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JAMES LAKE, PROPRIETOR,
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NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. 704

STEWART'S OPINION OF THE NEW TEAS.

THE more we taste the fine Tea of this year the more we like it. It is perhaps hardly so strong as the famous year 1866, BUT THE FLAVOUR IS EXQUISITE, and the strength can be made all right by putting a little more into the pot. We advise our friends to go into stock; we offer to forward 10lbs. of the cheapest in England, carriage paid to any address, on receipt of a Post-Office Order for Twenty to be made payable to

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W & A GILBEY—WINES & SPIRITS
Agent in CONSETT, from whom Single Bottles or larger quantities can be obtained:—
W AYNSLEY
Grocer,
CONSETT

WINES (Foreign) on which duty was paid in London by some of the principal firms during the year 1868 —*Wine Trade Review, 15th Jan., 1869.*

	Gallons
W & A Gilbey	600,904
Henderson, Sons & Co	154,510
R. Hooper & Sons, ...	130,755
Hedges & Butler & Co	122,307
H. Williams & Co	118,646
F. W. Cosens	117,814
Hayes & Beckwith	113,476
Hedges & Sons	99,008
Cumbly & Co	93,285
Paul Bradley & Co	83,764
Litre Bottle Wine Co	82,551
T. Allnutt & Co	81,464
Brett, Unwick & Co	78,884
Bond, Forbes & Co	77,277
D. Taylor & Sons	71,643
Max Gregory	71,463
Secretan, Campbell & Co ...	67,969
Barrel & Son	67,187
Findlater & Co	66,443
Polak Bros & Co	66,234
Brooks & Oldham	63,899
C. Kinloch & Co	60,683
Robertson Bros	59,347
Lemon Hart & Son	59,213
Domecq & Co	58,189

SPIRITS (Foreign) on which duty was paid in London by some of the principal firms during the year 1868 —*Wine Trade Review, 15th Jan., 1869.*

	Gallons
Twiss & Browninges	241,436
W & A Gilbey	238,804
J. & W. Nicholson	185,506
D Taylor & Sons	165,048
Tremear & Lanyon	121,519
Dilmynell, Fortell & Co	120,307
R. Hooper & Sons	106,943
Bond, Forbes & Co	97,715
Seagar & Evans	95,328
Hazard & Son	85,200
C. Wait	73,047
Burnett & Co	67,109
E. S. Pitch	60,253
Lemon Hart & Son	60,000
Bishop & Son	59,093
Somerbank & Son	58,962
T. Allnutt & Co	50,245
G. Grove & Co	49,963
J. & T. Vickers & Co	48,337
Hills & Underwood	47,648
Hornshaw & Biley	45,268
T. H. Farrer	45,000
B. Field & Sons	40,667
Durnford & Co	40,209
Pickford & Co	38,400

Gins and Whiskies (W & A Gilbey 279,682 gallons) are not included in the above returns.
Total quantity of Wines and Spirits paid Duty on by W & A Gilbey in the year 1868 ... 1,182,930

These SPIRITS are selected as being of the finest quality, and it should be observed that the variation in price is chiefly caused by the difference in strength, viz. 33 *under proof*, 17 *under proof*, and *proof*. Exceptions to this rule are the Castle SO Whiskey, Castle DO Whiskey, Castle FO Cognac, and Castle JO Rum, which are of the same fine quality as the other descriptions, but being more matured by age are slightly higher in price

For full description of each see Book of Prices

GINS

		Per Bottle	Page
Castle UP	Gin ... 33 *under proof.* ...	2/0	80
Castle OE	Gin ... 17 *under proof.* ...	2/5	80
Castle Proof	Gin ... *proof* ...	2/10	80

The above can be had either Sweetened or Unsweetened.

COGNAC BRANDIES

			Page
Castle D	Cognac ... 33 *under proof.* ...	2/10	82
Castle E	Cognac ... 17 *under proof.* ...	3/4	82
Castle F	Cognac ... *proof* ...	4/0	82
Castle FO 33	Cognac ... *Old* 33 *under proof* ...	3/2	82
Castle FO 17	Cognac ... *Old* 17 *under proof* ...	4/8	82

COGNAC BRANDY (L'Or Extrait du Vin) *proof* ... 5/6 83
The above can be had either Pale or Brown

BRANDIES (*not Cognac Brandies*)

Castle UP	Brandy ... 33 *under proof.* ...	2/3	83
Castle UV	Brandy ... 17 *under proof.* ...	2/7	83
Castle Proof	Brandy ... *proof* ...	3/0	83

The above can be had either Pale or Brown

SCOTCH WHISKIES

Castle UP	Whiskey ... 33 *under proof.* ...	2/1	84
Castle UV	Whiskey ... 17 *under proof.* ...	2/6	84
Castle Proof	Whiskey ... *proof* ...	2/11	84
Castle SO 33	Whiskey ... *Old* 33 *under proof* ...	2/3	84
Castle SO pf.	Whiskey ... *Old proof* ...	3/1	84

IRISH WHISKIES

Castle UP	Whiskey ... 33 *under proof.* ...	2/1	85
Castle UV	Whiskey ... 17 *under proof.* ...	2/6	85
Castle Proof	Whiskey ... *proof* ...	2/11	85
Castle DO 33	Whiskey ... *Old* 33 *under proof* ...	2/3	85
Castle DOpf.	Whiskey ... *Old proof* ...	3/1	85

JAMAICA RUMS

Castle UP	Rum ... 33 *under proof.* ...	2/1	90
Castle UV	Rum ... 17 *under proof.* ...	2/6	90
Castle Proof	Rum ... *proof* ...	2/11	90
Castle JO 33	Rum ... *Old* 33 *under proof* ...	2/3	90
Castle JO pf.	Rum ... *Old proof* ...	3/1	90
Castle White	Rum ... *Old proof* ...	3/1	90

QUALITY — As described in Book of Prices
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Each Cork will bear W & A Gilbey's patent Seal with the name and distinctive mark thus:—

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Feathers, Flocks, Rabbit Down, and Mattresses. 892a

COALS.

HRITSON having recommenced WORKING BROOMHILL COLLIERY (near Ebchester, Station) is now prepared to supply the Public with good Unscreened House Coals (Husty Seam) at 2s. per load of 16 cwt. 85b

WATSON & RICHARDSON,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
LINEN AND WOOLLEN DRAPERS, SILK MERCERS,
HABERDASHERS, HATTERS, HOSIERS, &c.,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE. 993b

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

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TERMS—CASH. 879a

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Silver Patent Lever Watches	3 10 0 to 27	0 0
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Geneva Silver Watches	2 2 0 to 5	5 0
Geneva Gold Watches	5 5 0 to 30	0 0
Ship Chronometers	27 0 0 to 40	0 0

LISTER AND SONS,
WATCHMAKERS TO THE QUEEN, CHRONOMETER MAKERS TO THE ADMIRALTY,
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M. C. BIRTLEY,
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DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL,

IN returning his sincere thanks to his friends and customers of Leadgate and the neighbourhood for the liberal patronage extended to him since commencing business, respectfully informs them that he has removed to the premises lately occupied by Mr. W. Rowe, No. 55, Derwent Street, Blackhill, where he intends carrying on the above business in all its branches, and trusts by strict attention to business and moderate charges, so merit their continued support.
N.B.—M. C. B. having employed a practical Baker in addition to supply Pic-Nics, Tea Parties, and Funerals on the shortest notice. 266b

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ELECTRO-PLATED CORNER DISHES, from 8gs. the Set of Four; the Handles removed, and Covers form four extra Dishes if required.
ELECTRO-PLATED DISH COVERS, from .....8gs. per Set
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Poetry: Original and Select.

DICKENS AT GADSHILL.

One summer's day—sadly, saddest eighth of June!
Ny bringing heart, all every soul deserter
Around a casket, in a grave as low,
Dream children fi-om the flowering earth arise.

So hushed (like death!) the calm surmounted scene
One notes with eye, not ear, the fitful breeze,
Through fleeting branches, flickering gold and green
About you Swiss roof nestling 'mid the trees.

Like fitful wanderers seen returning home,
Like magnets trembling trustful to the north,
To this one spot on all the world they roam
Again they throng, 'round him who called them forth.

No shadowy lamblame flesh of human life,
Ideal shapes of visionary birth;
They breathe, they move with vital force more rife
Than fleeting, fleshy forms that people earth.

The Angel-Child, the Guardian Guide of Age,
With soul as pure as all the tears we shed
When swimming eyes first read on blotted page
"Dear, gentle, patient, noble Nell was dead."

The fading boy, the blossom nipped in bud,
Whose infant grace had oft the paganist air,
Who questioned verse in the cross flood,
Whose looks of love were sad as tones of prayer.

Till passed, like sigh in sleep, his parting breath,
And as if the coach who in lay the gentle Paul,
Naught stirred above "the old, old fashion, death,"
Save light rays "the golden ripple on the wall."

The sweet Child-Wife, the darling of a heart
Whose tenderest chords that solemn eve were rived,
When Dora's doom was told with speechless art—
"That mute appeal, the finger raised to heaven!"

The little cripple with the active crutch,
At thought of whom the mother's eyes grow dim,
Sighing, as fell the black work from her touch,
It was "the colour—oh, poor Tiny Tim!"

The dwindling frock, with its "Bob" at the knees,
A child at heart, a man but to the sight!
Poor Rick! began the world again—not this,
Ah, no, "not this—the world that sets this right."

And orphan Johnny, his lost home afar,
An infant waif on awful billows hurl'd,
No mother daughter to it, fleet as Ariel,
O'er "that dark sea that rolls round all the world."

Around the sunlit chalet where, within,
Dreams the great Dreamer 'mid the darkening trees,
From flowering earth fresh dews of love to win,
Dream children rise in lovely forms like these.

O Friend! O Brother! dearer to my heart
Than ev'n thy loving friendship could discern;
Thy thoughts, thy dreams were of our lives a part,
Thy genius love, not merely fame, could earn.

Affection, admiration, honour, praise,
Innocent laughter, and ennobling tears,
Are thine by right, not through mere length of days,
Through loftier life, in never ending years.

CHARLES KENT.

Varieties.

Extracts from PUNCH.

A Sovereign Bet.—Queen Elizabeth.

PROVIDED FOR EMERGENCIES.—The Pavement of Paris is said to consist chiefly of Asphalt. Another account of it is the more correct—Paris is paved with good intentions.

A HELPING HAND WANTED.—As a rule we disapprove of Corporal Punishment, but at this season of the year we should not be sorry if every poor child could get a good blow in the fresh air.

QUITE ANOTHER THING.—*Major Bluster.* "But you won't object to your Daughters coming to our races, Mrs. Hodgkin? They're a private affair, and close at home." *Mrs. Hodgkin.* "Ah! that is it, Major. I should not mind so much if it were not *their own neighbourhood!*"

"THE PATRON AND THE GAME."—Good Father Hyacinthe says that "France defends the cause of society at large." One wouldn't so much object to this (though she had better mind her own business), but for some time the capital of France has been defending the cause of the society that ought not to be at large.

Extracts from JUDY.

Jihabah leaves—and does frequently—a pain.

The Four Seasons—Mustard, Salt, Pepper, and Vinegar.

Curious Crockery and Sloppy Garments—(H)ewers of wood and drawers of water.

Why are paviers like good hens?—Because they are always laying eggs-actly.

"I'm half *inclined* to do it," as the soldier said when he touched his toes with his fingers.

A resident in Epsom writes to say he had only backed one horse in his life, and that was into a shop-window.

MOTHER!—In the House—and out of it too—there has been a good deal said lately as to the best method of procuring the "despatch of public business." Mr. Gladstone ought to be an authority on this subject, considering the number of abortive Bills he has procured this session. *Query* to "despatch" public business, no doubt, is to *set to work, and kill Time. Judy* commends this plan to his consideration.

VERY ENTERTAINING INDEED.—We English have an unfortunate reputation for our manner of entertaining distinguished foreign visitors. It is, therefore, some satisfaction occasionally to find other people as bad as we are. "The Emperor and Empress of Brazil have arrived at Lisbon," we read the other day, "on their way to England. They will perform a week's quarantine in the Lazaretto before going on shore." Here's *hospitable* by for you! why, we couldn't beat that!

Extracts from FUN.

An ill wind for the rheumatic: The Gnaww.

"Never Entertain a Grudge." Let the leaves of your mental diary of wrong be of "blotting" paper.

A DIGNAL.—A Dog weighing only four ounces was sold the other day for fifty pounds. These toy dogs are like taxgathers—the less we see of them the better.

HAIR-SPLITTING.—Why cut your own heir off with a shilling, when you can get a barber to cut your hair off for you and charge you into the bargain for that very moderate sum?

FAIT ACCOMPLI.—We read in a contemporary the other day a passage in which mention was made of "the rude logic of events." Is it correct to describe as rude the logic of "accomplished facts"?

ON THE WRONG HORSE.—People will keep saying that what France requires is "a stable government."

PARA: If its recent government had but had so much of the stable, they would not have saddled the country with so much debt. France has been jockeyed enough!

"WERE'S GROW APACE?"—If, says an American paper, Brigham Young wore an additional "weed" on his hat every time he lost a wife or mother-in-law, it is estimated his hat would have to be 27 feet high.

"He'd be a weedower with a vengeance," remarks a Scotch friend.

NOMINE, OMINE.—The settlement of our differences with the United States and the satisfaction of the Alabama Claims are not exactly things of which the nation need to be proud. But everybody must have guessed from the speech of the Commissioner that the only result must be the humiliation of England. She was de-Grey-ded at the very outset.

THE HEIGHT OF IMPUDENCE.—Is there a case of lofty ambition :—A gentleman in Yorkshire has left the whole of his property to such of his descendants only as should reach the height of six feet four inches! Supposing he has no tall heirs, he will have no heirs at all. What then? Well, we suppose the property will be knocked down to the highest bidder!

ONLY THAT!—*Londoner.* (*to Cousin from the North*): "That statute? Oh, that is Shakespeare." *Cousin* :—"Oh, Ah, what was Shakspeare?" *Londoner* :—"Oh, he was a dramatic author!" *Cousin* :—"Oh, Shakespeare—a dramatic author! Why, I never heard of the fellow before! He wasn't anything else but a dramatic author! was he now!"

Markets.

THE CORN TRADE.

The *Mark Lane Express* in review of the corn trade says:—The beautiful and copious rains of the past week have really been a godsend to the country, and to some certain extent have relieved the minds of many of their work, but perhaps with little damage eventually of their samples. Already some new hay has been sent to market, and the crop before the last rain, though various was better than expected. Those who have left off hay probably now have a market. The straw crop, and the aftermath of the fields already clearly cannot fail to be splendid. Every green tree has had a new and abundance growth, and though the rain will not make up for a large portion of misplant of wheat, what remains may yield plenty. To all spring corn the benefit has been immense. The beans and peas in bloom can hardly fail to fill their pods; while the barley and oats are nearly secured, if this bountiful high temperature should only last. The fears therefore, of a very late gathering, can no longer be entertained.

CORN MARKETS.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was very little wheat shown by farmers, and the coasting arrivals are small with nothing fresh up from abroad, but the general prices are extremely limited, and the little business done was at barely Saturday's prices. Barley unchanged in value. For oats a fair inquiry at fully late rates. Malt the turn in sellers' favour. Rye, beans, and peas unaltered. For flour, quite a retail sale on about former terms.

DURHAM CORN AND PROVISION MARKET, Saturday. —The following were the prices of meat and fish this day:—Beef, 7d to 9d per lbs. Mutton, 8d to 10d. Veal 9d to 10d; lamb, 1s to 1s 2d per lb. Chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; ducks, 2s 3d to 3s 6d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; Butter, 2s 3d to 2s 4d per lb. Eggs, 12 to 14 for 1s. New potatoes, 2s 6d to 3s; old, 6s to 7s per cwt. Green peas, 1s to 2s per peck. Cherries, 6d per lb. Gooseberries, 4d per quart.

HARLINGTON CORN MARKET, Monday.—Good red wheat sold from 13s 0d to 15s 9d per bull of two bushels; white ditto, 16s 6d to 18s 0d; red red wheat, —— to —— 6d; white ditto, —— to —— 0d; barley, 9s 0d to 10s 6d; grinding qualities, 8s 6d to 9s 0d per cwt.; long oats, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; short ditto, 3s 3d to 4s 0d per bushel; beans, 12s 0d to 13s 0d per boll.

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—Good show of wheat at to-day's market, for which there was a fair sale at barely last week's rates. Barley and oats, average supply and dull inquiry for both kinds of grain at a slight reduction in value.

LONDON CORN MARKET, Wednesday. — Market quiet. English and foreign wheat dull at last Monday's rates. Town flour unchanged; country and American 6d cheaper. Barley, oats, and maize dull. Beans and peas firm.

CATTLE MARKETS.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The show of stock presented for sale exhibited a decline of 50 beasts but an increase of 600 sheep and lambs as compared with last of last week. Respecting quality, cattle was only middling for the time of year, sheep were indifferent, but a slight improvement in lambs. The supply of beef comprised 1,120 head. The great falling off in prime qualities from the north of Scotland operated very much against first-class butchers to-day, who have been doing a profitable business for some weeks past. Hence sales were slow. Prices were fully supported, but were very irregular, and a total clearance was not effected. The number of sheep and lambs was 8,500. The auction trade ruled active at full rates of currencies. Sheep are rather weighing lotty, as there are very few shearlings on the commons this year. However, towards the close a good clearance was effected. Lambs.—The demand for lambs is brisk. Quite a private sale at improvement from last week, as the weather was more favourable for the lamb trade. Prices varied very little from this day se'nnight, nearly all were sold. Pigs, 653 were shown. The pork trade was less active to-day than last week, without any material alteration in value, and all were disposed of. The foreign pigs were again a splendid lot, and upwards of one hundred of the choicest quality were disposed of.

Prices.—Beasts, prime heifer, 10s 3d to 10s 6d; secondary sorts, 9s 6d to 9s 9d; inferior, 8s 6d to 9s 0d; 7s 6d; first-class oxen, 10s 0d to 10s 3d; middling, 8s 0d to 8s 9d; cows, 6s 3d to 7s 9d; pork, lambs, 4s 6d to 6s 6d; small, 7s 3d to 8s 9d per stone of 14lbs. Pigs, good vendable muitton, 9¼d to 9½d; large fat, 6d to 6½d; middling, 8d to 8½d; large, small inferior, 8¼d to 8¾d; lamb, 9½d to 11d per lb., sinking offal.

DARLINGTON CATTLE MARKET, Monday.—The show of fat cattle was rather large, and prices owing to the late rains, were reduced fully 6d per stone. Best beef made 9s 6d to 10s per stone; secondary sorts 8s 3d to 8s. Of sheep and lambs there was a good show; best sorts made £14 to £17; secondary, £11 to £13. Sheep were not in large supply, and prices of fat were rather easier. Pigs unaltered.

WAKEFIELD CATTLE MARKET, Wednesday.—The butchers have sustained considerable loss during the past few days in consequence of the unfavourable weather depreciating the value of their meat, and they therefore, will not be in an enthusiastic to-day. Beasts accepted 6d per stone less than last week, and from 2s to 3s per head less for sheep and lambs. The trade ruled very slow, and a portion of the stock, which consisted of about 1,403 fat beasts and 5,800 sheep were left unsold. Lean cattle, milch cows, pigs and calves met with a very poor demand and the business done was at rather lower prices.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW MARKET, Tuesday.—There were 62 carts of hay, and 77 carts of straw in the market. Prices:—Old hay, £4 0s 0d to £5 15s 0d; this year's growth, £0 0s 0d to £0 0s 0d; new load hay, £5 10s 0d to £7 15s 0d; this year's growth, £0 0s 0d to £0 0s 0d; clover hay, £4 0s 0d to £5 15s 0d per ton. Wheat straw, 1s 7d to 2s 2d; barley straw, 1s 6d to 2s 0d; and oat straw, 1s 2d to 2s 2d per load.

MIDDLESBROUGH IRON MARKET, Tuesday.—To-day there was a thin attendance on 'Change at Middlesbrough and the quoted prices were very firm. No. 3 warrants at 48s. All the smelters are extremely busy, and find great difficulty in producing iron as fast as it is required. In the finished iron trade there is great activity. All the rail mills are well occupied, and the inquiries on the Russian and American account are very heavy. Several makers are so full of orders that they cannot entertain any fresh inquiries until October. There is every probability of a boom on rails next year. The demand for plates and angle iron is still brisk. The coal and coke trades are in a satisfactory condition. Best coke is scarce.

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GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M. 1, 2, 3.	P.M. 1, 2, 3.	P.M. 1, 2, 3.
Bonfieldsdale ..... dep.	6·35	4·25	.....
Cold Rowley ..... ,,	6·45	4·35	.....
Burnhill Junction ... ,,	7·12	4·45	.....
Tow Law ..... ,,	7·24	4·55	.....
,, ... ,,	.....	5·25	.....
Crook ..... ,,	7·35	5·10	.....
,, ... arr.	7·45	5·20	.....
Bishop Auckland ... ,,	8·5	5·50	.....
Darlington ..... ,,	8·30	6·40	.....
Stockton ..... ,,	9·0	7·10	.....
Middleton ..... ,,	9·42	7·22	.....

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M. 1, 2, 3.	P.M. 1, 2, 3.	P.M. 1, 2, 3.
Middleton ..... dep.	6·22	.....	.....
Stockton ..... ,,	6·54	2·23	.....
Darlington ..... ,,	7·15	4·30	.....
Bishop Auckland ... ,,	7·48	5·0	.....
,,	.....	1, 2, 3.	
Crook ..... dep.	8·10	5·22	.....
,, ... arr.	8·12	5·30	.....
Tow Law ..... ,,	8·22	5·26	.....
Burnhill Junction ... ,,	8·33	5·48	.....
Cold Rowley ..... ,,	8·45	5·58	.....
Bonfieldsdale ..... arr.	8·55	6·10	.....

CONSETT BRANCH.

UP TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle ..... dep.	5·55	10·0	2·5	5·20	.....
Rookwood ..... ,,	6·20	10·7	2·12	5·27	.....
Swalwell ..... ,,	6·9	10·14	2·19	5·34	.....
Rowland's Gill ..... ,,	6·16	10·20	2·25	5·44	.....
Lintz Green ..... ,,	6·25	10·30	2·35	5·50	.....
Ebchester ..... ,,	6·35	10·40	2·45	6·0	3
Shotley Bridge ..... ,,	6·40	10·45	2·50	6·5	8
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) ... ,,	6·50	10·55	3·0	6·15	
Knitsley ..... ,,	7·4	11·9	.....	6·29	
Lanchester ..... ,,	7·13	11·18	.....	6·38	
Witton Gilbert ..... ,,	7·20	11·25	.....	6·47	
Durham ..... arr.	7·35	11·40	.....	7·0	

DOWN TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Durham ..... dep.	8·10	12·25	3·30	7·55
Witton Gilbert ..... ,,	8·25	12·14	.....	8·9
Lanchester ..... ,,	8·32	12·20	.....	8·20
Knitsley ..... ,,	8·47	12·36	.....	8·34
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) ... ,,	9·2	12·50	3·25	8·43
Shotley Bridge ... ,,	9·7	12·55	3·30	8·48
Ebchester ..... ,,	9·10	12·59	3·34	8·52
Lintz Green ..... ,,	9·20	1·9	3·44	9·2
Rowland's Gill ..... ,,	9·25	1·14	3·49	9·8
Swalwell ..... ,,	9·34	1·23	4·1	9·17
Scotswood ..... ,,	9·40	1·29	4·8	9·24
Newcastle ..... arr.	9·50	1·40	4·20	9·34

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UP TRAINS.

STATIONS.	GO. A.M.	RETURN. P.M.
Newcastle ..... dep.	8·0	4. 0
Scotswood ..... ,,	8·17	4. 9
Swalwell ..... ,,	8·15	4·15
Rowland's Gill ..... ,,	8·21	4·23
Lintz Green ..... ,,	8·27	4·29
Ebchester ..... ,,	8·40	4·42
Shotley Bridge ..... ,,	8·45	4·47
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) dep.	8·55	4·56
Knitsley ..... ,,	9·10	5·10
Lanchester ..... ,,	9·21	5·21
Witton Gilbert ..... ,,	9·34	5·34
Durham ..... arr.	10· 0	6· 0

DOWN TRAINS.

STATIONS.	GO. A.M.	RETURN. P.M.
Durham ..... dep.	8· 0	4· 0
Witton Gilbert ..... ,,	8·13	4·13
Lanchester ..... ,,	8·15	4·25
Knitsley ..... ,,	8·28	4.38
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) dep.	8·42	4·50
Shotley Bridge ..... ,,	9·20	5·20
Ebchester ..... ,,	9·30	5·30
Lintz Green ..... ,,	9·39	5·39
Rowland's Gill ..... ,,	9·45	5·45
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OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Of course, the papers have made a great fuss about the triumphal entry of the German troops into Berlin, but I cannot discover that this celebration of the German victories excites much interest here. This comparatively quiet execution is the case-hardened popular mind, which is far more interested just now in France than in Germany. In the former country it has been said that the improbable always happens, and just at this crisis of the national career one would not wonder at anything that happened in France. It might, however, have been thought that, after the protracted war with Prussia, followed by the miseries of civil war, Paris would be sick of soldiering, that the contrast with the "pomp and circumstance of glorious war" in its true light, she would not have cared much to see the hollow mockery and sham of a review in the Bois de Boulogne. But it is not so; and the Parisians, their love of military "glory" and clap-trap being apparently as strong as ever, have been much disappointed at the postponement, on account of the weather, of the review which was to have taken place on Sunday. The fact is suggestive. If the Parisians still look for pleasure in military spectacles, if they can make a review the occasion of a holiday, after the misery and ruin that their own and foreign soldiery have brought upon them, depend upon it that they yet cherish the thought of military revenge, and that sooner or later they will act upon it.

After all their fine promises, Ministers have to content themselves with passing a Bill and a half, if they can. As for the half of the mutilated Army Bill, it is probably safe now to say that it is very doubtful Bill, it is probably safe now to say that it is very doubtful whether the Ballot Bill can be got through in time. There is a motion for its rejection on going into committee, and there are thirteen printed pages of amendments of which notice has already been given. The session will not be a very profitable one if this measure is passed; but if it is not, the legislative year will have been the most barren one of recent times. It will not have been for want of will in the Government certainly, though it might have been from want of that tact and management without which even immense majorities avail but little.

But just for the moment both foreign and home politics are to a considerable degree eclipsed by that extraordinary affair, the Tichborne trial. Everybody is talking of it, and almost everybody takes his morning and evening dose of the claimant's cross-examination. The effect of this examination, so far, has been to create hopeless doubt and confusion in people's minds, until you can hardly find anybody who has made up his mind one way or another. People are reserving their decision until they have heard something of the 117 witnesses that the claimant incidentally mentioned on Friday that he had still to call. This statement evidently startled Chief Justice Bovill, who, in reference to it, appointed a conference with the leading counsel on each side. It is to be hoped the result of that will be a reduction of the mass of evidence on one side or judge, counsel, jurymen, and witnesses will be done out of their autumnal holidays.

The International Exhibition gains somewhat in public approval, but it is not likely this year, at all events, to become thoroughly popular. The receipts for the annual series may prove far more popular than this, but such a result can only be achieved by the commissioners treating the public more liberally. If the "great shilling public" will not the majority of the Crystal Palace, it is at all events the source from whence a very large proportion of its revenue is derived, and the Crystal Palace managers show this by advertising it as "the palace of the people's pleasures," and by arrangements made accordingly. But the International Exhibition people either do not court popularity or do not know how to attain it. The exhibition in itself is not sufficiently attractive to draw the aforesaid "great shilling public," while one extra charge for the Horticultural Gardens and another for the Albert Hall by no means suits the popular taste. And the war has seriously affected the Exhibition itself. It is only now, when the season is on the wane, that the French section is open to the public. A hasty private view of this department on Monday scarcely qualifies one to speak of its character; but this much I can say, that though it contains many interesting features, the shadow of the war has evidently fallen upon it. A pleasing addition is to be made in another department, and we are promised a rich series of modern Indian works of art and decoration; but this will only be at the end of June, and, in fact, the Exhibition will only be in good order when people are preparing to leave town. I fully expect, however, that those of us who live to see the second annual exhibition of this series will find the place far more attractive than it is now, especially as the things of beauty, the works of art, are to be joys for ever—not necessarily the same "exhibits" of course, but paintings, sculpture, &c.

When I read some time since that people did say that a tender attachment had sprung up between the Kentucky giant and the Nova Scotia giantess, I regarded it as a little bit of showman's clap-trap, and when I saw Captain Martin and Miss Anna Swan walking blindly on Miss Anna Swan, and apparently whispering soft nothings in her ear, I stolidly regarded it as part of the exhibition, for people on show perpetually smile, you know, the Siamese twins excepted, who always look ghastly and melancholy. But "things are not what they seem," as Longfellow, with startling originality, puts it, and the giant and giantess have made a match of it. The Captain was much too large for a single man, and looked like "two single gentlemen rolled into one, while Miss Anna Swan also had fair proportions for two single women. And now the twain have become one flesh, mercy on us! the thought is overwhelming. Well, may they be happy! Never did a wedding create greater popular interest here, though the arrangements for it had been kept as quiet as possible. I was pained to see that double monstrosity assist at the wedding; it was inexcusable taste. "Mille, Christine-Millie, the marvellous two-headed nightingale," is about as unfair and as untrue a designation that can be applied to *them*, but with sorrow and pity I refrain from saying more. The Captain (if he is a captain) has a decidedly good head and face, and may even so far be called handsome; but as the heads of dwarfs are disproportionately large, so the head of this giant is disproportionately small. A lady who exhibits herself must expect to be criticised, and without hypercriticism I may say that when I saw Miss Anna Swan a line of the familiar song of "Annie Laurie" occurred to me—"her neck is like the swan." The poet-actor of course meant that Annie Laurie's neck was like the Swan's neck, which I should say was not "an excellent thing in woman." At all events, Miss Swan's neck was the reverse of a swan's neck, and in truth deformed; her face and expression are far from agreeable, and her walk is clumsy. But map the pair so fitly matched by nature be happy!

On Monday, the "Messiah" was given at the Crystal Palace in the Handel Festival, with such effect as never before attended that splendid work even at the Crystal Palace. It was not that the solo performers, the chorus, or the orchestra were notably better than formerly, but that all were better heard, on account of acoustic arrangements on a scale and of a character never before attempted. We seem at last to have reached the acme of perfection in these festivals.

DEATH OF THE REV. W. MIDDLETON, OF CONSETT.

At Medomsley Road, Consett, on Saturday morning, there passed away from this scene of existence, in the 55th year of his age, the Rev. W. Middleton, Baptist minister. When the fact was made known in Consett and the neighbourhood surprise and pain were experienced by all classes, for during the short time the rev. gentleman laboured in our midst, he won for himself the esteem and affection of large numbers in the different religious bodies. He was not generally known that he was ill at all, and the attendance of his demise startled a great many. On Sunday morning he preached in the Baptist chapel as before, and in addition inaugurated a series of Sunday open-air meetings. These meetings are the result of a conference held in the Temperance Hall a few weeks ago, the said conference being brought about through the instigation of Mr. Middleton. On the 1st July, he went out for a walk with a number of his Sabbath scholars as was his custom, but he was compelled to leave them, and when he reached home felt that his days were few. Well he never rallied though his medical attendants were assiduous in their efforts to save him, and his sufferings till Friday evening were of the most painful kind. About six o'clock that evening the pain subsided, but by four o'clock next morning he was no more.

Mr. Middleton was born in Bethnal Green, London, on the 5th of May, 1816. His parents being poor, he was apprenticed to a Ribbon-weaver when he was young, and which occupation he followed till the great panic in the silk and ribbon trade. The family afterwards removed to Reading and thence to Derby, and the death of one of his sisters deeply impressed his mind. Under the ministry of the Rev. John Stephenson he obtained spiritual good, and in 1856 he was admitted a member of St. Mary's Gate (several Baptist), Derby, after the manner of that body. In the Sabbath School he became an efficient teacher, and his training laid the foundation for his after-labours as a minister of the gospel. He was also induced to preach in the adjacent villages, and he was well received. A year after when he went to work at Coventry, he devoted his leisure to the same philanthropic labour, and formed a strong attachment to a band of young men, who, under his guidance, formed a mutual improvement class. After the panic referred to above, he travelled with goods, and while on his rounds arrived at Sunderland. He casually got into the service of a number of young men's Town Mission and one of the missionaries, and on ascertaining that he was a lay preacher, they invited him to take a service. This was in September, 1865, and a missionary being needed about that time, he was appointed, and in November of that year was installed into the charge of the Town Mission. Soon after labouring there about three years, he succeeded the Rev. D. M. Macgregor, as co-pastor with Dr. J. Brooks, of Highbury Chapel, over the Baptist Churches in our immediate locality. About a year and a half ago Consett was made into a separate charge, and Mr. Middleton removed hither to reside. He devoted himself to the work for which he was set apart with untiring devotion, and soon launched into the arduous task of building a chapel. Lately he was doing his utmost to get subscriptions, and had been tolerably successful. The ground was purchased, the plans were made and had passed the Local Board, tenders were about to be advertised for, and at one time he entertained the hope that the building would be completed this year; but when his hands were fullest, and his heart filled with the greatest anxieties, "the silver cord was loosed and the golden bowl was broken." With his death the flock over which he had control has lost an affectionate, industrious, and intelligent pastor, the temperance cause a staunch friend and earnest advocate; and the town and neighbourhood of Consett, one of its most useful inhabitants.

THE FUNERAL.

On Monday, the last tribute of respect was paid to the mortal remains of the deceased gentleman by a large concourse of people. The mournful procession left deceased's residence for Benfieldside Cemetery at about three o'clock in the afternoon, the street at the time, despite the rain, being lined with spectators. About sixty members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance from Consett, Leadgate, Shield Hill, and Medley Bridge, most appropriately adorned with their white badges and crape and black ribbon hatbands, led the way, and immediately before the hearse were—Rev. Dr. Hillier, South Shields (who is also a Son of Temperance); Rev. E. Spanswick, Consett; Rev. J. Reay, Steggall, vice of Consett; Rev. A. Baillie (United Presbyterian), Blackhill; Rev. J. Brooks, Highgate; Revs. R. Rust and J. Nicholls (Primitives); Rev. C. Orr, Rev. H. Stepney (Wesleyan), Shotley Bridge, afterwards joined them. Mr. Watson, from Playing, Mr. Wilson, and others at present. Following the hearse were the relatives of deceased, the Sabbath-school children, the members of the church, and a large contingent of the rank and file of the general public. It was such a funeral as has never been witnessed in Consett before. At the cemetery the mournful procession formed lines from the chapel to the gate, and the coffin was borne up and the assembly marched between them. The interment was performed by the Rev. E. Spanswick, giving out a hymn, after which the Rev. J. Brooks read the fourteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel.

The Rev. E. Spanswick, in an address from the first three verses of the chapter that had been read. It was intended, he said, that the Rev. W. Middleton, deceased, should have given this address, but through a variety of circumstances he could not be present. The text he selected was the last spoken of both by Middleton preached, so that gentleman had peculiarly enough preached his own funeral sermon, and they must now feel as if the angel of death had prompted him. The words of the text were spoken by Christ to his disciples, as he saw the anxiety and trouble of their hearts because he was going to leave them. The first verse was an antidote to trouble and fear, and was calculated to strengthen their faith in their Saviour-God. He applied it to the solace that had been bereft of her husband and to the church that had been deprived of a pastor. The second verse told them to look to the future, and it pointed out the fact that in the universe of God there was a home for His people. As the venerable Jay put it: "If it were not so, Christ would have told us;" if it were not so, He *should* have told us; and if it were not so, He *would* have told us." But it was so, and that was our consolation. Our bodies were decaying a throne that no other could sit upon, handling a harp than no other could play, wearing a crown that would fit no other, and inheriting a portion that no other hand could carry. He departed in peace; our loss was his gain: for, though poor, he has been made rich through the poverty of Christ. In the text there was variety ("many mansions"), locality, beauty, and certainty of possession all indicated, and could we not believe the Incarnate God who had all power and all knowledge. He had formed a close intimacy with his departed brother, and it could not be severed now, as he had full confidence that he had gone to be with Jesus. Let us not sorrow as those without hope, for we commit him to the grave "in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection."

Mr. Middleton's death was a knock for us all. God had spoken to us that day by the majestic thunder, and in a "still small voice" by the proceedings in which we were taking part, and each said: "Prepare to meet thy God."

After the Rev. E. Rust had offered up a most impressive and apposite prayer, Mr. W. M. Middleton, of Coventry (father of deceased), came to the pulpit, and after expressing the strong attachment he had for his dead brother, and the many kind offices he had rendered him, and which could not be known but by himself, he said that he had taken an unusual course, but it was an unusual circumstance, and he could not keep his soul without making an effort to thank those who had come to pay their last tribute of respect to his son. The gratitude he felt was inexpressible. They might imagine the surprise of his family on Saturday morning when they received a letter of his son's severe illness and a telegram later on in the day of his death. The house was in a painful state, especially as he had a daughter in bed who would soon follow her brother to the grave. He did not know what to do, but his family prevailed upon him to make a sacrifice and come to Consett. And he thanked God that he had come. He thanked the vicar and the other ministers, the church, and all the friends for their kind respect and love. To his little friends, who were so much effected at their loss, he would tell the secret of his son's success—he loved his Bible and private prayer. He begged of the company not to think him rude for appearing before them.

Another hymn having been sung, the coffin was carried to the grave, and with the others the people gathered round, Mr. Watson spoke for some time. It needed no words of his, he said, to eulogise his departed brother; his life had been before us, and we had been witnesses of his Christian deportment and his ardent love for souls. If we wanted to see the esteem in which Mr. Middleton was held, we had just to look around upon the company; for, though he was a conscientious Baptist, he was so large-hearted as to love all God's people, and he preached cordially and with his whole heart for all. He hoped we might all take warning from his death, and laymen and clergymen be up and doing, for the night cometh.

A portion of the burial service was read by the Rev. E. Spanswick, and after prayer had been offered, the Sons of Temperance surrounded the grave and sung a hymn. Rev. W. M. Patterson, in a short speech, testified to the earnestness of the deceased gentleman in the cause of temperance, after which the Sons of Temperance dispersed. The ceremony throughout was of the most simple and touching character, and all present seemed deeply affected.

A LOCAL DIVORCE CAUSE.—HEAVY DAMAGES.

In the Court for the trial of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes on Tuesday, Lord Penzance took him the well-known Northumbrian cause of Todd *v.* Todd and Dolman. Mr. Inderwick said this was originally a husband's petition, and his Lordship was pleased to grant a decree *nisi* for a dissolution of the marriage on the 16th of December, 1870. The petitioner was a farmer, and they were married in August, 1849, and there were six children of the marriage, and two of them were in the custody of the respondent. The latter's father died and left her a life interest on £5,000, and the reversion was in favour of the children. He died in 1868, and in the autumn of that year respondent left home secretly, taking the two children to school at Scarborough, but she never returned. The co-respondent was a well-to-do farmer, and was an executor of the respondent's father, and damages were assessed against him of £750. Mr. Inderwick now asked that the £50 might be paid to the petitioner. His solicitor's bill was nearly £100 more than was anticipated, in consequence of the trouble there was in finding the respondent and co-respondent.

Mr. Bourne, for the respondent, said she was anxious that the children should have some of the money, and proposed that the husband should have £300 of the money and the remainder should go to the children.

Lord Penzance, to Mr. Inderwick: Do you intend afterwards to alter the marriage settlement?

Mr. Inderwick: At present I can't say. We may do.

Lord Penzance said that if they did it would be better for the matter to come up altogether. Had the damages been paid?

Mr. Inderwick: No; but the co-respondent is a substantial man.

Lord Penzance: It had better be postponed till the money is in court. I shall remember the case on any future occasion.

EXTRAORDINARY MIRAGE IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH.

For some time past the atmospheric phenomena at the mouth of the Firth have been of a remarkably vivid and interesting character, and have attracted a great deal of attention. During the past week especially, scarcely a day has passed without exhibiting extraordinary optical illusions in connection with the surrounding scenery, both at sea and on shore. As an instance of the unusual nature of these phenomena, the whole of the Broomyhill policies, mansion house, and plantations, were one day apparently removed out to sea. One of the finest displays of mirage, however, occurred on Saturday afternoon. The early part of the day had been warm, and there was the usual dull, inoperative haze extending about half-way across the Firth, rendering the Fife coast indeed invisible. The only object on the Fife coast indeed which was brought within the range of the vision was Balconie Castle on the "East Neuk," which appeared half-way up the horizon, and in a line with the Isle of May. The most extraordinary illusion, however, were those presented by the May island, which from a mere speck on the water, suddenly shot up in the shape of a huge perpendicular wall, apparently 800 or 900 feet high, with a smooth and unbroken front to the sea. Besides assuming the most diversified and fantastic shapes, the island was constantly changing their positions, now moving off, and again approaching each other. At a later period the phenomena showed huge jagged rifts and ravines in the face of the high wall through which the light came and went, and as they opened and closed, white trees and towers, glowing and bright, sprang up and disappeared as if by magic. It is a singular fact that during the four hours the mirage lasted, the lighthouse, usually the most prominent object from the south side of the Firth, was wholly invisible. The last appearance of the island assumed was that of a thin blue line half way up the horizon, with the lighthouse as a small pivot in the centre; and the extraordinary phantasmagoria was brought to a close about seven o'clock by a drenching rain which fell for two hours.

A GENEROUS CONGREGATION.—At the anniversary sermons at St. George's United Presbyterian Church, Blackburn, on Sunday the collections realised, £1,009 12s. 1½d. At the evening service the Rev. A. Grosart, pastor, said that, notwithstanding the efforts needed to realise that large and gratifying amount, the usual collections for the ordinary purposes of the church, &c., had been fully maintained. Since January 1st they had realised by pew rents, voluntary offerings, &c., £320 2s. 6d., making, with that day's receipts, a total of £1,329 14s. 7½d. In three years the congregation have contributed nearly £7,000 towards removing the debt on the church.

Lord Justice Bovill has decided, on the application of counsel, to adjourn the hearing of the Tichborne case from the second week in July until the 7th of November. The claimant was cross-examined on Tuesday as to his meeting with Arthur Orton, and when pointedly asked by the Solicitor-General, "Are you yourself Arthur Orton, son of George Orton, of High-street, Wapping, butcher?" he replied, "I am not." The Prince and Princess of Wales were present during the afternoon.

THE BROOMS ANNUAL TEA PARTY AND GALA.

To chronicle ordinary events, such as the doings at a police court; the evidence tendered before a coroners jury on the body of some poor wretch who has had the misfortune to be in the way of a huge revolving wheel and been torn to pieces; a shipwreck; a high-way robbery, and even murder itself,—are objects of every day occurrence to the journalist, and without making an effort to display his powers in describing them, they are usually dealt with in a certain season of the year, become even to the writer a thing of some note. The annual tea and sports in connection with The Brooms Catholic Chapel were held at The Brooms on Monday. The continued rains of the previous week had somewhat damped the ardour of innumerable youths, to whom the gala is the event of the year. Sunday was tolerably fair, and when we retired to rest at that evening our hopes of a fine day were not the most sanguine. On awakening in the morning, however,

"A glance of sunshine thro' the blinds—

A cheery, genial gleam,

was sufficient to convince all who intended to take part in the day's enjoyment that

"The summer had come back once more—

The summer bright and green,

And birds sang merrily in the trees,

Amid the pleasant scene."

We were astir betimes, but even then were late to Medomsley, Consett, Shield Hill, and Leadgate during the night in anticipation of the coming enjoyment, and long before the hour announced for the sports to commence the field of operations people had assembled. About twelve o'clock a few showers of rain fell, but the clouds soon passed away and the sun once more poured forth its rays. As we have said, The Brooms treat is a red letter day in this neighbourhood, and by three o'clock people from all parts began to pour in, and roads converging to The Brooms being lined with vehicles of every imaginable description, the occupants consisting of every available grist in society, all evidently imbued with one object—that of enjoying themselves to their utmost. On entering the grounds the sight was indeed grand; the ladies, of course, contributing chiefly to the beauties of the scene around us. Of those there was no lack, the various fashions being displayed to every possible advantage. The "Grecian Bend," the "Alexander Limp" were portrayed in a greater or less degree by the fair devotees of fashion, who with elegantly-wrought *besques*; hair twined in the most inconceivable shapes; and bonnets of such delicate texture and so diminutive size,—made of the most fairy-like materials, that the slightest breath of air would cause them to shudder for fear of damaging in the slightest degree a biped so "fearfully and wonderfully made—a thing of beauty and a joy for ever" as the fair sex. Every variety of games were indulged in, including foot-racing, hurdle-racing, leaping, sack-racing, kiss-in-the-ring, turey, Sally Walker, and dancing. Miss Sarah Walker and kiss-in-the-ring,

"Where came the lovers full of joy and mirth,"

appeared to enjoy the latter amusement to the highest degree, the running of the ladies in the latter game, under the pretence of trying to lose what indeed they were really running for, causing much merriment and innocent diversion. At one end of the field a greasy pole towered above the heads of the spectators, and which diminished in size,—made of the most attenuated materials, as the various competitors, after getting a few yards up, were compelled to "cave in," and come down with a run. The hurdle-racing engaged the attention of a large portion of the visitors, and some excellent running was witnessed. The leaping was also excellent, and would have done credit to many professional athletes. There were, as usual, a large number of sweetmeat stalls, all of which appeared to do a fair share of business. At the bottom of the field several shows were erected, including "McKenzie's universalled entertainment of the world, and all in all;" and a variety of other shows, which could be seen a grand picture representing "the great siege of Paris." For the accommodation of the "little ones" there also was a swing boat and a roundabout. The Leadgate Sax-Horn Band was in attendance during the day, and discoursed excellent music, the selections made from the best authors, in addition to the dance music. Dancing was greatly indulged in, and the Terpsichorean accomplishments displayed by the fair sex was *par excellence*, and could scarcely have been excelled by any professional *danseuse*. At three o'clock the tea was served in the Concert Room, which had been beautifully decorated with flowers and banners. There were nine large tables, and although there was a large number of guests present, after the tables, it was a late hour before the large body of people had been attended to. Everything was of the most excellent description, the confravinds disappearing with a rapidity which betokened how heartily it was enjoyed and what amount of exhilaration had been given. The tea was given by the ladies in the district, No. 1 being presented by Mrs. Kearney, the Ford, Lanchester; No. 2, Mrs. Thompson, Medley Bridge; No. 3, Mrs. Hall, Leadgate; No. 4, Mrs. Lee, Leadgate; No. 5, Mrs. Close, Leadgate; No. 6, Mrs. Hetherington, Preston; No. 7, Mrs. Kelly, Shield Hill; and No. 8, The Brooms. No. 9 being the children's table. During the day the Rev Canon Kearney did everything in his power to to make the people enjoy themselves, and that his exertions were appreciated was shown by the good order and decorum which prevailed throughout. Dancing and sports were kept up until the shades of evening set in when the band played "Auld Lang Syne," and the pleasure-seekers left for their homes, those present by the motion—Rev. T. Smith, Blackhill; Rev. Mr. Connolly, Bishopwearmouth; Rev. Mr. Watson, Playing; Rev. Mr. Ford, Lanchester; Mr. Granger, Consett; Mr. Calvert and the Misses Calvert, Consett; Mr., Mrs., and Miss Jenkins, Consett, the gift of Mrs. Jenkins. For the sports about £20 worth of goods of various descriptions were offered for competition by the Rev. Canon Kearney, the following being the list of the sports:—

HURDLE RACE (Open to all).—There were ten entries for this prize, which excited great interest amongst the spectators.

FIRST HEAT.

Anthony Macklam, Hill Top; William Bunton, Milton Gilbert; and Henry Todd, Annfield Plain. The lot got pretty evenly away, the men clearing the hurdles in great style. On rounding the pole to come home, Todd went to the front, Bunton keeping well behind him, but after getting about fifty yards from home, Bunton commenced to creep ahead of Todd, against which position he maintained until near the finish, when he made a last effort, and succeeded in winning by a few inches only.

SECOND HEAT.

Alexander Denham, Bishop Auckland; Robert Grierson, Leadgate; and John Bowey, Consett. The lot had not proceeded far until Denham went to the front, hardly pressed by Grierson, between whom an exciting race for the corner took place, Denham eventually rounding the pole first and came in a winner by a short distance.

THIRD HEAT.

Thomas Wright, Hill Top; James Farrage, Benfieldside; John Rafferty, Consett; and Robert Gustard. After an exciting race, Gustard came in first by a yard.

FINAL HEAT.

Bunton, Denham, and Gustard. The men got away evenly, Bunton taking the lead, the other two keeping abreast and leaping the hurdles together. When they had nearly reached the top hurdle, Denham made a splendid effort to clear the last hurdle, which lost him a few yards. Bunton, who had kept the lead all along, went in an easy winner, Gustard arising about the race, the latter agreed to run over again. After running a tight race up the field, the men rounded the pole together, but Gustard cleared the next Hurdle first and after a severe struggle he succeeded in gaining the second prize by about a yard.

HURDLE RACE (for working men only).—Five entered for this prize, namely, Alexander Denham, Bishop Auckland; Wm. Bunton, Wilton Gilbert; James Farrage, Benfieldside; Robert Grierson, Leadgate; and Thomas Wright, Tuft Hill.

FIRST HEAT.

Bunton, Wright, and Grierson. A good race took place between Bunton and the others, Grierson not on going round the flag Grierson took the lead, which he maintained to the finish.

SECOND HEAT.

Farrage and Denham. On Mr. Kearney tossing down the handkerchief, Farrage went off with a rush, and succeeded in clearing the first hurdle two or three yards before Denham, who appeared came up. Denham, after running a few yards, gave in, and Farrage walked over.

FINAL HEAT.

Grierson and Farrage got well off together, but the latter came in a winner by about two rounds the flag to come home. "Billy" and "Sir Hedworth Williamson" went off at a rare speed, the former getting to the flag first, but on the rider attempting to turn him "Bill" went straight ahead, nearly throwing his rider from his seat. "Sir Hedworth" came on the flay with a rush, and was leaving his competitor far ahead, when suddenly he stopped to wait for "Billy," who was coming along with his tail toward the winning post. After indulging in a great many gyratory movements, the two at length set off again, "Billy" evidently thinking "Sir Hedworth" over by running up against him. After a good race home, "Sir Hedworth" came in a winner by two lengths of his tail, "Thomas" bringing up the rear about five minutes after.

POLE LEADING (open to all).—Only two entered for this prize, namely, William Bunton, Wilton Gilbert; and Joseph Oyston, Hill Top. At the first attempt Oyston knocked down the bar, Bunton clearing it in grand style. On trying again, however, Oyston cleared the bar with great ease and elegance. Both the competitors went over the bar in good style until it was raised to 5ft. 5in., when Bunton failed to clear it, not being in good trim on account of ill health, Oyston cleared and gettingfirst prize. The bar was then raised to 6ft 9in., which Oyston cleared with ease, amid the applause of the spectators.

HOOP LEAPING.—Four entered for this prize, which created great interest every year, namely, Joseph Oyston, Robert Gustard, Robert Grierson, and Anthony Macklam. The performance of the slippery state of the ground near the hurdle the jumping was not as good as it would otherwise have been. At the first attempt Macklam knocked down the hoop on account of his foot slipping into a hole, but in the next attempt he was more successful. Some, good leaping occurred between Macklam, Oyston, and Grierson, Gustard being knocked out. On the bar being raised Macklam was the only one who cleared the hoop every time, and won the prize by doing the feet and falling on his back. Neither of them succeeding in getting over the bar, Oyston and Grierson tossed up for second prize, the former winning by a head.

BARREL RACE.—Three competed for this prize, namely, William Hudson, Collierley Dykes; Matthew Hedley, Leadgate; and Thomas Dunn, Leadgate. Each competitor had his boots off, and stood on the top of the barrel, which was to be forced along with the feet. No sooner was the signal to start given than there seemed a somerset, the others following suit, much to the amusement of the spectators. Finding that it was no use attempting to get on the barrels, each competitor commenced to roll his barrel down the course by hand, Hudson being first, and Dunn second.

POST RACE (for ponies under fourteen hands high and above fifty years of age; gentlemen riders).—On the bell, Hudson was unable to find his animals to conform with the conditions specified, there was only one entry, namely, Mr. Robert Graham's "Scotty," but Mr. Milburn's donkey was allowed to compete for the prize, on an assurance being given that "Sir Hedworth" was as old as Methuselah himself. The distance was up and down the course, "Sir Hedworth" getting fifty yards start. After rounding the flag to come home, "Sir Hedworth" became very fractious, and "Scotty" won in a winner by a long way. In consequence of a slight mistake, the race had to be run over again, this time the distance being twice up and down, "Sir Hedworth" being allowed about 100 yards start. "Scotty" soon overtook the Jerusalem pony which notwithstanding that he was well jockeyed by his rider, soon had several manœuvres of his own, leaving his own neck by falling over that of the donkey, was beaten by about 100 yards.

POST RACE.—Two entered for this prize, namely, Mr. Clarke's "Costermonger," and Mr. Graham's "Scotty." The pair went up the course, keeping close together. "Costermonger" rounding the flag first, but in running home, "Scotty" overtook and passed "Mr. Clarke's" pony, winning a well-contested race by a length.

THE BELLMAN.—This amusing race brought out five competitors, namely, John Downey, Consett; William Scales, Leadgate; John Stewart, Oxhill; Patrick Lavering, Leadgate; and John Coyle, Blackhill; William Brown, Consett, acting as bellman. The head of each competitor was encased in a bag, each being provided with a bag of colour, with which they had to daub the person whom they had to hit to gain the prize, and a great deal of fun was occasioned as the competitors came in contact with each other. The race was eventually gained by Downey after about half-an-hours running.

PONY RACE. — Mr. Graham's "Scotty," Mr. Clarke's "Costermonger," and Mr. Milburn's "Sir Hedworth Williamson" entered for this prize, the latter wining after a good race.

SACK RACE.—Seven men were run off in sacks, the first and second in each heat getting a prize.

Thomas Cargill, Leadgate; John James Jeffrey, Blackhill; James Wigham, Leadgate; and John Kelly, Leadgate; and Andrew Richardson, Blackhill. Murphy and Ward kept very closely together, the latter falling down at the corner, leaving the halfway down the course Cargill went to the front, which position he kept until the finish, Jeffrey coming in second.

John Murphy, Leadgate; Patrick Grimes, Redwell Bank; John Ward, William Wigham, Leadgate; Blackhill; and James Green, Leadgate. Murphy won by a long way, and Ward second.

Thomas Dunn, Consett; John Brown, Consett; Matthew Hedley, Dipton; George Harrison, Hill Top; and Peter Currigan, The Bantling. This was the best-contested race of the day, and caused a great deal of amusement. Shortly after the start Brown went the whole of them fell over each other, but Currigan and Brown soon regained their feet and set off again. On getting within about ten yards of the winning post, Currigan, who was leading by about fifteen yards, tripped himself up, and being unable to regain his feet he commenced to roll the remainder of the distance, winning by a few inches only, Brown being second.

Matthew Davison, Leadgate; William Elliott, Hill Top; John Coulson, Collierley Dykes; Stephen Shiles, Consett; and John Megan, Leadgate. After a deal of tumbling down Shiles came in first, and Davison second.

Thomas Dunn, Leadgate; John Graham, Leadgate; William Dunn, John Gollierley Dykes; Thomas Ward, Leadgate; and Robert Dunn, Leadgate. A good race took place between Dunn and Graham, both of whom fell down several times before reaching the winning post, Dunn securing first prize by rolling in about a yard ahead of Graham.

POST RACES FOR BOYS.—As in the sack-races, the prizes were competed for in heats, the first and second in each race getting a prize. The first heat was won by John Graham, John Gollierley Dykes; Thomas Ward, Leadgate; and Robert Dunn, Leadgate. A good race took place between Dunn and Graham, both of whom fell down several times before reaching the winning post, Dunn securing first prize by rolling in about a yard ahead of Graham.

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Public Notices.

NOW READY, price 2s., a Reprint of the LANCHESTER COMMON ACT.—Apply to Mr. J. CALVERT, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. 85b

POLYTECHNIC EXHIBITION AT CONSETT.

THE TRUSTEES of the NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL will OPEN a Polytechnic Exhibition in the TOWN HALL, CONSETT, on June 30. 402b

IF YOU ARE A FAVOURITE OF DAME FORTUNE, with a trifling Stake of 12 Shillings you can obtain £6,000!! with £8, £37,000!! with £1, £20,000!!—For prospectuses apply without delay to EUGENE TILLOT, General Merchant, Guernsey. 387b

BIRD-SINGING CONTEST.

ON SATURDAY, July 1, 1871, a BIRD-SINGING CONTEST will come off at the BRADLEY ARMS INN, LEADGATE, to commence at Two o'clock. —Particulars may be had from ROBERT LOWER, Innkeeper. 412b

EDUCATION.

MISS NICHOLSON, 4, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, respectfully announces that her School is now open for the education of Children of both sexes in the usual branches of an English education, including Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, &c.; also, Needlework and Music. 381b

CO-OPERATION.

THE NINTH YEARLY MEETING of the MEMBERS of the SHOTLEY BRIDGE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY will be held in the COMMITTEE-ROOM, on SATURDAY, July 8, at Eight o'clock, p.m., when business of importance will be brought before the meeting, and the members are particularly requested to attend. 405b

SALT AND WHITENING.

C. COOK, Grocer, ANNFIELD PLAIN, has been appointed Sole Agent for the SALE of the Superior BLOCK AND FINE SALT manufactured by Messrs. R. SWALLOW & Co., Sheepfield Salt Works, Sunderland. Special quotations for Block and fine loose Salt on application. A few tons of Salt always on hand for immediate delivery. 357b

I. U. O. M.

THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY of the "Bowes Benevolent Lodge," Crookgate, will be celebrated on SATURDAY, July 8th, 1871, when a PUBLIC TEA and BALL will take place in a MARQUEE, erected for the occasion. Tea on the Tables at 3-30 p.m.; Ball to commence at 7 p.m. Tickets for the Tea, 1s. each; Children, 6d. Admission to Ball: Gentlemen, 1s.; Ladies, 6d. 406b

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all or any Person or Persons entering into the occupation of any House, Shop, or other building to which Gas has been supplied to the previous occupant, upon such entry must first obtain the consent of the Secretary of the Company before consuming the Gas supplied by the said Company, in default thereof will be proceeded against for the penalty of £5 each.

Before giving notice to the Gas, without first obtaining such leave, such Person or Persons will be Prosecuted as the Law directs. For the convenience of Persons in the Consett and Leadgate districts, the Secretary can be seen daily at the Brickworks Office, Consett, or at the Company's Office, Shotley Bridge, to whom all applications must be made.

By order of the Directors.
JOSEPH H. BELL, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1870. 942a

NOTICE TO FREEMEN OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE TOWN CLERK requests that all Freemen who have resided within the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, or within seven statute miles of the Guildhall (being the polling place), since the First day of February last, and who have not received parochial relief since the last day of July, 1870, will on or before THURSDAY, the 27th day of July next, deliver or transmit to Mr. THOMAS ROBERTS, TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW TOWN HALL, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, their several names and places of abode, in order that they may be inserted in the List of Freemen entitled to vote in the Election of Members of Parliament for the Borough.

Attendance for the above purpose will be given by Mr. ROBERTS, at the Town Clerk's Office aforesaid, from Ten o'clock in the forenoon to One o'clock in the afternoon each day, until, and including the said 27th day of July next.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, June 13th, 1871. 407b

OPENING OF THE WESLEYAN NEW CHAPEL, MEDOMSLEY.

THE TRUSTEES of the WESLEYAN NEW CHAPEL and SCHOOL-ROOM at MEDOMSLEY, have great pleasure in intimating that the above place will be OPENED for Divine Worship (D.V.) on THURSDAY, July 6th, 1871, when SERMONS will be Preached in the following order, viz.:

On THURSDAY, July 6th, the Rev. Mr. PATER, from Gateshead, will Preach in the Afternoon at Three o'clock and in the Evening at Half-past Six.

PUBLIC TEA will be provided in the interval of Service. Tea on the Tables at Half-past Four o'clock.

Tickets for the Tea, 1s. each; may be had of Messrs. T. ROBINSON, W. ROBINSON, J. TEASDALE, and at the door.

On SUNDAY, July 9th, Two SERMONS will be Preached, in the Afternoon at Two o'clock, by the Rev. T. WINN, of Blackhill, and in the Evening at Half-past Six, by the Rev. WM. DENT, Primitive Methodist Minister, from Newcastle.

On SUNDAY, July 16th, SERMONS will be Preached, at Two in the Afternoon, and Half-past Six in the Evening, by Mr. WILLIAM BELL, of Newcastle.

A Collection will be taken after each Service in aid of the Building Fund. 409b

PUBLIC BATHS, CONSETT.

THE TURKISH BATHS are Open Daily, from 7 a.m. till 9 p.m., and on Sundays from 7 a.m. till 10 a.m.

The Turkish Bath is the very best preservative of health, and curative of disease, as evidenced by the extraordinary cures which are daily effected by it, and further corroborated by the most eminent Members of the Medical Profession.

From Dr. GOOLDEN, Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

"The Turkish Baths have opened out a new era both for man health and man disease."

From ERASMUS WILSON, M.D., F.R.S.

"The Turkish Bath is to the individual man, comprising the liver, kidneys, and skin, what the sun is to the world and its inhabitants. I do not ask myself what diseases it can cure, but what disease can resist its powers."

From Dr. MADDEN.

"There are few diseases in my opinion that would not be benefited by its use."

Charge for Single Bath, 1s.; Quarterly Ticket for 12 Baths, 9s.

175b E. H. HUTCHINSON, Proprietor.

Public Notices.

THE CO-OPERATOR AND ANTI-VACCINATOR. Health and Wealth. PITMAN, 20, Paternoster Row. 1d. One Penny. See the Parliamentary Evidence against Vaccination. 324b

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

MISS BENNETT, from Chester, will Preach at CONSETT, on SATURDAY and SUNDAY, June 24th and 25th, 1871, and give a LECTURE on MONDAY, June 26. See Bills. 396b

NOTICE.

FARMERS, GARDENERS, and others may be supplied with GAS LIME on easy terms, at the SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY'S WORKS, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

JOSEPH H. BELL, Secretary.
August 5th 1870. 776a

CHRIST CHURCH, CONSETT.

COMPLETION OF TOWER, &c.

A BAZAAR will be held in aid of the above object at the end of August next. The following Ladies will be glad to receive donations of USEFUL and FANCY ARTICLES, &c., in order to make the requisite preparations:—Mrs. STROUDAL, the Vicarage; Mrs. CAVER, Mrs. DOLPHIN, Mrs. DOUGLAS, Mrs. AYNSLEY, and Mrs. J. MURRAY, all residing at Consett. 383b

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN NEW CHAPEL AND SCHOOL-ROOM.

THE MEMORIAL STONE will be laid (D.V.) on WEDNESDAY, June 28th, 1871, at Half-past Three o'clock, by Mr. WILLIAM HITSON, of Shotley Bridge. The Procession to start from the old Chapel at Three o'clock. The Rev. THOMAS PEARSON, from Wakefield (formerly of the Shotley Bridge Circuit), and the Circuit Ministers will take part in the Ceremony. Mr. PEARSON will Preach in the Evening, in a large MARQUEE adjoining. Service to commence at Seven o'clock. A collection on each occasion.

A public TEA will be provided in the Marquee. Tea on the Tables at Half-past Four o'clock. Tickets, One Shilling each.

N.B.—The Train leaving Newcastle at 2.5 p.m. will arrive at Benfieldside Station (which is close to the site) at 3 p.m., in time for the ceremony; and will depart from Benfieldside Station at 8.43 p.m. after the Evening Service. 390b

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

IN PURSUANCE of the 60th Section of the Local Government Act, 1858, I DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that JAMES RADFORD, Esq., will attend at the BOARD ROOM, LEADGATE, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th day of July next ensuing, at Twelve o'clock at Noon of the same day, for the purpose of Auditing the Accounts relative to, and connected with the said Board, and that Seven days previous to the said Audit, all Books of Accounts, Contracts, Bills or Receipts, or other documents therewith connected, mentioned or referred to in such Accounts, will be deposited at the Board-room of the said Local Board, at Leadgate, and on application may be inspected by them, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by all persons interested therein, who are at liberty to take copies thereof and extracts therefrom, without fee or reward.

Given under my hand this 5th day of June, 1871.
M. COUPLAND,
Clerk to the said Local Board.
372b

STANLEY PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.

ON SATURDAY EVENING, July 1st, 1871, a LECTURE ON TEMPERANCE will be given in the PRIMITIVE METHODIST SCHOOL-ROOM, by Councillor G. CHARLTON, of Benfham. Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock. Admission—Threepence each.

On SABBATH, July 2, SERMONS will be Preached in a large MARQUEE erected in Mr. Scott's field, in the Morning at Half-past Ten and in the Evening at Six o'clock, by Councillor G. CHARLTON, and in the Afternoon at Two, by Rev. A. LATTIMER.

On MONDAY, July 3rd, a PUBLIC TEA will be held in the Marquee. Tea on the Tables at Four o'clock.

Tickets for Tea, One Shilling each; children under Twelve Years, Sixpence.

Mr. SCOTT'S Garden, Conservatories, &c., will be open. Admission by Field, Garden, &c., to those who do not attend the Tea, Threepence.

After Tea there will be a PUBLIC MEETING, to be addressed by Councillor CHARLTON, Mr. W. M. PATTERSON, of Consett, Mr. MARK HALLIDAY, Mr. THOMAS HARRISON, and the Circuit Ministers. Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock by Mr. R. GREENWELL, of Gateshead.

On SABBATH, July 9th, SERMONS will be Preached in the CHAPEL, in the Morning at Half-past Ten and Evening at Six o'clock, by Councillor J. W. WAYMAN, of Sunderland, and in the Afternoon at Two by Mr. JOHN PEARSON, from the Theological Institute, Sunderland.

A collection at each Service in aid of the Chapel and School Trust Funds. 378b

THE DIPTON GAS COMPANY (LIMITED).

To be Incorporated under the Companies' Act, 1862, the liability of each Shareholder to the amount of his Shares.

CAPITAL £2,000, IN 400 SHARES OF £5 EACH.
DEPOSIT £1 PER SHARE.
CALLS £1 PER SHARE PER MONTH.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THIS COMPANY has been formed for the purpose of Erecting Works and Lighting Dipton, Collierley, and Hill Top with GAS; and a Contract, dated the 8th day of October, 1870, has been entered into between THOMAS WILLIAM SHARP, of the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, Gas Engineer and Contractor, trading under the style of firm of "T. W. Shearp & Co.," and JOSEPH URWIN, JOHN MADDISON, EMERSON WILKINSON, CHRISTOPHER CALVERT, ROBERT CLARK, GEORGE JOHNSON, and JOHN URWIN, all of Dipton aforesaid, for the Erection of the Works and Premises on a most eligible plot of land which has been secured for that purpose.

The Apparatus will be on the most improved principle, the best purifying process adopted, and the works thoroughly and substantially built.

The Promoters in submitting this undertaking to the Public are not recommending an untried experiment, nor one in which the remunerative investment of capital is doubtful, as it is a well-known fact that Companies are established as well as gas companies, to afford such a profitable return to the Investor.

All persons interested in the above undertaking are invited to attend a Meeting, to be held at the Office of Messrs. Bell, Solicitors, Consett, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of June, 1871, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, when the Provisional Committee will submit for consideration the Deed of Settlement, and other matters connected with the Company.

Dated this 19th day of June, 1871.

JOSEPH H. BELL, Solicitor, Consett.
JOHN MADDISON, Dipton.
JOHN URWIN, Dipton.
ROBERT CLARK, Dipton.
GEORGE JOHNSON, Dipton.
EMERSON WILKINSON, Dipton.
CHRISTOPHER CALVERT, Dipton.
JOSEPH URWIN, Dipton.

The Shares are limited to £5 each, payable by instalments of £1 per month. Each Shareholder can take no more than he subscribes for, nor be made liable for more than the amount of his Shares.

A great number of Shares has already been taken, and an early application for the remainder is solicited.

Applications for Shares should be sent to the Secretary of the Company, Mr. JOSEPH URWIN, Dipton, *via* Burnopfield, Durham, from whom Forms of Application, Prospectuses, and every other information may be obtained. 388b

Wanted.

WANTED, Two BRICKLAYERS.—Apply immediately to EDWARD WAITEMATE, Builder, Shotley Bridge. 392b

TO BRICK-MOULDERS.

WANTED, Two Steady Hands, immediately.—Apply to THOS. E. SOPPET, Milkwell Row, Collierly, near Ebchester. 385b

Contracts.

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY, LIMITED, are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the ERECTION of THIRTY-SIX WORKMEN'S COTTAGES and TWENTY-EIGHT COKE OVENS, at their WESTWOOD COLLIERY, near Ebchester Railway Station.

Plans and Specifications for the above can be seen at the OFFICE, at CONSETT IRONWORKS, on and after the 27th June.

Tenders to be sent in, addressed to the Consett Iron Company Limited, Consett, not later than SATURDAY, the 8th of July. 408b

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

TO LET, the BUILDING of a STONE WALL, in Burnhouse Lane; also, the LENGTHENING of a STONE CULVERT in Stockerley Lane.

Conditions and Specifications for the above Works may be seen on application to the Undersigned at his OFFICE, situate at WESTWOOD HOUSE, ESCHESTER, BURNOPFIELD, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., by whom Tenders in Writing for the same, marked "Tenders for Masonry," will be received up to the 3rd day of July, next coming, at Twelve o'clock at Noon.

By order,
M. COUPLAND,
Surveyor of Highways.
Westwood House, Ebchester,
Burnopfield, 23rd June, 1871. 413b

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. William Raw.

IMPORTANT SALE OF VERY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AT LEADGATE, NEAR CONSETT, ON MONDAY, JULY 3, 1871.

MR. W. RAW, (instructed by Mr. G. APPLETON, Cabinetmaker, &c., who is leaving the Neighbourhood), will SELL BY AUCTION on his Premises, FRONT STREET, LEADGATE, his very valuable STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., &c., comprising 2 excellent Mahogany Presses; Three-quarter Chest of Mahogany Drawers; Half-Chest of Drawers, painted; Mahogany Chair, in Hair Seating; 6 Mahogany Chairs in Hair Seating, Balloon-backed; Easy Chair; 2 Rocking Arm Chairs; 24 Polished Birch Chairs; Cane Seat Chair; Mahogany Chair; 5 Four-poled Bedsteads; 1 Camp Do.; Chesthouse Bedstead; large Mahogany Pillar Table; Round Tables; Kitchen and other Tables; Longsettle; Cornice Poles and Rings; Spring and American Clocks; Swing Looking Glasses; Horse; Pony Tube and Shafts; Basket; Grinders and Fireirons; Metal Pans; Zinc Pails; Brushes; Clothes' Lines; Crockery Ware, with numerous other useful and valuable articles.

N.B.—The Stock is all New, Valuable, and Good, and well worthy the attention of Buyers.

Sale to commence at One o'clock precisely.
Sale Office, Blackhill, June 20th, 1871. 403b

By Mr. John Jenkins.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE.

MR. JOHN JENKINS is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, at the House of Mr. JOHN CARROLL, Innkeeper, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, on THURSDAY, June 29th, 1871, all those VALUABLE FREEHOLD COTTAGES, situate in Gibson Street, Consett, belonging to Messrs. T. DUNNE and D. BRANNIGAN.

LOT 1.—Those Two substantially-built FREEHOLD COTTAGES, containing Four Rooms each, with spacious Yards and other conveniences, situate in Gibson Street, near the Co-operative Store, Consett. The above Cottages are well worthy of the attention of parties desiring a healthy and comfortable situation. For further particulars apply to Mr. T. DUNNE, proprietor, Grocer, Green Street, Consett.

LOT 2.—Those Two SUBSTANTIAL HOUSES and PREMISES will be found exceedingly valuable, a large and well-drained Cellar, a spacious Yard with all other accommodation, together with a good Stable.—For further particulars apply to Mr. D. BRANNIGAN, or the AUCTIONEER, Trafalgar Street, Consett.

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock in the Evening. 416b

By Mr. John Murray.

IMPORTANT SALE OF FREEHOLD AND COPYHOLD PROPERTY AT CONSETT, LEADGATE, AND BLACKHILL.

TO MEMBERS OF BUILDING SOCIETIES, SMALL CAPITALISTS, AND EVERYONE WHO WANTS GOOD AND SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY TO PAY A GOOD PER-CENTAGE.

MR. JOHN MURRAY begs to announce that he is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Lot's Inn, Consett, on WEDNESDAY, July 5, 1871, the following valuable and well-built PROPERTY.

LOT 1.—All those Three FREEHOLD COTTAGE HOUSES, situate in Ark Street, Consett, and now occupied by Messrs. J. O'NEAL, T. LAMB, and P. COYLE, containing Two Rooms each, Water laid in, Coalhouses, enclosed Paved Yard, with other conveniences, let at a yearly rental of about £23.

LOT 2.—All those Two COPYHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES, containing Three Rooms each, with Pantries, Coalhouses, enclosed Paved Yard, and every convenience, for small respectable Families, situate in Dixon Street, Blackhill, and now occupied by the owners, Messrs. DIXON, who built the Property for themselves in their superior and well-known workmanshiplike manner.

LOT 3.—All those Two SHOPS with DWELLING-HOUSES, situate in Front Street, Leadgate, containing Kitchens and Two Bedrooms each, small Yard, Coalhouses, and other conveniences, and now occupied by Messrs. J. WILSON and DAGLISH at a yearly rental of £25.

The above are situate in the best business part of Leadgate, and as the hill in Front Street will most likely be taken off this summer, the Property will be increased in value nearly one-half, and will easily let for £40 per year.

The above Lots of Property are well-built, in a good state of repair, and occupied by respectable Tenants. As Dwelling-houses and places of business are in great demand, combined with the rapidly increasing population of the district, there is every probability of the Rents rising amazingly.

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

For particulars apply to Mr. J. MURRAY, Pontop, near Leadgate. 410b

To Let.

TO BE LET, a Seven-roomed COTTAGE, in SHOTLEY BRIDGE. Pleasant Garden; Gas, and Water laid on.—Apply to Mr. BAINBRIDGE, Shotley Bridge. 413b

TO BE LET, and entered upon immediately, the Old Established JOINER and WHEELWRIGHT SHOP, situated at CATCHGATE, near Annfield Plain, in which business was for many years carried on by the late Mr. RALPH HADDOCK.—For Particulars apply to Miss HADDOCK, Catchgate, Annfield Plain. 326b

TO BE LET,

A DWELLING-HOUSE, containing Six Rooms, Shop, Back-shop, Warehouse, Garden, &c., situate at Blackhill, now in the occupation of Mr. ROBT. CRISTOPHER.—For particulars apply to Mr. W. RAW, Blackhill. Rent £24. Entry on the 13th day of May next. 232b

TO LET, the Excellent FAMILY RESIDENCE, at present in the occupation of JOHN BOURNE, Esq., Solicitor, containing 3 Rooms and Kitchen, with 5 Bed-Rooms above, with every convenience for a respectable family. Possession in May Term.—Apply to MESS. BELL, 4, North Bailey, Durham; or, Mr. G. W. HUDSON, St. Bede's Terrace, Sunderland. 208b

Business Announcements.

WILLIAM WATSON, SOUTH PONTOP, is prepared to supply PIC-NICS and TEA PARTIES of every description, or Contract for the same.

FUNERALS SUPPLIED WITH BEREAD. 414b

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THOMAS LEWIS, Hairdresser, begs to announce that he has REMOVED to more commodious premises—Next Door to Mr. J. S. MURRAY, grocer, &c.,—top of Front Street, Consett. 240b

THOMAS ROWE, BAKER & CONFECTIONER, LEADGATE AND CONSETT.

Middle St. Shop closed—orders to be left at Victoria St.

☞ PIC-NIC AND TEA PARTIES SUPPLIED OR CONTRACTED FOR. 635a

WILLIAM BORROW,
COOPER,
NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT,

HAS always on hand CHURNS, BUTTER-TUBS, POSS-TUBS, WASH-TUBS, PAILS, &c. Old Tubs repaired on the shortest notice. 341b

PAPER HANGINGS! PAPER HANGINGS!!

RICHARD WALKER,
PAINTER, GRAINER,
GLAZIER, PAPER HANGER, & DECORATOR,
4 and 5, MOUNT PLEASANT,
(NEAR THE PUBLIC BATHS),
CONSETT.

HAS now on hand a large and choice stock of PAPER HANGINGS, suitable for all classes. 350b

JOHN SIMPSON,
CABINET MAKER,
AND UNDERTAKER,

BEGS respectfully to inform the public of Annfield Plain and neighbourhood that he has all kinds of

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
IRON BEDSTEADS, and
FEATHER DOWNS.

P.S.—All Furniture home-made, warranted to stand, and delivered free. 346b

J. & J. PARKER,
JEWELLERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS,
(NEAR THE POLICE STATION),
FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

NEW SILVER WATCHES, from 30s.
NEW CLOCKS, with Striking, from 15s. Warranted.
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FRANCE.

PARIS, Wednesday.—In the National Assembly at Versailles on Tuesday, M. Thiers explained at great length the financial position of France, and expressed himself very hopefully as to the future. There would be a deficit on the Budget for 1870, notwithstanding the loan, and there would be a further deficit on the Budget of 1871, the total for the two years being estimated at 1,621 millions of francs (over £65,000,000) but the position was not disastrous, though it would necessitate great efforts. The new loan, he said, would be issued at 82 or 83, and would bear 6 per cent. interest. The first instalment of the loan would be of 15 per cent., but the Government hoped that subscribers would pay in the full amount at once, so that they might be able to pay the Prussian indemnity. He also stated that if France acted with wisdom, other loans, at the expiration of three years, might be contracted at 4 or 4½ per cent. The new loan was issued on Wednesday. It was liberally subscribed for on the Bourse, and rose to a premium of 1 per cent. A later telegram says the speech of M. Thiers has produced a good effect.

The Archbishop of Cambrai and the Bishop of Arras have addressed a letter to the National Assembly, praying that France may resume the great mission, entrusted by Providence, of protecting at Rome the interests and rights of Catholicism.

The preparations for the supplementary elections on the 2nd of July continue, but they are not carried forward with the zeal which might have been anticipated. The manifesto of the Republican Left has now been signed by nearly 100 representatives, including M. Barthelemy St. Hilaire, and it continues to receive fresh adherents daily. At Bordeaux the Liberal Conservatives have nominated three Legitimists and three Orleanists. The Imperialists are in bad odour there.

Numerous arrests continue to be made. Amongst the most recent is that of Henri Maret, formerly editor of the *Mot d'Ordre*. M. Janvier de la Motte has also been rearrested at Geneva, by request of the French Government. The *Gaulois* says M. Pyat is in London, having escaped with the passport of a Bavarian officer. The trial of M. Rochefort is to commence on Monday, at Versailles. The trial of Rossel and Lullier will follow.

The special correspondent of the *Times* at Paris says it is understood that the Longchamps review has really been abandoned in consequence of the representations of the German Government that the number of troops to be assembled would greatly exceed the number permitted by the treaty.

The reparations of Paris and the suburbs is proceeding very rapidly, and in a short time, with the exception of Tuileries, the Hôtel de Ville, and the buildings on the left bank of the Seine, nearly all the evidences of the late struggle will have been removed. It is reported that the galleries and museums of the Louvre will be reopened on Sunday. The health of the city is said to be good.

It is announced that the postal service of France is now completely restored.

GERMANY.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO BERLIN.

BERLIN, June 16.—The triumphal entry of the troops into Berlin, and the unveiling the statue of Frederick William the Third, took place to-day in exact accordance with the programme. Immense enthusiasm prevailed, and the weather was very fine. The Emperor confirmed numerous orders, and several Princes, including Prince Leopold of Bavaria and Prince George of Saxony, as well as some generals, were appointed commanders of regiments. General von Roon was raised to the dignity of Count, and General von Moltke to a Field Marshal.

The state celebrations at Berlin have passed off with great success. On Saturday evening the troops were entertained at dinner; dancing went on everywhere. At the Old Castle in the Linden, a grand ball was given by the Emperor in the Bilder Gallerie, and in the adjoining apartments a series of concerts were going on at the same time. After this there was a State performance in the Opera House, to which none were admitted except by card of invitation. The pit was exclusively filled with high military officers, all bearing their arms. The Civil Departments, the Foreign Diplomatists, the Municipal Corps, occupied the proscenium. Nearly everybody were Court costume. The front row of the first tier was entirely occupied by ladies. The second circle tier were the Maids of Honour. At eight o'clock the Emperor and Empress, with their suite, entered in state, and all then rose in perfect silence. In return the Emperor and Empress bowed thrice formally. The Crown Princess was charmingly dressed in pale grey, and wore a bouquet of diamonds. She looked to be in splendid health and spirits, and was seated on the right of the Emperor. Next to her were the Duchess of Baden, the Dowager Duchess of Mecklenburg, and the Princess Alexandrine; while on the left of the Emperor were the Empress, the Crown Princess of Saxony, the Princess Frederic Charles, and the Duchess of Weimar. Immediately behind the Emperor sat the Crown Prince, and the box was filled with several other Princes, who are the guests of their Imperial Majesties. Altogether the spectacle was one of the most brilliant. The prologue was spoken by Fraulein Erlardt. It was a mere panegyric of Frederic of William III.; and, at its end, a picture of the monument was displayed. At sight of this the Emperor and all the house rose. Then followed an allegorical piece—"Heinkehr" is its name—Rodenburg is the author, and the music is by Eckert. After a long interval, during which the Emperor left the house, an historical monologue was given narrating the legend of Barbarossa, and illustrated by *tableaux vivants*. When, at its end, there appeared an image of the Emperor on horseback, the house became greatly excited. Every one began to cry "Hoch!" the officers took off their helmets, and waved them over and over again. The enthusiasm was great; and it was notable as the only mark of applause given during the evening. The Emperor bowed and then retired. On Sunday thanksgiving services were held in the churches. The Emperor and Royal family and Royal guests attended the garrison church which was crowded. Dr. Hoffman preached. A "Te Deum" was sung, and collections were made for the widows and orphans. During service 101 cannon were fired and bells were rung. The *fetes* terminated on Monday evening.

A carrier pigeon, with a number of French postage stamps under its wings, was caught at Lowestoft, on Monday morning.

Three men in the pay of the International have been arrested in Paris in the act of placarding ultra-Communists manifestoes, but refused to give information where they were printed. It is believed the Communists have secret presses at work in Paris.

A telegram from Pesth states that preparations have been commenced there against the Socialist Democrats who incite the working classes to riot. Five of the leaders of the party have been arrested; amongst them a newspaper editor from Vienna.

DECORATION BY THE EMPEROR.—A Frenchman, named Taillade, a private in the 89th of the line, received a medal from the Prussian authorities of Koblenz for saving the life of a German woman who had fallen into a stream. The brave fellow who several times before he could find the woman. He was offered a medal or one hundred thalers, and he selected the decoration without hesitation.

PLOT AGAINST THE LIFE OF THE POPE.—A plan for the assassination of the Pope has been discovered at Rome. Attention was first drawn to it through a wager laid against the duration of the Pope's life, and visits of numerous suspicious characters to the Vatican on the pretext of seeing members of the household. A number of the Communists were believed to have arrived in Rome. Foreigners of a low class have changed an extraordinary quantity of 100 franc French gold pieces.

Cricket.

All cricket communications intended for insertion must reach this office before mid-day of Saturday.

TOW LAW v. MEDOMSLEY.

On Saturday, a cricket match was played between the above clubs at Tow Law. The match was decided in favour of the Tow Law club by the first innings, weather not permitting to play a second. The following is the score:—

TOW LAW.

W. Hudson, b R. Baty	16
W. Reaves, b Baty	0
T. Smith, b Noble	13
R. Robinson, c and b Baty	2
M. Coates, run out	5
R. Simpson, c and b Noble	13
J. Coates, c and b Baty	3
T. Wilkinson, b Baty	2
R. Heslop, b Baty	0
J. Waggarth, c Garrick, b Baty	0
T. Jones, not out	10
Byes, 6; 1 wide, 1	7
Total	54

MEDOMSLEY.

J. Noble, b Hudson	5
R. Baty, c Coates, b Robinson	18
R. Wilson, c Reaves, b Hudson	2
J. Garrick, c Robinson, b Robinson	2
E. Bulmer, run out	2
R. Parker, b Hudson	0
W. Cawthorn, b Robinson	0
J. Walton, c Reaves, b Robinson	0
W. Watson, not out	0
R. Cawthorn, run out	0
W. Hetherington, run out	0
Byes, 10; wides, 2	12
Total	39

Parliamentary Summary.

FRIDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS the Royal assent was given by commission to the University Tests Bill and the Westmeath Bill.

At the Morning Sitting of the HOUSE OF COMMONS the first order for the consideration of the recommendations of the Select Committee on the best means of facilitating the business of Parliament was passed over, in consequence of a protest by some Members that sufficient notice had not been given. In Committee of Supply several votes for the Civil Service in Scotland and Ireland were agreed to on the evening sitting. Mr. Charley moved a resolution against illegal lotteries, his remarks being directed chiefly against those promoted by Roman Catholics. He urged that the law should be enforced against all such lotteries The House divided on the resolution, which was negatived by a majority of 37. In reply to Sir L. Palk, who moved a resolution affirming that it was undesirable any measure affecting the licensing question should be passed while did not permanently settle it, the Home Secretary said the Hon. Gentleman failed to realise the magnitude of the question. He hoped to be able to proceed with the police part of the bill, but Government could not possibly consider proposals regarding licensing generally.

MONDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS after some discussion respecting the Declaration of Paris, originated by the Earl of Denbigh, who wished to know whether the Declaration had ever been ratified by Her Majesty in Council, Lord Westbury moved the second reading of the Appellate Jurisdiction Bill, the object of which is to impose restrictions upon the right of appeal to the House of Lords from the inferior Courts of Scotland. On the understanding that the bill is not to be further proceeded with this session, the motion was agreed to. Lord Buckhurst moved for a Select Committee to inquire into the subject of Vaccination, but withdrew it on Lord de Grey pointing out that the period of the session was inopportune, and that a bill providing for at least some of the objects recommended by Lord Buckhurst was now before the other House.

In the HOUSE OF COMMONS several notices of motion were given respecting the resolutions as to the conduct of the business of the House, and Mr. Cowper-Temple urgently *intimated* that, in consequence of the delay which might be occasioned by the discussion of that question, the resolutions will not be brought forward at to-day's sitting. Mr. Stacpoole again referred to the subject of a Royal grant to Prince Leopold, and Mr. Gladstone promised to state the views of the Government on the matter next month. In Committee on the Army Bill, Mr. W. M. Torrens moved a new clause to the effect that no recruit should be called upon to serve out of the United Kingdom until he has attained the age of 20 years. Sir Henry Storks said it was impossible to carry out such a rule at present, but hoped that the new service regulations were in force the scheme would be practicable. He asked that the matter should be left in the hands of the Executive Government, and, after some discussion, the clause was negatived without a discussion. Sir W. Dunbar moved another new clause as to service in the militia and the Army. Mr. Cardwell opposed the motion, which was subsequently withdrawn. A clause relieving the county-rates of the expense of militia barracks, was moved by Lord G. Hamilton, and on a division was only lost by 174 to 176. Mr. Gladstone thereupon undertook to re-consider the question. The preamble was then carried, and the bill was reported amidst great Ministerial cheering.

TUESDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS, Earl Beauchamp moved the second reading of the Burial Grounds Bill, the object of which was to enable the Home Secretary, on the application of three ratepayers, to provide a cemetery in which burials might be made by Dissenters. On the suggestion of the Bishop of Winchester, the bill was referred to a Select Committee. In reply to Lord Cairns, the Foreign Secretary stated that the 9th of April, 1865, was introduced into the Treasury as the limit of the time for British claims because it was the date of General Lee's surrender—the last act of the war. That fact, however, would not prevent the consideration of questions in which loss had been inflicted after the war.

At the Morning Sitting of the HOUSE OF COMMONS Mr. Fowler stated that he should postpone his motion for the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts until the report of the Commission had been laid before the House. Several motions were interposed on the proposal to go into Committee of Supply, but ultimately the Committee was reached, and a number of votes for the Civil Service agreed to. In the evening some discussion took place respecting the New Forest, and the Government accepted a motion of Mr. Fawcett's to the effect that, pending legislation, no felling of ornamental timber on the enclosures should be permitted. A motion by Mr. Sheridan to discontinue the exemption to provide smoking carriages on the Metropolitan Railways, was lost by 74 to 142. Mr. Torrens then brought forward his motion for an address to the Crown respecting the age of officers sent abroad, and it was assented to by the Government and passed.

WEDNESDAY.

The HOUSE OF COMMONS was occupied with a debate on the second reading of the Sale of Liquors on Sunday Bill, the object of which was to compel the closing of public-houses on Sunday. Mr. Rylands moved the second reading of the measure, and Mr. Joshua Fielden proposed an amendment rejecting it. The Home Secretary could not assent to the principle of the measure. He was of opinion, however, that the liquor traffic on Sunday should be restricted, and undertook to vote against the bill if Mr. Rylands would include in its provisions limiting the hours during which public-houses should be open on Sunday. Mr. Rylands agreed to the proposition, and on a division the second reading was carried by 147 to 119.

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In the HOUSE OF COMMONS the Ballot Bill was warmly discussed, and the debate was adjourned till Monday.

FENIAN ATTACK ON MALLOW BARRACKS.—An investigation into the robbery of arms at Mallow Barracks was commenced on Monday, before Capt. Coote and Mr. Bemeley, resident magistrates. Fifteen prisoners were remanded, two being admitted to bail. The prisoners on their way to the court-yard were loudly cheered. The suspicion which attached to some unfortunate prisoners appears not to have been well founded. On the contrary, the robbery was clearly committed by persons unacquainted with the premises. It is thought that the attack was part of a concerted movement including simultaneous attacks on Kinsale and Fenian Militia Barracks.

GRAND SWIMMING GALA AT CONSETT.

On Saturday evening, a grand entertainment was given in the Royal Swimming Baths, Newcastle-street, Consett, under the management of Professor Walker, swimming master, of the Northumberland Baths, Newcastle. The attendance was numerous. Professor Walker was introduced to the company by Mr. Hutchinson, after which he considered the proceedings by entering into the water and performed some of his wonderful feats of natation, during which he was frequently applauded. Several prizes were offered for competion, and the following is a list of the lucky ones:—

For a handsome silver cup, open to residents within two miles of the baths, distance six lengths, four entered.

1st HEAT.—Charles Harris, Consett, 1st; Edward Lennox, Consett, 2nd.

2ND HEAT.—Herbert Rawes, Consett, 1st; John Milligan, Consett, 2nd.

FINAL HEAT.—Herbert Rawes, 1st; Chas. Harris, 2nd. On the commencement Rawes gained half a length start, and came in victorious by a length.

The second race was for a pair of bathing-suits. Open to all comers, distance six lengths. This prize was carried off by a young man from Newcastle, named Edward Lee, who defeated Charles Harris.

A hurdle race, for a stamped gold signet ring, was next competed for. Open to all comers, distance six lengths. This race came some wonderful feats, the competitors had to leap over a long pole placed across the bath. Robert Burdge (Newcastle), E. Lennox, and C. Harris contested for this prize, the former being the victor.

The last prize competed for was a lady's companion, which was open to young ladies 18 years of age, the distance being four lengths. William Grant (Newcastle) and George Dibley (Consett) competed, the former winning by a length. The latter gave in after the had swam two lengths.

Mr. JOE. ELTRINGHAM, bullet, Blackhill, then presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and said he hoped that would not be the last entertainment, Mr. Hutchinson would provide for the lovers of swimming.

Three cheers were given for Professor Walker, who thanked them for the manner in which they had behaved, and said if they would get up a club and attend the bath regularly they would soon repay Mr. Hutchinson for making the bath on comfortable. As this was the forerunner of galas to be held there, they would be able to handicap them according to merit, so that everyone would have a chance at the next gathering.

Three cheers were then given for the proprietor, who responded in suitable terms. The Consett Brass and Fife Band played selections of music at intervals.

IRISH BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

An action to recover damages, laid at £1,000, for alleged breach of promise of marriage, was concluded at the Court of Exchequer, Dublin, on Thursday.—The plaintiff's counsel said the defendant, named Thomas Colbert, held a large farm in the neighbourhood of Parsontown, and had besides a large sum in the bank. He was now about 70 years of age. In early life the defendant paid attentions to the plaintiff, and made her a promise of marriage when she was about seventeen years of age, and since. He afterwards refused to marry her, but he made provision for her child. Some time afterwards the plaintiff became acquainted with a drummer in the 97th Regiment, named Vickers, then stationed at Birr. The defendant purchased the discharge of Vickers from the Regiment, and Vickers made an offer of marriage to the plaintiff, which was accepted. The marriage took place, and three children were born to Vickers. The eighteen months previously he letters to the plaintiff. One of those came under the eye of Vickers, and in consequence a disagreement took place between him and his wife, which resulted in a separation. The plaintiff then took service as cook in a gentleman's family at Parsontown, and on the defendant, who renewed his attentions to her as a suitor, and after some time pledged himself to marry her. He neglected to do so, however, and the plaintiff commenced proceedings against him in the summer of 1869. On the morning of the trial the defendant offered to settle the case by paying her £100 and £42 costs. Subsequently, as she alleged, the defendant repeated his promises to the plaintiff, and paid sixteen instalments of £5 each, but in his evidence denied that he ever made the plaintiff any promise of making her his wife. It was his previews that took place between them since the settlement of the action were at her instance, and not at his except so far as they related to a pecuniary object, after his death, of which the plaintiff had retained possession at the time of the compromise.—The jury found for the defendant, with 6d. costs.

The statement made by the *Scotsman* that the Marquis of Bute was likely to be married to Miss Fox is authoritatively contradicted.

A number of the Communists are believed to have arrived in Rome. Foreigners of a low class have changed an extraordinary quantity of 100-franc French gold pieces.

WHAT IS UTILITY.—Mr. Mill's definition of productive labour is—"That which produces utility fixed and embodied in material objects." This is very fine—indeed, superfine—English; but I can, perhaps, make the meaning of the learned man of England a little more lucid for you by vulgarising his terms. "Object," you must always remember, is the English for "material." Now, if we would more and properly means a thing "thrown in your way", so that if you put "ion" to the end of it, it becomes objection. Now, then, what is "thing" if you have no objection—you and I. A "material" thing, then, of course, signifies something solid and tangible. It is very necessary, therefore, even when embodied, that it should be tangible, and, at last we come to the great word in the great definition —"utility." And this word, I am sorry to say, puzzles me most of all. Now, when you are supping vegetable soup—that your power of doing so convenient and gracefully is "embodied" in a spoon. "Fixed" is a fortunate for us that all this word-juggling, reduced to the vulgar tongue, will become plain to all people. "Utility" is a word as beautiful as it is unintelligible. The greatest economists always insert this word "material," lest people should suppose that there was any use or value in thought or knowledge, as such. Mill's definition of labour is "Embodied" is a particularly elegant vord; but superfluous, because you know it would not be possible that a utility should be disembodied, as long as it was in a material object. But when you wish to express yourself as thinking in a great manner, you may say—as, for instance, when you are supping vegetable soup—that your power of doing so conveniently

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BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board-room, on Saturday, the following members being present—Messrs. C. Wilson (chairman), E. O. Tregellas, W. Ritson, A. Annandale, J. Pemberton, W. Wilson, H. Latimer, H. Clay, T. Muse, and the Rev. F. B. Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman read the Inspector's, Surveyor's, Sanitary Committee's, and the following Engineer's Reports:—

Report on present state of sewerage works and sanitary condition of the district with suggested improvements. By Lennox and Messrs. Meaugh, Jones, & West, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, 24th May, 1871.

To the chairman and members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

Gentlemen,—In compliance with your instructions Mr. Lawson visited Shotley Bridge in March last, and in company with some members of your Board, your Clerk, and Surveyor, examined the district and the adjoining surrounding neighbourhood, so far as was necessary for the purposes of this report.

Subsequently we sent down one of our assistants to take additional levels and to obtain information to enable us to lay down, approximately, the lines of necessary sewers and drains and to determine their sizes and gradients.

We now beg to forward a plan on which we have marked the proposed line of outfall, and also certain lines of sewers and drains, which appear to us to be necessary to put the district into a proper sanitary condition.

Before describing the proposed works, we may remark that it has seldom, if ever, been our lot to examine a district more in want of proper sanitary appliances than some parts of your district are. We allude more particularly to the Blackhill portion. In some cases there is a total absence of privy accommodation; fecal matter is deposited on the unpaved surface of so-called roads; slops are found in pools near the houses; and there are no means of drainage provided. That something is required to be done, is evident on the most cursory inspection.

So far drainage and sewerage works have been carried out within the district, the usual plan of allowing the contents to be discharged into the nearest watercourse or river has been adopted. This is found to be objectionable, and one part of our report has, therefore, reference to the remedying of this evil.

The subjects on which we have to report are:—

First.—As to the disposal of the sewage of the district.

Second.—As to the drainage of the portions now undrained.

Third.—To make such suggestions as to the sanitary condition of the district, with a view to its improvement, as present circumstances call for.

As to the disposal of the sewerage of the district.—Various schemes have been propounded, and several plans for dealing with sewage by precipitation and otherwise have been adopted in different towns with a view to its purification; but the results have not been satisfactory: and the Commissioners of Sewage Commissions that have been appointed to inquire into this most important question have arrived is, that the only plan which accomplishes the object, and which is that of applying the sewage in a liquid form to land in irrigation.

Our experience leads us to the same conclusion, and we have therefore no hesitation in recommending it as the plan to be adopted in your case.

The area of land required for the disposal of the sewage of a district depends upon the character of the sewage and of the land. It is also to a very great extent affected by the system adopted. The object sought to be attained is simply the purification of the sewage to such an extent as to admit of the effluent water passing into a river without causing a nuisance; or its complete utilization.

As there are comparatively few watercourses in your district either of these objects may be accomplished on a relatively smaller area of land than would be required for dealing with the sewage of a thoroughly drained town in which water-closets are the rule.

Taking the population of your district at 6,000, it would be possible to sufficiently purify the sewage to allow of the effluent water passing into the river Derwent by the application of 200 acres; but to fully utilise the sewage would require more than double this area.

We have carefully considered the question of selection of land for the purpose, and see no reason to deviate from the opinion expressed by Mr. Lawson during his visit to Shotley Bridge—namely, that the portion of Westwood farm coloured green on the accompanying plan is, so far as it goes, the most suitable land for the purpose. The land, which is in the county of Northumberland, equally well adapted, may be added by carrying the sewage in an iron pipe over the river Derwent. The land selected contains about 42 acres. We should prefer having a larger area at command so as to fully utilize the sewage, but have no doubt that a sufficient degree of purification may be attained upon the land named.

We have also coloured portions of "The Haughs" which may be irrigated from the outfall sewer, the area being about 14 acres.

Outfall sewer.—Commencing on the land at Westwood the outfall sewer practically follows the side of the river up to the Haugh. Between these points it will have to be laid for a certain length in the rock adjoining the river; the cost of this work will not, however, be greatly in excess of that of laying the pipes in the ordinary earth. We have allowed for the additional expense in the estimate.

The outfall sewer will be formed of stoneware pipes of 15 inches diameter from Westwood to the Bridge End at Shotley, a length of 12 inches from the Bridge End to Maria Mole's cottage, which will be amply sufficient, as regards size, to carry off the dry weather flow of sewage and a small amount of rainfall in addition. To relieve the pipe during heavy rains storm overflows will be constructed at the gasworks, at the intersection of cuttings, sewers, and at the junction of the paper-mill drain, for the purpose of discharging excessive rainfall into the river.

All sewage, in ordinary weather, will, by means of this outfall be intercepted from the river and watercourse, and will be conveyed to the land purposed to be taken for sewage irrigation purposes, where it will be purified.

Proposed works for draining the undrained portions of district.—The old culvert which forms the sewer for the area above the railway as well as for certain lands in Consett parish, and which is marked in blue on the plan, is in a dilapidated state for a great portion of its length between the Railway Station and the Temperance Hall. Instead of repairing it in its present situation, we venture to suggest that a new culvert should be laid along from a point near the Temperance Hall round below the school-house to join the present main drain on the Durham Road. At a point near the surgery a storm overflow will be provided, the ordinary sewage flowing into the existing 12-inch pipe in the public road opposite the low school-room.

The sewage from the vicinity of the Tin Mill Row may be taken to near the surgery by a stoneware pipe which we would suggest should be of 12 inches diameter. This line of pipes would be alternative to the culvert, or the laying of a pipe in the same line, as regard as public sewers. The short sewers or drains behind the cottages would require to be laid as private works, to be done at the expense of the owners of the properties.

There are two or three cottages on the south side of Baxton Burn which drain into an open cesspool adjoining. We have shown a line of pipes to take from these cottages into the main sewer in the road; but as the levels were not taken for this line we have not been able to mark it accurately. We have estimated the length at 120 yards.

The sewage from Snow's Green may be taken into the outfall by laying a 9-inch pipe through Shotley Park, the length being about 670 yards.

To drain the paper-mills into the proposed main sewers will require a pipe of about 600 yards in length and of 9 inches diameter.

We have shown 9-inch pipes as being laid in "The Terrace" and in Benfieldside Edge Road.

It will not be necessary to lay the sewers and drains at a greater depth than from three to four feet on an average, except where the ground is uneven, and it may be found necessary to go deeper, in order to have a regular gradient for the sewer or drain.

All the sewers and drains should be ventilated, especially at their upper ends, either by ventilating shafts fitted with charcoal baskets, or by pipes carried above the houses.

Manholes should be constructed on all sewers to admit of their being examined and flushed, if necessary, grooves for sluices being formed at suitable points.

Suggestions for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the district.—We have visited the premises and the *situation of the district*—many of all privy accommodation form a nuisance in some instances from the position of water-closets in proximity to the privies and ash-pits now in use; but we fear there is no chance of this being done.

With regard to the block of houses pointed out to Mr. Lawson as being totally unprovided with privies, we really found it less to suggest any other plan than that which is adopted by the surrounding houses, namely, to erect privies and ash-pits. All ash-pits should be covered and ventilated.

We estimate the cost of constructing the outfall sewer from Westwood to the Bridge End at Shotley Bridge, of 15 inches diameter, and from the Bridge End to Maria Mole's cottage, of 12 inches diameter, including manholes, ventilating shafts, storm overflows, &c., and of providing sewers from the low school-room to the surgery, and from the surgery to the bottom of the Tin Mill Row, constructing the culvert from the surgery to the Temperance Hall and laying pipes in "The Terrace," Benfieldside Edge Road, and part of Derwent Road with all necessary works connected therewith at £2,100.

The drain from the paper-mill to the main sewer we estimate will cost £160. The drain from cottages on the south side of Baxton Burn will cost about £25.

The drains or sewers in Walton Row (back and front), Bottle Bank, Tin Mill Row, Derwent Road, Silver Street, and adjoining streets, with the necessary gullies, we estimate will cost £310. The pipe from Snow's Green to the outfall will cost about £140.

The preparation of the land for sewage irrigation will cost about £15 per statute acre.

A long discussion followed upon the adopting of the Sanitary Committee's report upon the proposals contained in the report of the engineers, Mr. Mcas and others holding out that it would be better to run the sewage into the Cutler's Hall drain rather than let it run down through the Messrs. Annandale's field as at present.

Mr. Annandale contended that by running the sewage into the drain would considerably diminish his supply of water, which at the best was insufficient to drive his water-wheel.

It was ultimately proposed by Mr. Tregellas and seconded by the Rev. F. B. Thompson, that the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee be adopted without delay.

On the motion being put to the meeting, the following members voted in favour of it:—Messrs. E. O. Tregellas, W. Ritson, R. Latimer, J. Priestman, W. Wilson, and the Rev. F. B. Thompson. H. Carr, W. Wilson, and the Rev. T. Muse, declining to vote.

Mr. Wilson said in consequence of there being no money in hand he would move that the necessary money be borrowed of completing the works be borrowed, and repaid over a number of years.

The Board seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Tregellas then moved, and Mr. Priestman seconded, that the Clerk be requested to write for the Parliamentary Lawyer's approximate cost of the work recommended to be done by the Sanitary Committee.—Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF A SCAVENGER.

Mr. Tregellas introduced this subject by reading extracts from a pamphlet by Mr. Ferguson, also recommended that a horse and cart should be provided for removing the same.

Mr. Ritson agreed with Mr. Tregelles and thought that the privies ought to be cleaned out weekly.

After a few words from the Clerk and the Rev. F. B. Thompson, Mr. Latimer moved that the discussion be adjourned until next meeting.

Mr. Priestman seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

DIXON STREET FLAGGING.

A letter was read from Mr. John Dixon, mason, Blackline, complaining that in advertising for tenders to execute the works in Dixon Street, the Surveyor had omitted to fix a date when the tenders were to be sent in, and that when he put in his tender he was told that the several works had been contracted for.

The Inspector regretted that the date had been omitted, and the Board expressed an opinion that the time should always be fixed for receiving tenders.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Clerk explained to the Board what had been done by the Lanchester Board in the matter, and stated that there was a probability of a mail gig being again established.

Mr. Tregellas did not think the mail gig would much benefit them, and thought the railway company ought to be memorialised to accomodate them with a train.

After a short discussion, Mr. Annandale moved, and Mr. Latimer seconded, that the Clerk be requested to write a memorial, signed by the Chairman, and to be sent to the Postmaster General, calling his attention to the subject, and also to the unfinished state of the telegraphic communication.

This motion was unanimously agreed to.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Carr.

With reference to the overcharge by the Gas Company upon the public lamps, it was moved by Mr. Priestman, and seconded by Mr. Tregellas, that the Board request the Gas Company to refund the overcharge for the time previous to the appointment of the Local Board, as well as for the overcharge during its existence.

After a short discussion, Mr. Priestman suggested that the Clerk write to the Gas Company stating what the Board had done in the matter, and expressed his conviction that the Gas Company would act equitably in the matter.—The suggestion was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF SURVEYOR AND INSPECTOR.

The Clerk having read a copy of the duties of the above officers from the by-laws of the Hexham Local Board, and also the duties as defined by a sub-committee appointed by the Benfieldside Local Board, the applications for the offices were then opened, and were found to be as follows, namely, Mr. John Smith, architect, Blackhill; Mr. Pattinson Osborne, Shotley Bridge; and Mr. John Heslop, Blackhill.

On Messrs. Carr and Mr. Tregelles seconded, that Mr. John Smith be appointed surveyor and inspector.—Carried unanimously.

DRAINAGE PLANS.

Mr. Ritson thought that in order to carry out properly the works recommended by the Sanitary Committee, Mr. Lawson should be requested to furnish the Board with plans and specifications, and that the newly-appointed Surveyor could then carry out the work.

Mr. Annandale made a motion in accordance with Mr. Ritson's suggestion that the Sanitary Committee write to Mr. Lawson for plans and specifications for the main drain between the Railway Station and the Works.

Mr. Tregellas seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

PAY SHEET.

The monthly pay sheet was laid on the table, which amounted to £47 17s. 4d.—Ordered to be paid.

GAS BILL.

The gas bill, amounting to £138 1s. 10d., was laid on the table for payment.

Mr. Pemberton moved, and Mr. Clay seconded, that a cheque for £100 be made out to the Gas Company, the balance to remain in hand until the overcharge be settled.

Mr. Tregellas said he had been instructed to inform the Board that a deputation from the Consett Board had been appointed to meet them that day, but that from some cause or other they could not attend. The object of the deputation was to consult about the Cemetery Board, with a view of making it a proper road.

Mr. Carr moved that the Highway Committee be empowered to meet the deputation and consult upon the subject.

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

On the motion of Mr. Annandale, seconded by Mr. Muse, Mr. Wm. Ritson was added to the committee.

The Board then adjourned.

Local Police Courts.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, June, 19, 1871.—Before A. Dent and T. Wilson, Esqrs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Bernard Slaton was charged by Supt. Oliver with drunk and riotous conduct on the 17th inst. Oliver stated that on Saturday night, about nine o'clock, his attention was drawn to a disturbance at Consett, and on getting to the spot he found the defendant was then in the act of striking a woman. The officer requested the defendant to go away, but he refused to do so in very insolent language, and struck a boy about fourteen years of age.—Defendant, on being asked what he had to say in defence, stated that he was drunk, and didn't remember anything about it.—In answer to the magistrates, Supt. Oliver said the defendant was one of the worst characters in the town, and was a down right young blackguard, having been fined 5s. and costs for an assault last year.—Defendant was then sentenced to a month, and ordered to pay costs, in default of payment to serve seven days further.

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Mr. Ritson agreed with Mr. Tregelles and thought that the privies ought to be cleaned out weekly.

After a few words from the Clerk and the Rev. F. B. Thompson, Mr. Latimer moved that the discussion be adjourned until next meeting.

Mr. Priestman seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

DIXON STREET FLAGGING.

A letter was read from Mr. John Dixon, mason, Blackline, complaining that in advertising for tenders to execute the works in Dixon Street, the Surveyor had omitted to fix a date when the tenders were to be sent in, and that when he put in his tender he was told that the several works had been contracted for.

The Inspector regretted that the date had been omitted, and the Board expressed an opinion that the time should always be fixed for receiving tenders.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Clerk explained to the Board what had been done by the Lanchester Board in the matter, and stated that there was a probability of a mail gig being again established.

Mr. Tregellas did not think the mail gig would much benefit them, and thought the railway company ought to be memorialised to accomodate them with a train.

After a short discussion, Mr. Annandale moved, and Mr. Latimer seconded, that the Clerk be requested to write a memorial, signed by the Chairman, and to be sent to the Postmaster General, calling his attention to the subject, and also to the unfinished state of the telegraphic communication.

This motion was unanimously agreed to.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Carr.

With reference to the overcharge by the Gas Company upon the public lamps, it was moved by Mr. Priestman, and seconded by Mr. Tregellas, that the Board request the Gas Company to refund the overcharge for the time previous to the appointment of the Local Board, as well as for the overcharge during its existence.

After a short discussion, Mr. Priestman suggested that the Clerk write to the Gas Company stating what the Board had done in the matter, and expressed his conviction that the Gas Company would act equitably in the matter.—The suggestion was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF SURVEYOR AND INSPECTOR.

The Clerk having read a copy of the duties of the above officers from the by-laws of the Hexham Local Board, and also the duties as defined by a sub-committee appointed by the Benfieldside Local Board, the applications for the offices were then opened, and were found to be as follows, namely, Mr. John Smith, architect, Blackhill; Mr. Pattinson Osborne, Shotley Bridge; and Mr. John Heslop, Blackhill.

On Messrs. Carr and Mr. Tregelles seconded, that Mr. John Smith be appointed surveyor and inspector.—Carried unanimously.

DRAINAGE PLANS.

Mr. Ritson thought that in order to carry out properly the works recommended by the Sanitary Committee, Mr. Lawson should be requested to furnish the Board with plans and specifications, and that the newly-appointed Surveyor could then carry out the work.

Mr. Annandale made a motion in accordance with Mr. Ritson's suggestion that the Sanitary Committee write to Mr. Lawson for plans and specifications for the main drain between the Railway Station and the Works.

Mr. Tregellas seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

PAY SHEET.

The monthly pay sheet was laid on the table, which amounted to £47 17s. 4d.—Ordered to be paid.

GAS BILL.

The gas bill, amounting to £138 1s. 10d., was laid on the table for payment.

Mr. Pemberton moved, and Mr. Clay seconded, that a cheque for £100 be made out to the Gas Company, the balance to remain in hand until the overcharge be settled.

Mr. Tregellas said he had been instructed to inform the Board that a deputation from the Consett Board had been appointed to meet them that day, but that from some cause or other they could not attend. The object of the deputation was to consult about the Cemetery Board, with a view of making it a proper road.

Mr. Carr moved that the Highway Committee be empowered to meet the deputation and consult upon the subject.

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

On the motion of Mr. Annandale, seconded by Mr. Muse, Mr. Wm. Ritson was added to the committee.

The Board then adjourned.

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LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, June 22, 1871.—Before A. H. Talbot, Esq., T. Watts, and T. Bates, Esqrs.

PITCH AND TOSS BY CANDLE-LIGHT

G. M'Donald, of Shotley-bridge-by-head, was charged by P.C. Vasey with having played at pitch and toss on the highway on the 10th inst.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—P.C. Vasey said on the morning in question he was on duty near White-le-head, and, as he was going to the Lintz, he saw a number of boys playing at pitch. He cautiously approached the light, and on getting within seven or eight yards of it he saw the defendant, who had seen afterwards ran away. On asking the defendant for his name he said it was Jackson.—Defendant: My name is Jenkins: I was only brought up with a person named Jackson.—P.C. Vasey: Then you gave a false name?—Defendant: I dont know, as I am a stranger in the place. I never gambled any in my life. The other boys are telling a lie.—Mr. Talbot: Do you think that a respectable police-officer would come here and tell a story?—Defendant: I believe he is doing something when you had a lighted candle.—P.C. Vasey: I watched them about twenty minutes before I went up to them.—Defendant: I was there two days, and to pay 10s. costs, or in default seven days further.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Henry Prudhoe, a little boy, was charged with having trespassed in a field in the occupation of W. Robinson on the 14th inst. P.C. Vasey stated that about two o'clock on the afternoon in question he found the defendant in a wheat field at Mr. Robinson's farm. The boy had been spoken to about it before, but he appeared to take no notice.—Mr. Robinson said he had been much annoyed of late by persons trespassing in his fields, and had spoken times out of number to the defendant.—Defendant's father said he hoped the magistrates would deal lightly with the boy, as he had thrashed him well, and he hoped this would be a warning.—Fined 2s. and costs, 12s. 6d.

TO FIGHT AND ASSAULT THE SON

Thomas Jenkins, joiner, Consett, was charged by John Jenkins, mason, with having fought with him on the 20th inst. Prosecutor stated that the defendant was his son, who had been given to drink lately, and had got into bad company. He was on duty at Consett, having his before the bench, but he wished the magistrates to give his son a good reprimand, and if possible to frighten him from following him better. He was a well behaved lad when sober, but was quite the reverse when under the influence of drink.—Defendant said he was sorry for his part of conduct.—Mr. Talmadge: Drink is poison to you: you see it takes away your senses. Then again you were charged with having assaulted Sergt. Caygill on the same day. The officer stated that about nine o'clock he went to the house to look after the defendant, and on getting to the house he found the defendant in a state of furious excitement, and he was running his mother about the house. She begged of her father and on Mr. Jenkins giving him in charge he kicked and struck him. Defendant's mother was present and was witness on the leg.—Mr. Talmadge: Cannot you leave off drinking?—Defendant: I will never touch it again, and you will be bound over in your own recognizances to keep the peace for six months.—Mr. Talmadge: Then you will be bound over in your own recognizances of £10 each, or in default two months' imprisonment.

LEAVING SERVICE.

Ann Smith was charged by William Brabban, farmer, Priestfield, with non-fulfilment of contract, the complainant claiming 10s. compensation. It appeared that the defendant, who was hired as a domestic servant, had left the prosecutor's service on account of not liking the place. The defendant had since returned to her service, but the complainant did not wish to press the case.—Fined 1s. and costs, 10s., complainant agreeing to forego the loss of compensation.

ASSAULTS.

William Cliffority, and *Matthew Carroll*, both of Consett, were charged with having committed a brutal assault on William Forbes on the 27th February.—Mr. Grainger, of Consett, appeared for defendants. Prosecutor stated that about five o'clock on the evening of the day in question he was returning from work, and on passing the new Inn he met a group of young men, one of whom named Burns stepped forward before him and the whole of them then commenced to abuse him. Cliffority shouted to the others to "wire in," at the same time striking him with a piece of "knuckle-duster" he had on. Carroll also hit him with his fists and kicked him.—By the bench: He had had a broken leg, and he could not defend himself.—Cross-examined by Mr. Grainger: He had not a pair of knuckle-dusters on himself. Witness did not see the stone which was thrown at him.—Mr. Talmadge: Five of them altogether. Burns struck at him first.—Mr. Grainger did not think the man was maltreated, but contended that the man had been assaulted, as to who had assaulted him. As to Carroll, he would bring a witness who would swear that he never put the spot at the time. Mr. Grainger then called Patrick Burns, who stated that Carroll was not present at the time the row took place.—In answer to the bench witness stated he was the first person who struck the prosecutor, and had, along with his companions been convicted of imprisonment in consequence.—Mr. Grainger appealed to the bench to be lenient with the defendants, and not to send them to prison, as he hoped the fate of their companions would be a sufficient warning in future.—The magistrates, after consulting together for a few minutes, let Mr. Grainger's appeal, and fined each of the defendants £1 and costs.

Theresa McDonald, married woman, Consett, was charged by Bridget Connolly with an assault on the 4th inst. Mr. Grainger, of Consett, appeared for the defendant. Complainant stated that about eleven o'clock on the night of the 4th inst. defendant's daughter came to her beside your own hair and let us see it.—Complainant did as required, the hair on her head and that which she had in her hand being of the same colour.—Defendant was severely cross-examined by Mr. Grainger, and after defendant's witnesses had been heard, the next cases were proceeded with.

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