Pike Stone Moors, and the Knitsley Fells adjoining Wolsingham on the one hand, and Hamsterley on the other, speculators are on the alert trying to lease portions of these moors. One company have succeeded, and it is being vigorously worked out on the moors southeast of Wolsingham. Others are trying to secure leases from the Commissioners, and there is a reasonable prospect of it giving employment to a number of hands.

BLAYDON ROLLING MILLS.—On Thursday se'nnight, at the above premises, Mr Henry B. Slee offered for sale by public auction a quantity of property belonging to the mills. There was a good attendance. There were about 50 different lots, comprising engines, boilers, rolls, cropping shears, tools, scrap iron, &c. Bidding was kept up at a brisk pace. One lot of scrap iron brought £3 5s—Messrs Raine and Co.; another lot of scrap metal, £4 15s; a shearing machine, £10 5s; steam saw, £7; portable engine, £7 10s; half-a-dozen rollers, £13 15s; 20 tons of floor-plates, £34 5s; steam hammer, £7 10s; two boilers, £11 each; shearing machine, £20; double furnace, £18 10s; iron tank, £4 7s 6d; engine and pump, £16 2s 6d; several pairs of rolls, £35.

LEADMINING IN WEARDALE.—The appearance of a change for the better in our leadmining districts, which must result in a considerable increase in the production of ore, referred to in this week's *Mining Journal*, finds its most prominent exemplar in Weardale. The fact that the Weardale Co. has recently declared a dividend of 4 per cent. on the shares that other companies instead of making calls are able to make some profit, whilst many mines worked by private individuals are putting more or less money into the pockets of the owners, all tend to show that there is a fair prospect of a more healthy state of things. Fully one-fifth of the lead ore produced in the kingdom is raised in Durham. The well-known W.B. Leadmines were given up by Mr W. B. Beaumont, M.P., about two years since, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as the lessors, having refused to reduce the royalties to the extent required. They have since been successfully carried on by a company, and are worked at a profit. The London Lead Company also work several mines in the same county, raising some thousands of tons of ore annually from them. All the mines are now fully employed, and the miners' earnings are also a little increased.

Football.

EDMONDSLEY STRANGERS v. NEWFIELD WANDERERS (A).—Played on the ground of the latter at Pelton Fell, and resulted in a win for the Strangers by 5 goals to 1.—The second teams played on the same ground, the Strangers winning by 3 goals to nil.

CATCHGATE RED STARS (A).—At the annual meeting of this club the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, J. W. Humphrey; vice-president, M. Bowes; captain 1st team, T. Mason; vice-captain, Wm. Dodds; captain 2nd team, Jonah Shaw; vice-captain, J. Stobbart; captain junior team, M. Flynn; vice-captain, Jos. Wilson; treasurer, J. Graham; secretary, G. Pace, Oxhill, Stanley R.S.O.; committee J. Brown, W. Brown, G. Stephens, J. Bell, and A. Smith. The secretary will be glad to arrange with any good teams. Clubs desiring to arrange matches, are requested to write as soon as possible.

ASSOCIATION COMPETITION AT OUSTON.—In the presence of a large gathering of spectators, the annual competition was played on Saturday. In the first, Ouston Wanderers easily disposed of the Pelton Fell team by four goals to nil, and Birtley beat Newfield Wanderers by two goals to nil. In the final, Ouston fairly held Birtley during the first half of the game, neither side scoring. After changing ends it was soon evident that Birtley was making a determined effort, and, playing with a lot of their old dash and combination, they scored two in rapid succession. Ouston now played very loosely, and Birtley had no difficulty in adding other three to their score, winning handsomely by five goals to nil. Mr Strong was umpire.

TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL FOOTBALL.—1ST TEAM COMPETITION.

RENDEL V. BURNOPFIELD.—Played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a win for Rendel by seven goals to nil.

Sporting Items.

BLACKHALL MILL GUN CLUB.—The entries have closed for the year 1887 with 36 members, and looking forward to November a brilliant day's sport is anticipated.

QUOIT MATCH IN WEARDALE. — On Saturday afternoon, the ground of the Westgate Quoiting Club was crowded to see a competition for a pig, which was won, after a close contest, by Ralph Lonsdale, Westgate; J. Hutchinson, St. John's Chapel, being second.

PIGEON FLYING AT WITTON GILBERT.—A pigeon flying sweep, promoted by J. Hutchinson, of the Halfway House, Witton Gilbert, took place on Saturday. There was a very good attendance. There were 20 entries. Distance, one mile. The birds were despatched by Mr J. Brown, and Mr William Prudhoe was referee. Results:—Mr G. Hutchinson's Old Wit, 1; Mr J. Hutchinson's All for Ned, 2; Mr J. Greenwood's Sweep, 3.

FIVES MATCH NEAR TOW LAW.—A fives match was played at the Sun Inn ball alley, Sunniside, between T. Greggs and T. Wheatley, of Tow Law, on the one part, and W. Harrison, of Wooley, and Chushloe, of Valey, for £30, 33 chalks up. After an exciting game Harrison and Cuhloe won by five chalks. M. Macannew was stakeholder and referee. About 400 people patronised the grounds.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB SPORTS.—Owing to the numerous counter attractions consequent upon the Queen's jubilee celebrations, and the entire absence of a substantial guarantee fund, the committee of the above club have decided not to hold their annual amateur athletic sports, which were to fixed take place at Consett, on Saturday, June 25th. The original fixture—Consett v. Consett Iron Co.'s Officials—will be played on the club ground on that date.

QUEBEC SPORTS AND GALA.

The annual sports promoted by the Court Hall Lodge of Foresters took place on Saturday afternoon in a field near the village of Quebec. The weather, though dull, was fair, and there was a good attendance. The 120 yards handicap foot race, which secured twenty-eight entries, fell to the local ped., Dodds. The wrestling for men of all weights and ten stone produced some fine exhibitions of the "hipe and heel" from little Tommy McGee (Scothy), Ned Charlton (Newcastle), Tom Linton (Wooler), T. Blaylock (Carlisle), and the Weardale brothers, Joseph and Isaac Wearmouth, the latter of whom, though a mere stripling as compared to his ponderous opponents in the heavy weights, getting third. The committee, under the energetic secretary (Mr William Collier), kept excellent precision, which contributed largely to the enjoyment of the day. Appended are the results:—

Wrestling, all weights—1st, £7, Edward Charlton, Newcastle; 2nd, Thomas Sinton, Wooler; 3rd, Isaac Wearmouth, Weardale.

Wrestling, 10 stone men—1st, £5, Thos. Blaylock, Carlisle; 2nd, Thos. Campbell, Cleator Moor; 3rd, Myles Holmes, Brampton.

120 Yards Handicap Foot Race, 28 entries—1st, £3, A. Dodds, Quebec; 2nd, £1 10s, Eltringham, Dipton; 3rd, 10s, Teasdale, Dipton.

Quoiting, for all-comers, 56 entries—1st, £2 10s, Luke Newton; 2nd, £1 5s, John Embledon; 3rd, 15s, and 4th, 10s, Hunter Hull.

Football—1st, £2, No. 1 team Cornsay Raggy Lads; 2nd, £1, No. 2 team Cornsay Raggy Lads.

A comic and sentimental singing contest, boys' race, and cricketing concluded an excellent day's sport.

Refreshments were provided on the ground, and a brass band was in attendance.

SPORTS AT HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.

The Hamsterley Colliery Football Club Sports were held on Saturday, and were largely attended. A capital tea was provided by Mr S. Rowe, Consett. The Tanfield Lea Prize Band played a most charming programme of music. Seldom, if ever, has the inhabitants of this district been afforded such a musical treat as they had on this occasion. Subjoined is the programme:—March, "Eclipse," American; Fantasia, "Erin" (on Irish airs, with solos for pricipal instruments), Kappy; galop, "Wings of Love," Meyder; valse, "Estudianaitina," Waldtenfel; polka, "Figaro," Schiller; fantasia, "Pride of England," H. Round; quadrille, "New Promenade," Coote; fantasia, "Cluster of Pearls;" valse, "Blumen am Wege," C. V. Keller; galop, "Far and Near," C. Faust; fantasia, "Beauties of Scotland," E. Newton; lancers, "Sailor Prince," H. Round; fantasia, "Erin" (repeated by special request), Kappy; march, "Palmer House," Pette; "God save the Queen."

PIC-NIC AND SPORTS AT MANOR HOUSE

On Saturday, the committee of the above held their fourth annual pic nic and sports at Manor House, near Shotley Bridge, in a field granted for for the occasion by Mr W. Archer, of Eddis Bridge. The day was of a warm and genial nature, but a strong wind was blowing, which rather interrupted outside amusement. As the above place is situate in the centre of surrounding villages, there was a numerous attendance of spectators from far and near, who came to enjoy themselves in the customary manner. Dancing was indulged in with great vigour by the young couples, to the Old Wylam Reed Band (under the leadership of Mr Geo. F. Appleby). A public tea was also provided in a large marquee, on the ground, presided over by the following young ladies:—Misses E. Davison, P. Oliver, Davison, Robinson, M. Davison, Marr, Maughan, Stephenson, Ramsey, and others; and many availed themselves of the rich dainties, and the "cup that cheers, but does not inebriate." Subjoined are the results of the sports:—

120 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE. First prize, £1; second, 10s; third, 5s. — Heat 1—James Farrage, The Spen, 18 yards, 1; J. Haggerstone, Leadgate, 12, 2; T. Fairlamb, 22, 3. Heat 2—T. Leonard, West Wylam, 15. 1; R. Milburn, Shotley Bridge, 11, 2; T. Dryden, Blackhill, 20, 3. Heat 3—Wm. Dixon, West Wylam, 12, 1; J. Milburn, Shotley Bridge, 18, 2; Taylor, Blackhill, 9, 3. Heat 4—T. Thompson, Consett, 17, 1; W. Oliver, Blackhill, 16, 2; T. Ashman, Castleside, 13, 3. Final heat—W. Dixon, West Wylam, 1; T. Thompson, Consett, 2; T. Leonard, West Wylam, 3; James Farrage, Spen, 4. A close and exciting contest, Dixon being only a foot the lead of Thompson.

WRESTLING FOR 10½ STONE MEN. Seven entries. First prize, 25s; second, 15s.—First round—C. Charlton threw R. Glendinning; C. Robson threw J. Robinson; J. Hall threw R. Charlton; Laidler odd man. Second round—Robson threw Laidler; Hall threw C. Charlton. Final—C. Robson, Prudhoe, threw J. Hall, Allansford, twice in succession, and won, Hall receiving second money. A very keen competition was witnessed in the final round. A dog fall having taken place, it had to be done over to the satisfaction of the referee (Mr Thos. Forster, Blackhill).

QUOIT HANDICAP. 7s 6d being given, added to all entrance money.—Stakes divided between J. Lee and T. Hubbock.

440 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE. First, 10s; second, 5s; third, 2s 6d.—R. Milburn, Shotley Bridge, 30 yards, 1; J. Robinson, 45, 2; T. Ashman, Castleside, 30, 3. The remainder who ran in this race were—W. Dixon, 15; T. Thompson, 35; J. Vivian, 45; J. Haggerstone, 30; J. Farrage, 45; T. Dryden, 50; G. Watson, 30; J. Plummer, 40; and G. Telford, 45. In this race Farrage led the way half round by a good start, but dropped off, and his place was taken by R. Milburn, who won by about two yards, a yard between second and third. Mr Davison, of Castleside, acted as handicapper.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION (ASSOCIATION). First, 10s; second, 5s.—Consett Sextons 1st beat Hat and Feather Rovers; Leadgate (St. Ives) beat Consett Sextons 2nd; Milkwell Burn beat Hat and Feather Rovers 2nd. The competition was not decided, and the winning teams have agreed to play the final ties on Shotley Spa Grounds at a future date.

In the evening, a grand ball was held in the marquee, and was largely attended. Mr Ridley occuping the position as M.C. Dancing was kept up till a few minutes before twelve o'clock, when the happy company broke up, and dispersed to their respective homes. The committee are to be congratulated for the manner in which they carried out the arrangements for the sports, &c., and for the successful day.

THE ACTION AGAINST THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY.

The House of Lords gave judgment on Monday in an important appeal in regard to the appropriation and distribution of undivided profits accruing on the operations of a Limited Liability Company. The plaintiff in the original action was Wm. Bouch Sproule, the executor of Mrs Jane Bouch, late of Shildon, whose husband left her the tenant for life of his personal estate, which included 600 shares in the Consett Iron Company, to receive the interest, dividends, and annual income of the estate, the residue after her death passing to the late Sir Thomas Bouch, the testator's brother. The Company, by special resolution, appropriated a portion of its undivided profits in the creation of new shares, and the question was whether the bonus of £2 10s per share applied in this way was to be considered capital or income of the estate. If the latter, the plaintiff claimed it, as the life tenant was entitled to the income of the estate. The defendants claimed it as capital, and this view was taken by Mr Justice Kay, whose judgment, however, was upset by the Court of Appeal, who held that the bonus was income of the estate.

Lord Herschell, who delivered the leading judgment, said he could not avoid the conclusion that the substance of the whole transaction was, and was intended to be, to convert the individual profits into paid-up capital upon newly-created shares, and the form in which the operations were effected pointed in the some direction. Upon the whole, he was of opinion that the company did not pay, or intend to pay, any sum as dividend, but intended and did appropriate the undivided profits dealt with "as an increase of the capital stock in the concern." He, therefore, moved that the judgment should be reversed, and the judgment of Mr Justice Kay restored, the respondents to pay the costs in the courts below.

Lord Watson said he was of opinion that the judgment of the Court of Appeal ought to be reversed.

Lords Bramwell and Fitzgerald concurred, and the appeal was sustained with costs.

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Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, June 9th.—Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (in the chair), Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., Wm. Hedley, Esq., and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

William Bertram was summoned for having been found incapably drunk at Langley Park, on the 14th May.—He was fined 5s and costs.

Thomas Grayson and *James Conn* were charged by P.C. Kettlewell with being drunk and quarrelsome at Cornsay Colliery, on the 16th ult.—Each offender was mulcted in 5s fine and costs.

Thomas and *Joseph Watson*, brothers, were charged by P.C. Turner with being intoxicated and causing a disturbance at East Hedleyhope, on the night of May 21st.—They were likewise fined 5s each and pay expenses.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John George Watson and *Peter Dowd* pleaded guilty to fighting at East Hedleyhope, on the 21st ult., and were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months.—P.C. Turner preferred the charge, and defendants pleaded guilty.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Joseph Parkinson and *Arthur Murrey*, boys, were each ordered to pay 6d fine, 3d damage, and costs for trespassing in a meadow field, at Hamsteels Colliery, the property of Mr James Todd, on the 15th May.—Sergt. Nicholson stated the facts.

AFFRAY IN A PUBLIC-HOUSE.

Adam and *Robert Appleby*, brothers, were summoned by Isabella Dodds, a married woman, for having assaulted her in Mr Errington's public-house, the Ox Inn, Oxhill, on May 14th.—Prosecutrix alleged that whilst she was inside the house, being accompanied by her husband, both the defendants struck at her and knocked her bonnet off.—The defence was that Dodds (complainant's husband) picked up a poker and threatened to kill the defendants. Adam Appleby and Dodds had a scuffle, the latter being eventually turned out of the house by the landlord. Complainant snatched up a glass and attempted to fell Adam with the missile.—The affair arose out of a fracas inside the house, and the testimony adduced was of a most conflicting nature.—The Bench ultimately dismissed the summons.—Mr W. H. Oliver (Durham) conducted the defence.

TEARING A POLICEMAN'S UNIFORM.

Thomas Watson was charged by P.C. Kettlewell, of Cornsay Colliery, with damaging his uniform, on the 16th May, to the extent of 2s 6d. The man, on emerging from a public-house, seized hold of the officer, tearing his tunic from the shoulders right down to the waist.—Defendant was fined 1s, and ordered to defray the amount of damage, with costs.

FISHERIES' ACT.

George Lee, a deaf and dumb youth, was summoned for illegally fishing in the tributaries of the river Wear, near Esh, on the 21st May.—The charge was preferred by Charles Drury, gamekeeper, who asked that the charge might be withdrawn, as the defendant had been imposed upon.—The Bench assented.

GAME TRESPASS.

Charles Quinn, an old offender, and *Thos. Bamford*, an elderly person, of Quebec, were charged by Chas. Drury, gamekeeper, with trespassing in search of game on the Ushaw College Estate, on the 5th inst., Mr Brodie Cockrane, of Aldin Grange, possessing the right of shooting. The men were accompanied by a dog, which was observed to chase a hare.—A long list of previous convictions were handed in against Quinn, who had also been known as Blake, and he was fined 40s and costs, or two months' imprisonment. Bamford was let off with a penalty of 20s and expenses, with the option of one month's hard labour.—Both defendants preferred to go to gaol.

DISGRACEFUL DRUNKEN ORGY ON LICENSED PREMISES AT HOLMSIDE.

Joseph Marston, Matthew Dunn, George Peverell, William Harrison, John Bentley, and *Joseph Bell*, miners, working at Burnhope Colliery, were summoned for being drunk on licensed premises, at Holmside, on May 14th. All the defendants, excepting Harrison, pleaded guilty.—P.C. Crabb deposed that between three and four o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th ult., he visited Mr Thos. Jefferson's public-house, at Holmside, and perceived therein Dunn, Bentley, and Bell, more or less intoxicated, and he also saw the men staggering about outside. At 9 p.m. he again visited the premises, and observed the whole of the defendants in a very drunken state. Harrison, in travelling from the front end to the kitchen, stumbled against the doorway, and would have fallen had not the stencil saved him. Witness drew the landlord's attention to the men, and the biggest part of them were ejected. Later on the officer observed Marston and Dunn lying on the soadside in a helpless state of intoxication. He lifted them up, and their friends escorted them home.—In answer to the Bench, the officer said he believed the defendants had been drinking in the house since about ten o'clock in the morning; but to his own knowledge they were there from three o'clock in the afternoon till nine at night. There were a number of other men inside the house in a drunken state; but he only summoned the worst offenders.—Defendants were fined 5s each and costs, or seven day's imprisonment in default.

CATTLE STRAYING.—"STEALING A MARCH" UPON THE POLICEMAN WHILE AT CHURCH.

Michael Buckham, farmer, and *Thomas Lawson*, farmer, of Satley, were summoned by Sergt. Nicholson for permitting three cattle to graze upon the highway between Browney Bank and Satley, on Sunday morning, 22nd May. When the Sergt. came upon Lawson he enquired if he was trying to steal a march upon the policeman (James) because he went to church.—Both defendants were discharged.

William Robinson, a labourer, employed upon the West Auckland turnpike, was likewise summoned by P.C. James for having three cows pasturing on the roadside near Butsfield, on the 24th ult.—Fined 1s and costs.

Joseph Atkinson, farmer, Cornsay, for allowing 13 cattle to stray on the highway near Satley, on the 24th ult., was dismissed, it being shown that the beasts accidentally over-ran the fences.

Mary Wilson, innkeeper, Satley, was accused by P.C. James of allowing her cows to pasture on the highway near Hall Hill Farm, on the 13th May.—Defendant was also discharged with a caution.—The Chairman remarked that he never saw fewer cattle straying on the highway than at present; while Mr Smith declared that he never saw more in his locality.

BREACH OF THE EXPLOSIVES ACT: A HEAVY PENALTY.

William Clement, a general dealer, living at South Terrace, Esh Colliery, being a person registered to have 200lbs of gunpowder stored upon his premises, was charged by Supt. Oliver with having 400lbs of gunpowder stored upon his premises, in contravention of the Explosives Act of 1885.—Sergt. Nicholson stated that when he visited the store on the 23rd ult., he found therein 200lbs of powder above the quantity for which he was registered. It was in a place within eight yards from the house. Defendant lived in the centre of a row of 15 dwellings at South Terrace.—Defendant admitted his guilt, and explained that he kept his powder in an old out-house specially adapted to the purpose.—Mr Smith: It must be exceedingly dangerous to have such a large quantity of powder stored close to the houses?—The Sergeant: It is; very. The people are almost terrified to live in that locality.—The Chairman pointed out that had an explosion happened, it would, doubtless, have been attended with the most disastrous results.—Defendant would be fined £5 and costs.

A PITMAN DEFRAUDS HIS "MARROW."

Joseph Cairns, a pitman, who was apprehended at Woodlands Colliery, near Bishop Auckland, about a fortnight ago, was placed in the dock charged with feloniously stealing (as bailee) £1 0s 4d, the moneys of George Turner, of Hamsteels Farm, now working at Biggen Colliery, near Lanchester.—The evidence showed that prisoner and Turner were working as marrows at South Medomsley Colliery, on January 7th last, and on the 21st of that month Turner gave Cairns his paynote to get cashed at the colliery office. Prisoner gave the note to a girl named Laing, who received the money due to both—£2 1s 3d. She gave the money up to Cairns. The latter went off on the "spree" and spent Turner's money, and afterwards disappeared. He was not heard of till he was discovered a fortnight since at Woodlands Colliery.—Prisoner had been at South Medomsley for about twelve months, but nothing was known against his character.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and offered, if sufficient time was allowed him, to refund the money to Turner.—The Bench committed him to prison for 14 days' hard labour, the Chairman remarking that he had got off very easily for such a serious offence.

ARREARS IN BASTARDY.

Mark Thornton, of Bearpark, formerly a steelworker, who had just returned home from America after an absence of several years, was brought up to show cause why he had neglected to contribute £26 due on an affiliation order to Alice Vasey.—After some argument, prosecutrix agreed to accept £10 in settlement of the claims up to that date; and the case was adjourned for a month to see if Thornton fulfils his promise.

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, June 13th.—Before Jas. Annandale, Esq. (in the chair), and Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

John Jardine, Charles Adams, and *William Thompson*, of Dipton, were proceeded against by Mr David Moir, at the instigation of the Collierley School Board, for not causing their children to attend school.—Each defaulter was fined in the full penalty—5s each, inclusive of costs.

Joseph Armstrong, of Blackhall Mill, was summoned for having been guilty of the same offence, Mr John Gibson proving the case on behalf of the Medomsley School Board.—Defendant asserted that his income was not sufficient to justify him paying for his family's schoolpence.—Mr Gibson stated that defendant was working regularly at Hamsterley Colliery. The children were running about the streets, although he believed the defendant was anxious that they should go to school. His wife spent a good deal of money in drink, and whenever witness interviewed her she invented all sorts of excuses, and if these failed, she even told him downright lies.—Mr J. Moon, questioned by the Bench, said that no application had been made to him for relief from the defendant, and he was fined 5s, without costs.

John McGuire and *John Thompson*, of Consett, who were summoned by Mr W. Ward, acting for the School Attendance Committee of the Lanchester Union, were both fined 5s, including costs.

A DESTRUCTIVE TIPPLER.

Thomas Doughty (who was represented by his wife) was summoned for being drunk and refusing to quit the licensed premises of Wm. Blackburn, the Railway Inn, Durham Road, Blackhill, on the 28th ult. He was further charged with breaking glasses, &c., to the extent of 1s 8d, at the same time and place.—The charges were proved by Mrs Blackburn, who stated that defendant conducted himself in a very disorderly manner.—In the first case, the magistrates imposed a penalty of 10s and costs; and for the second offence, fined him 6d, besides paying the damage only.

A RUMPUS AT CONSETT: FEMALES FIGHTING AND SQUABBLING.

Mary Rafferty, Mary Hines, Martha Ward, and *Mary Shannon*, all married women, were charged by Inspector Benzies with creating a breach of the peace, by fighting and quarrelling, in Pitt Street, Consett, on Whit-Monday.—The officer deposed to seeing Shannon and Rafferty belabouring each other, while Hines appeared to be assisting them with her tongue. He pushed the combatants several times into the house, but no sooner were they inside than they rushed out again, and re-commenced the attack. The language used was really frightful, and kept the street in a complete uproar. The affray lasted several hours, and the thoroughfare was thronged with people most of the day.—P.C. Richardson also attested that he heard Mrs Hines and Mrs Ward quarrelling about six p.m., and he observed Ward throw a bucketful of water over Hines.—A poker was produced by Mrs Shannon as being a weapon of attack; and it was stated that Shannon and Rafferty appeared to be the worst offenders, the other two were principally engaged in using their tongues.—Mr Smith, J.P.: But their tongues are sometimes worse than their fists. (Laughter.)—Defendants flatly denied the charge, and Mrs Shannon alleged that she sent for Inspector Benzies to prevent the woman Rafferty from attacking her. She intended to "fetch her up" for assaulting her. Shannon also alleged that Hines was getting drunk upon the parish money.—Mrs Hines retorted that she had not much money to spare when she had herself and several children to support out of the relief.—In the dock, the women, in vehement tones, denounced one another, and kept up an incessant clamour.—The Bench at length bound all four offenders over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and they were ordered to pay the costs.

Mrs Shannon was further charged with doing damage to glass, china-ware, &c., to the amount of 2s, the property of Mrs Hines, on Friday, 27th ult.—Complainant heard a woman shouting outside her own house, and ascertained it was defendant, who was calling her offensive names, and declaring that she would be hung for her. Shannon then broke a pane of glass in the window, and likewise knocked two ornaments off a shelf with a brush-shank.—Defendant declared that Hines first assaulted her with the poker produced, hitting her upon the head, and she (Shannon) wrenched the weapon from her.—Complainant called Mrs Rafferty as a witness, but the defendant asserted that she was not present at all; that she was telling falsehoods, and that she would have her brought up for false swearing. (Laughter.)—Defendant was fined 1s, and directed to bear 2s as damages, with the costs.

A PERSISTENT ANTI-VACCINATOR.

William Thompson, a N.E.R. signalman, employed at Ebchester Station, was summoned by Mr John Proud, Shotley Bridge, the vaccination officer for the Lanchester Union, for neglecting to obey a Justices' Order issued last November to have his oldest child (William George) vaccinated; and also failing to allow his youngest son (Charles Bradlaugh) to undergo the same operation.—Defendant stated that he was fined last September for his youngest son, and according to an eminent authority it would be illegal to fine him twice within twelve months in respect of the same child.—Mr Granger: They are only going to issue an order for you to vaccinate your youngest boy.—Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges, and trusted that the Bench would deal mercifully with him, as he had been unable to follow his employment for some time past in consequence of an injury to his leg.—Defendant was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and costs for non-compliance with the Magistrates' Order regarding the eldest boy; and the Bench granted an order for him to have his youngest child vaccinated forthwith.

A SERVANT GIRL'S TRIALS: STRANGE STORY FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE.

Mrs M. A. Peacock, a widow, possessing a farm at Arkingarthdale, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, sued *Mary Eccles*, a farm servant, for damages for breach of contract. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared to prosecute; while Mr J. McCartan (Consett) defended.—It appears that at the beginning of May, Mrs Scott, of Dean Howle, near Castleside, hired Eccles (on behalf, of Mrs Peacock) as a servant, at a wage of £6 for the half-year. The latter signed a stamped agreement, but failed to fulfil her engagement, preferring to go to another situation at Fatfield House, near Chester-le-Street, where she is receiving £8 10s for the half-year. In consequence thereof, the Peacocks had to engage a woman to assist them on the farm, and also incurred other expenses. They could not get another servant, as the hirings had passed, and they were quite willing to accept defendant now if she would only go to the situation.—Cross-examined by Mr MaCartan, Mrs Scott said that she was authorised by Mrs Peacock to institute these proceedings. She supposed that the Peacocks would have to pay 1s 6d a day for the woman. It was true that a servant once committed suicide by poisoning herself in Peacock's house. She did not tell the defendant that the Peacocks were "queer people," and that she would have to mind herself whilst she was there. The reason she engaged Eccles for a place 60 miles away was because she thought she would just suit the Peacocks. There were two sons at Peacocks, but they were not both fathers of illegitimate children.—Mr Welford submitted that this cross-questioning was irrevalent; and the Magistrates enquired if Mr McCartan intended to adduce evidence to support the accusation?—Mr McCartan: I have the statement of the defendant herself.—Mr Granger pointed out that a girl would be justified in leaving her place if she was likely to be attacked in this way by the brothers.—Mr McCartan explained that the reason his client did not go to Arkingarthdale was because she was told that the Peacocks were a "queer lot," and it would take her all her time to watch herself whilst she was staying with them.—Defendant, sworn, testified that she was engaged by Mrs Scott on behalf of Mrs Peacock while she was working at Mrs Elliott's, Dean Howle, her wage being £7 10s for the six months. When she signed the agreement for £6 only she was not aware of its contents. Mrs Scott did not give her any money for to take her into Arkingarthdale. Some days afterwards, Mrs Scott said to her, "Now Polly, you are going into a queer family, and it will take you all your time to take care of yourself. The master before he died was a very eccentric man—(Mr Granger: "He surely could not do you any harm"—laughter)—and the sons took very much after him." When the servant girl poisoned herself, it was supposed to be in consequence of disgrace brought upon her by the young Peacocks. A Mrs Milner also confirmed Mrs Scott's as ertions as regards the Peacocks, therefore her parents did not wish her to go to Arkingarthdale. She wrote a letter, stating that she was unable to go to Peacock's, because her father was ill and she had to attend to him. She did not like to disclose the real reason why she refused to accept the place. She went to Fatfield on the following day (May 15th).—The Court assessed the damages at £3, with the costs, besides allowing 10s as solicitor's fees.

NON-MAINTENANCE OF A FATHER.

Three brothers, named *John Sinclair*, a colliery engineman working in Northumberland; *Cuthbert Sinclair*, a roller at the Consett Iron Works; and *Thomas Sinclair*, a labourer at the same place, were summoned by Mr John Moon, relieving officer for the Western District of the Lanchester Union, to show cause why an order should not be severally made upon them to contribute towards the support of their father.—Mr. Welford, as representing John and Cuthbert, said they had no objections to an order being made upon them.—Mr Moon explained that Cuthbert Sinclair, sen., became chargeable to the Guardians on the 1st June, and was still chargeable to the funds of the Union. In the case of Cuthbert, he asked for 2s per week, inasmuch as his wages averaged over £2 a week; John could contribute 1s 6d; and Thomas, whose wages were low, 1s per week. Cuthbert had a wife and six children; John was a widower, with one child; and Thomas had a wife and large family.—In answer to Mr Welford, Mr Moon admitted that Cuthbert had done his duty to his parents so far, as he had regularly been paying for some months 1s 6d a week towards the maintenance of his father and mother.—Mr Welford: And because he has done well you want him to do better?—Mr Moon: No; I think he can afford to pay 2s a week.—Mr Welford produced a statement showing that Cuthbert had paid to his father within the past few weeks £1 17s. He put in a good deal of overtime, and because he worked harder and longer hours than the others advantage was takan of that circumstance to compel him to pay more than the rest. As regards the other brother, Wm. Sinclair, Mr Welford read an advertisement from the *Newcastle Chronicle* announcing that he was carrying on the business of house agent, and he wanted to know the reason he had not been summoned along with the rest?—Mr Moon: Because I was told that he was sick and could not do anything.—Mr Welford stated that if it was found that the other brother William was not in a position to contribute anything, Cuthbert was willing to pay 2s a week.—Mr Moon promised to take proceeding against the other brother.—Thomas pleaded that his wages had not averaged more than 18s a week in the past three months, owing to the depression in trade. He had a delicate wife, besides a large family, to keep.—Ultimately, the Justices issued orders for Cuthbert and John each to contribute 2s each and Thomas 6d per week.—Mr Welford: I suppose you will reduce these orders when the other brother is tried?—The Chairman: He is not before us just now. We cannot say till the case comes on.

ASSAULTS AT CONSETT.

Kate McDonald was placed in the dock charged with having assaulted Sarah McGlade, at Consett, on the 1st inst. Defendant caught complainant by the hair of the head and flung her into a corner.—McDonald, however, disproved this statement.—Case dismissed, the parties defraying the expenses between them.

Michael Connor pleaded guilty to assaulting Kate McDonald, at Consett, on the 4th June.—Defendant asserted that complainant indulged in offensive language towards his wife and himself, which aggravated him to strike her.—The magistrates considered this a cowardly assault, and inflicted a fine of 5s and expenses.

DISGRACEFUL AFFRAY AT BLACKHILL: THE CONSETT COMPANY'S SCAVENGER IN TROUBLE.

Anthony Stephenson, of Blackhill, who stated that he was the scavenger "officially engaged" by the Consett Iron Company, appeared in response to a summons charging him with having assaulted Thos. Storey, an ironworker, of Blackhill, on Friday morning last. Mr McCartan was for the defendant, who denied the accusation.—Prosecutor, whose head was covered with a red cotton bandage, deposed that about 10·15 on Friday morning, he had occasion to go to the privy. Defendant happened to be cleaning out the next midden, and he thrust an iron rake through the hole of the seat whereon he was sitting, and twisting the instrument round, hurt the complainant very badly upon the stomach. Storey, who carried a child in one hand, and held his trousers up with the other, rushed out of the house, and expostulated with the defendant. The latter, however, responded by throwing a quantity of refuse at complainant and the child; and brandishing a shovel in his hand, he felled Storey upon the forehead with the weapon.—Cross-examined: Defendant was engaged by the Company to clean out all their ash-pits. He did not threaten Stephenson when he emerged from the place. Defendant told him that he had to clean their —— away, and take their impudence into the bargain. He never said he would split defendant's b—— head; nor had he a lump of coal in his hands.—Sarah Jane Bell, a girl, spoke to watching the defendant deal Storey a blow upon the forehead with the shovel. There was a wound, which bled pretty freely.—Mrs Calligan corroborated.—Charles Powell said that, immediately after the fracas, when he spoke to Stephenson about attacking Storey, the former threatened to do the same to him if he did not shut up. Witness had just his slippers on, and he told Stephenson, "We'll see about that. Wait till I get my boots on." He entered the house for this purpose, but in the meantime defendant thought it expedient to take a hasty departure. (Laughter.)—Dr Short (assistant to Dr George Renton), who examined the injured man, stated that he had a wound upon the forehead, half-an-inch deep and one inch in length. It was not likely to prove exceedingly dangerous.—Mr McCartan did not gainsay the fact that Storey had been hit upon the forehead; but denied that his client wilfully inflicted the blow. Defendant was not aware that anyone was in the privy when he was cleaning out the adjacent midden. Complainant rushed out of the place and threatened Stephenson. A quarrel thereupon ensued, in the course of which the complainant's head accidentally came in contact with the shovel.—Complainant affirmed that defendant saw him enter the privy.—The Magistrates found defendant guilty, and fined him 20s and £1 18s costs; and committed him in default to 14 days' imprisonment.

DAMAGE TO GRASS.

Daniel Bradley and *Owen Connor*, boys, were summoned by Sergt. Norman for trespassing in a meadow field at Crookhall, in the occupation of Andrew Smith, farmer, on the 2nd inst., damaging the herbage to the extent of 1d each.—Defendants were fined 6d each, as well as pay the damage and costs.

THE ALLEGED THEFT OF A SHED.

Roger Routledge, labourer, living at Number One, surrendered to his bail to answer a charge of stealing a wooden shed, the property of George Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, on the 28th May.—Defendant asked for the case to be adjourned, for the attendance of Mr C. E. Barnes (Durham), whom he had instructed on his behalf. He attributed the non-appearance of his solicitor to the late delivery of a letter which should have reached him on Friday morning, but he did not receive it till Saturday evening.—Prosecutor stated that defendant had sold his shed.—Routledge alleged that he had purchased the structure from Mr Brown.—The case was eventually adjourned for another fortnight.

SECOND COURT.

Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (in the chair) and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Owen Hewitson and *John McGowan* were found guilty, upon the testimony of Sergt. Norman, of having been drunk and disorderly at Leadgate, on the 28th May and 1st June respectively.—Each defendant appeared, and was fined 5s and costs.

James McGee, charged by P.C. Lawson with being drunk and creating a disturbance in the streets of Consett, on the 14th ult., was also mulcted in 5s and costs.

The same officer accused *Patrick Corr* of being guilty of the same offence at Consett, on the 30th May, and was find in a like amount.

James Rocks was proceeded against by Sergt. Best for having been drunk and incapable at Consett, on May 29th.—Fined 5s and costs; or fourteen days' hard labour.

John Arthurs and *Edward Tracey*, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct at Consett, on the 29th May and June 9th, were fined—Arthurs 10s and expenses, or 14 days' imprisonment; and Tracey 5s and expenses.

Patrick Docherty, of Dipton, was found guilty, upon the evidence of P.C. Lindsay, of having been drunk and creating an uproar at Consett, on the 30th May.—Defendant failed to attend, and the Court fined him 10s and and costs; in default, 14 days' hard labour.

Peter Brannon also failed to respond to a summons, taken out by P.C. Johnson, charging him with having been drunk and very disorderly at South Medomsley, on the 28th ult.—Fined 10s and costs, with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment.

Robert Harrison, Joseph Maddison, and *John Atthey* were summoned at the instance of P.C. Sanderson, for having been found in a drunken state at Dipton, on the 4th inst.—Harrison and Atthey were fined 5s and the Court fees; Maddison, who failed to present himself, was mulcted in double that penalty, and pay the costs.

P.C. Robinson preferred a similar charge against *John McAllum*, the offence having been committed at Westwood, on May 28th.—A fine of 5s and expenses was imposed.

James Simpson, of Medomsley, was fined 10s and costs for not appearing to answer a charge made against him by P.C. Hudson of having been drunk and disorderly at Ebchester, on May 30th.

Benjamin Walker, of Blackhill, who was summoned by P.C. Richardson for drunkeness in the streets of Consett, on the 30th ult., was likewise fined in, the sum of 5s and costs.

Joseph Bowman was proceeded against by Sergt. Tate for being drunk and making a great noise at Blackhill, on the 29th ult.—There being no appearance on behalf of the defendant, he was ordered to pay 10s fine and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Chilton and *Joseph Bell* were charged by P.C. Newton with fighting in the public thoroughfares of Blackhill, on May 28th.—Each offender was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months; besides ordered to defray 7s 6d as Court costs.

Joseph Robson and *Thomas Muncaster* were summoned by P.C. Lewis for being guilty of a similar offence at Castleside, on May 29th.—The summons against Robson was dismissed; the other defendant was bound over for three months, besides directed to bear the expenses incurred.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Hugh Agnew, Thomas Bradley, and *Thomas Convill*e, all old offenders, were proceeded against by P.C. Richardson for playing at pitch and toss in Princess Street, Consett, on May 29th.—The Bench imposed, in each instance, a penalty of 2s 6d and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Michael Moyle, of Leadgate, was summoned for permitting three cows and a horse to graze on the highway between Leadgate and Iveston, on the 29th ult.—The case was proved by P.C. Newton.—Defendant was let off with a caution.

Joseph Noble, innkeeper, Leadgate, was also charged by P.C. Richardson with permitting three beasts to stray on the highway between Leadgate and Number One, on the 5th June.—Defendant was mulcted in 5s fine and the costs.

A similar charge against *Thomas Little*, of Delves Lane, Consett, was dismissed.

DOGS ACT.

John Lamb, of Consett, was accused by P.C. Richardson of keeping a dog without a license, on 3rd June.—Defendant was discharged.

A DOUBLE OFFENCE.

Michael Doyle, miner, South Medomsley, was summoned on two charges of drunkenness—the first offence having been committed on the 27th ult, and the second occasion on the following date.—P.C. Johnson stated the circumstances.—Defendant neglected to put in an appearance, consequently he was mulcted to the amount of 10s and costs for each offence; or committed for one month in default of payment.

THREATENING LANGUAGE AND ASSAULT.

Tamar Pletts was charged by Mary Ann Bessford with having used threatening language towards her at Dipton, on the 3rd inst.—The case was dismissed by arrangement.

Peter Crane, of Dipton, was likewise summoned for having assaulted the same complainant, on the 4th May.—He was also discharged.

A TOPER'S ATTACK ON THE POLICE.

William Brown, a miner, belonging to West Stanley, was brought up on charges of being drunk and riotous at that place, and further with assaulting P.C. Robinson, whilst on duty, on the preceding Saturday night.—It appears that the prisoner was following the Salvation Army procession through the streets, and as he was a source of annoyance, the constable asked him to desist: Brown, in turn, used some disgusting language to P.C. Thompson, and also attacked him in such a violent fashion that the officer was obliged to call upon an ex-policeman to assist him. Prisoner resisted with all his might, and he had to be taken in a conveyance to Lanchester Police Station.—The Bench, having informed Brown that he had been guilty of a serious offence, fined him 5s and costs, or fourteen day, for being intoxicated; and ordered him to pay a further fine of 20s and expenses, or undergo an additional month's imprisonment for the assault—six weeks in all.

CRAGHEAD AND WAGTAIL SEWERAGE WORKS.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Chester-le-Street Rural Sanitary Authority, held on Thursday afternoon in last week—Mr T. Robson (chairman) presiding—a letter was read from Mr John Turnbull relating to the application of the Chester-le-Street Sanitary Authority for a piece of land, the property of Messrs Fenwick and Co., to be used in connection with the Craghead and Wagtail sewerage scheme. Mr Turnbull stated that he had had an interview with Messrs Fenwick relative to the matter, and after due consideration, and having regard to the fact that the sewage disposal works is most prejudicial to the state of the remaining portion of the field (which is eligible for building sites), they are prepared to take £110 per acre for two acres or thereabouts, subject to the conditions as stated in his letter of the 21st ult.—After some discussion, it was resolved that the Authority offer a hundred guineas per acre for the land, the Chairman remarking that "guineas" sounded better. (Laughter.)

RIFLE COMPETITION AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A match between two teams, of twelve men each, representing respectively the Chester-le-Street and Beamish detachments of 4th D.R.V., was shot off on the Chester-le-Street range on Saturday. The conditions were seven shots each at 200 and 500 yards with Wimbledon regulations. After a well-contested match the home team added another victory to their already long list of winnings, being returned the victors by 22 points. Appended are the scores:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

	200.	500.	Total.
Corpl. J. Thompson	30	26	56
Lieut. J. Turnbull	28	27	55
Corpl. R. Finlay	28	27	55
Private J. Bonsall	32	23	55
Corpl. L. Spence	27	25	52
Private M. Brown	29	23	52
Private R. Atkin	27	23	50
Col.-Sergt. I. Smiles	23	26	49
Sergt. J. Usher	28	20	48
Private C. Spence	25	20	45
Private W. Robson	25	16	41
Private T. Dawson	25	15	40
Grand total			598

BEAMISH.

	200.	500.	Total.
Sergt.-Instructor Yates	30	25	55
Bugler W. Rowell	28	26	54
Private T. Wranghan	27	25	52
Sergt. F. Mole	29	23	52
Private W. Fawcett	23	28	51
Sergt. C. Ritson	26	25	51
Corpl. W. Ridley	27	24	51
Private William Kay	27	23	50
Private E. Wishart	25	23	48
Private J. Johnson	24	18	42
Private D. Wishart	21	19	40
Corpl. T. Robinson	22	8	30
Grand total			576

STANHOPE TOWN HALL.

The half-yearly meeting of the trustees was held on the 6th inst.—Dr Arnison presiding. There were also present Messrs Pattinson, Walton, Roddam, and Thompson.—A motion by Mr Roddam, that rule 2 relating to meetings held in the hall for religious purposes should be struck out, was negatived by 3 votes to 2, Messrs Roddam and Walton voting in minority in favour of the motion.—The question was raised as to whether Bishop Ryan was a trustee *virtute officii*, it being contended by Mr Walton that by the provisions of the trust deed it would be requiste for the bishop to be included in an appointment of new trustees by surrender before he could legally exercise the duties of a trustee. It appears that for some time past considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed by several of the trustees at the obstacles thrown in the way of their inspection of the deeds of the property, and a suggestion made by the chairman at a previous meeting that it would be more satisfactory if a deed-box were procured for the deeds, and that it being deposited in the hall for ready access by the trustees is intended to be brought under discussion at a subsequent meeting.—The wall behind the hall was reported to be in a dangerous position, and orders were given to have it re-built.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BLACKHILL.

THE FEAST OF *CORPUS CHRISTI*.

As Sunday was in the octave of *Corpus Christi*, a special service was held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, on the evening of that day. The subject of the discourse was "The honour due and paid to the Blessed Sacrament." The preacher (Rev Father Power) said: Dearly beloved in Christ—There is much in the appearance of the Church this evening to arouse our curiosity and suggest important questions. The altar is ablaze with lights. Flowers are grouped in rich profusion, their perfumes blending with the odour of incense, their tints contrasting with silk, and gold, and gems. Canopy, tinkling bells, flaming censers, hymns and chants, cross, the white-robed children in procession all indicate a ceremony of more than ordinary importance. Yes, dear beloved brethren, this is a solemn rite that we are taking part in. A subject of wonder to our Protestant friends, a subject of joy to Catholics, but appreciated most of all by unseen witnesses—the angels of God. This is no empty and vulgar show appealing merely to the eye and speaking no message to the heart. It is not man's pleasure, but God's honour, that we are seeking to promote this evening. These sights and sounds, beautiful and pleasing though they be, are but the evidences of things that appear not. There is a hidden meaning in, and a noble motive for, all this pomp and splendour. The awe and more than earthly gladness manifested by the people prove that this solemn appeal to faith and love has been deeply felt. To-day we are celebrating the feast of *Corpus Christi* that fell on last Thursday. To-day we are seeking to pour forth at the feet of Jesus all the love and gratitude our hearts can feel in return for His condescension and most tender mercy. To-day we keep the feast of the most adorable sacrament of the altar. What is the sacred Host borne by the priest in case of crystal, and gold, and gems? What is it that we honour and reverence this evening? What is this before which we bow our heads? Is it merely a piece of unleavened bread, worthy of reverence merely as a symbol of something high and holy? Is it simply a memorial of Christ and nothing more? If this were all, then the solemn splendour of this evening's ritual might be justly termed extravagant and even blasphemous. But this is not all this adorable sacrament contains—all that it signifies. This is the Bread of Life, the living Bread that came down from heaven: this is the Bread that giveth life to the world; this is the Flesh of the Son of Man; this is the Body which is delivered for us. The Catholic Church believes that when Jesus, on the night of His passion, said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood," he meant what He said, and said what He meant; and therefore the sacred Host is placed in jewelled monstrance, enthroned above the altar, surrounded with flowers and burning tapers, borne in procession through the Church, and solemnly worshipped and adored by the people, and because it is not a creature but the Creator, because in it, under the form and appearance of bread, there is really, truly, and substantially present Body, and Blood, and Soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. This, then, is the secret of this evening's ritual. The Church, believing that Christ is present in the eucharist, marks her sense of that Divine presence by every means in her power. In this we see the Church's consistency to principle, her knowledge of human nature, and things that wield a wholesome influence o'er the hearts of men, and her conformity to holy writ. The Church's attitude to the eucharist is most consistent; it is the logical outcome of her doctrine. A child unborn in the womb of his mother, an infant wailing in the manger, a houseless wanderer in a foreign land, a prophet without honour in his own country, a man of sorrows and acquainted with infirmities, despised, and the most abject of men, the reproach of men and the outcast of the people, scourged, spat upon, nailed to the Cross, or reposing on the altars of the Church. Christ is God, and God must be honoured, whatever form He may assume. Therefore, the Church, in the words of the royal Psalmist, calls upon her children throughout the world to solemnize the mercies of God towards us in the blessed sacrament. The kingdom of God hath drawn nigh to us. Our Creator, our Redeemer, our Judge, our Reward exceeding great, our God is borne in joy and gladness amidst His people, to bless them, and receive from them the supreme honour and worship due to the Divinity. It must not be forgotten that our external bearing not only represents our feelings, but tends to cherish and increase the feelings that they manifest. Nay, more, to indicate them to others. The soul of man, beyond all shadow of doubt, is affected by the five senses, and the senses are influenced by the objects they encounter or meet with. It is a fixed law of nature that the various objects we acquire or lose, the circumstances and occurrences of life, the vicissitudes of fortune affect our spirit, each in its own peculiar way. We are elated with success: we are depressed by failure. The riverside meadows are flooded when winter's rains swell the stream above its banks; and the appearance and whole bearing of men are affected when feelings deep and strong fill the heart. We weep in sorrow: we smile in gladness. We know not why or how these are the manifestations of our feelings. They are gifts, or arrangements of nature, not works of art or the result of training. These impulses are born with us, and rule us through life. The skilful actor and the cunning hypocrite may assume, stoics may hide the traces of feeling, but, nevertheless, the fact remains that there is a close and inseparable connection between feeling and expression — the one implies, or produces, the presence of the other. We are as sensitive to our surroundings, and as much affected by them, as the photographer's plate is by the lights and shadows reflected upon it. We echo the sigh; we reflect the smile by which our friends betray their sorrow or manifest their gladness. And the impressions that things make upon us are used as the means of securing peace by the Governments of the world. Magistrates, judges, and princes are surrounded with every token of respect. The badges of authority; the insignia of rank—crown, sceptre, and royal robe of the Sovereign—the bowed head, the bent knee, and the homage of loyal subjects, not only symbolise but, moreover, produce and cherish the feeling they represent. These are facts of human nature. Fools may neglect, but the wise always preserve and employ the knowledge or discovery that an accident may have, at first, revealed to them. The Church's ritual is the outcome of her knowledge of human nature, and the means by which the heart expresses its feelings and the methods by which salutary impressions and holy manifestations may be conveyed to the soul. If all the ceremonies of this evening breathe of respect and love, it is because the soul of the Church is saturated with these feelings towards Jesus in the most adorable Sacrament of the Eucharist; and because she wishes to impress more deeply than ever on our souls these sentiments of respect and love. By solemn command, by glorious miracle, by direful punishment, the Almighty has confirmed the instinct of the human heart to honour the things that are connected with the Divine Majesty. In days of old, Jacob anointed a stone and set it up to mark the sight of his vision, saying, "How terrible is this place: this is no other than the house of God and the gate of heaven." "Take off the shoes from thy feet, for the ground whereon thou standest is holy," was the order of God to Moses as he drew near to the burning bush. It was not the mere waving of the rod that opened a dry path through the Red Sea for the children of Israel; nor was it the force of the blow that brought forth the copious spring from the dry rock amidst the desert sands; yet the rod was waved and the rock was struck. Why were the people guided by fire and cloud? Why were the wounds of the deadly reptiles by the sight of the brazen serpent? Why fled the waters of the Jordon at the presence of the ark? Why fell the walls of Jericho at the blast of the trumpet? How could the uplifted hands of the weary prophet nerve the hearts and bless the muscles of the Israelities in their battle with the Amalekites in Rephidim? Why did God Almighty make these external observances; these rites or ceremonies, necessary conditions for producing these wonderful effects? O, dearly beloved! God, in His dealing with mankind, acts upon His knowledge of the nature that He has bestowed upon us. He reaches our soul, our will, and our affections through our senses. "Power," says St. Paul, "is made perfect in infirmity." Virtue is strengthened by resisting temptation, by repeated acts of virtue. The religious instinct, like the muscles of the body or the faculties of the mind, are strengthened by exercise. Therefore, that in the hour of need it may be strong and ready, God cultivates the sensitiveness of the human soul to external things. He exercises the impulse of our nature to express the respect conceived in the heart of man for the things of God. The ten commandments are not more the work of God than the arrangement of rite and ritual, of sacrifice and priesthood. Nay, the tabernacle, the vestments, the sacred utensils were all made by Moses according to the design given by God Himself. And things that have been the subject of God's jealous care cannot be trifling in the eyes of men. Levites alone might touch and bear the ark of the Lord. When captured in battle, it proved a scourge to the Philistines. The people were smitten by a painful disease: the idol was cast prostrate to the earth, disfigured and dismembered, when the ark of the Lord was set up as a trophy in the temple. What miracles attended the return of the ark to Israel! The cows turned moaning from the spot where their young calves were crying to them, showing that they were guided by a power stronger than nature. The Bethshemites looked with irreverent curiosity on the ark when it reached their valley, and vast numbers of them perished by the hand of God. Uzza was struck dead for touching the ark when he thought it was in danger of falling. If you had witnessed all these like king David, would you not have felt awe and terror at the sight of the ark? Bears destroyed the boys that mocked the bald head of the prophet. Annanias and Sapphira were killed at the feet of St. Peter for telling him a lie. Elymas was struck blind for resisting the teaching of St. Paul. The cloak, and the bones of a prophet; the girdle and braces of St. Paul; the shadow of St. Peter; and the fringe of Christ's robe were made the sources of miraculous power. The star that appeared to the Magi; Christ's conversation with the doctors in the temple when He was but ten years of age; His miraculous transfiguration; His triumphant entry into Jerusalem all prove how highly He estimated the effect produced on the souls of men by the sight of external things. Why did Christ spit upon the clay with which He rubbed the blind man's eyes? Why did he make the miraculous wine at Cana so much better than that procured by the bride-groom? Why were the bread and fish multiplied only when the people were on the point of fainting? Why was not Lazarus preserved from death instead of being raised from the dead? All these things prove that Christ eagerly sought to make impressions on the souls of men by the employment of striking means. The plan of the temple was designed, and its site selected by God. It was ordained that no sound of iron axe or hammer should be heard in the building of this vast structure. All the materials were dressed at a distance; and the walls arose that were covered in sacred silence. "My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves," said Christ to the money-lenders, and to them that bought and sold in the temple. Did not God pour fourth His wrath upon the sacrilegeous invaders of His temple, and the rites of the priests? I have no time to tell you how one king was cut off by an untimely death and his dynasty set aside; and another covered with fearful leprosy; how the tongue and the hand he blasphemously raised against the temple were devoured by the birds of the air. It is written, "The name of the Lord is worthy of praise. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." And again, "God hath given Him (Jesus) a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." To come to the subject of the Blessed Sacrament itself. What says the Spirit of God about these who make a bad communion? They eat and drink damnation to themselves. They are pronounced guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ; therefore "Many sleep, and many are infirm among us." Sickness and untimely death were the punishment for their sin. Surely, then, my dear brethren, I have proved that by command and miracle, and direful vengeance, the Almighty God has approved of that mighty instinct that impels us to-night to honour and reverence the Blessed Sacrament. To-night the church shows her consistency to principle, her knowledge of human nature, her conformity to the usages of Holy Scripture. To-night she exhausts all her wealth and ingenuity to honour, not a royal duke or prince, but the King of kings. The power of creation, the love of Calvary is on our altar. We are employing every means to express our feelings of awe and love. Our prayers and devotions serve as a reparation to God for the insults that have been offered to Him. In the Blessed Sacrament, our faith and our devotion are strengthened; and from it we derive comfort and consolation. To-night, earth is as heaven to the mothers of the congregation. Those that see their little ones moving in the procession, find in that sight a foretaste of their greatest desire, of their fondest wish—an anticipation of the glory that is to come which shall be revealed in us. The voice of Jesus rings through the church this evening, saying, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of of God." But besides those whose hearts are swelling with a mother's love and pride, hallowed by faith, there are others upon whose spirits the sights and sounds of to-night fall with a soothing balm. Mothers whose children are sleeping in Christ: mothers who have bidden farewell until the judgment day to their little ones. The voice that was heard in lamentation and mourning yesterday is silent now. In the neat appearance, joyous faces, and holy work of the little ones in the procession, a Rachael sees the perfect bliss and the holy privilege of the dear dead child for whom she moans, and for whose loss she refuses to be comforted. Earth is as heaven to-night. These little ones and their dead companions are, in heaven and on earth, enjoying the same privilege; doing the same work. They are following the Lamb wherever He goeth. May it be forever so; for them and for us. Amen.

After the sermon, the procession of the Blessed Sacrement preceded through the church. It was led by the cross-bearer, who was followed by nearly sixty little girls, dressed in white, with white veils covering their faces, and wreaths of flowers crowning their heads. The four immediately preceding the bearer of the Eucharist strewed flowers as they walked. Over the head of Rev Father Foran, who carried the Monstrance, was a canopy of silk and gold, having at the end of its four poles small silver bells, which tinkled sweetly as the procession moved through the church. The bearers of this canopy were Messrs Sloane, Harker, McGurk, and Ruddy.

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above society took place in the West Stanley National Schools, the room being fairly well filled. The chair was taken by the vicar (Rev J. Crennell). After prayers, and hymn 71 "Even me" had been sung, Mr W. Benfold sang "Sorceward" evoking loud applause. He was followed by Miss J. Anderson, with the song, "Too late," in her usual clear and melodious voice. Next a lecture on "An umbrella," by Mr J. Robson, being succeeded by a melody, "The gay young rider," by the children. Miss Lizzie Ramshaw again distinguished herself in the recitation, "Found in the street." A part song, "Away with melancholy," by Mr R. D. Grundy, Mr J. Simpson, Mr F. Farnsworth, and Mr J. Robson, was followed by a reading, "A drunkard's death," from Mr J. Benfold. The melody, "Dash thou the cup," by the choir, was well executed and loudly applauded. A song, "The little low-thatched roof," by Miss A. Harkness, elicited rounds of applause, and in response to a general *encore*, she sang, with much taste and precision, "When other lips." Next was a reading, "Thady O'Rann," by Mr J. Robson, and in reply to an *encore* he offered "Tarnation strange." Mr J. Benfold finished the programme by singing "I wish that I was rid of Mary Jane." After devotional exercises and hymn No. 9 "Jesus lover of my soul" had been sung, the secretary enrolled new members.

"HOW TO DO BUSINESS," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

Business Announcements.

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ROYAL JUBILEE DEMONSTRATION.

BAIN & CO., New Town Hall, Consett, will offer this week a LARGE ARRIVAL OF GOODS SUITABLE FOR ALL LOYAL SUBJECTS who intend CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE OF HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, on Tuesday First, June 21st.

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GLOVES.—Ladies' and Gentlemen's Black and Coloured Kid Gloves, 2, 4, 6-Buttons, 1s 11½d to 2s 11d per pair. One of the largest assortments in Consett of Children's Black and Ladies' Coloured and Black Lisle, Taffeta, and Pure Silk Gloves, all the Leading Colours, from 2½d up to 1s 11½d per pair. Also, an enormous Stock of Gents' Ties, Braces, Collars, Fronts, &c. &c.

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Clean the flues, clean the flues,
Let it be your end and aim
The same to ever keep clear;
For should they get into a flame,
At Court they'll cost you dear.
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PLEASE NOTE ADDRESS.

Mayor's Chambers, Shotley Bridge.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTOPHER, widow of the late ROBERT CHRISTOPHER, Hackmaster, Delves Lane, Consett, in returning thanks for the liberal patronage accorded to him during the many years in which he carried on Business, respectfully intimates that the same will be conducted as usual, and trusts that by keeping a superior turn-out of Horses and Conveyances, she may be able to secure a continuance of the favours of her friends and the public of the district. 662x

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Public Notices.

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NOTICE.

THE SILVER WATCH, given by R. Willey, Tea Dealer, Consett, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO MR. ALFRED JACKSON, ANNFIELD PLAIN, who guessed No. 31,945, and number of Watch being 31,888. 19y

JUBILEE DAY, JUNE 21ST, 1887.

TUESDAY NEXT, June 21st, being a GENERAL HOLIDAY, in honour of the JUBILEE of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne, the Tradesmen of Consett have decided to close their respective places of Business the whole of the day. 21y

THE PEDIGREE BULL, "Home Rule," White; Sire—Major Fitz Halnaby (48,281), Dam—Snow Queen. Kept by Mr J. W. ARMSTRONG, West Newbiggin, Lanchester. Terms, 10s. 6d. each Cow. 969x

NOTICE.—BURNHOPE COLLIERY READING ROOM SPORTS, &c., will be held on Saturday, June 25th, 1887. £15 will be given for FOOT-RACING, QUOIT PLAYING, CRICKET, and FOOTBALL PLAYING, &c.—GEO. LAWSON, Secretary. 820x

NOTICE.

HAVE YOU SEEN these WONDERFUL WATCHES price 12s. 6d., Good Timekeepers, at T. MCCOURTY'S, Watchmaker, Newmarket Street, Consett, and only Practical Spectacle Maker in the County of Durham. 679x

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ROYAL JUBILEE DEMONSTRATION.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 21st, on Pontop Pike, Dipton. The Grounds will be open to the Public at Three o'clock for Games and other Amusements. Refreshments will also be provided. The celebration will wind up with a great BONFIRE. Admission—Adults, 2d; Children, 1d. 20y

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT (370TH) STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

TUESDAY Next, 21st June, being the HOLIDAY for the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, the Subscription Meeting of the Shotley Bridge and District Starr-Bowkett Building Society will not be held; but all Subscriptions are requested to be paid on the following Tuesday evening, 28th inst., without fines being incurred for the previous week.—By order,

19y MARK NOBLE, Chairman.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

PERSONS desirous of ERECTING STALLS in the Vicarage Field, for the Sale of Refreshments, Confectionery, &c., at the Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, on June 21st, must apply to Mr WILLIAM RIPPON, Local Board Buildings, or to Mr ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett.

993x BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE, JUNE 21ST, 1887.

A TEA for persons of 50 years of age and upwards, will be held in the New Town Hall, Consett, at Three O'clock in the afternoon. Those desiring to attend who have not received tickets can do so by applying to the Committee, or to

Town Hall, Consett, ADAM BRODIE
June 17th, 1887. Secretary.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, or Consuming Gas upon any Premises without first having obtained permission from the Secretary to the said Company, will be prosecuted as the Law directs.—By order,

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

BENFIELDSIDE JUBILEE TREAT ARRANGEMENTS.

ALL Inhabitants of the Township of Benfieldside are invited to the JUBILEE GATHERING in the Spa Grounds, on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 21st inst.

Free admission, by ticket, which may be had on application to the following members of Committee: Mr. WILLIAM PALLISER, Mr RD. MURRAY, Rev. Father POWER, Mr WILLIAM RAW, Mr J. SLOANE, Mr J. DIXON, Mr J. COLLINSON, Mr ROBT. MARSHALL, Mr JOSHUA LAX, Mr WILLIAM WILSON.

The Ministers and Teachers are invited to assemble the children at their respective Sunday Schools, and to march to the Spa Grounds.

The procession will be headed by the Spen Excelsior Reed Band, and will leave St. Aidan's Church gates at 1·30, and gather those taking part in the procession *en route* by way of Foundry Row, Derwent Street, and Durham Road, the Slonks and Shotley Bridge. 17y

CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY TOWNSHIP.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that according to instructions, I will, on Monday, July 4th, 1887, apply for a SUMMONS AGAINST ANY RATEPAYER in this Townships, WHO HAS NOT PAID BEFORE THAT DATE ALL RATES NOW DUE.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT,

Assistant Overseer.

New Town Hall, Consett, June 10th, 1887. 982x

EVENING CLASSES.

MR. J. W. MULCASTER, Principal of the HIGH SCHOOL, CONSETT, begs to announce that he has arranged for the holding of EVENING CLASSES for Young Men, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Primitive Methodist School-Room, Consett, commencing on Monday Evening next, the 2nd May.

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Consett, April 27th, 1887. 804x

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WILLIAM WILKINSON,

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

DISTRICT OF CONSETT.

WHEREAS, at a Public Meeting of Owners and Ratepayers within the Consett Local Board District, held on the 27th day of April, 1887, and by an Adjournment on the 25th of May, 1887, it was decided by the said Meeting to adopt the following Resolution:—

"That the time has arrived when there ought to be a Covered Market Erected in Consett."

AND WHEREAS, it has been demanded by one or more Owners or Ratepayers that the said question be decided by a Poll of Owners and Ratepayers, Now therefore, I, as Chairman of the said Local Board and Returning Officer for the said District DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the mode of Voting at such Poll is by Voting Papers, which will be delivered to the properly qualified Owners and Ratepayers of the said District, on MONDAY, the 20th day of June, 1887, and Collected on FRIDAY, the 24th day of June, 1887, after having been filled up in accordance with the directions contained in or upon the said Voting Papers, and that the said Voting Papers will be examined and cast up at the Offices of the Local Board at Parliament Street, Consett, on the 25th day of June, 1887.

The following scale of Voting is prescribed by Schedule II of the Public Health Act, 1875:—

"If the Property in respect of which the person is entitled to Vote is rated to the Poor Rate on a rateable value of less than Fifty Pounds, he shall have one vote; if such rateable value amounts to Fifty Pounds, and is less than One Hundred Pounds, he shall have two votes; if it amounts to One Hundred Pounds, and is less than One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, he shall have three votes; if it amounts to One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and is less than Two Hundred Pounds, he shall have four votes; if it amounts to Two Hundred Pounds, and is less than Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, he shall have five votes; and if it amounts to or exceeds Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, he shall have six votes."

Any Person who is Owner and also *bona-fide* Occupier of the same Property, shall be entitled to vote, both in respect of such Ownership and of such Occupation.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 1887.

W. JENKINS,

Chairman of the Consett Local Board, and Returning Officer. 938x

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett, on Wednesday, June 29th, 1887, a lot of Valuable Household FURNITURE. Full particulars next edition.

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH, 1887.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

STANDS CONSETT WHERE IT STOOD?

One would hardly go the length of supposing that this comparatively modern town had actually vacated its breezy site on the summit of the Blue Mountains; but it would appear from the remarks of one of the leading officials on the staff of the Consett Iron Company—made last week at Lanchester—that the position of the people has changed considerably of late. The gentleman referred to is reported to have made a statement to the effect that some difficulty was experienced in obtaining labourers at the local ironworks. That was a tit-bit really worth reporting: and, if true, is more than can be said about any other ironworks or kindred industry in the North of England. Time was when men were scarce at Consett, but if all tales be true those halcyon days have long since passed to the shades. However that may be, it would seem from the observation referred to that things had at length taken a turn for the better. There is abundant room for change, and as the first faint streaks of returning light must break the gloom in one or other particular spot, there is no reason why Consett should not be favoured in this respect. I trust it may be so; but I cannot refrain from entertaining grave doubts on the point—I have so good opportunities of guaging the labour market in other quarters. In short, the news seems too good to be true.

THE RESULTS OF TRADE DEPRESSION.

It has become the custom among writers of a certain modern school to wax grand-eloquent when touching on what they labour to convince their readers is a very pitiful state of things, inasmuch as that grand animal, man, is usually under the extreme necessity of doing what Robert Burns calls, begging a brother of the earth to give him leave to toil. The magnificent Scot was master of his art, and he rarely erred in point of judgment, however far he might have fallen short in the vastly narrower path of example. Burns never intended that the expression should meet with an all-round, and what might more properly be termed, a wholesale application. With all his failings, he was too sensible a fellow for that, for in another of his poems he uses words of very different purport:—

"I was bred to the plough and am independent."

There is something noble, God-like, in honest toil, and no man need be ashamed of doing his best to obtain it. The chief difficulty in these incontinent times being to secure a needful supply and the wherewithal for performing it. At no period, perhaps, in the history of our staple industries have good, reliable men experienced so much difficulty in obtaining employment as at the present moment. I see hundreds of men standing in crowds every morning, and how scores of them don't perish of sheer starvation is more than I am in a position to explain. Influence there must be, even in the case of the humblest labourer, or a man may tramp up and down the country until he is as old as the wandering Jew. Then, so far stretching are the effects of the depression, which cannot be said to have yet passed away, that men in almost every circle of commercial life have felt the strain in a greater or less degree. Many a good clerk has had to turn his back upon his desk, and even men of letters have found themselves in that dread plight known as, "Having no visible means of subsistence." I have met with cultured men and finished scholars in the course of the last few years, who were glad to get employment at nothing better than labourer's wages. Truly, one half of the world does not know how the other half lives.

WAITING FOR PARTICULARS.

The exclusion of the press from the Muggleswick School Board meetings is not quite in keeping with the spirit of the age, and the step has naturally given rise to criticism of a more or less virulent character. Experience goes to prove that the majority of men are glad to see their utterances in print—a speech is a speech if there's nothing in't. (*Vide* Lord Byron). Although hardly so polished in their manners as city merchants, who get the corners rounded off by systematic efforts to please the public, these men of the moors and fells are not one iota behind townsmen in point of common sense and native energy, the difference between the classes being more apparent than real. This is a fact that ought not to be overlooked, because in accepting it the mind is naturally led to extend the basis of enquiry in keeping with the fundamental law best known by the expressive terms—cause and effect. In taking the course complained of, the Board must have reasons which, in their opinion, has led up to the result. There must be a why and a wherefore, and neither the prose nor the poetical critics—for both have tried their hands at it—have succeeded in making this clear. To charge the gentlemen with sinister motives would be ungenerous; hence, that theory must be at once dismissed. It may be that the means justifies the end, and until one hears further it would be unjust to sit in judgment. People talk of muzzling the press with a species of sanctimonious horror, as if reporters and critics were the most circumspect individuals on the face of the earth. The fact is, the press is rotten at the core, and so-called muzzling on a wholesale scale would do more to purify the tone of public opinion than any agency at present in existence.

WAYSIDE PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

Apropos of the suggestion in the *Chronicle*, that it would be well for naturalists societies and field clubs to keep a watchful eye on the systematic destruction of native plants and wild flowers, which carried on for a long course of years, have tended to denude many a wayside and secluded corner of modest flower and creeping plant. Now, however, that the evil has been pointed out, there is a probability that steps will be taken to put an effectual stop to so objectionable a practice. Personally, I have but a very superficial acquaintance with the habits of plants and flowers; but have an amusing recollection of having once been induced to gather a wayside plant, which was supposed to possess the virtue of curing a deep-seated cold. Knowing that I intended to stroll a few miles into the country in the Derwent Valley neighbourhood, a canny Scotchman, who it seems was desirous of trying his hand at the "every man his own doctor" theory, described a plant which he assured me would immediately "make him a' richt" if I would do him the favour of bringing him a handful or two. I cut about as much as I could conveniently carry, and handed it over with a remark to the effect that I obtained it at a spot about midway between Blanchland and Ringhside, and that although it was very like the plant described, he would well to be pretty sure on that point, because I had a decided repugnance at being mixed up with that court popularly known as a Coroner's Inquest. He assured me that it "wis a' richt," but his wife told another tale later in the evening. It appears that the good lady put part of the plant in a pint pot, and pouring boiling water thereon, gave it to her lord to drink. He was a total abstainer, and never having seen her guide man in his cups, she was greatly alarmed to see him take the floor and favour her with a Scotch dance! In short, she was extremely glad to get him quietly put upstairs to bed. That drink cured his cold; but his anxious spouse read him a courting lecture, anent drinking the juice of plants of my gathering.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The County Court Offices at Consett will be closed all day on Tuesday next—Jubilee day.

BANK HOLIDAY.—Tuesday, the 21st inst., is a bank holiday by Royal Proclamation, consequently the banks at Consett and Shotley Bridge will be closed the whole of that day. Bills due that day will be payable the day following.

SAD END OF AN IRONWORKER.—Intelligence has just been received by relatives in Consett that a young man named Tafe, formerly living in the Company's Rows, Consett, has met with an unfortunate fate in America, to which country he emigrated about three months ago. He was employed at one of the large ironworks in the United States, and drank a quantity of cold water whilst he was in a state of perspiration, resulting in his death soon afterwards. Deceased was much respected in this district.

AN ABSCONDING DEBTOR.—At the Newcastle Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday, the Official Reciever (Mr A. S. Maples) applied to Mr Registrar Ingledew to have the examination of George Kindred, clothier, of Consett, adjourned *sine die*, on the ground that the bankrupt had absconded. He was now, it was believed in Quebec, and he (the Official Reciever) had issued a warrant for his arrest.—Mr J. M. Criddle supported the application, on behalf of the petitioning creditor.—The Registrar, upon these facts, adjourned the examination *sine die*.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On Saturday evening, an entertainment in connection with the Primitive Methodist String Band was given in the schoolroom, Consett. Mr R. Brown (Consett) occupied the chair. The following friends took part:—Miss M. Turner, Blackhill; Mr W. H. Lewis, Consett; Mr S. Brodie, Consett; and Mr W. A. Hoe and Master Hoe, Blackhill. The string band, under the leadership of Mr Thomas Jones, rendered selections of music. After the entertainment, a coffee supper was provided, to which a large number did ample justice, thus bringing the whole to a pleasant, as well as a successful, termination.

HONOURS TO A LOCAL BARRISTER.—Of the 76 students who (having finished their three years' residence at the University of Cambridge) went in for the honour examination in Roman law, jurisprudence, international law, the law of the English Constitution, the English law of land, personal property, and the English criminal law, only 38, or one-half, obtained honours, among whom was Mr R. W. Rippon, barrister-at-law (son of Mr W. Rippon, town surveyor, of Consett). Mr Rippon obtained no credit in the examination for some of his answers, owing to his holding contradictory opinions to the Regius Professor (who was one of the examiners) on some controversial points—jurisprudence. This examination entitles Mr Rippon to be admitted to the degrees of B.A. and LL.B.

THE CONSETT SHARES TRANSACTION.—At Darlington County Court on Wednesday, His Honour gave judgement for £50 on behalf of Mr Wilson, sharebroker, Newcastle, against Robt. Fyfe, jun., Darlington, who did not appear.—His Honour (to Mr Barron): There is no telephone to America? (Laughter.)—The plaintiff said he was present during the hearing of the action brought against the defendant by Mr Challoner for breach of contract in not taking up certain shares in the Consett Iron Company. The defendant owed him (Mr Wilson) £50 under similar circumstances.—His Honour gave judgment for the amount claimed with costs, and asked if he should make an order for the money to be paid forthwith?—Mr Barron replied that he did not suppose it would make much difference. (Laughter)—Another Newcastle sharebroker, named Richardson, also obtained judgment against the absent defendant for £33 15s and costs.

CLEVER CAPTURE OF A THIEF.—About two o'clock on Monday afternoon, Mr George T. Hyden, head-master of the British Schools, Consett, reported to the police authorities at Consett that he had had stolen from off a clothes line at the rear of his house in East Parade, Consett, a bed sheet valued at 9s 6d. About an hour after receiving the information, Sergt. Tate, of Blackhill, succeeded in tracing the article to a pawnshop at Blackhill, and shortly afterwards apprehended the thief, a woman who gave the name of Mary Ann Moffatt, living in Green's lodging-house at Consett. On conveying her to the Consett Police Station, the officer saw her throw a piece of paper on the road, and, picking it up found it was the ticket she had received at the pawnshop. On charging her at the Police Station with the theft, she admitted pawning the sheet, but alleged that a woman named Johnson, living at Westwood, had given her the article to pledge. She was taken before Mr Annandale at the Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Tuesday, and remanded until the next Petty Sessions.

LEADGATE.

EARLY SWARM OF BEES.—Mr John Winter, of Leadgate, had a very large swarm of bees, on Sunday, about eleven o'clock in the forenoon, which is considered very early this season.

BLACKHILL.

BENFIELDSIDE STOCK AUCTION MART.—On Monday, Messrs Nicholson and Murray had forward 8 fat cattle, 7 veal calves, 150 fat sheep and lambs, 3 pork pigs, 15 store pigs, 13 cows, 9 stirks, a let of poultry, &c. There were plenty of customers, and a fairly good trade was experienced, with the exception of cows and heavy fat sheep Prices:—Fat cattle, £9 7s 6d to £15 15s; veal calves, to 52s; sheep, 32s to 55s 6d; cows, to £16 15s; stirks, £3 10s to £5 15s; pork pigs, 60s to 62s 8d; store pigs, 10s to 20s; lambs, 24s to 41s.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HEWITSON.—On Sunday afternoon, Mr Geo. Hewitson, a roller at No. 4 Plate Mill at Consett Iron Works, and residing in Cort Street, Blackhill, died after a lengthened illness, his demise being supposed to be due to heart disease. He has been prevented from following his employment for the last six months, and has received medical treatment at the hands of Dr Geo. Renton. About three months ago, however, he was obliged to go to Matlock Bath for the purpose of recruiting his health, returning home about five weeks ago. Since then his health has gradually failed, and he expired as before mentioned. Mr Hewitson, who leaves a wife and family of four, was widely known throughout the district. His remains were interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the funeral being attended by a large number of his fellow-workmen. The service was impressively conducted by the Rev. T. Elliott, Primitive Methodist Minister.

CASTLESIDE.

PRESENTATION TO THE NEW CURATE.—On Monday evening, the members of the choir of Newcastle church, together with a few friends, as a deputation, met at the house of the Rev. C. J. Walker—who is leaving to act as *locum tenens* of the parish of Castleside—for the purpose of presenting that gentleman with a testimonial, consisting of a crown Derby tea service, with oak tray, silver mounted, and a purse of gold, as a mark of esteem in which he is held in the parish. Mr Young, churchwarden, on behalf of the subscribers, made the presentation.—Mr Walker has commenced his ministrations at Castleside.

WEARDALE.

"John Wycliffe, the Morning Star of the Reformation," was the title of a brilliant lecture by the Rev. Sylvester Whitehead—Mr J. Dawson presiding—delivered twice to overflowing congregations on Saturday and Sunday in Weardale.

TANFIELD.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH, CAUSEY ROW.—The anniversary of the Sunday-school in connection with the above Church was held recently. Three services were conducted on the Sabbath by Mr Plender, Felling. In the morning and evening, the children rendered recitations and dialogues with very great taste, reflecting much credit upon Mr G. Lawson (superintendent), who must have bestowed special pains upon his scholars to bring them to the perfection attained. In the afternoon, a service of song, entitled "The Musical Miller," was effectively rendered by the children and choir, under the leadership of Mr A. Bocock, Causey. The connective readings were given by Mr Plender, Felling, in a very telling style. Rev Jackson Wray's interesting story about the good that can be done in a humble way by colporteurs was received with evident satisfaction by the crowded congregation that listened with great attention to it. At the other services, selections of hymns were sung by the children, assisted by friends, while Miss A. Atkinson and Miss Middleton sung a solo each. Mr Greenwell, Park House, presided at the organ. The services throughout were very successful, and at night several people were unable to obtain admission. The collections were in excess of former years.

LANCHESTER.

SINGULAR SCENE IN THE CHURCH.—A CANINE WORSHIPPER INTERRUPTS THE SERVICE.—The usual service in the ancient Parish Church at Lanchester was interrupted by a somewhat strange incident last Sunday night. The weather being close and warm, the doors were left open during the progress of the service to admit fresh air into the edifice. It seems that a dog belonging to the vicar (Rev F. W. Glyn)—a large-sized shaggy-looking animal—had entered the Church unperceived, and ensconced himself upon the mat just inside the doorway. The vicar himself entered the pulpit, and had no sooner commenced with his sermon, when the dog, attracted by his familiar voice, rose up, and lazily marched up the centre aisle towards the pulpit. The rev. gentleman was so astonished that he paused in his sermon, and addressing a sidesman (Mr W. Brotherhood), in undertones, said to him, "The dog, the dog," at the same time pointing to the intruder. Mr Brotherhood immediately left his pew and pounced upon the animal, and led him out of the precincts of the Church, but the dog was so irritated at being so summarily dismissed that he refused to allow Mr Brotherhood to return to the Church by the door, and he was obliged to re-enter by the vestry door. Meanwhile the vicar stopped his sermon till the dog was safely landed outside the Church. The incident caused no little excitement.

BURNHOPE.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SABBATH-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary of the above school was celebrated at Burnhope on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday afternoon, the scholars were gratuitously regaled with tea, bread, cakes, and buns, after which a public tea was held, and was well attended. The duties of the tables were admirably discharged by Misses Hovvels, Heslop, Battensby, Thirlwell, Dobson, Davison, Ashurst, and others; while Mesdames Heslop, Dobson, Barnfitt, and Soulsby, in serving out the tea and provisions rendered it quite a success. In the evening a public meeting was held, when addresses were given by Mr R. Tyson, Mr W. Atkinson, and Mr J. Richardson. Mr G. Guy presided. The choir, under the leadership of Mr J. T. Teasdale, was in attendance, and rendered good service by singing suitable hymns at intervals. Master G. Heslop presided at the harmonium. Master J. Hovvels performed on the violin, and Mr D. Jones on the violincello. The secretary's report was satisfactory, showing an increase of teachers and scholars during the past year.—On Sunday, services were held in the forenoon, afternoon, and evening, conducted by Mr G. Guy, when the scholars recited portions of scripture, poetry, and dialogues, interspersed with hymns and anthems by the choir. The congregations were good, and the collections were in advance of past years.

PELTON.

FUNERAL OF A CHURCH WORKER.—On Thursday se'nnight, the remains of Mr Thos. Bolam, choirman and Sunday-school teacher, were interred in the Holy Trinity churchyard, Pelton, the officiating clergy being Revs J. Wilkins (vicar), E. H. Greenhow (curate), and H. E. Savage, vicar of West Hartlepool. On arriving at the church, the body was carried up to the chancel by four fellow choirmen. The hymn "Brief life," was sung. After the lesson, an appropriate address was given by the vicar. Then followed the hymn, "Jerusalem the golden," and as the body was carried from the church the "Dead March" was played by the organist (Mr H. Wilkins.) At the conclusion of the service at the grave the hymns "Jesus lives," and "There is a blessed home" were sung. One touching incident was the Sunday-scholars in front of the school, on each side of the road, and following the procession.

MEDOMSLEY.

ACCIDENT AT THE PIT.—On Wednesday, Joseph Davison, 42 years of age, deputy at the Medomsley Pit, a married man, living at Bradley Cottages, and having a large family, met with an accident through a fall of stone. While drawing timber in a broken jud, a portion of stone broke through two pairs of gears and caught him on the leg, breaking it below the knee.

ROWLEY.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The anniversary services of this school have just been held at Rowley. On Saturday a public tea was held, followed by a public meeting under the presidency of Mr S. J. Leybourne, Gateshead. It was addressed by Mr Golightly, Rowley, and Rev H. T. Pullen, Darlington. On Sunday, Mr Pullen preached in the morning and evening, whilst Mr Golightly conducted a service in the afternoon. The services were highly successful, collections being made on behalf of the school fund. The choir and children recited and sung on each occasion.

WITTON GILBERT.

A party of miners from the districts of Sacriston, Edmondsley, Charlaw, and Kimblesworth, on Tuesday morning left Durham *en route* for America.

CHESTER-LE-STREET

CATHOLIC CONCERT.—On Wednesday night, a successful tea meeting and concert was held at Chester-le-Street in aid of the fund now being raised for the erection of a new church and school for the Roman Catholics of the place. Provost Consitt, vicar capitular of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, presided.

TRAP ACCIDENT.—On Monday evening, Mr Henry Lamb, King's Head Hotel, Chester-le-Street (who formerly lived at Blackhill), and Mr John Kay, Birtley, were driving through Pictree, when the horse stepped upon a stone and fell, and the occupants of the dog-cart were thrown out on to the road. Mr Lamb was severely shaken, and was badly cut about the face and head. Mr Kay was little the worse for the spill.

EBCHESTER.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The Sunday school anniversary services were held at Ebchester on Saturday and Sunday. On the former day, a public tea was provided, after which a public meeting was held under the presidency of Mr Wm. Hogg, Westwood. Addresses on Sunday school work were given by Rev. J. W. Keyworth (Shotley Bridge), Mr M. Noble (Blackhill), and Mr W. Henderson (Derwent Cottages). The services on Sunday were conducted by Mr F. C. Foster (Consett.)

WITTONSTALL.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The School anniversary was celebrated at Whittonstall on June 4th and 5th. On Saturday, a public tea was held, followed by a public meeting. The chair was occupied by Mr Gibson, and addresses given by Messrs J. L. Walton (Blackhill), and Wm. Hogg and H. Ashby (Westwood).—On Sunday, two services were conducted by Mr Wm. Forster (Consett), and at each of which there were large congregations.

USHAW MOOR.

BURGLARS AT THE RAILWAY STATION.—On Friday night, an entrance was forced into the booking office at Ushaw Moor Station. On examining the premises, Mr Tuck, station-master, found that the entrance door had been forced by a blow with a very large stone, which was left lying on the line side at the end of the up platform. The thieves had succeeded in breaking open the cash drawer, and were rewarded for their trouble by finding about 9d belonging to Mr Tuck.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

PROPERTY SALE.—Last (Thursday) evening, Mr John S. Murray sold at the house of Mr Taylor, Annfield Plain, four cottages adjoining the Co-operative Store, belonging to, and one of them having been occupied by, Mr Ralph Fenwick for over fifty years. There was a very large company present, and a lively competition was the result between Mr Strawbridge, who began with an opening bid of £200, Mr Lumley, Mr Watson, Mr Bartley, and Mr Robson, president of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Store; but Mr Strawbridge became the successful competitor at the modest sum of £285.

PRUDHOE.

FREE METHODISM.—On Saturday afternoon, the circuit quarterly meeting was held at Prudhoe. Rev. F. Raine presided, and there was a large attendance of representatives from the churches. The report of the stewards, Messrs J. Crowe and S. Alston, showing the expenditure to be a little in excess of the income, and the Whit-Monday demonstration was considered a great success. Arrangements were made to take collections in the Sunday Schools as a jubilee offering to the Mission Fund. Rev. F. Raine was appointed representative to the annual Assembly, to be held at Louth next July. At the close of a most harmonious meeting, Mr J. Crowe, steward, entertained the representatives to tea. The chairman remains a third year in the circuit.

QUEBEC.

PROPERTY SALE.—Last week, Mr Shadforth, Durham, at the Colliery Hotel, Quebec, submitted for auction a freehold house and shop, at Quebec, recently occupied by Mr John Wilson. There was a fair attendance, and the bidding was somewhat spirited. Mr Reah set the ball rolling with a bid of £230, subsequently increased by further bids from Messrs Harrison, Wheatley, Teasdale, and Kirkland, to £370, at which sum the property was knocked down to Mr Kirkland. Mr Lisle, Durham, was the solicitor.

PELTON FELL.

Services in connection with the opening of a new organ in Pelton Fell Wesleyan Chapel were held on Saturday and Sunday, and on Monday night the Rev. H. H. Walton, Gateshead, delivered a lecture on "Religious Enthusiasm."

OPENING OF A NEW ORGAN.—On Saturday, a new organ, built by Messrs H. J. Nelson and Co., Durham, was opened in the Wesleyan Chapel, Pelton Fell. Recitals were given by Mr Eltl, of Durham, who brought out the capabilities of the instrument. A grand concert was held in the evening, Mr J. Smith, of Edmondsley, presiding.

MILKWELL BURN.

The United Methodist Free Church Society at Milkwell Burn celebrated their Sabbath School anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, under very auspicious circumstances.

DEATH OF A CHILD FROM CONVULSIONS.—On Tuesday afternoon, Mr A. T. Sheppard, deputy-coroner, held an enquiry at the Reading Room, Milkwell Burn, respecting the death of a boy, five months old, named James Jackson Armstrong, son of Benjamin and Jane Armstrong, who expired on Sunday night. The child, it appears, was quite well up to 7-45 p.m., and died an hour afterwards.—The jury returned a verdict that death had resulted from convulsions.

STANHOPE.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday, as a young man named John Collingwood was following his vocation at Newlandside Limestone Quarry, as a barer, a fall of earth knocked him over among some rough stones. He was much shaken and bruised, and although not injured severely managed to walk home.

GALLANT RESCUE FROM DROWNING AT STANHOPE.—On Saturday evening, while a man named Thomas Foster was engaged washing sheep at a deep place of the River Wear, west of Stanhope, known as the Brig o' Winch, he was pulled in by a tup belonging to Mr T. Crawhill, The Square, and clinging tenaciously to it in the water, he was nearly drowned. Thomas Shields, who was passing at the time, seeing his perilous position, gallantly plunged in, and rescued the drowning man, who has now recovered, apparently little the worse for his ducking.

WOLSINGHAM.

DEATH OF A TRADESMAN.—Mr Robert Coates, grocer, Wolsingham, died suddenly at his residence at that place, on Friday morning. Mr Coates enjoyed his ordinary health up to the previous evening, when he was subject to an attack of apoplexy, to which he succumbed early next morning. Mr Coates was well known in Durham, having been for many years in the establishment of Ald. Fowler. He left Ald. Fowler's service to begin business on his own account, which he first did in Claypath, Durham, then at Chester-le-Street, and for some years past he has been established at Wolsingham. The deceased was interred in the Catholic Churchyard, on Sunday, in the presence of a large number of the residents of Wolsingham and friends of deceased, who leaves a widow, daughter, and son.

ROWLANDS GILL.

THE VOLUNTEER ENCAMPMENT.—The members of this well-known infantry regiment, whose head-quarters are situated at Gateshead, having detachments at South Shields, Winlaton, and Blaydon, will this year, for the third time, camp at Gibside Park, under the command of Colonel Cowen. The regimental sports will take place in camp on Friday afternoon, July 1st. The encampment begins on the Friday previous.

TOW LAW.

The service of song, "Gems from the life of John Ashworth," was rendered in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Tow Law, on Sunday night.

The first Wesleyan Sunday-school anniversary was held at Low Fell, near Tow Law, on Sunday, special sermons being preached by Mr John Hillary, Tow Law.

SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The Presbyterian Sunday school anniversary services were held at Tow Law on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday night, an entertainment was held in the chapel, followed by a ham and tongue supper. On the following day, three services were held, conducted by the Rev. J. Parker, of Sunderland. In the afternoon and evening the scholars sang and recited portions of scripture and poetry.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES AT SWALWELL.

At Gateshead County Police Court, on Tuesday Joseph Boggins, a middle-aged man, was charged with obtaining a gun by false pretences from Henry Raine, innkeeper, Swalwell, on March 28.—Complainant said that prisoner came to his house and asked him if he knew William Wardhaugh, of Walker Gate? Witness replied that he knew him well. Boggins then said he was going to shoot a match, and that Wardhaugh, who was standing half of the stake, had sent him to get his (witness's) gun. He gave the stock to Boggins and a note for him to take to Mr Pape, gunmaker, Newcastle, to get the barrel, which had been sent to get stained. He had written three letters to Boggins to get him to return the gun, but without effect.—William Wardhaugh, innkeeper, Walker Gate, said that in March last the prisoner asked him where he had got the gun which a Joseph Brown had used. He told prisoner he had got it from Henry Raine, of Swalwell. Boggins asked him if he thought he could get the gun. Witness said he did not know, but that if Boggins went with him he might get it, but told him not to go for the gun unless he went with him. Boggins afterwards said that he had got the gun from Raine.—Sergt. Green said that when he arrested the prisoner he said he got the gun from Henry Raine, of Swalwell; he knew where the gun was, but no one could get it but himself.—Prisoner said that the delay had arisen through his being at Blyth for a fortnight, and afterwards dislocating his knee.—He did not take the gun with any felonious intention.—In reply to the Bench, he said he had been employed as a butcher at Longbenton for the last ten years. He had lived there 42 years.—He was committed to the Sessions.

"HOW TO BEHAVE," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents, 1, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

LATEST PREPARATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS.

CONSETT.

In addition to the previous promises as regards defraying half the cost of the tea, and the extra expense incurred in the fireworks display, Mr W. Jenkins has generously given another donation of £10 towards the Consett Jubilee Funds. Mr G. Ainsworth's subscription is £2, and not £1 as stated last week.

Tuesday next will be regarded as a general holiday in the town; but it is not definitely known whether the works will be laid idle.

THE CONSETT WHEELBARROWMAN AND THE JUBILEE.

James Spark, the Jubilee Champion Wheelbarrow Man, writes from the New Moon Inn, Hastings, yesterday (Thursday) evening, as follows:—"I arrived at Hasting at 5-30 p.m. from Eastbourne, 21 miles. The roads are very bad here, and it is also very hot. I am now making my way to London for the Queen's Jubilee, on the 21st inst. I still enjoy good health, and am not in the least fatigued. When I get to London I am going to be dressed in uniform—viz., knee breeches, jacket (trimmed with lace), and cap. It will be made for walking. After the jubilee I shall come straight to Consett in my uniform. I dare say you will all be glad to see me. Give my best respects to all. I shall be at Greenwich on Saturday. I shall not travel on Monday, as I shall be busy decorating the barrow for the Jubilee with the three flags—England Ireland, and Scotland—and portraits of the Queen. A great many people ask me how I find the roads, and if I am doing it for a wager. I tell them I am not, but only live by what the people like to give me. They say I ought to be presented with a medal when I get home. They also say the people of Consett should have a meeting to consider the matter, as I am a clever man.

DIPTON.

Tuesday next will witness the jubilee celebration at Pontop Pike, Dipton, the ground will be thrown open to the public for games and other amusements. A great bonfire will be lighted in the evening.

LANCHESTER.

Through the instrumentality of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Glyn) and Messrs. T. Dunn, W. Brotherhood, and other leading resident in Lanchester, arrangements have been made for commemorating Her Majesty's Jubilee on an extensive scale, and we are glad to learn that the requisite funds are already forthcoming. On Monday next, a service of song entitled "The Queen's Jubilee," illustrative of Her Majesty's as maiden, wife, mother, widow, and Queen, will be given in the National Schools, Mr W. Hedley occupying the chair, while the Vicar will give the connective readings.—On Tuesday, there will be a grand children's *fete*, with a procession feast, distribution of medals, and a variety of games in the field. At night baloons will be sent up. There will be a display of fireworks, and a huge bonfire is intended to be lit on the highest point of the hillside in the direction of Maiden Law. The festivities will take place in a field granted by Mr Chas Holmes, of Peth House Farm.—On Wednesday evening, a special thanksgiving service will be held in the Parish Church, when a suitable sermon will be preached.

BENFIELDSIDE.

The final meeting of the General Committee to complete arrangements for the Jubilee celebration in the Spa Grounds on Tuesday next was held in the Parish Buildings at Shotley Bridge on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Mr James Annandale, J.P. The following gentlemen were present:—Revs. T. J. Storey (St. Aidan's, Blackhill), D. Power (St. Mary's, Blackhill), A. Baillie, (St. Andrew's, Blackhill), and E. W. Jenkins, (Baptist); Messrs J. Lax, J. Moon, J. Collinson, P. Teare, W. Raw, J. Eltringham, Wm. Palliser, W. Ramsay, J. G. Murray, J. Booth (secretary), R. G. Barclay (treasurer), &c.—It was decided that Mr Lax should order 1,200 medals, at a cost of £10, for presentation to each boy and girl.—The Sports Committee were authorised to expend £5 in prizes for the children. The following is the list:—For infants—Skipping contests and races, tug-of-war (teams of ten), and flat race. Girls—Skipping contests for girls under ten, and also under sixteen years of age; egg and ladle race; tug-of-war (teams of five); 100-yards skipping race and flat race. Boys—100-yards flat race handicap; three-legged, sack, egg-and-ladle, wheelbarrow, and frog races; and tug-of-war (for teams of five). Entries will be taken on the ground and the committee have arranged to give 75 prizes in toys at a cost of £2 2s 3d, and it was resolved to add other prizes, and also obtain 240 new pennies to be distributed amongst the children as rewards.—The secretary having been requested to write to Mr Jenkins, J.P., asking for a donation, that gentleman replied that he had hoped from the spontaneous loyalty displayed in the district that they would have been enabled to give the school children a treat without applying for subscription outside their own area. (Laughter.) He had already committed himself to bear the cost of 2d a head for supplying each child with tea and cake at Consett, and had agreed to do the same as regards Leadgate. Mr Jenkins therefore consented to give the same sum towards the Benfieldside celebration, on condition that the cost of feeding each child did not reach less than 4d a head. The cost of awarding the prizes being left to the discretion of the committee. The demonstration from Consett and Benfieldside would have been more effective if they had assembled together in the Public Park. He had taken great pains to provide common ground whereon the residents of the two districts could meet for recreative purposes; but he was greatly surprised that there was so little unanimity of feeling existing between the members of the two Local Boards in respect to the Park. (Laughter.)—The Secretary stated that Mr Jenkins's offer would increase their funds to the extent of £10.—Respecting the tea to the adults, it was stated that about 200 aged and infirm people in the district would not be able to go down to the Spa Grounds, and the meeting considered the advisability of making a gift of a packet of tea to these persons; but nothing of a definite character was decided upon.—The Consett Iron Company's Band only made a promise to play on the festival on condition that the Iron Works were not in operation, but on to the present Mr Eltringham stated that the bandmen had heard nothing definite.—Mr Eltringham was instructed to endeavour to procure the services of a band, in case the Company's band could not fulfil their engagement.—As already announced, Messrs Wilson have undertaken to provide the display of fireworks on the ground, to which free admission will be granted to adults by tickets, which may be had on application to various members of the committee.—The other matters of detail were relegated to the General Purposes Committee to adjust.

MEDOMSLEY.

It is agreed to provide the children here with a treat on Jubilee day.

SATLEY.

The vicar (Rev J. P. De Pledge) has arranged to give the children in the village of Satley a feast in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, and also present the youngsters with a medal each.

WOLSINGHAM.

The Jubilee will be celebrated at Wolsingham by a tea being given to the Sunday-school children belonging to the whole of the religious denominations. A procession will be formed about noon by the Wesleyans, Baptists and Primitive Methodists, headed by the Wolsingham Brass Band, after which the children will be served with tea in a field lent by Mr Craig. The Church Sunday-school children and all the aged people in the town, with a considerable number of communicants, will be provided with a meat tea at the Rectory in the afternoon. At 5-30 p.m., the Rectory grounds will be thrown open to the public for recreation and refreshment. The Wolsingham Brass Band will be in attendance for dancing.

LEADGATE.

A numerously-attended meeting of the committee was held at Leadgate last (Thursday) night, and was presided over by Mr G. Nicholson. Amongst those present were Rev J. W. Mitchell (St Ives), Father McGuritty (Brooms), and many others.—The contract for supplying tea and refreshments to the children and public, in Redwell Hills Park, was given to Mr W. Rowe, Leadgate; the scholars having a free tea, and the adults supplied at 8d per head.—It was arranged that the children attending the different schools in the district should assemble on the green near the Infants' School at 2 p.m., and from thence march in procession, headed by the Leadgate Saxhorn Band, the members of Local Board, the police, and other public functionaries; traversing via North Cross Street, Watling Street, Plantation Street, West Street, Front Street, and then down St. Ive's Road, into the Park. Flags and bannerettes will be used in the procession, and it is intended to have a monster Union Jack, with a portrait of Her Majesty embellished thereon. On reaching the rendezvous, the children will be regaled to tea in the east side of the park; and games will be arranged. A large marquee, supplied by Mr Calvert, Medomsley, will be erected for the adults to take tea in. The boys will each be presented with a Jubilee medal; and the girls with an illuminated address card. A quantity of sweets, toys, oranges, &c., of the value of £5 will also be distributed amongst the scholars. A spacious bonfire will be constructed on the west corner of the Park; and there will be fireworks at dusk. Mr G. Nicholson was appointed to take charge of the arrangements on Jubilee day, which will be observed as a general holiday.

To-day (Friday), a number of men are engaged in improving and beautifying the Park prior to the celebration.

A children's Jubilee service will take place in St. Ives Church on Sunday afternoon.

CASTLESIDE.

It is the intention of the members of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board to give the whole of the children and old folks a tea on the 21st inst. In the evening, a large bonfire on an eminence upon the estate of Mr W. J. Scott will be lighted, which will be seen 20 miles round. The whole proceedings will be under the supervision of Mr T. Duckworth.

HAMSTEELS AND QUEBEC.

On Jubilee night, a beacon fire will be lighted on one of the hills in the neighbourhood, the materials for which will be supplied by the owners of Hamsteels Collieries. It has also been decided to entertain the children of the two places to tea, but this will not take place until the 9th July.

WITTON GILBERT.

Beacon fires in honour of the Jubilee night will be lighted on Findon Hill, as more convenient than the Sunny Banks. A large beacon fire made up of 20 loads of dry, rotten timber and 80 tar barrels will be lighted upon the Langley estate of the Earl of Durham. Its position will be near "Try 'em All" Inn, and command a view of the whole of the Lanchester vale.

SUNNISIDE.

On the morning of the 21st, the children at Sunniside meet at the school, after which they parade the streets, then march to Stanley Church, where they meet Stanley and Billy Row children, and attend service, after which they march to Jones's House, White Lea, headed by Wooley band, to take tea, given by Sir J. W. Pease. The aged of the district are to be treated to a knife-and-fork tea subscribed for. At night, there is to be a fire on Dove Fold Hill.

CRAGHEAD, HOLMSIDE, AND SOUTH MOOR.

On Tuesday, a grand demonstration will take place at the collieries belonging to Mr William Hedley, viz., the Craghead, Holmside and South Moor Collieries, near Chester-le-Street. Mr Hedley has instructed his manager, Mr James Fairley, to make arrangements for the erection of a marquee on a 26-acre field, on the Middles Farm, the property of Mr Hedley, where all sorts of sports will be provided for the children and young people connected with the above collieries, and after tea has been given, running, jumping, and other sports will be enjoyed, the whole terminating by a grand display of fireworks. The colliery brass band will be in attendance during the day, and Mr Hedley will distribute Jubilee medals at some portion of the proceedings.

COUNTY COURT FIXTURES.

His Honour E. J. Meynell, judge of Circuit No. 2 in this county, has appointed courts to be held at the following places and times:—

Consett.—Wednesday, July 6th, August 3rd, October 5th, November 2nd, and December 21st, at 10 a.m.

Wolsingham.—Saturday, August 6th, October 8th, and December 10th, at 11 a.m.

Durham.—Monday and Tuesday, July 18th and 19th, August 15th and 16th, October 10th and 11th, November 14th and 15th, and December 12th and 13th, at 10 a.m.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

Mr J. P. Dolphin, of Wolsingham, was one of the invited guests present at the Jubilee Banquet given by the Incorporated Law Society, in the great hall of the Royal Court of Justice, London, last week.

Queensland papers to hand announce the appointment of Mr Jacob Dent as chief manager of the Union Gold Mining Company, at a large salary. Mr Dent only left Weardale, where he worked as a miner for the London Company, about four years ago, his speed promotion being secured by sheer ability.

The Weardale Board of Guardians decided by a unanimous vote to send a petition to the Government similar to that recently adopted by the Middlesbrough Guardians, pressing for such alterations in the law as to make the supervision of assistant-overseers more easy, and defalcations more difficult in the future.

It will be seen from the doings of the trustees of Stanhope Town Hall what an amount of red-tapeism surrounds the town itself and its management. Messrs Walton and Raddam deserve the best thanks of the public for the noble and manly stand they have made on behalf of the public and their rights in this question. Being in a minority they cannot carry their propositions, yet they pluckily from time to time have stood out manfully for public right and public good against ecclesiastical sin and red-tape.

Dr C. Arnison, J.P., Stanhope, speaking on Friday last, at a luncheon in connection with St. Cuthbert's Church, Allendale, provided at the King's Head Inn, intimated that he would, if agreeable to the rector and churchwardens and the inhabitants of the place, like to build a few small cottages and present them to the rector and churchwardens for ever, for the use of a few old parishioners who were getting parochial relief. If that met with their views he would like them to be called the "Jubilee Alms Houses."—The Rector thanked Dr Arnison on behalf of himself, churchwardens, and parishioners for his generous offer.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable Facts.—Intense heat augments the annoyance of skin disease, and encourages the development of febrile disorders; wherefore they should, as they may, be removed by these detergent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, pains and spasms of the bowels, Holloway's Ointment well rubbed over the affected part immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and inflammation, checks the threatening diarrhoea and averts incipient cholera. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friend when any pestilence rages, or when from unknown causes, eruptions, boils, abscesses, or ulcerations betoken the presence of taints or impurities within the system, and call for instant and effective curative measures.

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

WITH THE COLORADO COWBOYS.

Those of our young readers who have read descriptions of Buffalo Bill's Exhibition of the Wild West, or been present themselves at one of the performances, may have been tempted to think that it would be a fine thing to be a "cowboy"—to roam the prairies on a fleet mustang, to wear a broad *sombrero*, boots and spurs and leather leggings, to carry a knife and revolver stuck in one's belt, to live among herds of cattle and to fling the lasso. All this sounds very grand and romantic, but, unfortunately, the glory of it exists chiefly in imagination and not in reality. There is little romance in the real life of the Western cattle-herder. Mr. J. T. Trowbridge, a well-known American writer, says:—

It is about as hard a life as a young man can undertake, unless he enters upon it with his hands full of gold; even then it is no boy's sport, if he is in earnest.

I know a graduate of one of our great Eastern colleges, a young man of culture and fortune, who went to Colorado two years ago, with money enough to buy and stock a large ranche. He was wise enough to know that success depended upon strict attention to business; and out of a home of luxury he stepped into a hut, where to-day he cooks his own breakfast, washes his own clothes, sleeps hard and works hard, all as cheerfully as if he had never known a life of less hardship and toil.

In summer he starts off before sunrise, with a piece of jerked beef at his saddle-bow, to ride all day among his cattle, seeing that they do not stray too far from good feed and water; returning only at night, to cook and eat a hasty supper, and throw himself, weary enough, but thoroughly contented, on his hard couch.

Sometimes he does not come home at all for days. Often in winter he rides up into the mountains, among the cañons of which his cattle find shelter from the storms, and sleeps on the snow, wrapped liked an Esquimau, with just a breathing-hole in his blanket; resting comfortably, with the temperature of the Colorado night sinking below zero.

This is the life of his choice. But he is his own master, and the master of other men. The ordinary herder works hard under strict discipline, obeying orders like a soldier, for thirty or forty dollars a month. A good "roper," however, gets more. A "roper" is one who can throw the lasso, and capture a steer stronger, perhaps, than his horse. It requires skill and agility to do that.

The hard life cowboys lead induces reckless habits, and drink is the curse of many a generous fellow, who without it could not fail to become an honourable and useful citizen.

Cowboys become very skilful riders, and they are sometimes fond of "shewing off." In Southern Colorado I witnessed some performances which were as good as any equestrian feats I ever saw. A cowboy rode through the streets of a small town at full gallop, picking up whatever was thrown in the way before him—a hat, a whip, a handkerchief. This be did by stooping from the saddle, putting down one hand to the ground, while he held on by the other and by his feet, and springing up into his place again without even slackening speed.

Then he galloped through the streets, lassoing dogs, cattle, and even his friends. I noticed that the rope was gathered in a coil, with a noose at the end about six feet long; this was swung around the rider's head several times, and finally projected 20 or 33 feet, with surprising accuracy, at the object to be captured. A dog usually slipped his head out of the loop as it tightened, and ran away yelping; but a horned creature had to wait until released.

But the most exciting fun was when two cowboys, in picturesque hats and fantastically fringed leather leggings, mounted on the briskest of ponies, attempted lassoing each other. As one flung his rope, the other would dodge it by dropping down on his horse's neck, or leaning over the side of his saddle; then he would spring up and fling his rope in turn.

Once both were noosed; then it was diverting to see the trained horses pull and back and brace themselves, and the men haul at the ropes, each trying to free himself and at the same time to drag down his antagonist. The horses seemed to understand the friendly game, and to enjoy it as well as the men, though they themselves sometimes got lassoed over the neck, or about the legs.

SEEING THE WORLD.

Two puppies who lived at the edge of a wood,
Besought of a bull-frog to tell, if he could,
Where "a place called the world" they might see.
They knew he had travelled about far and wide,
They thought in his journey the world he had spied,
And could say whereabouts it might be.

Said Bull Frog, "It's perfectly true, for I know
I saw it quite plainly a few days ago,
On a journey I happened to make.
The world is not round, as some would declare,
I've seen myself—it is perfectly square—
So I could not have made a mistake.

"And, oh, it's so *cold* and so *flat*," said the frog.
"And then it's as *deep* as a well, Mister Dog,
So I don't think you'd like it, you know.
But still, if the world you are anxious to see,
I'll promise to shew you, if you'll come with me."
Said the pups, "Mister Frog, we will go."

They travelled together the length of the wood,
Till at length at the side of a pool they stood,
Which the bull-frog declared was the world.
At this word the puppies could hardly forbear.
Their noses betokened a most angry air,
And their tails were indignantly curled.

"Do you mean to tell us you've not been beyond
The edge of your poor, little, green, dirty pond!
Do you call *this* the world, Mister Frog?"
"You call it a dirty green pond—that may be.
It's *my* world, and quite good enough, sirs, for me,
And that's all I've to say for to-day," said he,
And then calmly hopped off to his log.

—*Little Folks' Magazine.*

GREAT FUN.

It is wonderful how uncomfortable people can be and still be happy. Wonderful, too, is a boy's idea of "a good time." Take this California scene:—

Just before we reached our destination, we passed a tent where an adventurous party of pleasure-seekers was camping out. A small boy, with his head and the greater part of his face tied up in a blue veil, was piling brush on a large bonfire, close to the door of the tent.

"To keep off the black flies?" called I, as I rode by.

"Yes, and mosquitoes, too," said he, lifting up roguish eyes, reddened by the smoke.

"Oh dear!" said I. "Do you like camping-out?"

"Yes, indeed!" shouted he. "It's splendid! We killed six rattlesnakes yesterday!"

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—Thirteen letters; an object of homage. My 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 10, 5 often occurs in Ireland; 8, 10, 2, 11, 9 something my whole has; my 5, 3, 13, 9 is tidy; and my 9, 4, 13, 11 is a sign of grief and sometimes joy.

2.—My *first* is in age, but not in youth,
My *second* in love, but not in truth,
My *third* in hour but not in day,
My *fourth* in due but not in pay,
My *fifth* in life, but not in dead,
My *sixth* in brow, but not in head,
My *seventh* in will, but not in done,
My *eighth* in hide, but not in gone,
My *ninth* in tear, but not in cry,
My *tenth* in yell, but not in sigh.
To little folks my *whole* is dear,
Yet only comes but once a year.

BURIED NATURAL OBJECTS.

3.—Mother, I verily believe it is going to rain. Are you thirsty? Well, a kettle of water is boiling, I will make the tea. He drew up his cab a yard or two from the door. A shrub is less than a tree. Bring me an orange and a lemon at once. It is rude to praise a man to his face.

4.—My *first*, a biped; *second*, a vowel; *third*, a deed; *fourth*, a river; and *whole* is to produce.

5.—*First*, is food; *second*, is to permit; and *whole* is a play.

6.—I count a few hours, of letters count three,
Now take one away and, strange though it be,
My end no one living is fated to see.

7.—An Old Proverb.—b, c, eee, hb, ii, l, n, oo, p, sss, ttt, yy.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1. Whitsuntide. 2. Con-vale-scent. 3. No. 1. 4. Foot-man. 5. Constantinople.

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Dr. Schmoele affirms: "He who eats lemons in sufficient abundance need never die." The difficulty is, you observe, that no man ever lived long enough to eat them in sufficient abundance to live for ever.

THE TREASURE HUNTERS;

OR,

THE SEARCH FOR THE MOUNTAIN MINE.

BY

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CHAPTER XXIV.

WANDERINGS.

Their position was perilous in the extreme—sheltered behind that ridge from the Indians below in the great valley, and not even certain that some of their scouts had not seen so prominent an object as a woman riding upon a mule; and on the other side, coming in the very track they had followed, and as if in direct pursuit, there was another hostile band.

A short council of war was held on the instant, and the position reviewed. There was no escape, either backward or forward; their only chance was to find some ravine running off at right angles with the mountain, and seek safety there.

It was a wild region of rifts and ravines; and fortunately there was what seemed to be a mere split between two rocks close at hand. From where they stood, it seemed too narrow for a mule to pass through; but it was their only chance, and they made for it, to find as they drew nearer that it widened out considerably, and, save that the mules had hard work to climb over the rugged stones, the way was easy.

The question even now was whether they would get through before the Indians appeared. The stumbling of a mule would have been ruin, and the wonder was that one of the heavily-laden beasts did not fall; but one by one they followed their leader, led by Larry, while Frank kept guard over the rear till the last had passed through, and the sound made by its hoofs became inaudible in the narrow ravine, as he stood listening.

It was none too soon. He had hardly glided through himself, and taken up a sheltered position commanding the opening—rifle poised, and finger on trigger—when the first Indian came in sight of the ravine, then another and another, till, from the murmur of voices, it seemed to Frank Adams that there were twenty or thirty, and they had paused just opposite the rift.

Had they discovered something, and were they going to search it? What could they have found? Had a mule cast a shoe, or had something been left behind? Whatever might be the case, his duty was plain—to defend that pass till the last, so as to give the others a chance to escape. It seemed a mad thing to do, but no other course was open. While his ammunition lasted he could keep fifty Indians at bay, for they would not make a rush—of that he was sure. But then they could easily pursue them and run them down. Heavens! how sick he was of this constant life of dread—this hunted existence! Well, it was nearly at an end now; and wealth could not be won without trouble.

He listened. There was the same babble of voices to be heard, and he supposed that the Indians were consulting about their movements. How far had Larry got by this time with the mules?

"Whisht!"

"What! you here, Larry?" exclaimed Adams.

"Sure, an' where would I be, whin Miss Mary's ladin' the first mule, an' the others are playin' at folly me lader, like so many four-futted babies?"

"But you should not have left them, Larry," said Adams, reproachfully.

"Ye see what it is to have so many masthers," said Larry, with much solemnity. "Miss Mary sez, sez she, 'Go an' help Misther Frank,' she sez; an' I looks at Misther Dawson, an' he nods his head. Well, what could I do afther that bud come and look after the rear guard, yer honour? An' here I am."

It was no time for bandying words, so Adams remained silent; and the two men lay there, in positions which covered the rift, for quite an hour, Adams consoling himself with the thought that two of them could more effectually keep the Indians off, and that though Dawson was wounded and helpless, he could still guide, so that there was a chance of escape.

The full hour passed, and then the murmur died away. Another hour, and all was silent. And now, at his repeated request, Adams consented to let Larry go forward and reconnoitre.

"Shure, I'll go along on the flure, like a lizard," said Larry.

And, leaving his rifle behind, he crept away from stone to stone, and was absent about a quarter of an hour, to come running back with the joyful intelligence that the Indians had passed over the ridge, and were now far down the slope of the great valley, where another body was advancing to meet them.

Saved, then, again, and by the narrowest chance! They started forward at a trot, and made for their friends, following the course of the long, narrow gorge for miles before they overtook them, anxiously waiting at the entrance of this strange rift, where a couple more branched of in different directions; for they were in the land of rifts, ravines, and gorges. The region where they wandered was one network of such valleys, separated by mountainous crag and high point, the valleys wandering vein-like in every direction, the smaller running into the larger, and these again leading down to the plain.

The meeting was a glad one, and, there being now no fear of pursuit, they agreed, after a rest by a mossy nook where there was water and a little pasture for the mules among the bushes, to journey gently onward, always away from the great valley, where it was evident that the Indians had made a temporary settlement; and then they could pause wherever nature offered them a pleasant resting-place, since all they required was undisturbed tranquillity and pleasant, quiet journeying where the invigorating mountain air blew freely. This life-giving breath Dawson drew in at every inspiration, and already his cheeks looked less pallid and strange.

And now, as they wandered on from resting-place to resting-place, a day or two's freedom from peril bringing back elasticity of spirit and lightness of heart, Larry would be what he called "makin' frinds wid the bastes, whisperin' saycrets" to this long-eared mule, tickling the ribs of that one, but invariably accompanying his attentions with a handful of sweet grass, or a bunch of tender shoots cut from some shrub. The result was that the mules followed him like dogs, and a word or a whistle would, after a halt, bring them trotting up to him at any time ready for loading, the poor brutes the while being ever ready to nuzzle up against him, and rub their noses upon his hand.

"Sure, an' why not?" said Larry, when, with a smile, Mrs. Adams one day talked to him about it. "I don't think it's Christian-like to hit the poor bastes as can't handle a shtick agin. An', sure, there's no pleasure in it, like there would be in hittin' at a rowdy, or an Injun, or a boy at home. An', besides, it would be ongrateful to the bastes to larrup thim for carryin' our traps. Look how a word kapes thim in order an'— Ah! arrah, Pepe, ye baste, lave Don John's tail alone! How would ye like me to be comin' behind an' bitin' yours?"

He shouted loudly at one of the mules playfully nibbling at a brother in front; and the result was a toss of the head and a bit of a caper, and all went well once more.

Mrs. Adams laughed merrily to her husband about the change in his sister; and Mary knew it, and acknowledged it with a soft, gentle smile.

"Can't you find time to stay with us a little while?" said Mrs. Adams, banteringly, one morning, as the little train was passing along a mountain track that was like a broad shelf, with the almost perpendicular slope of the eminences on one side, and a tremendous precipice on the other.

Mary looked up, for she was on foot, and her eyes rested on those of her sister for a few minutes.

"You are laughing at me," she said, softly.

And the next minute she was walking by the side of the mule which carried Dawson.

The direction they had taken had been carefully noted, and the compass brought constantly into requisition, till on this day, during the noontide halt, when the sun was pouring down the full fervour of his beams, Dawson announced that in a direct line they were not more than eight miles from the golden valley, as they had named the scene of their sojourn. They were up on the mountain-side far above it; and, judging from analogy, Dawson was of opinion that on passing round the shoulder of this mountain they would come upon either a valley or a table-land, which, if presenting satisfactory features, should be their resting-place for the next week.

CHAPTER XXV.

A BIT OF SENTIMENT.

The heat of the day was past, and they were again journeying on slowly and leisurely, like travellers passing the time for their own pleasure. Now mineralogy was in the ascendant, and they examined the specimens Larry picked up or chipped off for them; now it was botany, and the curious hillside growths were culled, till, turning the shoulder of the mountain, they came upon an unexpected sight, filling up, as it were, a hollow scooped out among the mountains, which shut it in. Just below them was a lake, whose waters ... glow sparkled with the tints of all the precious stones. Here, close down to its edge, were groves of pine; there, rugged, bare rocks, and again in patches, brushwood and clumps of mountain growth. A score of places presented themselves at once where they could set up their tent, and find rest and shelter from the winds that might blow cold in this elevated region, while the lake promised fish and water fowl for their guns.

Taking a last observation with the glass before descending to the shores of the lake, all was proved to be as Dawson had calculated. Certainly, within ten miles must be the golden valley, for they recognised point after point with which they had been familiar. The mountain, too, which they had climbed was one they had often watched of an evening when it was tinted by the sunset rays. All, then, was so far satisfactory that they determined to at once set up the tent in one of the fir groves, trusting to their fortunate star to be unmolested by any wandering band.

A suitable spot was soon found, and the mules set free to graze, while Frank and Larry prepared their tent. Mary left Dawson resting on the fragrant pine needles, while she went to aid her sister in preparing the evening meal; but she was playfully told to go and look after her invalid.

Mary stood looking at the speaker for a moment, as if in resentment; but the soft light playing in her eyes grew brighter, and, in a dreamy, thoughtful way, she turned and went slowly down the slope, amidst the tall fir trunks, standing up like pillars in some vast temple, till she was by Dawson's side.

He motioned her to sit down, and she took her place by his feet. His next act was in silence to hold out to her his hand.

There was a minute's pause, Mary Adams gazing long and earnestly in his face, with a look full of appeal, trust, and hope. Then she placed both her hands in his without a word.

No word was spoken—no word of love had been spoken—but Mary knew that he had heard what she said on that dreadful day when he had offered his life for hers, and lay half insensible, bleeding for her sake; and in her heart of hearts she had told herself that she was his—his for ever, let him demand her when he would.

The sun sank lower, leaving the lake of a deep, dark blue, unruffled by a breath of wind. The silence of the place seemed awful in its solemnity, save when it was broken by a merry snatch of song from Larry, who was putting finishing touches to the fir branch hut that had been hastily rigged up; and at last when, tired with his toil, Frank Adams cast down his axe and joined his wife, it was to find her alone, sitting with the evening meal prepared, and a pleasant smile of satisfaction upon her lips.

"Where's Mary?" he said, about to throw himself down upon the fragrant pine boughs that had been cut.

"Come and see," was the reply; and, leaning upon his arm, she led him down towards the shores of the lake.

It was getting dusk now, and, as they entered the little pine clump, for a few minutes they could not make out where those they sought were seated. But a pressure from the hand of Mrs. Adams called Frank's attention to a group upon a fallen tree, and as they paused there it was to make out, plainly defined now, Mary, with her waist encircled by Dawson's still feeble arm, and her head resting upon his breast.

Adams and his wife advanced, talking aloud, but the others did not stir; and when at last the fresh comers stood before them, and Mrs. Adams playfully announced supper, Dawson said, quietly:

"So soon?"

A minute after he said, in a deep, soft voice.

"Frank, Mary has promised to be my wife."

Then for the first time she raised her head and looked at him, to say, almost in a whisper:

"I made no promise."

"Not in words," said Dawson, quietly; "but I am quite content."

"Ownly say,
You'll be Mrs. Brallaghan;
Don't say nay,
Charmin' Judy Callaghan,"

sang Larry, at a little distance. Then directly after he shouted, as a noise came from a distance, "Ah! who's that squalin'? Bedad! an' will ye be quiet? There niver was such a set ov bitin' an' kickin' divils let loose before, since Adam gave all the bastes a name. There, I mane to ate an' slape now before I do any more work, for I'm cryin' out intirely for me mate, an' I've caught me eyes winkin' twicet."

CHAPTER XXVI.

DELUDHERING THROUT.

Ten days of peace by the beautiful mountain lake soon passed away, without a single interruption. Dawson grew stronger each hour, and his eye flashed brighter. Then they fished for the delicious lake trout. Larry's old Irish experiences, in what he called, with a twinkle of his eye, "fishin' widout lave," came in useful here, and he had great success.

But not at first. For two days he came back empty-handed, though Frank had been more fortunate with his gun, and the ducks he brought in made a pleasant meal.

"I don't like it," said Larry, rubbing his chin. "There's thousands of throut there, for ye can see thim swimmin' about in shoals. Bad luck to thim! bud they won't be caught, an' ye can't go an' bale out a big hole like that lake; ye might get tired. The bastes are artful, that's what it is, an' don't like to be caught honourable. Why, yer honour, I've knowed gintlemen come wid their grand fishin' poles, an' flies like buttherflies, an' thry all day an' niver get a fish—thryin' honourable, ye know. Bud whin Mickey Daly an' I went quietly ov a night an' did a bit ov poachin'—och! the fishes wor delighted, an' we caught as many as we liked. Now, I wouldn't be a bit surprised," said Larry, thoughtfully, polishing his stick with a handful of sand and some grass—"not a bit surprised if the divils out here are as cunnin' an' wicked as they are at home. Bedad! an' why not? Human nature's the same all the wide world over, an' why not here?"

Dawson laughed, for the Irishman's ideas amused him.

"What will you do, then, Larry?"

"What will I do, yer honour? Why, I'll be aven wid thim. 'Play black,' sez they—'a sphade.' 'Arrah!' sez I, 'an' I haven't got wan. Thrumps! an' that thrick's mine.' On we go agin, an' I let thim take a diamond thrick, whin, thinkin' to have me, they play diamonds. 'Whisht!' sez I, 'an' I've got ye agin!' an' I thrumps once more an' wins. That's how I'll do thim, yer honour, Misther Dawson, sor."

"Well, that sounds all very well, Larry," laughed Dawson; "but I'm not a bit the wiser. What do you mean to do?"

"Do, sor? Why, that's what I've been tellin' ye. They won't play fair, so they must play foul. I chated thim whin I played thrumps, bud they niver knew it, so I must chate thim here. That bit about the cards was what Father Rooney called an appylog."

Dawson nodded.

"Ye see, sor, it's plain enough that the fish won't be took fair, so they must be got wid a bit ov wickedness. I'll have to go and poach for thim, same's I do at home. Only think ov the little scaly beggars bein' so artful."

"Why, Larry," said Adams, laying down his pipe, "how can it be poachin' when there is no law against taking the trout?"

"Whisht, yer honour, an' what do the fish know about laws, an' all that sort ov thing? They niver heerd the word poachin' in all their lives—not even in Injun."

"Exactly—that's what I say," laughed Adams. "But then I can't argue."

"Ov coorse not, yer honour. Ye've not studied throut an' salmon as I have all me life, an' don't know all their artful little ways. It's the iday ov the poachin' that plases thim, not the name ov the thing. Ye see, a throut's a kind ov baste that likes to be tickled. Thry it in any strame where there's wan lyin' by the side, an' just say tickle to him wanst wid yer fingers, an' he'll lay over laughin' in yer hand, an' there ye have him, ready for the gridiron."

"But you can't tickle trout in a lake, Larry."

"Ov coorse not, wid yer hand, yer honour, unless ye had fingers a hundred feet long; so ye tickle thim wid the iday ov bein' poached for, an' catch thim like fun. It's the wickedness ov the thing as they likes, for they're a bad lot, they are, thim fish—a cowld-blooded haythenish set, an' only fit to be ate. I don't wondher at the ould saint goin' an' praychin' to thim as he did, an' much good it's done thim. Ah, the divil a bit! It would want a dale ov praychin' to make a daycent boy ov any wan ov thim."

Larry had evidently a plan ready; for soon after he set to work with an axe, lopping off boughs from the pines, and cutting down two or three smaller poles, which he cut in lengths, lashed together at the ends, and then crossed them with others, till he made on the sandy shore of the lake a decent little raft, about six feet by eight, strong and sufficiently buoyant to easily bear a couple of men. On this he placed a rice bag and his fishing tackle, cut himself a rough oar to paddle with, and then waited for the night to set in.

There would be but little exertion, so Dawson decided upon accompanying him, for the voyage was only to be a few hundred yards out in the lake; and at last, when the surface was like one purply-black sheet, spangled with the glittering diamonds reflected from above, they pushed off, and anchored by means of a heavy stone, let down by Larry with the thin rope used for lashing on the packs of the mules.

"There, yer honour," said Larry—"there's for ye. Ye might think ye were out on a lake in ould Oireland, an' the kaypers on the watch ashore waitin' to catch ye. The throut are down below there, thinkin' it's a rare game; an' if we could see thim, bedad, an' it's sartin that they're smellin' roun' that shtone I've put down, an' rubbin' thimselves against the rope. Now, I'll have first thry." And he lowered a baited hook, which had hardly reached the bottom before tug, tug, there was a sharp snatch or two at the line, and Larry began to haul up a good-sized fish. "Faith, an' what did I say?" he exclaimed. "Bud, whisht! I mustn't shpake too loud, or they'll be off."

Dawson had now lowered his bait, and after a minute he had similar good fortune.

"It's their nature all the world over, as I said before," said Larry, in a whisper, as he hauled in another, and placed it in the rice bag. "It'll be a good dish we'll have for the ladies, an' a fine feed in the mornin'; an' no fear ov starvation so long as we kape close to the water, an' know enough nat'ral history to dale wid the fish. Didn't we deludher thim?" said Larry, as he bore his heavy bagful of fish up to the hut. "Here's Misther Dawson caught about half, an' enough left in the pond there to go at for months to come—the artful little ... An', masther, dear, what d'ye say to the poachin' now?"

(*To be continued.*)

WIT AND HUMOUR.

It is said that a sermon is always short to a woman who wears a bonnet at church for the first time.

Some claim that the pulley is the oldest mechanical invention; but probably the crowbar has a pryer claim.

"Yes," he said; "before marriage I thought I could live on love. But I am now living on my father-in-law."

If a part is less than the whole, when is a fin equal to the whole fish? You give it up? When the fin is a dolphin.

Little Lillie: "Don't you think, doctor, that I look just like my mamma?" Mother: "Hush, child, don't be vain!"

In the first transports of delight the happy father rushed into the room, exclaiming,—"I've got a son! It's a boy!"

Magistrate, to complainant: "Who was present when the defendant knocked you down?" Complainant: "I was!"

The difference between a carriage wheel and a carriage horse is that one goes best when it is tired, and the other doesn't.

"I do not desire wealth for itself," remarked a philosopher. "No," replied a cynic; "I suppose you desire it for yourself."

"Hallo, Blade, glad to see you. I'm in a great hurry: you just wait a minute, and I'll be back in a quarter of an hour."

It has been suggested that one reason why the communications of spirits are so indistinct is because they write on "rapping" paper.

"I'll be wiser when I'm moulder," as the moulder's apprentice remarked to his employer when chidden for some mistake he had made.

"Give us, oh! give us a man who sings at his work," says Carlyle. Yes, give him to us, deliver him up. He occupies the next office, and we can't get at him.

It costs nine hundred and thirty-five dollars to load and discharge the latest improved siege gun. But it kills a great many people, so it is well worth the money.

The novelist Howells says that the pathos in Dickens' stories "appears false and strained." Still, while not a Howells, of course, Dickens did the best he knew how.

First Gentleman: "I beg your pardon, sir, but is not your name Smythe." Second Gentleman: "No, sir, my name is Smith. You have evidently mistaken me for my son."

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At last the West-end streets begin to wear that appearance of coming festivities for which we have been looking out for some weeks past. All temporary erections of timber, set up with a view to strength rather than an eye to beauty, are disfiguring to architectural effects.

There is no more picturesque bit of street architecture in the world than that square, Parliament-square, which has Westminster Abbey and St. Margaret's Church on one side, the Houses of Parliament on another, with the trees, at this season in full foliage, breaking the hard outline of the formal streets opening off on the other two sides. Yet for three weeks past this place has been growing uglier day by day as the preparations for the Jubilee progressed. As the long perpendicular lines of the scaffolding poles grew up around the Abbey and in front of St. Margaret's, and the horizontal timbers were placed across them, the transformation from ancient—even venerable—beauty to commonplace, nineteenth century utilitarianism was soon perfected. It was a shock to many people to hear that several of the windows in the Abbey had been removed to make extra doorways, but this was as nothing compared to the sight of the place itself, with all the uncouth wooden staircases erected outside the building to give ingress to the additional galleries set up inside. A little later on, and the harsh effect was greatly toned down by the crimson baize, which is now being lavishly spread over the seats, on the staircase, round the poles, and everywhere that will conceal the rudeness of the temporary erections. As a neat finish, at the latest day, there will be a liberal display of bunting fluttering in the breeze—if there should be a breath of wind—which will soften off many of the angularities now so obtrusive in the design of all the temporary structures.

On the 7th inst., the coachmakers, to whom the redecoration of all the royal carriages was entrusted, were obliged to have their work completed, ready for the handing over on the following day. Few people know what are the difficulties which coach painters have to surmount in turning out coach panels with that beautiful enamel surface which must defy the elements, and keep its lustre equally well in damp, sunshine, frost, rain, or through any of the many changes for which our climate is remarkable. In the choice of pigments the coach painter is limited, only certain mineral paints being suitable. Coat after coat of paint and varnish must be supplied, each with its special medium, and then the surface scraped down to a perfectly fine, even coating before another may be applied. A certain time must elapse between each stage of the work, allowing for the hardening and perfect drying of the applications. During all the time that the work is in hand the greatest attention has to be paid to the temperature of the factory, that it may be high enough to dry the paint gradually, yet efficiently, and all draughts, or currents of air likely to bring in dust, most carefully excluded.

All the Queen's private carriages have been in constant requisition this week, attending at railway stations and other places to convey the guests to the hotels or private residences, engaged for their occupation. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were the first really important arrivals, back for a short visit from India. Joyful must have been their meeting with their three little children despatched from Balmoral by the Queen to join their parents at Buckingham Palace.

The arrangement of the precedence to be given to the foreign sovereigns and representatives of those unable themselves to be present, has not a little taxed the learning and tact of the State officers to whom the task of drawing up the lists was entrusted. Fortunately the Queen herself is an authority on these matters, far more experienced in arrangements, and able to give good reasons for her revisions of and alterations in the lists. The greatest trouble has been with the Orientals, who are sure to take offence, no matter what is done to deprecate their wrath. To them England, though their Empress resides in it, is a country of yesterday compared with India. The British Islands might have only risen recently out of the sea, while India has been a country with sovereigns for thousands of years, rulers succeeding each other in successive lines, while other ancient kingdoms were swept away, and even Europe was given over to hordes of barbarians.

"Is the Queen to wear the Koh-i-noor?" some of the Eastern visitors have inquired, and it is understood that she will. This is not an idle question. The great diamond belonged to Rungeet Singh, and became the property of the Queen when the Punjaub was annexed by the East India Company in 1850. Indian tradition reports the Koh-i-noor to be 4,000 years old. It was one of the eyes of an idol once, the other eye having been lost. But the native princes looked upon the transfer of that diamond to England as ominous, a proof that the country was indeed conquered. Maharajah Duleep Singh, to whom the English Government granted an annuity, and who was brought up in England, is the son of that famous Runjeet Singh. It will be remembered that this Indian gentleman suddenly sold off all his possessions in England two years ago, and set out for India. The English Government having information of his ultimate intentions, forbade him to go farther than Suez, and he is now at Moscow, maintaining a sulky and defiant attitude towards England. All sorts of stories are told and credited of Duleep Singh, one of them being that his envy of the Koh-i-noor, and wrath at its being in the Queen's possession, embitters his existence. It is to him a talisman that was his father's, and ought to be his, and the annuity granted to him by England was only an insult when the Koh-i-noor was withheld. True or false, the Maharajah's feeling would not be unnatural were we similarly situated. Apart from the intrinsic value, which is very great, its retention as a Crown jewel must always be to the Oriental mind a badge of conquest, a reminder that the English Queen rules over the kingdom of the Great Mogul, he who owned the Mountain of Light in the seventeenth century. Orientals are all lovers and judges of jewels. They come over here wanting to know all about the Queen's jewels.

A small diadem, it is said, will be worn in the Abbey, one not too heavy, but this idea may be abandoned at the last moment. In this crown will probably be the famous Ythan pearl, which has a history of its own. Strangely enough it is a mussel, not an oyster pearl, and was found in Scotland. Years ago, when Scotland had still her own coinage, distinct from England, as two farmers were returning from market, they came to the banks of the Ythan. One dismounted, but the other retained his seat, and holding the bridle in his hand stooped forward to let the horse drink. While in this position he saw, close to where his companion was standing, a very large mussel. "I say, Tam, rax me the crookit end o' your stick, and get me that muckle clam shell. It will be a famous thing for our Kate when she scrapes her sowans pot." The companion pulled over the mussel, handed it up to his friend, and in a capacious pocket the gift for our Kate was taken home. On opening the mussel to make two scrapers of the shells, a very fine pearl was found inside. The farmer kept his treasure carefully until he had an opportunity of taking it to London to sell. The jeweller to whom the farmer shewed the pearl was greatly struck by its size, and asked if it were for sale. "Ow, aye, if you will give a lang aneuch price," was the answer. After a little discussion the jeweller asked to have a sum named. "What do ye say to a hunner pun?" asked Sandy. Now a hunner pun Scotch meant only £8 6s. 8d. "A hundred pounds, sir!" exclaimed the jeweller. "It is a beautiful pearl, but a hundred pounds is a great price, and—" "Aweel," said the Aberdonian, suddenly remembering he was in England, "that is the price, take it, or want it." The jeweller hesitated, then closed the bargain, and Sandy went home rejoicing he had been a man of such few words that he had not betrayed his own modest valuation. The jeweller afterwards sold the pearls to the King, but which king, and for what price, history does not reveal.

Bad Company is Better than None.—A lawyer driving through a town stopped at a cottage to inquire his way. The lady of the house told him he must keep straight on for some time, then turn to the right; but said that she herself was going to pass the road he must take, and if he would wait a few moments she would show him the way. "Well," he said, "bad company is better than none." "Make haste," After jogging on five or six miles, the gentleman asked if he had not come to the road he must take. "Oh, yes," said she, "we have passed it two or three miles back; but I thought that bad company was better than none, so I kept you along with me."

Frightening the Hired Girl.—I am very particular about fastening the doors and windows of my house. I do not intend to leave them open at night as an invitation to burglars to enter. You see I was robbed once in that way, and I never mean to be again; so when I go to bed I want to be sure that every door and window is securely fastened. About a month ago my wife changed hired girls, and the new-comer was very careless about the doors. On two or three occasions I came downstairs to find a window up or the back door unlocked. I cautioned her, but it did no good. I therefore determined to frighten her. I got some false whiskers and an old wig, and one night, about ten o'clock, I crept down the backstairs to the kitchen where she was. She was in her chair, sound asleep, as I could tell by her breathing, but the minute I struck a match she awoke. I expected a great yelling and screaming, but nothing of the sort took place. She bounced out of her chair, with a "You villain" on her lips, seized a chair by the back; and, before I had made a move, she hit me over the head, felling me to my knees. I tried to get up, tried to explain who I was, but in vain. Before I could get out of the room she hit me again, and it was only after I had tumbled down the backstairs that she gave the alarm. Then she went through to my room, rapped at the door, and coolly announced: "Mr. Dash, please get up; I've killed a burglar!"

I Knew I Hit It.—Otis Alden was a school-mate of ours, who lived upon a desolate farm six miles from the village of M——. He was as green a country lad of thirteen years of age as our verdant state ever raised. Tall and lank, his head covered by a crop of hair about one fourth of an inch in length, he appeared as destitute of intelligence as the cattle he attended. We were just returning from a day's hunt, at about eight o'clock in the evening, and as we passed Oti's house the idea struck me that we might have a little sport at his expense, and, as he stepped into the road to inquire as to our success, I invited him to take a shot from my new rifle. "Why, how far will she carry?" asked Otis. "Oh, as far as you can see, Otis," replied I, "Just take a shot at that star," said I, pointing to Venus. "Wall, neow, you don't say, will she carry there? Wall, I'll try it," and he rested the piece on the rail fence, took aim, and fired. Directly after the report a meteor fell in the direction he had aimed, and as Otis with surprise viewed the falling star, he exultingly shouted: "I knew I hit it—the tarnal thing is crippled, any heow."

A Queer Question.—The master of a certain school in a Welsh Village, bore the reputation of being a very clever calculator. The rector of the parish on a certain occasion paid a visit to the school, to inspect the progress of the children. A little rogue, of whom no questions had been asked, and who had therefore missed the opportunity for distinguishing himself, which he greatly desired, made up his mind to question, since he was not questioned. "Master," he said, "you will do me a kindness to answer me something?" "Ask whatever you please," replied the master. "You know I always tell you to ask about anything you do not know. He who asks makes no mistakes." "My father is three times my age. Will the time ever come when he will be double mine?" "That is not a question," said the master. "It is a joke. To bring that about, the clock must stop for your father, and continue to go on for you." "But it is quite possible," continued the child. "Silence, impertinent little fellow," cried the angry master, who only spared the rod out of respect for the visitor. The gentleman looked with little approbation upon a lad who tried to puzzle the best calculator in Wales and obstinately maintained a proposition which appeared to him as absurd as it did to the master. "I will prove it," said the child, "that what I say is true. I am 12 years old, my father is 36. In 12 years I shall be 24, and my father 48, consequently my father, who is now thrice my age will then only be double. The master became whiter than the wall of his room and the visitor said that lad was a clever little chap.

A Prompt Retort.—Many years ago, when Bishop Latimer was Bishop of Worcester, he had occasion to visit a certain parish, and was surprised as well as angry not to hear the church bells ring. Calling the officer or rector of the church, he asked him what he meant, and said, "Do you know that it is a great insult to your bishop not to have the bells rung." The sexton replied that one of the clappers were broken. "Then why don't you have it mended," angrily exclaimed the bishop. "Well, my lord," said the sexton. "You see that there bell yonder" (pointing to the pulpit) "it hasn't had a clapper in it these thirty years, and our parson comes regular for his twelve pounds a year." This Bishop went away much discomfited.

Irish bulls are famous. Perhaps for concentrated inaccuracy of statement, nothing can surpass the following sentence, which occurred in an account of a burglary—"After a fruitless search all the money was recovered except one pair of boots."

Lady: "Shut your mouth, Bridget. You are the most impertinent servant I ever had. You always want to have the last word." Bridget: "Sure, an' that's not me fault. How can I know beforehand whin yez are going to quit answering me back?"

The conversation turned upon aged people. "My grandfather," said Coverot, "died at the age of ninety-four." "My grandmother was one hundred and three when she died," remarked Tupin. "And in my family," put in Guibollard, not to outdone in boasting, "are several who ain't dead yet."

Fastidious Epicure, to clumsy waiter: "If you can bring me a cup of coffee without spilling the coffee into the saucer, I'll give you sixpence." Exit waiter, and re-enters promptly, carrying the cup in one hand and the saucer in the other. He puts down first one, then the other, and takes the coin in silence.

A countryman, in passing by a market, saw the strongest animal he had ever seen. "What is that?" he asked. "That is a turtle," was the reply. After turning it over and examining the curious shell that enclosed it, he asked, "Do you sell the box with it?"

No Great Catch.—Admiral Tryon's scheme that the Australian colonies should pay £130,000 per annum in time of war and £120,000 in time of peace towards the expenses of a new squadron of "cruiser catchers" in Australian waters has not been accepted. Perhaps the colonists thought it was a question of a *try on*.

A lady taking tea at a small company, being very fond of hot rolls, was asked to have another. "Really I cannot," she modestly replied; "I do not know how many I have eaten already." "I do," unexpectedly cried a juvenile upstart, whose mother had allowed him a seat at the table; "you've eaten eight; I've been counting."

Pitou, a soldier recently returned from the seat of war in Tonquin, stumps on a wooden leg about the streets of Paris. One day recently he met an enthusiastic friend named Pirre. "Brave warrior!" said Pirre, "thanks to you, France has now one foot in the remote East!" "Right you are," replied Pitou; "twas I who left it there!"

"Oh, Harry, what a beautiful birthday present! I am glad to know that you didn't forget me. Pure gold isn't it?" Harry, her betrothed: "Yes, darling." "And the case is superb. It isn't a charm or fan earring, for you would have bought me a pair. I never saw anything like it. What is it?" "Never saw anything like it!" cried Harry. "Why, it is a thimble!"

"Fannie," said a mother to her pretty daughter; "didn't I hear Frank kiss you last night when he went away?" "No, ma'ma, you did not," replied the daughter, indignantly. "No?" said the mother suspiciously. "No, you didn't, for Frank shut the door before——" Then the innocent young creature stopped and blushed, and blushed again, and made a rush for her own room.

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A WITTY PARSON.—A Scotch clergyman, the name of Whatley Morrison, was a man of most irrepressible humour. On one occasion, he entreated an officer to pardon a poor soldier, for some offence he had committed. The officer agreed to do so, if he would in return, grant him the first favour he should ask. Mr. Morrison agreed to this. In a day or two the officer asked that the ceremony of baptism should be performed on a favourite puppy. The clergyman agreed to it, and a party of fellow officers and soldiers assembled to witness the novel baptism. The droll clergyman desired the officer to hold up the puppy, as was customary in the baptism of infants, and said, "As I am the minister of the Church of Scotland, I must proceed according to the ceremonies of the Church." "Certainly," replied the officer, "I expect all the ceremony." "Well, I begin with the usual question: You acknowledge yourself the father of this puppy?" A roar of laughter burst from the assembly, the enraged officer flung the innocent puppy to the floor, and the witty minister turned the laugh against the infidel who intended to deride the sacred ordinance.

A QUEER WAY OF RAISING MONEY.—About fifty years ago, two brothers, blacksmiths by trade, went to Jamaica. On arriving there, and not having sufficient money to commence a business, they hit upon the following plan:—One of them stripped the other naked and blackened him from head to foot. He then he took him to a slave-dealer who was so pleased with his appearance that he paid £80 for him. On the same night the pretended negro escaped to his brother and washed himself clean. Rewards were offered for his capture, but he, of course, was never discovered. With this money they commenced a business, in which they were very successful, and returned to England with a large fortune. But before leaving the island, they were honest enough to repay the slave-dealer, with interest, the money of which they had defrauded him.

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The sixth annual meeting of this society was held on Monday night, in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, when Mr M. Noble presided. The minutes having been confirmed, it was agreed to take the accounts as read. The following was the report:—"The Board of Management, in presenting the report and balance-sheet for your consideration, for the sixth financial year ending 30th April, 1887, have again to lament the fact that through the great commercial depression existing in the neighbourhood, and the consequent dearth of employment, many of our members have been unable to keep up their payments. During the year, two appropriations have been bought from the successful members, and will be offered for sale by tender during the ensuing year, and the Board of Directors would call the attention of members to the advantage of the appropriations offered for sale by the Board, which give members an opportunity of obtaining property on easy terms, without waiting for the ballot. Nine appropriations have been made during the year, amounting to £1,700, making a total of £8,100 appropriated since the commencement of the society, of which sum £7,125 has already been advanced to members on eligible security. Two appropriations have been left with the society, and the remainder will be advanced immediately the members are ready with satisfactory security. The Board, under the circumstances, refer with pleasure to a profit of £11 13s 8d, which with £228 16s 2d at the end of the fifth year, shows a realised profit of £240 9s 10d, besides a prospective profit of £79 10s 7d, which is not shown in the assets, according to the registrar's ruling, whilst the purchased appropriations when sold will undoubtedly also show a substantial profit. The following officers retire as per rule:—Messrs Frankland, Kelsey, Jackson, and T. Davison, directors; also J. Kirk and W. T. Gillies, auditors. All are eligible for re-election and offer themselves. The Board of Management regret that through the depression previously referred to, several members have been compelled to give notice of withdrawals, a large number of which have been paid during the year. They would further impress upon members the advantages to be derived from Starr-Bowkett Building Societies, and also the necessity of having their subscriptions paid up, as some of our members unfortunately know to their disadvantage during the past year, and would also urge members to increase their interest in the society. In conclusion, the Board is very pleased to be able to present such a favourable report."

Two of the retiring directors, Messrs Robert Jackson and M. Franklan', were re-elected; and in the place of Messrs T. Davison and W. Kelsey, Messrs J. W. Harker and C. C. McColvin were elected. Messrs Kirk and Gillies were re-elected auditors. The secretary's salary was fixed at £32 for the ensuing year. The meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and his fellow officers.

The forty-second appropriation followed—Mr Noble again presiding. After the minutes were confirmed, Messrs John Moon and J. Gibson were elected scrutineers and Master T. Allison to draw the balls. The result of the ballot was decided at first draw in favour of registered number 353, value £200, and held by Mr J. Hetherington, South Pontop, Annfield Plain.

AMUSING JOKE AT A WEARDALE WEDDING.

At the celebration of a wedding, which took place at Westgate the other Saturday, a very amusing incident took place. A coach was standing outside the Primitive Methodist Chapel awaiting the splicing ceremony and the coming out of the merry party for a drive down to Stanhope. In the coach was a little black bag, which the village wags espied, and wishing to see its contests, one of them stealthily opened the door, while the others engaged cabby's attention about the horse. The wag discovered the black bag to be a prize—it was full of dainties in the shape of bridescake, &c., presents for the Stanhope friends. He at once decamped with it into the nearest village "pub" where its contents were taken out and others substituted in the shape of several slices of "brown Geordie," as brown bread is called in Weardale—several brown crusts, two or three slices of reested bacon, and a few broccoli leaves. After this was done the bag was placed in its wonted position, and giving his mates a knowing wink, they all decamped to enjoy their well-earned repast, only leaving one of their waggish company to receive the drinking tips of the wedding party (as is the custom in the dale). He duly arrived with the "chink," and the jovial company had a jolly time of it with the bridescake and other dainties and a bottle or two of distilled "mountain dew." In the meantime the happy pair and their friends drove down the valley, and arrived in due time at their expectant friends' house. After the customary salutations the bag was produced, and handed over to their friends by the unsuspecting bride. It was taken into the pantry with much *eclat*, but on its contents being explored and taken out, then commenced the fun of the fair. The friends were amazed at the bride bringing them such a supply of "brown Geordie" and fat reested bacon, garnished with broccoli leaves, but not more amazed than the blushing bride, who had placed dainties there herself. She keenly felt the situation, and explanations followed. Cabby was hunted up, and declared he knew nothing whatever of the mysterious disappearance of the bridescake, and as little about the brown bread and reested bacon. The affair has got out, and caused immense merriment in the two villages of Westgate and Stanhope.

WOLSINGHAM COUNTY COURT.

SATURDAY, June 11th.—Before His Honour E. J. MEYNELL (Judge).

SHEEP TRESPASS.—A CASE OF "QUITS."

LOWES *v* WHITFIELD.—Jacob Lowes, farmer, of Wolsingham, claimed £5 from Boaz Whitfield, of Rowley Farm, Cornsay, as compensation for damage to a corn field through defendant's cattle trespassing therein.—Mr Maw, representing the defendant, admitted the claim, and cross-examined Lowes upon a counter-claim for £10. He admitted his sheep were in a pasture field belonging to Whitfield on the 26th June last; but said he had seen other people's sheep in the field. The case for the latter was that his pasture field had been unoccupied during the spring up to June 26th, when Mrs Whitfield brought some cattle to pasture therein. To her surprise she found the grass had been eaten, and a number of sheep were lying comfortably upon the land. Lowes, the owner of the sheep, was engaged in an adjoining field, and could see where his sheep were.—His Honour found for plaintiffs for £5 in each case, remarking that, under the circumstances, the best way was to cry "quits."—Mr Devey appeared on behalf of Lowes.

A WOLSINGHAM COUNTER-CLAIM.

RUTTER *v* BAXTER.—Wm. Rutter, farmer, of Tow Law, pressed a counter-claim, amounting to £9 7s 6d, against James Baxter, a caretaker and joiner, who, it was stated, had gone to America, and consequently a claim for wages by him had been withdrawn.—Mr Devey, for Rutter, said defendant had left goods and chattels behind him. The counter claim was for money lent on three occasions, amounting to £6, and for the value of five rows of potatoes at 13s 6d a row.—His Honour alluded to the fact that the debt had existed from October, 1881.—Rutter: There were family connections.—His Honour: Why did you not make a claim when he put you into the court?—Mr Devey said he did not receive instructions from Rutter in time.—His Honour said he should allow 16s for work done by defendant in 1882, and found for plaintiff for £8 11s 6d. His Honour (smilingly): When would you like to have it?—Mr Devey: Forthwith.—Order accordingly.

A WORKING MAN BANKRUPT.

Re JOHN DEVINE, OF TOW LAW.—John Devine, of North Cottages, Tow Law, coke drawer, made an adjourned application for an administration order, his debts amounting to £18 16s 3d. Applicant pleaded that he was seven weeks sick about three years ago. Devine has a wife and seven children, and His Honour observed that altogether he had something like £4 a fortnight coming in.—Ordered to pay 8s a month until he had paid 10s in the pound.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

FASHIONS AND FOLLIES OF THE WEEK.

SUMMER FASHIONS.

Grey is unquestionably first favourite as far as colours are concerned, at the present time, and will take high rank through the summer, if one may judge from the numberless dresses, mantles, dust cloaks and coats, to say nothing of the bonnets and hats, which are being prepared in different shades of colour, and in all sorts of materials, both here and in Paris. Yellow and grey are well worn, as are grey and white, grey and pink, and certain shades of blue, the lighter tones of colour being just now best patronised. A tasteful dress, a French model, is in silver grey summer cloth, with a novel shaped three-cornered panel on the skirt in applique work of the cloth, silver thread and grey silk on a plush formation; the drapery is of the cloth, as is the bodice, which has a plastron of stripes of appliqué work, like the design on the skirt panel. Another grey gown, tailor-made, is in a new check material in grey and white squares; of this the bodice and draperies are made, the underskirt being of Venetian cloth in a deeper tone of grey, the check draperies, which are very long, are lined with the cloth, this lining being visible where the draperies are turned up over the skirt; the fulness at the back is set in on to the bodice in a fashion highly becoming to the figure. For out-of-door wear with this gown, a smart little semi-fitting coat with strapped seams is provided, and a hat of entirely new shape in Tuscan straw of the same shade of grey; the crown of which is of the cloth arranged in artistic folds, the straw brim being deeply turned up on the left side, and kept in place by a single quill feather run through it. Another tailor-built gown, remarkable for its extreme simplicity, has just been made for Royalty; this is in grey and black narrow striped cloth of very fine quality and beautifully soft; a long tablier forms the front draping of the skirt, the folds being taken back quite flatly over the hips, and the full drapery behind raised high below the waist; the tightly-fitting bodice is cut with a round basque and buttoned down the centre; an over coat of the same cloth, with single-breasted front, grey silk lapel and high military collar, being sent out with the dress. Next to grey, *vieille rose*, or Charles X. as it is called by some dressmakers, heliotrope, blues, and reds are the most noticeable. Gobelin, the newest shade in blue, is a delightfully fresh and cool looking colour, and some very successful dresses are being made of it. One, in nuns' veiling, is trimmed with bands of cream Surah embroidered with corn-flowers, and bordered with narrow blue lines. This style of trimming is very French-looking, and also effective. The skirt of this dress is full and undraped, the bodice being also slightly fulled and secured at the waist by a band of the embroidered Surah, which is tied in a loose, careless-looking bow, with long ends, on the left side. The sleeves are quite full, with bands and cuffs of the Surah, and the hat, of the same shade of blue in coarse straw, is ornamented with loops of embroidered Surah and clusters of cornflowers and grass. *Apropos* of full sleeves, the old bishop form is rapidly coming into favour again, the fulness being gathered into a band at the wrists. Many of the best French *modistes* are cutting sleeves thus, and though for tailor-made gowns the coat is *de rigueur*, many variations are now observed in the style of sleeve for afternoon and washing dresses. And the material used now frequently differs from that of the dress itself, though corresponding with its trimmings; insertions of lace are placed on the outside of the arm, or if lace is used on the dress as trimming, the sleeves are made of it and set in epaulette fashion on the shoulders.

Why vivid red should be selected as a Summer colour it is difficult to understand; in the Winter months, with an absence of sunshine, we need a certain amount of warm colouring in our attire, but when the hot days are really with us then red dresses, mantles, bonnets, hats, and sunshades are trying, there being a want of repose about the aggressive shades of red which is distasteful not only to the eyes, but to the feelings of the beholders, while the cool tones of green, blue, grey, cream, and white are absolutely grateful. Fashion, however, decrees that red is to be worn this season, and in this, as in other vagaries, her devotees will follow her blindly. For evening dress pink is greatly worn, and in all shades. One of the greatest novelties in light materials for draping consists of narrow gauze ribbon and white lace insertion, scattered over with roses in crêpe. These, being worked in relief, are extremely effective; lined with soft rose-coloured silk this makes a wonderfully pretty draping for bodices and for the fronts of trained dresses. An example of it is displayed by a French house in a dinner dress, the material of which is rich silk, of a pale pink shade, the demi-train of this is lined with white silk, and the pink petticoat has an overdraping of the rose-covered material, the V-shaped bodice being also draped with it. A quiet, but stylish dinner dress is of light pigeon grey silk and striped grey and white gauze, the silk demi-train is lined with white satin, which the train is turned back slightly at the hips to show, the front of the white satin petticoat is draped with the gauze, two panels of silk, with a slight division between them, being set on the right side of the skirt; the gauze passing beneath these panels shows between them, and the graceful folds into which it falls in front are caught together on the left side with grey velvet ribbons. The V-cut bodice is draped very simply with gauze, as are the sleeves which almost reach the elbow. Yet another dinner gown is in cream satin and grey velvet, trimmed with beautiful steel passementerie and embroidery, the plain square cut train of this being caught up in two poufs below the waist. There is always something new in tea-gowns; the most artistic lately seen is in the new shade of terra cotta in Umritsur cashmere over soft ivory silk, the lines of this robe are simple and flowing, the back being cut *en Princesse* and fitted to the figure, the fronts falling in long straight lines from the neck to the feet; at the throat and waist are shaped pieces of terra-cotta coloured beading. Another model has long hanging sleeves which fall almost to the edge of the semi-fitting gown, which is draped with fine lace, the material being dead white faille française. Lace undersleeves, fitted to the arm, are worn beneath the others. This shape, in Tussar silk and lace, with olive green silk lining, would be effective, as also in yellow or grey silk, lined with white satin.

Tuscan straw is more used for millinery this season than any other. A Directoire bonnet in this straw has a knot of yellow ribbon beneath the brim in front, and a crown of black fancy straw, with a plume of Tuscan coloured ostrich tips and the tail feathers of the black cock in front. Another, in the same straw, is trimmed with ribbon to match, a band of the straw serving to keep in place a group of black ostrich feathers. The upturned brim is bordered with jet. Quite an ideal bonnet for an elderly lady is of very fine black lace, draped over a foundation of gold wire, which just shows through in golden gleams. The lace is arranged wing-fashion at the sides, and kept in place with gold-headed pins; gold-coloured ostrich tips are set high in front, and black velvet bows mingled with lace on the right side, a little gold lace being introduced round the brim of the bonnet, the full lace strings being very becoming and softening to the face. With silver-grey feathers and steel lace mingled with the black, this bonnet would look equally well. Of the large hats, one called the "Dorothy" is certain to become popular. It is in silver-grey rice-straw, with large plumes, bows of ribbon, and embroidery in the same colour, and is lined with Lemon blue velvet.

A high-crowned hat in Tuscan straw is also likely to prove a success. The brim of this last is lined with black chip, and turned up deeply on the left side, being there held in place by a large bow of black ribbon; folds of delicate crêpe-lisse and a creamy yellow bird of Paradise feather form the rest of the trimming. It is difficult to say which is the prettier of these two hats, for both are really charming creations, stylish, yet in thoroughly good taste. A hat in white velvet, also of large shape, is known as the "Van Dyck." This is trimmed with variously-coloured feathers. The Directoire and Empire styles are greatly followed, and large shapes are covered with black lace, which is most artistically arranged with sprays of pale mauve, or white lilac, laburnum, apple blossom, or pink and white thorn.—*Standard.*

A JARROW MAN CHARGED WITH ROBBERY AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

At the South Shields Police Court on Monday morning, Thomas Storey (39), of 30, Prince Consort Road, Jarrow, described as a machine engine turner, was charged with stealing 4s 7½d and a small ornament, the property of Frederick Washer. The prosecutor, described as a travelling artist, a native of Bristol, on Sunday afternoon lay down on the beach. He had a few shillings in his pocket and two bottles of scent. Shortly after he was awakened and found his property was missing. He had previously had some drink with the defendant.—James Henderson, a trimmer, residing at 26 Berwick Street, stated that about five o'clock on Sunday afternoon he was in the Watch House on the pier when he saw prosecutor lying on the sands. He saw the defendant put his hand into the man's right-hand trouser's pocket and take something out. He then got up and looked around. He next stooped down and began searching the man's waistcoat pockets. Witness went up to him and asked him if he knew the man and the defendant replied that he had known him all his life. Witness called the attention of a policeman, whereupon prisoner ran away.—P.C. Wilkinson deposed to having his attention called by the last witness to the prisoner, who ran towards the South Marine Park. Witness overtook him near Seafield Terrace, and there arrested him.—Prisoner was fined 10s and costs.

The prosecutor, Frederick Washer, was next charged with being drunk and incapable on the beach. — P.C. Wilkinson said Washer was thoroughly incapable by reason of the drink he had previously taken.—Defendant denied that he was drunk, but he promised to leave the town at once, stating that he had work at Middlesbrough.—He was discharged.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL, HEBBURN NEW TOWN.

The twenty-first anniversary of the above school was celebrated this week. On Sunday, services were held in the large drill hall near Messrs Tennent's works, Hebburn, the hall having been kindly lent for the occasion. The services, which were well attended, were conducted morning, afternoon, and evening, by Mr T. Chisholm, of Boldon. At each service, children, belonging to the school, recited portions of scripture, poetry, dialogues, and sung several pieces. The singing was ably conducted by Mr Wm. Huntley. Miss Susan Huntley presided at the harmonium. The collections, which were in aid of the school funds, amounted to £5 4s 4d, as compared with £6 8s 6d taken at the anniversary services last year.

On Monday evening, a public meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Charles Street, Hebburn New Town. There was a very fair attendance. Mr W. Huntley presided. Addresses were given by the Chairman, the Rev J. Reaveley (Jarrow), Mr Jno. Collingwood (Jarrow), Mr Jos. Atkinson (Hebburn) and Mr Thomas Taylor (Hebburn). Mr M. Potts submitted the annual report, which stated that the number of teachers on the books last year was 15 (10 males and 5 females), and at present 18 (12 males and 6 females), being an increase on the year of 3. Two teachers had been lost during the year and 5 drafted from the senior classes. Last year, the number of scholars on the books was 86 (46 boys and 40 girls), and at present the number was 115 (58 boys and 57 girls), being an increase of 29. The income for the year was £15 5s 5d, and the expenditure £9 17s 5d, leaving a balance of £5 8s.—During the evening, hymns were sung by the choir, under the leadership of Mr Robert Forster. Miss Huntley presided at the harmonium.

TYNEMOUTH PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, 14th inst.—Before Mr J. BURNETT (in the chair) and Mr G. FENWICK.

WALLSEND.

THE ONLY DRUNK.

William Burn was charged by P.C. Moffatt with having been drunk and disorderly in Church Bank on the 1st inst. The officer said that he saw the defendant in Church Bank between eleven and twelve o'clock on the night in question. He was shouting and swearing, and it was with difficulty that he persuaded him to go home to Rosehill. Fined 5s and costs.

WILLINGTON QUAY.

DRUNKENNESS.

Ellen Marr, married, was charged by P.C. Ternent with having been drunk in Nelson Street, on the 4th inst. The officer found the defendant in the street in a helpless state of drunkenness; fined 2s 6d and costs.

Patrick Nacy, Sunderland, charged with having been drunk on the 7th inst, did not appear.

John Richardson, similarly charged, no appearance.

ALLEGED PIGEON STEALING.

Francis Chapman, a boy, was charged with having stolen a homer pigeon, value 4s, the property of Joseph Turner, Willington West Farm, Willington, between the 17th and 18th February. Defendant denied the charge. Mr Turner, gave evidence as to two of his pigeons having been stolen, and identified the pigeon produced as his property, which was found in the possession of a man named Keenan. The defendant was in the prosecutor's employ when the pigeons were stolen, but had since been dismissed.—P.C. Wray stated that he apprehended defendant, and charged him with stealing four pigeons. Defendant replied that he bought them, and further stated that a boy named Cruce was with him when he purchased the bird.—Jas. Cruce, heater, Nelson Street, Willington Quay, said he was with defendant at Jarrow, when he purchased a pigeon, but the pigeon produced was not the same bird.—Henry Alfred Bainbridge, a youth, belonging to Willington Square, stated that he was with defendant when he purchased a pigeon at Jarrow. He could not say that the pigeon produced was the same bird.—Eliza Chapman, mother of the defendant, identified the pigeon produced as the bird purchased by her son.—Case dismissed.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, JARROW.

On Sunday, anniversary services were held in the Congregational Church, Sheldon Street, Jarrow, in aid of the church funds. The services, which were well attended, were conducted morning and evening by the Rev Jos. Bowron (Amble), and in the afternoon by the Rev James McKenzie (South Shields). At each service special anthems were sung by the choir. The collections taken amounted to over £15.

On Monday evening, a fruit banquet and public meeting were held in the hall adjoining the church. There was a fair attendance. The Rev George Kennedy, pastor, presided, and was supported on the platform by the Rev Jos. Bowron (Amble), and Rev David Robb (Gateshead).

The proceedings were commenced by the audience singing a hymn which the Chairman gave out. Mr W. Jackson presided at the harmonium, and Mr S. K. Campbell conducted the singing. After the singing of the hymn, prayer was offered up, then

The CHAIRMAN gave an address. He said that according to the programme, they would expect him to say something, but when there were strangers on the platform, he seldom said much. This was the first anniversary they had had for some time, but he hoped that having restored it they would keep it up. They were believers in the voluntary system. In theory, the system was right enough, but they found it difficult in practice when the pinch came. Having no pew rents, &c., they could not afford to miss an opportunity of raising money for the maintenance of the church. Looking back over his time in Jarrow, he was sensible of the continual cloud of depression which had never lifted once while they had known one another. They depended on one great industry, and, when that stood still, it staggered the whole community. In spite of that, the congregation had borne the finances of the church freely, cheerfully, and nobly, and he thought few churches in similar circumstances could report as the Congregational Church had done last year that they had paid their way and had a slight balance to commence the year with. (Applause.) In addition to this gathering being a time of review, it was a time of recognition. It was for him to recognise the brotherly and sisterly help the pastor of Jarrow had always had from the people. He had looked at the time devoted to the Sunday-school and the Church; and he had looked at the time expended by the deacons in visiting the sick and looking up the members, and he had thanked God. Their recognition ought not to stop at men, for to God they owed what success they had had in the past, and to God they looked for all success in the time to come. They were lacking in proper Christian thought unless their first thought that night was to thank God, whose as a church they were, and whom they were striving to serve. He would like to make that meeting the commencement of a forward movement. Remembering that there had been a Deaconess Institution, he had thought it necessary to seek the help of a number of ladies who would act as deaconesses. He had already enlisted two ladies, who had done good work during the last two weeks in visiting the sick. He thought much good would come from that work. He urged upon the congregation to cultivate a hopeful spirit. It was an easy thing to find fault with Jarrow, built up of a population gathered from the four corners of the Empire. It took a long time for a community like that to fuse together. Their own congregation felt that, and no doubt others did the same. Men and women who had worshipped with them had gone to other places of worship in Jarrow, and some who had worshipped in other places had come to worship with them; but they were not to be discouraged—they were to but trust in God.

Mr S. K. Campbell then gave a solo; and the choir an anthem, after which there was a distribution of fruit. Then Miss Wheatley gave a solo; Rev David Robb an address; the choir an anthem; and Mr McNeil a solo for which he received an encore. Another distribution of fruit having taken place, the Rev J. Bowron gave an address; Mr J. Nairn a solo; and the choir an anthem, which terminated the proceedings. During the evening a collection was made in aid of the funds of the church.

AN AMUSING POLICE COURT CASE.

On Friday afternoon, at the Hebburn Police Court — before Mr Chas. F. Forster—Thomas Gilroy, a Hebburn Colliery miner, was brought up on a warrant charged with failing to pay arrears under an affiliation order. Catherine Riley was the woman concerned, and the arrears, the Inspector stated, amounted to £6 8s. The prisoner, who had absconded when the summons was served, was apprehended by P.C. Cooney on the previous Tuesday.

Mr Forster (the magistrate) asked the prisoner if he had any means of paying the arrears now due.

The prisoner answered the question in the negative, but stated that he had a proposition to make, and that was that the young woman who was prosecuting should become his wife.

The young woman appeared agreeably surprised, and

The Magistrate, who laughed heartily at the amusing turn affairs had taken, observed that there was certainly something sensible about the proposition. He asked the young woman if she would accept the prisoner's offer of marriage, and

She immediately answered that she would.

Mr Forster then remanded the prisoner.

On Monday, he was again brought up. Mr W. H. Richardson (in the chair) and Mr Forster were on the Bench.

The Clerk (Mr Coates): This is an adjourned case, I understand. It has been before the Magistrates.

Inspector Harrison said that when the parties were before the Magistrates a few days ago the defendant made a promise of marriage. He was before Mr Forster, and remanded.

The Clerk: Are you married?

Defendant: No, not yet.

The Clerk: Are you going to get married?

Defendant: Yes, I am quite willing.

The Clerk: I understood from the papers that you had quite arranged the marriage.

Mr Richardson (the chairman): Cannot you get bail?

Defendant: No, sir, I cannot get bail.

Mr Richardson: Where and when was he arrested?

P.C. Cooney: He was arrested at Hebburn Colliery after being away from the place for about six months. There was some £9 arrears standing against him.

The Clerk: Have you any proposal to make about the payment of these arrears?

Defendant: I came to Mr Cooney and gave myself up, and he put me in.

The Clerk: Have you been working?

Defendant: I was working for about a month at North Bentinck.

Mr Richardson: You have used this woman very badly; you have admitted you are the father of her child, and yet you have gone away and left the mother to provide for it.

Prosecutrix, in reply to the Clerk, stated that the child was still living.

The Clerk, referring to the arrears, said defendant seemed to have paid nothing at all in connection with the case.

Mr Richardson (to prosecutrix): I think you had better discuss the matter with him. We will adjourn the case for half-an-hour, and we will hear what you have got to say then. He cannot be discharged from custody. Let us know in half-an-hour what you intend to do in the matter. He is liable to be sent to prison.

Defendant: I am quite willing to settle with the young girl and pay the expenses as soon as I get work.

Mr Richardson (to defendant): She is here, and she has complied with the law. If you can settle with her, and she informs us of the agreement you have come to, we will consider the matter.

The Clerk (to prosecutrix and defendant): Just go outside and consider the matter.

Prosecutrix and defendant then retired.

When the charge sheet had been got through, the parties stood forward.

Mr Richardson (to prosecutrix): What have you got to say?

Prosecutrix: Nothing, sir, except that if he will marry me that is all I want.

The Clerk: Is he going to marry you?

Prosecutrix: So he says.

Mr Richardson: Are you content to take his promise?

No answer.

The Clerk (to defendant): When do you propose to marry her?

Defendant: As soon as I possibly can.

Mr Richardson: Have you taken the banns out?

No answer.

The Clerk: You have not been "called" at church?

Defendant: No; I have only been a week in Hebburn since I came back.

The Clerk (to the Magistrates): There is time to get married in a month.

Mr Richardson (to prosecutrix): If we adjourn this case for a month, will that do?

Prosecutrix: Yes.

Mr Richardson (to defendant): If you don't marry the girl, you must be sent to prison.

Defendant was then bound over in £5, on his own cognisance, that he would at the end of four weeks, in the event of his not having married prosecutrix by that time, appear at the Hebburn Police Court to answer the charge that would be brought against him.

This having been done, the parties left the Court.

A LIGHT CHARGE SHEET AT JARROW.—At the Jarrow Police Court on Monday, there were only two cases on the charge sheet, and these were cases simply of drunkenness.

CHARGE OF BREAKING INTO WALKER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.—On Monday afternoon, at the Moothall Police Court, Newcastle, before Mr W. G. Woods, Andrew McKeon, 18, was charged with breaking and entering the Roman Catholic Church at Walker, and stealing £1 9s 3d from a safe, the property of the Rev. Edward Perry. It appeared that a short time since some money had been missed from the church, and a detective was accordingly placed in the vestry for the purpose of watching the place. About half-past eight o'clock the prisoner, it is alleged, entered the church, and whilst he was taking the money the officer came from his place of concealment and apprehended him. The accused was remanded until Saturday.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM IN SHOTLEY BRIDGE CIRCUIT.

Mr Nairn, the popular Scottish evangelist and lecturer, has been delivering a series of lectures in the above circuit. On Sunday afternoon, Mr Nairn preached a powerful and impressive sermon in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consett, to a large company, from Psalm lxxxiv, 11.

On Monday evening, he delivered in the same place his interesting lecture, entitled "The Scottish Covenanters." Mr R. Telford (circuit steward), who occupied the chair, in introducing the lecturer, said he was a gentleman well known to them now, and needed very little introduction. The lecturer said the subject of "The Scottish Covenanters" was very comprehensive, and could not be dealt with in one lecture. In treating of its religious aspect, he gave a graphic description of Europe 300 years ago, throwing off the yoke of Romanism, the struggles and martyrdom of Patrick Hamilton and G. Wishart, the first martyrs in Scottish history; reviewed in brief the work of Knox, and gave a thrilling account of the ejectment of the Presbyterian ministers from their pulpits and homes. The lecturer then detailed an interesting account of a midnight meeting in the open air, and gave in a pathetic manner the execution of Hugh McKaie, as well as the farewell sermon of Sandy Pedan, which was delivered in the Scottish dialect. This was done in splendid style and listened to with rapt attention. The death of John Brown was described in a most pathetic manner. The lecturer closed with an account of the dawn of religious liberty in "The land ayont the Tweed," showing that after fifty years of hard struggle William of Orange appeared on the scene—the harbinger of better days. There is no monument (said the lecturer), except in Greyfriars Churchyard, to tell of the great work done by the Covenanters, but the greatest result is Scotland's enjoyment, through their labours, of a wide measure of religious liberty, bought by the blood of her fathers. For an hour-and-a-half Mr Nairn held the audience spell-bound, and by his eloquence elicited their applause. This is one of the ablest lectures listened to for some time, and, we believe, has made deep impression on all who heard it.

Mr Nairn also lectured at Castleside on Tuesday, and Blackhill on Wednesday evenings, to large audiences. All the lectures have been interspersed with numerous anecdotes given in racy style.

SOUTH SHIELDS GUARDIANS.—At an ordinary meeting of the above Authority held in the Guardians' Hall, Barrington Street, South Shields, last week—Ald. Dickinson presiding — Dr. Whamond, Jarrow District, reported fifteen new cases of disease, including 3 cases of measles, and 1 of fever, and 3 deaths.—The Clerk (Mr G. M. Mitchell) read a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the granting of additional relief to the out-door paupers on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, stating that they had no authority to sanction the giving of any additional relief in the manner suggested. After some discussion it was resolved that a shilling be granted each adult, and sixpence to each child in receipt of out-door relief.—It was resolved that the Relief Offices at Jarrow, be painted. The workhouse-master's report showed that there were at present 612 inmates in the workhouse, an increase of 16. The number of persons receiving out-door relief was 2748, at a cost of £202 10s 4½d, being a decrease of 416 in number, and £25 5s 11½d in money.—On the motion of Ald. Dickinson, it was resolved that an address be forwarded to the Queen on the occasion of the Jubilee of her reign.

JARROW TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.—This society commenced its summer campaign last week, when an open-air meeting was held in Nixon Street, Jarrow. Mr Councillor W. Pearson presided, and in his opening remarks detailed the constitution and objects of the society. Stirring temperance addresses were delivered by Mr R. Maughan, of Jarrow, and Mr W. Whitehead, of Newcastle, District Superintendent of the United Kingdom Alliance. During the course of the meeting several hundreds of persons gathered together, and at the close a number of pledges were taken.

ACCIDENT TO A MONKTON MAN.—Last week, John Ross, an engine fireman, living at the village of Monkton, was run over on the Springwell Railway. One of his legs was severely injured. At the time of the accident Ross was looking after the "points."

AMATEUR ENTERTAINMENT AT WALLSEND.—The net proceeds of the tableaux vivants and concert, promoted by Miss Helen Aitchison, Park Villa, Wallsend, in aid of the funds of the new Presbyterian Church of that place, amounted to £37 17s 9d.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CHILD AT WALLSEND.—On Tuesday morning, about 4-30, Thomas Connoly, six years of age, died suddenly at his parents' residence, Begg's Main, Wallsend. It seems that the previous night his mother gave him some castor oil. Early in the morning he became unconscious, and Dr Aitchison was sought, but before he came the boy died. On Wednesday morning, Mr J. R. D. Lynn, Coroner, held an inquest at the house of Mr Fogg, publican, High Street, Wallsend, concerning the death of deceased. Mrs Connoly, mother of the deceased, said her son came home from the school on Monday night, and played amongst the others as usual. Towards bed-time he complained of being sick, and she gave him a dose of castor oil, thinking he would be all right before morning. Shortly before four o'clock she, along with his father and the rest were wakened, and she could at once perceive that there was something very unusual the matter with him by his appearance; he died shortly afterwards. The jury after having heard the whole of the evidence returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died suddenly at Biggs' Main on the 14th March, from syncope.

GALLANT RESCUE OF A CHILD FROM DROWNING AT JARROW.—Late on Sunday night, a boy who had been playing about the Quay at Jarrow, fell overboard, and was gallantly rescued by a youth named Wm. Pinnock. A crowd of people was about at the time. Considering the number of children who play about the Quay, it is a wonder there are not more accidents than there are.

A WALKER MAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.—At the Tynemouth Petty Sessions on Tuesday, William Jones, miner, Walker, was charged on remand with having embezzled the sum of £2 10s 8d, the moneys of Percy Armstrong, miner, Backworth, on the 15th August, 1884. Mr Mr Kidd appeared for the defence. Supt. Taylor asked for a remand, the prosecutor not being present. Defendant was liberated, and bound over to appear on Tuesday next.—Subsequently Geo. Scott applied for a summons against defendant for having embezzled 19s 6d, his monies, on the 15th August, 1884, which was granted.

THE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH AT HEBBURN.—The new St. Aloysus' Church, Hebburn, has been roofed and the work of erection is approaching completion. Internally, however, much requires to be done yet.

TRIAL TRIP FROM PALMER'S.—On Monday, the fine screw-steamer Hopetown, of London, built by Messrs. Palmer and Company, to the order of William Wright, Esq., of South Shields, took her trial trip from the Tyne with a numerous company on board, and proceeded out to sea, where she averaged the measured miles at 12 knots per hour, and the trial trip was exceedingly satisfactory to all on board. This vessel is entirely built of steel, and is of the latest improvements. She has triple expansion engines, and the steam gear is by Messrs Home and Smith. The Hopetown after her trial trip proceeded to Tyne Dock, where she will take in a general cargo for Genoa, and it is expected that she will afterwards trade in the Mediterranean and Black Sea, and carry 23 hands all told.

CASUALTY AT HOWDON DOCK.—On Monday morning, about 9.30, whilst the s.s. Regalia, of Newcastle, was being towed into Northumberland Dock, the tow rope broke, and the vessel came into collision with the pier head of the dock, doing some damage to the stone work. The vessel was uninjured.

JARROW PUBLIC HALL AND INSTITUTE.—Mr Jno. G. Jordan, secretary, has written us stating that the committee of the above will be obliged by our kindly acknowledging receipt of cheques for £10 from Hon. W. H. James, M.P., Ald. Price, J.P., Ald. Berkley, J.P., and A. G. Forster, Esq. (on behalf of his daughter), for life members tickets, and also if we would state that other donations would be thankfully received.

SAD OCCURRENCE AT LANCHESTER.

SUPPOSED ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

We regret to state that Mr G. W. Wilson, the respected and highly esteemed excise officer for North-Western Durham, who has lived at the Inland Revenue House at Lanchester for upwards of 30 years, is afflicted with a grave malady, and at times his mind is more or less affected. He is attended during his illness by Dr J. Wilson. Mr Wilson has, or is about to, retire from his profession, being entitled to a pension; and his duties have for some months been performed by an assistant, Mr Wood. A painful sensation was caused in the village of Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) morning by a report being circulated that Mr Wilson had attempted suicide, and a large crowd soon collected in front of his residence. It appears that, between eight and nine o'clock, Mr Wilson had taken a stroll into the rear of the premises, and repeatedly essayed to cut his throat with a large dinner knife. The instrument was somewhat blunt, only inflicting a few slight cuts and scratches, and the skin was grazed. His absence from the house being perceived, Mr Wood went into the yard, and discovered Mr Wilson fumbling about his shirt front. Blood was running from the cuts on his throat, but Mr Wood immediately wrapped a cloth around his neck, to prevent the bleeding. He sent for Dr Wilson, who attended to the injured man. The wounds are not regarded as being serious. Mr Wilson is widely known throughout the North of England, having resided, previous to his advent to Lanchester, at Burnopfield and other places in the neighbourhood. Deep regret is expressed in the village at the deplorable circumstance.

Later on in the day Mr Wilson was escorted to the County Hospital, Sedgfield, in charge of Inspector Davidson.

CRICKET.

BURNOPFIELD v "DAILY LEADER."

A match between these two clubs was played on Wednesday afternoon, at Newcastle, and resulted in a draw very favourable to Burnopfield. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.

W. Hogarth b Allen	18
R. Dent run out	0
G. Finlay c Dennison b Allen	14
H. C. Wood b Allen	19
M. Brabbon b Allen	0
P. Allen b Allen	2
G. Purdy c Bain b Allen	18
T. Thompson c Allen b Bain	2
J. Smailes st Gibson	7
W. Bell not out	0
W. Hedley c Pescod b Allen	7
Extras	4
Total	91

"LEADER" score: 20 for five wickets.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.—Witton Gilbert, 26; Sacristan, 52.—Cornsay Colliery, 49; South Hetton, 40 (for the loss of 8 wickets).—Ushaw Moor, 58; Tursdale, 74.

Late Correspondence.

SOCIALISM: A CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Permit me a few words in your columns in reply to Mr Henderson. A quotation from "A speech at Battersea" cannot be held to prove anything for or against Socialism. If your correspondent will take the official publications of the Socialist League, or the newly-issued principles and programme of the North of England Socialist Federation and prove the badness of the doctrines taught in them it would be more to the point. Your correspondent thinks he can prove that Socialism is against Patriotism, Freedom, and Religion. I am quite sure that he cannot, and I challenge him to try. I need not take up your space further, as I shall give the people of Consett plenty of chances of hearing my views on this important subject.—Yours &c., J. L. MAHON.

June 15th, 1887.

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BIRTHS.

CONSETT.—48, Puddlers' Row, the wife of William Arnok, of a daughter.

BLACKHILL.—On the 15th inst., the wife of John Carr, joiner, of a son.

STOCKSFIELD—12th inst., the wife of J. B. Atkinson, H.M. Inspector of Mines, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

WOLSINGHAM.—Register Office, 11th inst., Mr Thos. Peart, Gold Hill, Weardale, to Miss Margaret Harrison, of Killhope.

STANHOPE.—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 11th inst., by Rev E. Philipson, Mr William Makepeace, of Hill End, Frosterley, to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr R. Emerson, Frosterley.

DEATHS.

BLACKHILL.—26, Cort Street, 12th inst., aged 45, George Hewitson.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—Oakfield, 15th inst., Mary Jane, beloved wife of Joseph Collinson, and only daughter of the late Thomas Wilson. To be interred at Blackhill Cemetery, on Saturday, Four o'clock; *cortege* to leave at Three. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

EBCHESTER. — Derwent Villa, 13th inst., Mary Hunter.

OXHILL.—14th inst., aged 68, William, husband of Elizabeth Black.

LINTZ GREEN.—11th inst., aged 66, Henry Gascoine, late of Newcastle.

11th inst., aged 87, Walter Ormiston, formerly of Whittonstall.

CHESTER-LE-STREET. — 12th inst., aged 76, John Robinson, late librarian Mechanics' Institute.

WOLSINGHAM.—10th inst., Mr Robt. Coates, grocer, formerly of Durham.

WINLATON.—Hanover House, 10th inst., aged 1 year and 8 months, John Hastings, son of Joseph Reed.

14th inst., aged 73, Mary Ann, relict of the late John Siddoway.

CORBRIDGE.—10th inst., aged 81, Adam Charlton.

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