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NED NEALE AND NED BALDWIN.

This mill took place on the 19th of October, 1824.

Round 1. Precisely at 7 minutes after 1, the men were brought to their bearings and commenced sparring, but at this interesting moment Harry Holt stepped between them and announced that an umpire had not been chosen. A short pause followed, and the deficiency having been supplied, the men again threw themselves into position. They eyed each other with great coolness, and measured their respective distances with becoming caution. They shifted their ground, and Neale looked in vain for an opening. There were mutual feints, but both were awake, and "do if you dare" were the words. Five minutes were thus occupied, and no blow struck. At length Neale gathered himself up for mischief, and after a rapid shifting of his mawleys, let fly with his right hand on Bob's conk. Bob laughed, and after returning slightly with his left, there was a close, and a manly struggle for the fall, in which Neale showed most strength, and Bob was thrown. This round lasted six minutes and a half.

2. Bob, on the alert, tried his bunch of fives on Neales body, but was stopped. Sparring for four minutes. Bob at last got an opening, and put in a touch on Neale's nob. Neale returned it with the rapidity of lightning, and gave two for one. In the struggle for the fall, Bob was under.

3. Neale, anxious to go to work, but Bob over-cautious. At last Neale popped in a smack with his left, but Bob was with him, and countered. Neale followed him up, and Bob retreated towards the ropes. Counter-hits with the left. Neale showed great steadiness, and an anxious desire to come to close quarters, but Bob was shy, and would not throw a chance away. Mutual sparring. Neale rushed in, but Bob got away. Neale pinked him with his left, and Bob countered as quick as lightning. A close, and in a scramble for the fall, Neale was down by the ropes.

4. Sixteen minutes had now elapsed, and no great harm done. Neale active and willing, Bob shy and careful. Bob now showed a little claret from his whistling-trap, and, as if acting from that hint, he threw in a smashing hit upon Neale's mazzard, and drew blood in return. This operated as a spur to Neale's vigour, and, rushing in, he hit Bob as he was retreating three times in succession. Bob was not behind, and countered twice. While in the corner of the ring there was a long struggle for the fall, and Neale was thrown heavily.

5. The effects of Bob's counter-hits were now visible on Neale's proboscis. Neale still the first to take the lead. Bob retreated, and was in no way inclined for close quarters. At last Neale rushed in to work, but Bob went down without a hit, from a slip.

6. Neale, all for in-fighting, made a desperate charge, and closed. Bob caught him round the neck, and after a vigorous wrestle, both went down.

7. Bob, still cautious, stopped a muzzler. Neale also made a pretty stop. A short rally, in which the weaving system was introduced by both. In the close, Bob threw Neale a heavy fall, and dropped on him.

8. Neale went in to fight, but Bob caught him as he approached with a left-handed lunge. In a close, Neale thrown.

9. Sparring for a few seconds, when Neale put in a tremendous body blow on Bob's left side, which left its impression. Neale fell on his head from the force of his own blow, which was distinctly heard in all parts of the ring.

10. Bob not liking the last visitation to his ribs, dropped his left elbow, and sparring for five minutes followed. Neale at last went in, and hit away. Bob was awake, and returned, but in the retreat (for this was his line of tactics) he fell near the ropes.

11. Neale put in a left-handed one on Bob's head, but Bob countered severely, also with his left, and Neale bled profusely from the mouth. Neale followed Bob to the ropes, hitting with his left, while Bob countered. On reaching the limits of the ring, Neale went to work with activity, and Bob went down. As he fell, Neale hit him just as his knees touched the ground. Cries of "foul," and "fair," but the umpire decided that there was nothing foul.

12. Bob still unwilling to go in. Neale hit out with his right. Bob got away, but Neale, with the sharpness of a needle, threw in his left. Bob retreated, and was hit three times. A close, and some weaving followed. Bob went down at the ropes, and Neale walked away.

13. A busy round, in which there were some severe counter-hits. Bob went down and Neale fell upon him.

14. Bob now showed some weakness, and Jem Ward called on Neale to go in and finish him. Neale took this advice, and Bob was rather abroad. Neale caught him twice on the noddle, and Bob fell weak, but showed game.

15. Bob, although a little in the piping order, came up boldly, and hit at Neale's body, who got away. Both men seemed now bent on mischief, and an excellent rally followed. It was hit for hit; thrashing was the order of the day, and nothing owing on either side. In the close, Neale, by superior strength, threw Bob on his head. Bob, in this round, showed the fight was not out of him, and renewed the confidence of his friends; it was anybody's battle.

16. Another courageous and desperate rally. Both countered severely with their left hands, and gave unquestionable marks of their prowess. The ruby flowed freely from the physogs of each, and especially from a bad cut on Neale's left eye. In a close, Bob was down; both were exhausted.

17. Neale, bleeding, but all life and spirit, went to work without delay with his right. Bob was with him, and counter-hits followed. Neale rushed in, and some terrific blows were delivered. In a close, Bob was down, the worse for wear.

18. Neale showed manifest proof of Bob's powerful hitting, but was still game and strong. Bob attempted to go in, but Neale got away. In a close, Bob was thrown.

19. Neale stopped a well-intended muzzler, but was not quick enough to prevent a second compliment on the nose, which renewed its discharge of claret. Bob had a return on the cheek, and nodded. Bob rushed in to the close, and Neale was thrown.

20. Bob came up steady and careful, but Neale, watching his opportunity, hit him in the throat. Bob, always ready, countered with his left. In a close, Neale threw Bob outside the ropes.

21. It was impossible not to observe that Neale was greatly punished. The counter hits of Bob were very severe, and their effects were but too visible. In a rally there were some good exchanges, but in the close Neale threw Bob a cross-buttock.

22. Terrific counter-hitting. In a close, Neale thrown.

23. Bob had resource to his careful tactics, but Neale gave him another teaser on the body. Bob winced; and Neale, rushing in, punished him on the seat of reason, and then threw him a heavy fall, and to prevent his rebounding, fell upon him. It was now the general impression that Bob could not win, but still there were great doubts.

24. Neale's friends, who saw his anxiety to finish, now called on him to take it easy. Neale began, but Bob was not idle. The left hand of each was again at work, and "tit for tat" was echoed from the surrounding hills. Bob fought like a lion, and would not consent to profit by the hints of nature. In a rally, Bob fell weak.

25. The fight had now lasted one hour and three minutes. Bob came up rather groggy, and hit at Neale, but the latter got away. He returned with rapidity, however, and poor Bob tapped it on the snuff-box. Sparring. Neale gathered his strength, and, seizing a lucky opening, he delivered a third rattler on Bob's nozzle, which was dreadfully shaken. Bob gasped, but he was too good to say "enough." He brought himself to a rally, and counter-hits followed. It was a fine specimen of manhood on both sides. In a close, Neale went down weak and groggy.

26. Bob was now told to go in and finish. He answered to the call, and rushed in. Neale, in getting away, turned round, and retired two paces, but he returned to his man, and in the close, Bob was thrown.

27. Counter-hits on the head. Bob nodded. Neale rushed in to punish, but slipped down from his blow being out of distance.

28. Bob seemed to be getting fresher, and stopped, and got away with vigour. A short rally, and a close. In the wrestle, Neale fell, but dragged Bob over him.

29. Neale hit Bob three times with his right on the countenance. Bob fell on his knees in an effort to return.

30. Bob put in a facer. Neale rushed in, but Bob retreated, and, in getting away, fell.

31. Neale was getting the worse for pounding, but Ward, his second, cheered him up, and, giving him a drop of *aqua vitæ*, "Richard was himself again." Both men did wonders, considering their condition. This was a slaughtering round, and the exchanges were terrific. In a close, both went down.

32. Bob still cautious, and not disposed to lead. Neale, all for industry, went to work, and put in a fourth body blow. Bob hit short, and left himself open. His good fighting was on the wane, but still he tried his uttermost. In a close, both went down.

33. Bob, on coming up, was again incautious in his guard. Neale took advantage, followed him up, and punished him. Bob fell at the ropes, and in this situation Neale hit him with his right. Cries of "foul" were renewed, as many thought the blow was not fair, but the umpire considered the hand was not in the act of delivery when the man fell, and his decision stopped all disputes.

34. Bob was thrown weak.

35. Counter-hits. Bob fell on his face, and was going fast.

36. Bob was collected, although weak, and got away from a heavy blow.

37. Neale saw he was winning it, and rushed in to finish. Bob would not say "Nay," received a poser on the face, and was floored.

38. It was almost U. P. with Bob. His head was completely in a doldrum, but still he came to get the *coup de grace*. Neale had it his own way, and hit his man down with a tremendous facer. Bob was sick, and a pigeon was sent off to announce his defeat, but this was premature; he came up again and again, and was floored twice in succession. In the 40th round it was all over, and Ward threw up his hat, and proclaimed the victory, which was hailed with loud shouts by Neale's friends. Neale immediately jumped up severel times, thereby showing that he was still active and strong.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE TYNESIDE CHAMPIONSHIP.

I have received the following from Mr George Lee, President of the Stanley Football Club:—

"Please to allow me a small space in your valuable paper to explain a grievance that came through the Annfield Plain v. Hobson match. It was well known that certain players belonging to Stanley team had assisted the former club against the Hobson, and every football enthusiast would naturally expect that the Secretary would use it against the Celtic, but I little thought that I should have been hauled into the matter. However, I was plainly told that I had written such letter, or letters, to Mr Thos. Amos, bearing on the above Stanley players. I at once took steps to have my name withdrawn from it, and at once wrote to the Annfield Plain Celtic Secretary. I do not wish to carry the matter further, but will give a copy of the letter which I received in return, and am quite satisfied of the same."

The letter referred to is from Mr Thompson, and is as follows:—

"Yours to hand, *re.* the letter that you say Mr Ellis and myself have received from the Tyneside League meeting, asserting that you have sent such a letter to Mr Amos, saying that we paid Robson and Fish for their services in our game with Hobson. We never yet used your name in any way whatever, but I can assure you that such letter was read at the League meeting, and one from T. Wood, Secretary of Stanley Club. All we did when we came from the meeting was to give our report of the meeting, but neither Mr Ellis nor I have done as stated. I do not think that you would do such a thing. I expect those letters will be read on Wednesday night first, at the sub-committee meeting, at Newcastle. If they are not produced, I shall most certainly see that they are asked for. Therefore, I hope that you will not take any offence at our not giving our report of the meeting. I most certainly apologise to you if I have done your character any harm whatever, for I do not wish to harm anybody's character at all."

DURHAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the clubs connected with the Durham Football Association was held on Saturday, when amongst the decisions arrived at were the following, which ought to be of interest to all footballers—"That no player who has taken part in any illegal competition, or played during the close season, shall be eligible to play in any of the above League matches, &c., until he has been reported to, and dealt with by the Durham F.A.C.C.C."; and "In all cases of appeal by clubs against the decision of Leagues, Alliances, and combinations, the sum of one guinea shall be deposited, which shall be forfeited to the funds of the Durham Football Association, in the event of the protest not being sustained. In such cases, if the C.C.C. deem fit, they may also order the protesting club to pay such sum as they may consider necessary towards defraying the expenses of the club or League, &c., protested against."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows—President, Mr A. Grundy; Vice-President, Mr T. B. Swinburn; Treasurer, Mr J. R. Douglas; Secretary, Mr Jno. Glover; Challenge Cup Committee, North Division, J. Conqueror, D. Morrison, R. Bennett, A. Cooper, R. Hobson; South Division, T. B. Swinburn, T. Rain, C. Glover, R. P. Croughton, G. Chipchase. It will be observed that Mr Hobson, of Birley, is the only local representative on the Committee. He is a most capable person, and I am confident that he will attend to the duties of his position in an efficient manner.

NEXT SEASON'S COMPETITIONS.

The following dates are fixed for the various competitions next season—Senior Cup (qualifying round), October 2nd, 23rd, November 13th, and December 4th; Senior Cup (proper), January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, and March 19th. Amateur Cup — January 15th, January 29th, February 12th, February 29th, March 12th, March 26th, and April 9th. Junior Cup—September 25th, October 16th, November 6th, November 26th, and December 11th. County match v. Cleveland, December 18th.

SWIFTS A.F.C.

The annual meeting of the above Club takes place on Saturday night, and I expect that there will be a good muster of members. I understand that there is to be business of great movement discussed.

DERWENTWATER.

CHAT ON LOCAL CRICKET.

[By "Playfair."]

A GREAT GAME AT SOUTH MOOR.

The 29th of May has long been memorable as the day on which an English Prince hid from Cromwell's forces in an oak tree, but the 29th of May in this year of Jubilee was looked forward to with great interest in South Moor and district, not so much because it was Royal Oak Day, as that it was the day on which the great fight was arranged between the twenty-two good men and true, representatives of the cricket interests of Stanley 2nd team and South Moor. E. Beckwith's vow that he would score a century had become widely noised abroad, as had Slender Billy's brag that Benfold could not bowl him in a dozen overs. The great day dawned, and both teams turned up eager for the fray. Captain Benfold was there in all his glory, and he led his men in irresistible fashion, with the result that the Stanleyites gained a triumphant victory at the conclusion of the game; the victorious skipper recited a parody of Southey's poem, "Twas a famous victory."

SOUTH MOOR

batted first, and when they had totalled the respectable score of 62, many of them felt quite confident of victory, though, to tell the truth, the score was not so large as had been expected. Emmy's century was "far, far away," George Clough bowling him when there were still ninety and nine required for the coveted century. Slender Billy Robinson was also easily dismissed, Benfold getting him caught at the wicket for the same score as the redoubtable Emmy. Tindall again headed the scoring list, and Tom Welsh and Morton both secured double figures. On

STANLEY

going in to bat, the South Moor trundling was exhibited as very poor stuff. Benfold was quickly bowled, but Summerbell, Bob Henderson, and Tom Shield all hit with great freedom, and the score was carried to 92 for but seven wickets, when stumps were drawn. Benfold's triumph was complete, and Bob Beckwith and Billy Robinson bowed low to the Stanley skipper, and hailed him as their conqueror. Lead on, Benfold!

AN INTERESTING WEDNESDAY

game was that played at Stanley last week, between Newcastle Wanderers and Stanley Wednesday. Stanley batted first, and scored 121 runs; 69 of which were due to Sammy Wood. It was a fine innings, though two chances were given early on. Jimmy Shield also played a pretty innings, and Fred Dixon hit freely. The Newcastle men responded by scoring 99; the chief contributors to the total being Hodgson (37 not out), and Hirst (24). Tom Shield re-appeared in the cricket field, and signalised his advent by taking three wickets for no runs.

TOW LAW V. MALTON.

Tow Law were unfortunate on Saturday. Their match with Malton was the first home fixture they have had this season, and the weather proved so unpropitious that the match had to be abandoned. The home bowlers did good work, and the other four men who had to carry on the score for Malton would probably have been easily disposed of. Seven wickets for 17 runs is not a bad average, and the pity is that the fates were against the home eleven. For the visitors, Hardley made the best stand, his batting being thoroughly capable, both as regards style and service. Jack Hildreth and T. Carr did good work for the Tow Law eleven, the latter taking four wickets for six runs. It was certainly somewhat amusing to see the rapidity with which the Malton men followed each other in to bat.

CONSETT 2ND AGAIN WORSTED.

The Consett 2nd were visited by Blackhall Mill on Saturday, and were treated to some leather hunting. Batting first on a soft wicket, the visitors ran up a total of 120. The chief contributors to this number were Taylor (33), Bell (32), and W. Wood (13). The scores of the two latter came as a welcome surprise, and it is to be hoped that it will encourage them for the future. Consett tried no less than seven bowlers, the most successful being Raw. The fielding was good, Lynn being especially conspicuous. On going to the wickets, Consett could do very little against the Blackhall bowling. Lynn batted very well for his 14, whilst Leyoourne quickly knocked up 11. Five men failed to score, and the total reached 40. J. Wood bowled splendidly, his analysis reading—Runs 20, wickets 5, average 4. He just missed the hat trick, taking three wickets in four balls. A very pleasantly-contested game thus ended in a win for the visitors by 80 runs.

AT LAST,

South Tanfield have been beaten, and a check put to their career of "full speed ahead" for the Junior League championship. The event took place at Washington on Saturday, and the scores being 65 to 23, little doubt can be felt as to the inferiority of the Oxhill team to their conquerors. Washington took first innings, and Poole (21) was top scorer for them, Mackay (11) being the only other player to reach double figures. Raine bowled in splendid style, and captured no less than seven wickets. On the visitors handling the willow, they gave a very weak exhibition, and were all sent back for the paltry total of 22. Poole and Gardiner both trundled effectively for Washington. The result of this game has assisted me to form a table of games to establish the truth of Captain Benfold's argument, that Stanley 2nd team is better than the senior eleven. Here it is:—

1. South Tanfield beat Stanley 1st by 65 to 26.
2. South Moor beat Washington by 43 to 17.
3. Washington beat South Tanfield by 65 to 22.
4. Stanley 2nd beat South Moor by 92 (6 wickets) to 62.

Clearly, Stanley 2nd are the best team of the four mentioned.

CRAGHEADS' DOINGS.

The senior Craghead team journeyed to Auckland, on Saturday, and managed a very creditable draw against the "Bishops." The wicket was "soft," and aided the bowlers materially, in consequence of which scoring ruled slow throughout. Batting first, the Craghead boys totalled 70. Peele and Holmes were the only players to secure double figures, and Messrs Horne, Railton, and Higginbottom each partook of "ducks." Bob. Bousfield, the famous county player, carried off the bowling honours for the Aucklandites; he claiming seven wickets. Auckland had totalled 46 for the loss of half their wickets when time intervened, and prevented the game being completed. Had time allowed, the probability is that Craghead would have been beaten, but had they had the assistance of Geo. Turnbull, on a wicket such as that at Auckland, the probability is that the Craghead trundler would have added another to his list of brilliant performances, and Craghead another victory to their League record.

CRAGHEAD 2ND

tackled Burnopfield 2nd in a Cup Competition, and another victory fell to the lot of Matt Siddle's infants. Jack Linsley was distinctly the hero of the game, as besides scoring 25, he captured eight wickets for 14 runs. Not a bad Saturday afternoon's performance, John! Dick Hann also batted well for 18. Richard is aiming well for the bat. Douglas and T. Allan, with seven each, were top scorers for the Burnopfield. Like their seniors, the Burnopfield players are no great shakes in the batting line.

THE JUNIORS

met Oxhill Juniors in a Stanley and District Junior League game, and after an exciting struggle, Mr Martin Dodds's pets scrambled home victorious by three runs. Armstrong bowled splendidly for Oxhill, and Bruce and Hunter did ditto for Craghead. Craghead and Stanley are having a neck and neck race for the championship of this League.

ROWLANDS GILL IN FORM.

Rowland's Gill are doing very well this season, their up-to-date record consisting of three victories and one draw. On Saturday, they opposed Spen and District and gained a decisive victory by over 70 runs. Emmerson topped the score for the Spen team with 22 out of 62, whilst for the winners, Watson played a grand innings for 63. Ford also played sound cricket for 35. Watson, Hetherington, and Ford all bowled excellently for the winners.

TANFIELD WORRY MEDOMSLEY II.

Tanfield cricketers handsomely defeated Medomsley second stringers, on Saturday, beating that eleven by the enormous majority of 105 runs, and five wickets to spare. Tom Irwin again displayed his affection for Medomsley bowling by scoring 35 not out, and Charlton also hit vigorously for 31. Jacky Watson came out of his shell for the first time this season, and compiled a dashing 28. Let's have more of the same style, Jacky! Tom Irwin is showing splendid battting form this season, his present average being about 30. Keep it up, Tom! The bat is yours! On the visitors going in, they could do nothing whatever against the splendid bowling of Robson and Irwin, and the whole team were sent back in twelve overs and three balls. Robinson, who kept a splendid length, took six wickets for ten runs, and Irwin took three wickets for six runs. The "procession" was greatly admired by the Tanfield spectators, and even the Medomsley players themselves enjoyed a good laugh. Tanfield are playing in grand form this season, and will not be far off the top of the Cup Competition when the season approaches completion. On the same day,

TANDIELD II.

tackled White-le-Head, at White-le-Head, but, after the visitors had scored 54 runs for seven wickets, rain stopped the play. Richardson (13) and Moson (15) both batted well.

NOTABLE SCORES.

The following scores of 25 and above were made in local matches last week:—

J. K. Bewick, for Chester-le-Street v. Philadelphia	*84
Sam Wood, for Stanley Wednesday v. Newcastle Wanderers	69
A. Watson, for Rowlands Gill v. Spen & Dist.	63
J. C. Harrison, for Philadelphia v. Chester-le-Street	41
J. R. Lowes, for Medomsley v. Greenside	*39
E. F. Hutchinson, for Chester-le-Street v. Philadelphia	*37
Hodgson, for Newcastle Wanderers v. Stanley Wednesday	*37
J. Young, for Philadelphia v. Chester-le-St.	35
T. Ford, for Rowlands Gill v. Spen and Dist.	35
T. Irwin, for Tanfield v. Medomsley 2nd	*35
J. E. Taylor, for Blackhall Mill v. Consett II.	33
T. D. Dales, for Medomsley v. Greenside	33
T. Bell, for Blackhall Mill v. Consett II.	32
J. Charlton, for Tanfield v. Medomsley 2nd	31
Watson, for Tanfield v. Medomsley 2nd	28
R. Henderson, for Stanley 2nd v. South Moor	28
J. Linsley, for Craghead II. v. Burnopfield II.	25

CONSETT AT TUDHOE.

Consett visited Tudhoe on Saturday, intending to avenge their defeat of a fortnight ago, but the weather interfered, and prevented the game from being concluded. The pitch, though soft, appeared to play well, but the attendance was greatly affected by the weather. Captain Godfrey was lucky in the spin of the toss, and he promptly decided to take first innings, going in first himself along with Jake Siddell to face the trundling of the Tudhoe demons, Gregory and Snowdon. Godfrey got singles off the initial overs from both bowlers, and an off-drive by Siddell off Snowdon secured the first boundary. The fourth ball of Gregory's second over got past Jake's defence. Franky Richardson came in, and steady cricket brought the score from seven to 23, when the new-comer fell to a smart catch in the long field.

TOM LAMBERT

came next, and proved in better batting form than he has ever previously been for Consett. The bowling was splendid, but the famous wicket-keeper at length got to work, and hit Snowdon in successive balls for a four and a two. Gregory, however, was bowling a beautiful length, and runs came very slowly off his bat; but Lambert seemed to enjoy Snowdon's deliveries, and again loosening his shoulders, he drove that player twice to the boundary. Tom was lucky, for Snowdon missed him badly in the slips, but directly later, Godfrey was neatly caught and bowled by the clever Tudhoe professional. The Consett skipper had contributed 13 by steady cricket.

JIM MARTIN

came next, but experienced the hardest of hard luck in being caught off a kicking ball which he was trying to avoid. The old Stockton player is certainly not having the best of luck this season. Just afterwards, the deluge came, and as everybody knows, the game had to be abandoned as a draw.

HARD LINES FOR MEDOMSLEY.

Medomsley are playing very well just now, and on Saturday, they experienced very hard lines in failing to defeat Greenside, time alone saving the Northerners from an overwhelming beating. Medomsley batted first, and, thanks to grand cricket by T. D. Dales (33) and Lowes (35, not out), they compiled 85 for three wickets, and then declared their innings closed. Greenside had scored 24 for nine wickets when time was called. It would add to the interest of cricket if some rule was adopted, or some agreement arrived at by the captains of competing teams, to complete the game when this can be done by playing but a few minutes longer than the time fixed for drawing stumps.

FIXTURES WANTED.

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SATURDAY'S FIXTURES.

Included in the local fixtures for Saturday first are the following:—

Consett v. North Durham.
Stanley v. Medomsley.
Shotley Bridge v. South Tanfield 2nd.
Medomsley 2nd v. Stanley 2nd.
Tanfield v. R. Johnson's team.
Burnhope v. Burnopfield.
Felling Temperance v. South Tanfield.
Craghead 2nd v. Blackhall Mill.
Burnopfield 2nd v. Spen and District.
Stanley Juniors v. Craghead Juniors.
Langley Park v. Kimblesworth.
Chester-le-Street v. Burnmoor.
Durham City v. Auckland.

WHIT MONDAY FIXTURES.

Nothumberland v. Durham (Newcastle).
Consett v. Elswick Works.
Stanley v. Wallsend.
Consett 2nd v. Tanfield.
Craghead 2nd v. Spen and District.
Kimblesworth v. Hamsteels.
Crook v. Medomsley.

WHIT TUESDAY.

Consett and District v. Rockcliffe.

JOTTINGS.

Sam Wood played a fine innings of 69 not out for Stanley Wednesday against Newcastle Wanderers.

The innings was marred by two chances, both given early on.

Jimmy Shield gave an exhibition of very steady batting in the same match. The best display that he has given this season.

To give honour to whom it is due, it may be stated that Richardson and Walker were the only "duckgetters."

Benfold shaped stylishly, and got a beautiful two hit. His bowling was also very good.

Hirst, of Durham University, the coming Consett player, scored 24 for the Wanderers. He was out to a very bad stroke.

Hirst bowls with a grand length.

Lambert was unlucky in running himself out before scoring.

Hodgson, of North Durham, played a grand innings for the Wanderers. He never gave a chance in compiling 37 not out, though he missed several leg-hits.

He and Benfold who are about the same height and weight, engaged in a friendly wordy warfare.

Benfold turned several somersaults on the field to the delight of the spectators.

Mr Beckwith: A word with you. What about that hundred? Hand over the cigars.

The supporters of Stanley 2nd were jubilant on Saturday night at their victory over South Moor.

Benfold in particular "rejoiced and was exceedingly glad." Beckwith and Billy Robinson are complimenting becoming monks.

Dr Johnson was asked to wager a cigar with Benfold as to whether Emmy would secure that 100. The Doctor wisely declined.

Bob Henderson is batting consistently well. Captain Benfold is quite proud of his pupil.

Mr John McGregor defeated "Cross-bar" at billiards last week by the narrow margin of two points. The game was, however, not played under the "special" championship rules.

Stanley Juniors vanquished South Moor "Primroses" by 41 to 14 in a Junior league fixture. Peter Harkness took five wickets for no runs.

He is a chip off the old block.

G. C. Sanderson took the remaining five for 14 runs. Stanley Juniors are going strong for the league championship.

Craghead Juniors just scraped home from Oxhill Juniors, beating them by 27 to 23.

Rain prevented the game between Rockcliff and Stanley from being completed.

The homesters certainly did well in getting rid of "E. W." and Farmer for 11 runs.

Allendale Park Juniors opened their league fixtures in good style by defeating South Moor Juniors by 31 runs to 19.

Medomsley came prepared to crush Tanfield last Saturday. They didn't.

Tom Irwin evidently has a strong liking for Medomsley bowling, having scored 33 and 35 (both not out) against it this season.

Irwin and Robinson are in grand form this season with the ball, the former having bowled 23 wickets for 62 runs, and the latter 16 wickets for 61 runs.

Jack Watson scored 28 on Saturday for Tanfield. This is something like your form "Jack."

Tom Irwin has a batting average of 33 this season. Not bad, Tom.

Since Joe Charlton returned to his old love, Tanfield, he has done better than ever he did for Burnopfield. His innings of 31 last Saturday was a splendid one, and he is as good as anything Tanfield has. Keep it up, Joe, and the bat is yours.

Robinson had 6 wickets for 10 runs against Medomsley II. 5 being clean bowled. Good old "W. G."

South Moor tried fifteen bowling changes on Saturday, and still only managed to dismiss seven of Benfold's band.

Stanley Juniors have a couple of grand bowlers in G. C. Sanderson and Peter Harkness. Up to last Saturday, Sanderson had taken 21 wickets for 34 runs, and Harkness 15 wickets for 21 runs.

Emmy Beckwith was tried thrice with the ball on Saturday, and Tom Welsh had four turns, but all was of no avail. Bob. Henderson and Nichol Summerbell completely broke the hearts of the bowlers.

Benfold was in great debating form, and in his wordy warfare with the South Moor spectators, he came off with flying colours.

South Tanfield came a cropper on Saturday against Washington.

Raine bowled well for the losers, but the batting of the Oxhill boys was terribly feeble. Bobby Coates, the Dipton footballer, was top scorer with half-a-dozen to his credit.

Consett 2nd. submitted to an extra dose of the "as usual" medicine on Saturday. Blackhall Mill rubbed it in rather heavy.

Medomsley 1st were in champion form on Saturday. "T.D." again batted in grand style, and Lowes slogged with great freedom.

J. K. Bewick (84 not out) scored at a tremendous speed in the Chester-le-Street v. Philadelphia game.

The "Phillies" were quite astounded at the result.

Linsley took eight wickets for 14 runs on Saturday for Craghead 2nd v. Burnopfield 2nd. Well done Jack!

The Senior league game between Bishop Auckland and Craghead was left very evenly drawn.

Craghead Juniors have two promising bowlers in Bruce and Hunter.

Stanley Athletic footballers intend winning the Durham Amateur cup next season.

They have secured the services of Benfold as goal-keeper, and some of the "Invincibles" have also signed on.

Next Wednesday, the great match between Stanley Wednesday, and the local policemen will come off. Sergeant Wood has persuaded Benfold to join the Police force for the occasion. P.C. Simpson intends topping the century.

CRICKET.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. TUDHOE.

The above teams met on Saturday, on the ground of the latter, in anything but favourable weather, the attendance being remarkably meagre. Consett batted first, sending in Godfrey and Siddell to face the bowling of Gregory (pro.) and Snowdon. Siddell was the first to succumb, after seven runs had been totalled. Richardson next went in, and opened in brilliant style, but was soon afterwards caught by Faulkner. Two for 23. Lambert now partnered Godfrey, and secured a boundary, and was soon afterwards missed by Snowdon, off the home pro. The last-named bowler, however, directly afterwards caught and bowled the Consett captain. Martin next took up the defence, and soon experienced bad luck in being caught behind the stumps. Wood filled the vacancy, but by this time rain fell in torrents, and eventually the game had to be abandoned. Score—

CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

Siddle, b Gregory	4
Godfrey, c and b Snowdon	13
Richardson, c Faulkner, b Gregory	7
Lambert, not out	18
Martin, c Urwin, b Gregory	1
Wood, not out	1
Extras	1
Total	45

Game abandoned through rain.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v PHILADELPHIA.

These elevens met on the ground of the former under the auspices of the above League. The visitors won the toss, and batted first, J Harrison and Young playing fine cricket. The innings concluded for 122 runs. Chester scored 123 for the loss of a couple of wickets. Scores—

PHILADELPHIA.

B Harrison, b Crichton	1
Dixon, c and b J K Bewicke	10
Simpson, b Latimer	8
Lee, c Middleton, b Latimer	0
J Harrison, b J K Bewicke	44
Young, c J Bewicke, b Latimer	35
Kirby, c Gray, b J K Bewicke	0
Churchill, hit wicket b Clifford	13
Smith, b Clifford	0
Freake, c and b Latimer	7
Soppitt, not out	3
Extras	1
Total	122

CHESTER.

J K Bewicke, not out	84
Crichton, lbw, b Simpson	0
Halliday, b Simpson	0
Hutchinson, not out	37
Latimer	To bat
J Bewicks	
Middleton	
Walker	
Stephenson	
Clifford	
Gray	
Extras	2
Total	123

BISHOP AUCKLAND v CRAGHEAD.

A league engagement between these teams was played at Auckland, on Saturday, on a soft wicket. Craghead batted first, and succeeded in totalling 70 runs. Peile, and Holmes were the chief scorers. Bousfield bowled finely for the homesters, and captured seven wickets very cheaply. Auckland had scored 43 for 5 wickets when the game was stopped. Robinson and Hirst were top notchers. Scores—

CRAGHEAD.

Potts, c Bousfield	[illegible]
Holmes, c Robinson, b Bousfield	[illegible]
Peele, c Milner, b Bousfield	[illegible]
Horne, b Bousfield	[illegible]
Railton, c Ryder, b Bousfield	[illegible]
Hunter, c Hirst, b Bousfield	[illegible]
Higginbottom, lbw b Bousfield	[illegible]
Cummings, b Hirst	[illegible]
Fairley, lbw b Hirst	[illegible]
Young, b Hirst	[illegible]
Hunter, not out	[illegible]
Extras	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

AUCKLAND.

Bousfield	3
Robinson, b Peele	15
Fairless, b Young	2
Hirst, b Peele	12
Pattison, b Young	0
Brown, not out	9
Dowson	To bat
Lodge	
Milliner	
Ryder	
Forster	
Extras	5
Total	46

ROCKCLIFFE v. STANLEY.

These teams met at Stanley, before a meagre attendance of onlookers. The teams had encountered each other once before this season, when the seasiders ran out easy winners. Stanley were minus Robinson, but Rockcliffe placed a strong team on the field. The homesters lost the toss, and Rockcliffe accordingly took up the willow, Farmer and Huntington facing the deliveries of Smith and Jewitt. Before the expiration of the first-named trundler's initial over, Farmer was bowled for a "duck." E. W. Taylor came in, and cut Smith's last delivery to the boundary for four. Huntington opened his account by hitting Jewitt to square leg for one, and Harkness missed a grand catch off the Rugby international. Huntington having hit Jewitt to leg for a single, Taylor was run out, after contributing five. Two for seven. Shaw filled the vacant place, and Smith bowled a maiden over. Huntington made a fine drive to the boundary, off Jewitt. Rain then fell heavily, and drove the players to the pavilion. After waiting for some time, it was decided to abandon the match. Score—

ROCKCLIFFE.

Farmer, b Smith	0
Huntington, not out	6
Taylor, run out	6
Extras	0
Total	11

MEDOMSLEY v. GREENSIDE.

[By "Slogger"]

These teams met at Medomsley, on Saturday, in showery weather. The ground was in a very greasy condition, owing to the heavy rains that had fallen during the week. The visitors won the toss, and elected to field. Medomsley opened the batting with R. Campbell and R. Charlton, against the bowling of C. Fewster and Armstrong, the former taking the first over. Bob Charlton opened the scoring by driving the fourth delivery of Fewster to the boundary. Armstrong now commenced the trundling, and Charlton hit him to leg for two. No further scoring took place off Armstrong's first over, but Campbell was clean bowled in Fewster's next over for a "duck." One for five. T. D. Dales next handled the willow, and he found it not an easy task to score off the splendid bowling of Fewster. Dales obtained nothing off the first over bowled him, but, on Armstrong going on bowling,

CHARLTON SENT HIM TO THE BOUNDARY

with a nice swing. A two bye followed. On Fewster handling the leather again, Charlton tipped the ball into the wicketkeeper's hands, the out-goer having scored eight. Two for 10. Lowes came to partner Dales, and the schoolmaster welcomed him by an admirable drive to the boundary in fine style. This was followed by the same batsman, with a drive to leg for two. Lowes broke his "duck" by hitting Fewster for three, and nothing further resulted off this over. Lowes again drove Armstrong to the boundary for three, and this was followed by a bye. Fewster bowled a maiden over, and no scoring resulted, and the other bowler also sent down a maiden. Dales obtained two singles in succession, and

THE GAME WAS THEN ABANDONED

for a quarter of an hour, owing to the heavy downpour of rain. Restarting, Dales batted to the bowling of Fewster, and obtained a couple off the first delivery of Armstrong's next over. Lowes drove to long-field for three, and Dales got him to leg for one, and the latter player also obtained a single, off Fewster's second delivery, in his following over, Lowes also hitting two singles off the same trundler. Lowes drove Armstrong for three, and followed this up by a single off Fewster. Dales obtained two singles off Fewster, and Lowes got a

CLEAN HIT TO THE BOUNDARY.

Dales still continued to pile on the score, and hit Armstrong for a two and a single respectively. A change was effected in the bowling, Simpson going on in place of Armstrong, and off his first delivery, Lowes added a single. Dales next got to work, and put on a two and a three in rapid succession, and soon after, Lowes also effected a hit to the boundary, off Simpson, the bowling seeming to be of no avail. Dales sent to leg for one, and added a three off the first delivery of Simpson's succeeding over.

LOWES WAS HEARTILY APPLAUDED

for sending the next ball to the boundary, and a single by Dales, off the same bowler, was added. Fewster then sent down a maiden. Another change was made in the bowling line, Brown trying his prowess in the place of Simpson. Lowes drove him to the boundary, and two byes followed. It was six o'clock when

DALES WAS DISPOSED OF

by Dodds for a well-played 33. He and Lowes had been partners an hour and a half. Lowes's innings was composed of nine threes, one two, and ten singles, whilst Dales's comprised three threes, six twos, and twelve singles. The Medomsley men now

DECLARED THEIR INNINGS CLOSED,

having obtained 85 for three wickets. A. Dodd and T. B. Simpson opened the batting for Greenside, opposing the bowling of Dales and Robinson. The first ball from Dales was driven to leg by Simpson for a single, and, for a few minutes after, Dodds and Simpson were each securing runs in a creditable manner, but, having scored three, Dodds was out to a splendid one-hand catch by Milburn in the long-field. J. Callender came in, but he had not been in long, when he received marching orders for a "duck." On Hall commencing the batting, he cut his first ball to leg for one, but, on his next delivery, he disposed of Simpson, after having compiled a useful nine. Three for 19.

FEWSTER TOOK SIMPSON'S PLACE.

Dales tried one of his tempters, and, Fewster running out at it, missed it, and the wicketkeeper had the stumps down before he got back. Four for 18. T. Armstrong came in, and Lowes superseded Robinson, Campbell also bowling overs at intervals. T. Armstrong drove Dales for one, but, on the first ball of Lowes's next over, he was caught at point by Dales. Five for 21. Forster came in, but, trying to "snatch" a run," he was run out, having obtained the unenviable "duck." C. Fewster came next, and he obtained a brace with his first hit. The next ball from Dales finished Hall's career, the batsman, as usual, running out to hit the ball, and the wicketkeeper had nothing else to do but hit the wicket, which he did in a splendid manner. J. Carrick next handled the bat, but the first ball off Dales

BROUGHT HIS WICKET DOWN.

Eight for 23. H. Brown now tried what he could do, and, off Dales's next ball, hit to leg for a single. Time was now called, a very pleasant game ending in a draw. Scores—

MEDOMSLEY.

Charlton, c T Fewster, b C Fewster	8
Campbell, b Fewster	0
Lowes, not out	39
Dales, b Dodds	33
Robinson	To bat
J Milburn	
M Milburn	
Cant	
Wheatley	
W Hunter	
M Hunter	
Extras	5
Total	85

GREENSIDE.

Dodd, c M Hunter, b Dales	3
Simpson, b Dales	9
Callender, c Charlton b Dales	0
Hall, st Charlton, b Dales	5
T Fewster, st Charlton, b Dales	1
Armstrong, c Dales, b Lowes	0
Forster, run out	0
C Fewster, not out	2
Carrick, b Dales	0
Brown, not out	1
W Carrick, to bat	
Extras	3
Total	24

TOW LAW v. MALTON.

This match, the first of the season upon the Tow Law ground took place on Saturday afternoon, before a large number of lovers of the old English pastime. As might be expected, the heavy rains of Friday did not tend to produce a good wicket, and during Saturday morning, Tow Law itself was visited by occasional sharp showers. When the respective captains tossed the proverbial "brown," Tow Law won the spin, and sent the visitors in to bat. Hardley and J. Ward went in first to face the bowling of Hildreth and T. Carr. Ward's stay was not of [illegible] duration, he soon succumbing to a nice [illegible]y from Jack Hildreth. Lowes followed [illegible] facing Tom Carr carefully blocked that [illegible] balls for a few moments. Getting con[illegible] he managed to put one out to long off, [illegible]ured a single. H. Ardley, at the other [illegible]red in fine style, and managed to knock [illegible] by dint of steady play. Lowes getting a [illegible] batting was dismissed by Carr, making [illegible]ets for six runs. Williams followed in, [illegible]ked Carr for a couple of singles, but his [illegible] short, for almost immediately after, [illegible]btable Tom got his middle stump. [illegible]0. Mace was the next man, and his third ball saw him out leg before [illegible] Four for 10. About this stage of the [illegible] sharp shower came on, and play was [illegible] a short time. Upon the weather clearing up, Atkin who had succeeded Williams, managed to snick a single, and Hardley followed suit. Hildreth then put three deliveries up to Williams, which he played cautiously. The fourth, however, was too much for him, and the score was five for 13. Jim Kirtley then took up the willow, but his first ball, trundled by Jack Hildreth, scattered his bails. Six for 13. Wilson was then ordered to succeed Kirtley, and he faced the bowling of Jack Hildreth. From Jack's fourth ball, Wilson managed to knock a single. A moment later, Wilson nearly got disposed of by a "fluky" run. Hardley got a brace off Hildreth, the result of a back-hit. Wilson, facing Carr placed another run to his credit by a leg-bye. Hardley then faced Carr, and that bowler's second ball secured the downfall of his wickets. Seven for 17. Ramsay was then deputed to take up the bat, but just later, another heavy shower caused the match to be abandoned. The following is the Malton score with the Tow Law bowlers' analysis:—

MALTON.

Ward, b Hildreth	
Lowes, b T Carr	0
Williams, b T Carr	1
Mace, lbw b Carr	2
Hardley, b Carr	0
Atkin, b Hildreth	10
Kirtley, b Hilreth	1
Wilson, not out	0
Ramsay	To bat
A N Other	
Simpson	
Extras	4
Total	20

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Hildreth	6	0	10	3	3·3
Carr	6	2	6	4	1.5

SOUTH MOOR v STANLEY 2ND.

Played at South Moor, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by three wickets and thirty runs. South Moor batted first, and hit up a total of 62 runs. Tindall was the chief scorer, Morton and Welsh also batting well. Beckwith utterly failed to keep his vow to score a century, and was clean bowled after making a single. Stanley lost Benfold very quickly, but Summerbell and Henderson completely defied the bowling. Tom Shield also played good cricket. Clough bowled finely for the winners. Scores—

SOUTH MOOR.

Gibbon, c and b Noble	5
Morton, b Clough	14
Robinson, c Mason, b Benfold	1
Beckwith, b Clough	1
Welch, b Clough	10
Smith, b Clough	0
Tindall, c Curry, b Henderson	19
Joyce, b Clough	7
Moss, run out	3
Briggs, b Henderson	0
Theobald, not out	1
Extras	1
Total	62

STANLEY.

Benfold, b Welch	2
Summerbell, b Welch	21
R Henderson, b Theobald	28
J Henderson, b Smith	4
T Shield, not out	17
Noble, b Beckwith	2
G Shield, run out	3
Curry, c Joyce, b Beckwith	4
Mason, not out	8
Clough, to bat	
T Errington, to bat	
Extras	5
Total	92

WASHINGTON COLLIERY v. SOUTH TANFIELD.

The above clubs met in a Durham Junior League fixture on the ground of the former. Scores:—

WASHINGTON.

Colvine, run out	1
Patterson, b Middlemass	1
Poole, b Raine	21
Potter, c Palmer	1
Dixon, b Raine	7
Turnbull, lbw Middlemass	2
Gardiner, b Raine	7
Mackay, b Raine	11
Snarey, not out	7
Askew, b Raine	0
Ellwood, b Raide	2
Extras	5
Total	65

SOUTH TANFIELD.

Coates, b Gardiner	6
Ledger, b Gardiner	0
Middlemass, b Gardiner	0
Hennerson, b Poole	3
Raine, lbw b Gardiner	4
Palmer, b Poole	1
Middlemass, run out	3
Siddle, c Patterson, b Poole	3
Wilson, lbw, b Poole	2
Siddle, not out	0
Clark, b Gardiner	0
Extras	1
Total	23

BLACKHILL 2nd v. GREENSIDE 2nd.

These teams met at Greenside on Saturday, the visitors winning by 18 runs. Not one of the homesters managed to secure double figures. Anderson and Charlton did splendidly for their team in the trundling line. Scores:—

BLACKHALL MILL 2nd.

P Charlton, b Pearson	6
J T Little, c Charlton, b Jackson	0
R Dodd, c Robinson, b Jackson	4
T Dodd, b Pearson	5
J Greener, b Jackson	2
Jas. Anderson, run out	6
E Embleton, c Fellis, b Raisbeck	0
Jno. Nichol, not out	4
T Bowman, b Jackson	0
J Maitland, b Raisbeck	16
G Richardson, b Jackson	0
Extras	0
Total	43

GREENSIDE 2nd.

G Raisbeck, b Anderson	2
J Robinson, b Anderson	0
T Pearson, b Charlton	2
J Westgarth, b Anderson	2
J Fewster, b Anderson	1
J Fellis, c Bowman, b Charlton	6
R Jackson, b Charlton	2
T Greener, c Charlton, b Anderson	5
J Wheatley, c and b Charlton	1
M Wheatley, not out	0
J G Charlton, c R Dodd, b Anderson	0
Extras	4
Total	25

MEDOMSLEY CHURCH CHOIR v. DERWENT COTTAGES.

These teams met at Medomsley on Saturday, when the home team won by the narrow margin of 5 runs. J. Alderdice bowled in splendid style, taking six wickets for 13 runs. Scores:—

DERWENT COTTAGES.

J Alderdice, b Patterson	2
H Hill, b Patterson	4
Carr, b Wilson	1
Carter, hit wicket	0
J Armstrong, b Patterson	5
F Bright, b Wilson	2
Coulson, b Wilson	1
W Carter, not out	0
Pears, b Dobson	2
G Bell, b Wilson	1
A Kay, b Wilson	0
Extras	4
Total	22

CHURCH CHOIR.

Dobson, c Hill, b Alderdice	3
Patterson, b Alderdice	5
W Armstrong, c Hill, b Carr	1
Wilson, b Alderdice	0
J W Milburn, b Alderdice	9
W Milburn, b Alderdice	2
Patterson, c and b Alderdice	0
Middleton, not out	3
George, b Hill	0
H Dales, b Hill	1
C Nattrass, b Carr	1
Extras	2
Total	27

BENWELL v SWALWELL UNITED.

These teams met at Swalwell, and resulted in a victory for the home team by fourteen runs and seven wickets.—

BENWELL.

Robinson, b Bruce	0
Close, b Bruce	4
Ewart, b Robson	3
Mole, b Bruce	11
Smith, b Bruce	0
Wilkinson, b Robson	0
Williamson, b Bruce	0
Gill, b Robson	3
Liddell, b Robson	3
Mitcheson, not out	6
Extras	8
Total	38

SWALWELL.

Lawson, b Close	8
Minnes, b Close	6
Smith, not out	9
Cerry, not out	20
Fletcher	To bat
Blackbird	
Bruce	
Lumley	
Lee	
Robson	
Cross	
Extras	4
Total	41

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CRICKET.

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TANFIELD 2nd v WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Played at White-le-Head, the game being stopped by rain. Scores—

TANFIELD.

Richardson, run out	13
Curry, c Kellor, b Clarkson	0
Chisholm, b Pyle	5
Wilkinson, b Clarkson	0
Charlton, b Pyle	1
Milburn, c Harrison	7
Armstrong, b Clarkson	9
Mossom, not out	15
Keilor Sword Nicholson	
Extras	4
Total	54

PEASES' WEST v CORNSAY.

Played at Bankfoot, Crook.

CORNSAY.

J Hodgson, b Gibson	2
Slater, c Freak, b Gibson	0
Winter, c W Smith, b Gibson	7
Groucett, not out	15
Hope, not out	3
Milburn, not out	5
Turner Hodgson Raw Dowson Daglish	To bat
Extras	2
Total	34

Match stopped owing to rain.

ROWLANDS GILL v. SPEN AND DISTRICT.

Played at Spen, on Saturday. The homesters batted first, and ran up the respectable total of 62 runs. Emmerson scored 22 by steady batting, and "Mr Extras" claimed 19 of the remainder. On Rowlands Gill batting, some brilliant batting was exhibited by Watson (63), and Ford (35). Subsequently wickets fell rapidly, though Foster hit merrily at the conclusion. Scores:—

SPEN.

H Archdall, b Watson	5
J Laing, b Watson	6
Emmerson, c Hetherington, b Watson	22
Halley, b Watson	1
Inglis, b Watson	2
Harper, b Watson	0
Smallwood, run out	0
Laing, run out	1
Robson, b Ford	2
A Rogers, not out	2
J Rogers, c Goodfellow, b Ford	2
Extras	19
Total	62

ROWLANDS GILL.

Ford, b Laing	35
Watson, b Emmerson	63
Hetherington, c Smallwood, b Laing	4
Goodfellow, b Laing	2
Goodall, b Laing	2
Sewell, b Laing	1
Robson, b Laing	3
Forbes, b Laing	0
W Watson, run out	3
S Forster, c Rogers, b Emmerson	0
J Foster, not out	11
Extras	16
Total	140

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

BLACKHALL MILL v. CONSETT AND DISTRICT 2nd.

These teams met at Consett, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Scores—

BLACKHALL MILL.

Lonsdale, b Raw	0
Taylor, c and b Hanning	33
T Embleton, b Raw	4
Wood, b Raw	13
Greener, c Leybourne, b Hanning	6
J Wood, b Hanning	8
Mordue, c Leybourne, b Hanning	2
Bell, b Raw	32
Moody, c Spencer, b Carr	8
Mason, not out	6
Oxley, c and b Raw	2
Extras	6
Total	120

CONSETT.

Watson, c W Wood, b J Wood	5
Lynn, b J Wood	14
Askew, b Mason	0
Carr, b W Wood	2
Spencer, c Mordue, b J Wood	0
Raw, b W Wood	0
Hanning, b J Wood	0
Leybourne, c Bell, b Mason	11
Moreland, not out	5
Hall, run out	0
Smith, lbw b J Wood	1
Extras	2
Total	40

CRAGHEAD II. v. BURNOPFIELD II.

Played at Craghead, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Linsley bowled well for Craghead, taking eight wickets for 14 runs. Scores:—

CRAGHEAD.

Horrgate, c Dent, b Walton	0
M Dodds, c M P Allan, b Walton	6
Hann, b M P Allan	18
Wilkinson, c Walton, b M P Allan	4
Linsley, c Douglas, b Campbell	25
Reacock, b Ringer	9
Shiraton, c M P Campbell	7
Evans, b Campbell	3
Liddle, b Walton	0
Johnson, not out	1
W Dodds, c Wilkinson, b Campbell	0
Extras	3
Total	76

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	15	25	35	53	65	60	73	75	76

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Watson	14	2	24	3	8
Campbell	5	2	11	4	2·7
Allan	9	1	26	2	13
Ringer	4	1	12	1	12

BURNOPFIELD.

Walton, b Linsley	3
Keith, b Linsley	0
M P Allan, run out	1
Campbell, b Linsley	2
Dent, b Linsley	0
T Allan, b Dodds	7
Ringer, b Linsley	0
Wilkinson, b Linsley	1
W Douglas, not out	7
Cheeseman, b Linsley	1
A Wood, b Linsley	1
Extras	3
Total	26

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	5	8	8	9	9	15	22	24	26

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Linsley	13·1	6	14	8	1·7
M Dodds	13	5	9	1	9

TANFIELD v. MEDOMSLEY II.

Played at Tanfield, and resulted in an easy victory for Tanfield. Scores:—

TANFIELD.

Charlton, b Walton	31
Christopher, run out	1
Rockett, c Thompson, b Murphy	7
Robson, b Walton	14
Irwin, not out	35
Watson, b Walton	28
Galles Close Wallace Atthey Robinson	To bat
Extras	7
Total	123

MEDOMSLEY.

T Walton, c Irwin, b Robinson	1
M Murphy, run out	2
Brown, b Robinson	0
R Murphy, b Robinson	4
M Walton, b Irwin	0
Bramley, b Irwin	6
Moon, b Robinson	0
J Walton, c Christopher, b Irwin	1
W Thompson, b Robinson	0
W Hunter, b Robinson	2
Veitch, not out	3
Extras	2
Total	21

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE

STANLEY JUNIORS v. SOUTH MOOR P. M.

This match was played at Stanley, on Saturday, before a fair attendance of spectators. Scores—

SOUTH MOOR.

Clark, b Sanderson	0
Brass, c Hodgson, b Harkness	5
Bentley, b Sanderson	0
Elliott, b Harkness	0
Wilkinson, b Sanderson	0
Handy, st Robson, b Harkness	6
Davison, c Craig, b Sanderson	0
Smalles, c and b Sanderson	3
Mitchell, c and b Harkness	0
Clennell, b Harkness	0
Bowen, not out	0
Extras	0
Total	14

STANLEY.

G C Sanderson, c Elliott, b Wilkinson	8
G Sanderson, b Mitchell	0
Errington, b Mitchell	7
Craig, b Wilkinson	0
Morten, b Wilkinson	2
Hodgson, b Wilkinson	3
Robson, b Wilkinson	6
Morgan, b Wilkinson	0
Bowden, not out	3
Harrison, c Clennell	4
Harkness, c Bentley	5
Extras	3
Total	41

OXHILL JUNIORS v. CRAGHEAD JUNIORS.

Played at Oxhill, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Scores:

CRAGHEAD.

Bruce, c Besford, b McVittie	6
Muncaster, c Hunter, b Armstrong	2
Bell, b Armstrong	1
Pattinson, c Lumley, b Armstrong	4
Hunter, c and b Armstrong	3
Young, b Dixon	4
Burton, b Dixon	2
French, b Armstrong	2
Brown, b Armstrong	0
Hawks, c Benfold, b Armstrong	0
Pomeroy, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	26

OXHILL.

Lumley, b Bruce	3
Hunter, b Bruce	1
Palmer, b Hunter	0
Armstrong, b Hunter	0
Dixon, c Pomeroy, b Hunter	2
McVittie, c French, b Bruce	4
Besford, b Bruce	0
Vasey, b Bruce	1
Benfold, not out	2
Platton, c French, b Bruce	4
Errington, b Bruce	2
Extras	5
Total	24

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

Results up to date—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Norton	5	4	1	0	4
Tudhoe	5	2	2	1	1
Sunderland	3	1	2	0	1
Chester-le-Street	4	2	0	2	0
Durham City	4	1	2	1	0
North Durham	5	2	1	2	0
Consett	4	1	2	1	0
Whitburn	2	0	2	0	0
Philadelphia	4	2	1	1	—1
Bishop Auckland	3	0	2	1	—1
Craghead	4	1	1	2	—1
West Hartlepool	3	0	2	1	—1
South Shields	2	0	0	2	—2

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The results up to date are—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
South Hetton	5	4	1	0	3
South Tanfield	4	3	1	0	2
Chilton Moor	6	3	3	0	0
Hetton Lyons	5	3	2	0	2
Stanley	2	1	1	0	0
Littletown	4	2	2	0	0
Eppleton	4	1	1	2	0
Washington	5	2	2	1	0
Felling Temperance	5	2	3	0	—1
Sacriston	4	1	2	1	—1
Burnhope	1	0	0	1	—1
Burnopfield	3	0	3	0	—2

STANLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Appended are the results to date—

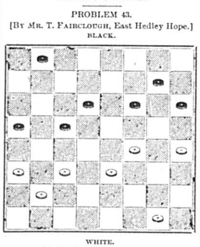
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Stanley	3	3	0	0	6
Craghead	3	3	0	0	6
Allendale	1	1	0	0	2
South Moor P M	3	1	0	2	2
South Moor	3	0	0	3	0
Oxhill	2	0	0	2	0
Medomsley	0	0	0	0	0

DRAUGHTS.

PROBLEM 43.

[By Mr. T. Fairclough, East Hedley Hope.]

BLACK.



WHITE.

Black to move; what result?

Key to Draught Board.—At the commencement of each game the black men always occupy squares 1 to 12, and the white men from 21 to 32.

Solution to Problem 42:—

31—26	21—17	17—14	2—7	26—23	14—10
22—18	18—15	11—8	15—10	10—3	B. wins.

Two games played between Messrs Richmond and Mackie at South Shields, in cup-tie, Shields v. Stanley:—

Mr J. Mackie's Move—Single Corner.

11—15	29—25	15—24	7—16	6—10	11—16
22—18	8—12	28—19	22—15	22—17	3—8
15—22	27—24	9—14	16—19	13—22	16—20
25—18	9—13	18—9	23—16	26—17	8—11
8—12	30—26	5—14	12—19	3—7	19—24
26—22	6—9	19—15	15—11	11—8	11—15
4—8	32—27	11—18	1—6	7—11	10—19
24—20	10—15	20—11	25—22	8—3	17—10
12—16	21—19				White wins.

Mr J. L. Richmond's Move—Cross.

11—15	7—14	25—9	11—15	21—14	25—22
23—18	24—20	5—14	19—16	22—25	11—7
8—11	6—10	29—25	12—19	16—11	14—18
27—23	22—17	11—15	23—16	7—16	23—14
4—8	2—7	25—22	14—18	20—11	22—26
23—19	32—27	15—24	22—17	25—20	31—22
10—14	9—13	28—19	18—22	26—23	1—6
19—10	30—26	8—11	17—14	29—25	10—1
14—23	13—22	27—23	10—17	14—10	3—26
26—19					Drawn.

SOUTH SHIELDS V. STANLEY.

A match between these clubs took place on Saturday afternoon last, at Brown's Cocoa Rooms, South Shields, the home team scoring a decisive victory. Scores:—

Shields.	W.	D.	W.	Stanley.
J. L. Richardson	2	2	0	J. Mackie
W. Lumsley	1	3	0	I. Harkness
J. Lumsley	1	2	1	J. Clark
P. Hanlon	1	3	0	C. Ross
J. Bawn	1	3	0	H. Jackson
T. R. Jones	1	3	0	J. Littleton
J. Foord	3	1	0	J. Walker
G. Scott	2	2	0	W. Lake
F. Hetheridgton	2	1	1	J. Pendleton
T. S. Prince	0	3	1	J. Turner
	14	23	3	

Correspondents are requested to address their letters—"Draughts Editor," *Consett Chronicle.*

AUCTION MART SALES.

Benfieldside, May 31.—Mr Murray had forward at the Mart on Monday 15 fat cattle, 1 bull, 50 fat sheep, 53 fat lambs, 4 ewes and lambs, 11 calves, 2 stirks, 1 cob, 1 pony, 2 geld cows, and a large quantity of poultry. Young bull, £14 10s, Mr E. Stokoe; heifers to £17 17s 6d, Messrs Annandale; to £16 17s 6d, Mr G. Graham, Kipper Lynn; £17 5s, Mr S. Brewis; £15 2s 6d, Mr R. Murray; bullocks, £17 12s 6d to £18 12s 6d, Messrs Graham; others, £11 10s to £15; fat cows to £11; stirks, £5; calves, 25s to 60s; lambs to 42s 6d each, top the Derwent Flour Mill Farm, Newlands; sheep to 53s, top Messrs Annandale; cob, 19½gs.; geld cows to £8 10s. There was a large company present, and a fair, good selling trade throughout, everything being sold with the exception of one calf. Next Monday being a holiday, the sale at this mart will commence at half-past ten o'clock.

Tow Law, May 31.—Mr Vickers had [illegible] 32 dairy cows and heifers, 24 fat cattle, [illegible] cattle, 15 calves, 75 fat sheep and hogg[illegible] lambs. Cows made up to £17; fat heife[illegible] £15 12s 6d to £17 2s 6d, from Messrs th[illegible]dale Iron Company, Limited; to £16 7s [illegible] Mr F. Sanderson, Littlewhite; fat bu[illegible] £17 10s, from Mr G. Raine, Oxclose; [illegible] 60s; fat hoggs to 50s 3d, from Mr B. [illegible] Etherly; to 40s, from Mr T. Nesbitt, [illegible] clipped hoggs to 47s, from Mr W. [illegible] Witton-le-Wear; north-country clipp[illegible] fat lambs to 42s, top Mr T. Fairless, [illegible] to 34s 6d, from Mrs Hodgson, Wols[illegible] 31s 3d, from Mr Jos. Walton, Thorn[illegible] from Mr J. Urwin, Dunskins, Mr J[illegible] Willington, and Mr Joseph Craig, E[illegible]

LETTERS to the EDITOR.

As it is desired to make the *Consett Chronicle* a medium for intelligent discussion to its readers, Correspondence is invited from all who have useful information to communicate. But contributors must distinctly understand that all communications sent will be subject to the Editor's revision, and that all statements of a personal, offensive, or impolite character will be unhesitatingly expunged. Correspondents should always criticise the action or the practice complained of, and not the person whom they consider to be at fault. Communications from working men on matters of public interest are frequently the most valuable, and Correspondence of this class is especially invited. The Editor will most willingly revise the letters of those who favour him with their contributions.

The name and address of the writer must accompany all communications. These will not be given where the writer does not wish his identity to be known; nor will they, in any case, or under any circumstances whatever, be given to inquirers. Correspondents replying to letters which have appeared in the *Chronicle*, bearing the names and addresses of the writers, are expected to do so over their *bona-fide* names.

Letters ought to be forwarded as early in the week as possible. Communications of this description will be received up to nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, but on no account can they be inserted if sent after this hour.

THE CONTINUITY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Consett Chronicle."

Sir,—It is proverbially a bad cause which has to be supported by abuse, and the tone and language of the letter of your correspondent, who signs himself "English Catholic," can hardly have any weight with your readers, except it be to disgust them with the cause he champions. But it is possible that the appearance of learning and research in his letter may mislead some who have not the opportunity to verify his statements, so I ask the favour of a little space to deal with one or two of his strange perversions of history and fact.

"English Catholic" asserts that to say that the Council of Arles (314) was not summoned by the Bishop of Rome, but by the Emperor Constantine, is "a gratuitous assertion, devoid of text or authority." He will be interested to know that the contemporary Church historian, Eusebius (x., 5), quotes a letter from the Emperor Constantine, in which these words occur, "Since, therefore, *we have commanded* a number of bishops from a great many different places to assemble in the city of Arles," &c. (the context is simply a command to an individual bishop, Chrestus, to attend the Council at the public expense). And when the Council of Arles did meet, the Bishop of the place, Marinus, presided, the legates of Rome occupying the *second* place.

Again, in speaking of St. Wilfrid, and his appeals to Rome, "English Catholic" has omitted to state that the Saint was *not* re-instated in his see, but given Ripon and Hexham as a compromise. It really seems obvious that at this time in the English Church, while great weight was attached to an opinion from Rome, there was no idea of a necessary obedience to the Pope as a divinely-appointed "Vicar of Christ." Wilfrid's appeals to Rome were strongly resented in England. For the sake of peace, the above compromise was made and acquiesced in.

But under the head, Blot 6, we read, "It is an historical fact that not only at the Councils of Arles and Nice, but at Sardica, in 347, the Pope's authority was acknowledged, and subscribed to, by British bishops, and the appeal to the Pope in all ecclesiastical causes, from every part of the world, was confirmed." *Splendide mendax!* There is hardly a word of truth in this comprehensive statement. Neither at Arles nor Nice was there any mention of the authority of Rome, nor an appeal to Rome. Indeed, the former Council was summoned (as we have seen) by Constantine to decide a question which had *already* been tried at Rome. At Nice there were *no* British bishops present at all! The only kernel of truth in the whole of this statement is that at Sardica the bishops, at the suggestion of the president, granted to the Bishop of Rome the right, if he thought fit, to order a new trial in the case of a condemned bishop. This right was apparently conferred as quite a new thing, and it will be seen is of a very limited character. Moreover, Sardica was only a local Council, and never received universal sanction, in spite of Roman attempts to confuse its canons with those of the great Council of Nice.

Some other misleading statements I will pass over rapidly. Under Blot 7, he quotes the decision that "the holy and ever-virgin and immaculate Mary is properly and truly the mother of God," as if it were equivalent to the doctrine of the "Immaculate Conception." He knows perfectly well that it is nothing of the sort, but simply the decision of the Third General Council (Ephesus, 431), and he knows also that the doctrine of the "Immaculate Conception" was a disputed question in the Roman Church for centuries after the date he quotes.

Again (Blot 10), as "English Catholic" seems to be unwilling to read Bede, may I be allowed to quote to him the words of that historian, which show St. Aidan's independence of Rome on one point at least (which in those days was considered of first-class importance), "I have written thus about the character and the works of the aforesaid man (Aidan) while I in no wise praise or approve his imperfect knowledge as to the right observance of Easter, nay thoroughly detesting it." (Bede, Hist. iii., 17).

Lastly, as "English Catholic" is fond of challenges, I, in return, will challenge him to produce one atom of proof of his statement that the present English clergy are "men who are only appointed as the paid officials of the State. The Crown," he says "makes them, the Crown can unmake them." It is hard to conceive a more shameless falsehood than this. Surely this controversy is of too serious and solemn a character to be thus disfigured by lies and abuse. If Rome be right, her champions need not be afraid either to speak the truth, or to speak courteously.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

A.R.W.

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To the Editor of the "Consett Chronicle."

Sir,—I have followed the correspondence on the above subject in your valuable columns with interest and profit, and some degree of amusement. "English Catholic" is an able champion of his cause, I grant, but I cannot see that any good is likely to result from the publicity that is bein giveng to his letters. Neither the Rev. Mr Watts nor any other writer can convince him that the English Church of to-day is the same Church that existed before the Reformation. He gives the lie direct to all such assertions. The Roman Catholic Church never deals in this article. Oh, no! The Pope is infallible. But in this connection, it is a curious fact that the Pope of Rome claims to be the lineal descendant of the only one of Christ's apostles that ever told a lie—St. Peter! I will say no more, but beg to remain, in expectations of a reply,

ENGLISH CHURCHMAN.

THE PROPOSED VOLUNTEER CORPS.

To the Editor of the "Consett Chronicle."

Sir,—I read in your issue of May 28th, the interesting letter of "Patriotic" on the above subject. Now, it certainly is strange that in a town like Consett a corps has not been commenced long before this. What is the reason? Not, surely, because of a lack of supporters, for every energetic young fellow would be only too glad to give his services. When we look at a place like Tow Law having a corps, it is really a disgrace to us to think we are so far behind. It seems as if we had none of the true patriotic spirit, or loyalty to our Queen about us. If those gentlemen who are interested in the affair would call the public meeting that was spoken of, there is no doubt that there will be a large attendance of enthusiastic supporters, and a decision in favour of the establishment of a corps.—I am, yours truly, A SUPPORTER.

Leadgate, May 31st, 1897.

THORNLEY.

[illegible]DENT.—On Saturday morning, a [illegible]med Craig, of Elm Park, sustained [illegible]uries to one of his feet through the [illegible]rge piece of stone.

[illegible]INTZ COLLIERY.

[illegible]ESCAPE OF A BOY.—On Saturday [illegible] Charles Cunningham (15) a boy [illegible]ntz Colliery, was passing the [illegible]rside Colliery, his coat caught [illegible] large wheel which drives a [illegible]he poor fellow was whirled [illegible]heel. The result was that he [illegible]ken arm, and his ribs were

OBITUARY ANNALS OF NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

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In these papers it is proposed to give some account of the most remarkable occurrences in the whole area of the Lanchester Union during a period of sixty years. It is believed that they will be of interest to the readers of the *Chronicle*, and their co-operation is solicited in making the record as complete as possible. The utmost care has been taken to give nothing that would be likely to cause offence or give pain. Many of the events chronicled will be within the recollection of some of our older readers, and we shall be glad to receive additional facts relative to any of the events or people mentioned. The record has been compiled with great care, and the names and dates may be accepted as absolutely correct. With a view to making this department of the *Chronicle* interesting, the Editor will be glad to answer, free of charge, inquiries respecting the date of the death of any person in North-West Durham during the period covered by the record.

1853.

2 March, James Haswell, 39, platelayer, Leadgate, killed on the railway.

26 April, Ralph Parmella, farmer, Toft House, Tanfield, aged 62.

1 May, Mary, widow of Thomas Jaques, Annfield Plain, aged 54.

5 May, Hannah, wife of Matthew Carr, Causey Row, aged 64.

9 May, Isabella, widow of George Ettringham, Leap Bank, Tanfield, aged 80.

15 May, Francis Jackson, farmer, Plane Tree House, Tanfield, aged 78.

20 May, Robert Fenwick, Esh, aged 86.

24 May, Samuel Blakely, 36, and Edward Mc Mahon, 38, farmer, Blackhill, killed by the bursting of a boiler at Conside Iron Works.

27 May, Edward Mosley, Flint Hill, aged 86.

1 June, Margaret, widow of George Cuthbert, Shield Row, aged 78.

1 June, George Atkinson, farmer, Andrew's House, aged 76.

12 June, Andrew McAtterick, miner Leadgate, killed in the Latter Day Saint Pit.

13 June, Sarah, wife of John Curry, innkeeper, Ushaw, aged 42.

15 June, Thomas Brown, nailer, White-le-Head, aged 62.

22 June, John, aged 8, son of Thomas Temperley, quarryman, Benfieldside, drowned while bathing in the river Derwent.

25 June, Shute Adam George Thompson, surveyor of highways, Annfield Plain, aged 42.

30 June, Joseph, aged 3, son of George Simpson, shingler, Conside, killed by faling from a ladder.

14 July, Robert Pace, Flint Hill, aged 74.

14 July, William Oxley, farmer, Shield Row, aged 86.

19 July, Mary, wife of Nicholas Smailes, Tantobie, aged 63.

21 July, Jane, widow of John Thompson, mariner, Tanfield, aged 73.

31 July, Miles Oswald, engineman, Kyo, aged 80.

4 Aug., John Blackburn, aged 28, brakesman, Annfield Plain, died from scalds received by the bursting of a boiler from want of water at Ponton Colliery, on the 23 July.

7 Aug., Alexander Wilson, plugman, Conside, aged 32, "fell into a shaft for water, and was drowned."

10 Aug., Joseph Curry, aged 44, pitman, killed by a fall of stone in Stanley Pit.

17 Aug., Ralph Shevill, farmer, Harelaw, aged 63.

17 Aug., Jane, wife of Peter Gibson, shoemaker, Medomsley, aged—

19 Aug., Thomas Murray, charcoal burner, Bourn Crook, aged 54.

22 Aug., Andrew, son of Joseph Robinson, wood merchant, Tanfield, aged 22.

23 Aug., Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Bell, colliery overman, Annfield Plain, aged 34.

17 Sept., Ralph Brown, mason, Ewehurst Head, aged 77.

19 Sept., Anthony Brown, farmer, Howden Bank, aged 63.

19 Sept., Nicholas Oley, swordmaker, Cutlers' Hall, aged 78, died of cholera, certified.

28 Sept., George Bulmer, Beamish, Red Row, aged 82.

1 Oct., Thomas Fewster, blacksmith, Ebchester, aged 74.

2 Oct., Richardson Parker, grocer, Crookhall, aged 54.

6 Oct., Miss Jane Whinney, Lanchester, aged 73.

8 Oct., Andrew Thorburn, Shotley Bridge, aged 93.

11 Oct., John Lennard, 40, fireman, Consett, "suffocated under rubbish by boiler bursting from flaw in plate."

12 Oct., John Lazonby, weaver, Steeley, Lanchester, aged 67.

13 Oct., Matthew Turnbull, blacksmith, Annfield Plain, aged 74.

17 Oct., Robert Turnbull, gardener, Beamish, Red Row, aged 76.

18 Oct., John Arkless, farmer, Tantobie, aged 63.

18 Oct., William Thompson, Ebchester, aged 56, died of Asiatic cholera, certified.

19 Oct., Elizabeth, widow of William Ord, teacher, Highgate, aged 45.

25 Oct., John Robinson, woodman, Pontop Cottage, aged 77.

27 Oct., Margaret, wife of William Mansell, teacher, Medomsley, aged 47.

28 Oct., Sarah, widow of Robert Norton, Lanchester, aged 83.

9 Nov., Bridget, widow of Felix Johnson, Leadgate, aged 58, run over by wagons at Crookhall.

10 Nov., George Muncaster, farmer, Castleside, aged 82.

15 Nov., Duncan Stuart, woodman, Stuart Field Lodge, aged 88.

16 Nov., Ann, wife of William Shields, shipwright, High Conside, aged 31, died of cholera, certified, 10 hours illness.

17 Nov., Isabella, wife of George Hall, farmer, Harelaw, aged 71.

17 Nov., Ann, widow of William Stephenson, Kyo Burn, aged 85.

25 Nov., Miss Isabella Oliver, Low Gladdow, aged 55.

30 Nov., Ellen, wife of Thomas Embleton, land agent, Shotley Bridge, aged 70.

5 Dec., Walter Grieve, surgeon, Lanchester, aged 57.

7 Dec., William Oley, cutler, Cutlers' Hall, aged 83.

9 Dec., William Lamb, tailor, Burnopfield, aged 79.

9 Dec., James Forster, woodman, Burnopfield, aged 91.

11 Dec., William Muse, farmer, Castle Hills, Healeyfield, aged 64.

14 Dec., Hannah, wife of James Urwin, colliery agent, Hobson Pit, aged 62.

26 Dec., Elizabeth, widow of John Murton, draper, Blackhill, aged 74.

28 Dec., Isabella, widow of Robert Bestford, Ewehurst Head, aged 73.

23 Dec., Matthew Irwin, cartwright, Tanfield, aged 65.

30 Dec., Thomas Wilson, aged 68, engineman, fell on to the fly wheel of the engine at Causey Wood, and died the following day.

31 Dec., Hannah, widow of Leybourne Wilson, shoemaker, Shotley Bridge, aged 59.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Inquirer, Medomsley.—Thomas Garthwaite died 8th April, 1878.

R., Craghead.—8th March, 1883, was the date of Elizabeth Wilson's death. She was 81 years old.

W. A., Annfield Plain.—Robert Clark was killed at Lintz Colliery, on the 10th July, 1874. The dates given in the Annals are correct in all cases, and may be safely copied on to a tombstone.

Slonks, Shotley Bridge.—We are glad to hear that the Annals are interesting you so much. Elizabeth Redshaw died on the 6th January, 1880. She was 100 years old, not 103, as you say. We knew George Siddle well, and he will be referred to at the proper time. He died at Consett on the 20th November, 1879.

H., Quebec.—Alexander Heslop died on the 4th of June, 1878. We cannot answer the other question.

Stanlevite.—Betsy Young was said to be 102 years old at the time of her death. She died at Lintz Colliery, on the 9th July, 1879.

J. T., Dipton.—Thomas Young was killed by an explosion of gunpowder in the Delight Pit at Dipton, on the 17th August, 1874.

Inquirer, Tanfield.—William Fletcher was found dead under the Causey Arch on the 12th November, 1884.

R., Blackhill.—John Thomas Pounder died at Brazil Cottage on the 28th April, 1883.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A CONSETT MAN.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

At the Consett Police Court, on Monday evening, before Mr William Aynsley, Henry Phillipson, a young man living in Palmerston Street, Consett, was charged with forgery, thereby defrauding the Postmaster General of £4.—Mr Frank Orson Wood, a detective officer in the Postal Department, said that on April last the prisoner was lodging in the same house as two other men, one of his companions being named Morgan, who had a banking account with the Post Office Savings Bank. The accused seems to have obtained temporary possession of Morgan's bank-book and forging the latter's signature to the form of withdrawl, for £4, the sum was duly paid over to Phillipson at the Blackhill Post Office. Accused afterwards returned the bank-book to where he originally found it, and it was only when Morgan was about to deposit some more money in the Savings Bank that he discovered that £4 had been withdrawn without his knowledge or authority.—Prisoner, who admitted his guilt, was remained until Monday next.

WEDDING AT LANCHESTER.

A very pretty and interesting ceremony took place in the Lanchester Parish Church, on Tuesday afternoon, when the marriage took place of Miss Elizabeth Wood, the second daughter of the late Mr Samuel Wood, of Consett, and Mr Frank Warwick, son of Mr Thomas Warwick, of Barnard Castle. The bridegroom is a member of the police force, and has for about four years lived in the district, and is at present stationed at Blackhill. The event excited considerable interest, and many friends of both the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the vicar, the Rev. G. Jepson. The bride looked exceedingly pretty, her appearance evoking many expressions of admiration and approval from those present. Her dress was of grey shot silk, with trimmings to match. She wore a fawn hat, tastefully trimmed, and carried an exquisite boquet, composed of lilies, asparagus, and maiden hair ferns. She was given away by her brother, Mr William Wood. The bridesmaids were Miss Polly Wood, Miss Annie Wood (sisters of the bride), Miss Lizzie Wood (cousin), and Misses Nelly and Ada Patterson. Miss Polly Wood was dressed in grey alpaca, with steel trimmings and hat to match. Miss Annie Wood was attired in grey, with hat to match. Miss Lizzie Wood (Newbottle) wore a green dress, trimmed with white satin. She wore a white picture hat with tips and trimmings to match. The Misses Patterson looked charming in their white embroidery dresses and white hats. The bridesmaids carried lovely boquets, and wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. P.C. Carruthers, of Consett, was the best man. The honeymoon is to be spent at Harrogate. The presents, which were numerous and costly, were as follows:—Mrs Wood (mother of the bride), bed and bedding, &c.; Mr Wm. Wood, bedroom set and brass rolling pin; Mr G. Wood, pair of hand painted vases; Mr S. Wood, cake dishes and butter dish; Miss P. Wood, bamboo fern stand; Miss A. Wood, pair of fancy brackets; Mr J. R. Maxwell, pair of hand-painted pictures; Mrs J. R. Maxwell, dining table; Mrs G. Patterson, brass bedstead and mattress; Mr G. Patterson, five o'clock tea table; Miss Nellie Patterson, cheese dish and silver jelly spoon; Miss Ida Patterson, sugar basin and cream jug; Mr J. Bulman, dinner set; Mr and Mrs G. Wood, tea and breakfast set; Mr and Mrs Watson, linen tablecloth; Mrs Wood (Newbottle), silver cruet; Supt. Benzies, rocking chair; Mrs Benzies, pair of ornaments and butter dish; Mrs Palmer, kettle and teapot; Mr Rodger (Darlington), pair of blankets; P.C. Iceton (Stanley) case of silver mounted carvers; P.C. Carruthers, set of knives and forks, silver tea and desert spoons; Miss M. Craig, linen table cloth; Mrs Taylor, dinner knives and forks; Mr and Mrs Lockey, oak coal box; Mr and Mrs Lynn, tray, decanters, and glasses; Mrs Oliver, brass kettle stand; Mrs Roberts, cheese dish; Mrs Surtees, pair of flower vases; Miss Wood (Newbottle), breakfast cruet and salt cellars; Miss Gertie Best, table cloth; Mr Earl Best, fancy cake dish; Miss Lizzie Wood, brass candlesticks and fancy basket; Mr and Mrs Warwick, Gainford, cheque; The Police of the Lanchester Division and friends, handsome marble timepiece; Mr Bamblett, silver dinner cruet; Miss Maxwell, silver breakfast cruet; Mr Harrison, sugar and cream jug. The carriages were supplied by Mr T. C. Rawes, Consett.

CHOPWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly-formed Board was held on Tuesday afternoon, in the Board Room, Spen. There were present the Rev. G. D'Eath, and Messrs J. R. Gilchrist, W. Richardson, E. Stoker, and Ward Ord (Deputy Clerk).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr D'Eath proposed that Mr Gilchrist be asked to accept the Chairmanship of the New Board. He had acted, during the last few months, in the absence of the Chairman, in that capacity, and he felt sure they would all be pleased to see him in the chair.

Mr Richardson seconded with the greatest of pleasure. He was glad that Mr Gilchrist had been proposed, as in the preceding year, although he then headed the poll, he had given way to Mr Oliver.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to, and The Chairman said that, after waiting for a quarter of an hour, the other members had not arrived. He thanked them for having elected him to the office, as he thought they did so simply because of the experience he had had in fulfilling the duties. He hoped that the meetings would prove as satisfactory as those of the last two Boards. He would strive to remember that their Board was elected for the purpose of looking after the interests of education, and not for any outside object.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that they had a member who had been connected with three Boards, and had attended regularly to his duties. He had great pleasure in proposing Mr Richardson for the vice-chair. He was sure that Mr Richardson would ably support him, and when he was not able to be present, he (Mr Richardson) would rule over them with justice and every consideration. He must again express his regret that all their colleagues were not present to express their views, and either support or oppose the nominations which had been made. It was probable that they had been unavoidably detained, and would be present before the meeting was over.

Mr D'Eath seconded the nomination of Mr Richardson, which was carried unanimously.

Mr Richardson, in returning thanks, said that he had the honour to be the oldest member of the Board.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Attendance Officer (Mr Wm. Hunter) reported that during the month he had made enquiry after 210 absentee and irregular scholars. The attendance was not very satisfactory, owing to the fact that there were cases of whooping cough and other ailments all over the district. The principal cause of absence, however, was the indifference of the parents.

The report was adopted.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The Headmaster (Mr T. Coulson) reported that there had been an average daily attendance of 271·4. The percentage was 86. Seven children had been admitted, and twenty-one withdrawn. The progress of the classes had been ordinary. The School had been visited by Her Majesty's Inspector, and work had suffered owing to the irregularity of attendance.

THE MIDSUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Mr Richardson moved, and Mr D'Eath seconded, and it was agreed, that the schools be allowed five weeks' holidays, instead of the customary four, as some of the teachers would sit for their certificate examination, and would thus have a full month's rest, and the extra week would be a means of commemorating Her Majesty's Jubilee.

INFANTS' MISTRESS'S REPORT.

The Infants' Mistress (Mrs Melhuish) reported that the number of children on the books was 197; the percentage was 82·3, and the number admitted was five, and the number withdrawn five. Work had progressed satisfactorily, though the attendance had been much interrupted.

The report was adopted.

FINANCIAL.

The Clerk reported that he had thought that when the cheques had been paid the account would be overdrawn by slightly over £34. He had, however, been informed that the precept of £200 had been collected, and put into the bank.

Cheques amounting to £104 1s 5d were ordered for signature, after which the Board rose.

DEATH OF MR JOHN PARKER, OF LEADGATE.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Mr John Parker, of Leadgate, which occurred at his residence on Tuesday morning last. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for nearly twelve months, and had been for sometime confined to his bed. The end came at about nine o'clock, when, in the presence of his son, Mr J. E. Parker, and his two daughters, he passed quietly away. He was quite conscious up to half-an-hour before his death. The deceased gentleman, who was well known and highly respected throughout the district, was 63 years of age. He was born in Allendale, Northumberland, and subsequently went to Blaydon, at which place his father established a flourishing business. About forty years ago, he came to Leadgate, when that place was in its infancy, and commenced the businesses there and at Dipton which have, been ever since associated with his name. It is a curious fact that just prior to his decease he had disposed of both shops, intending to retire into private life. Mr Parker has taken an active part in public life, and will not readily be forgotten. He was one of the founders of the Leadgate Local Board, of which he was for a considerable time a member. For a long period, he was a member of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, and an overseer of the poor. He took an active interest in the erection of St. Ives' Church, and fulfilled the duties of treasurer to the building fund. He has many times occupied the position of churchwarden, and manifested great interest in the welfare of the Church. He was an active politician, and up till 1880 was an adherent of the Liberal party, from which he then seceded, becoming a sturdy advocate of the policy pursued by the late Earl of Beaconsfield. He was a member of the Constance Lodge of Freemasons, in connection with which he has held the office of senior deacon. He was a sturdy supporter of sports and pastimes of every form. By his decease, Leadgate Football Club have lost a friend, and sportsmen generally will feel that they have been bereft of a loyal and disinterested patron. Genial and kindly, Mr Parker endeared himself to all who knew him, and he will be greatly missed. His wife, who predeceased him by about fourteen years, was a descendant of the Shotton family who farmed the land on which Consett and district now stands, before many of the towns and villages of North-West Durham had sprung into existence. He leaves three sons—Mr J. E. Parker, Mr T. Parker, and Mr Jas. H. Parker—and two daughters.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT AT STANLEY.

Summer entertainments are not, as a rule, largely patronised, but the "hardy annual" given by the children of the West Stanley Board School has always been a glorious exception to this rule; and this year, judging from the enormous attendance at the Co-operative Hall, on Tuesday evening, its popularity is greater than ever. For the last two years, it has been found necessary to repeat the concert, and so many people had to be turned away on Tuesday evening, that Mr Little, the popular headmaster of the School, will, we hope, be again induced to favour the people of Stanley with a repetition of the performance. The first event on the programme was the chorus "Laughing Song," which fully justified its name, inasmuch as the rendering of it kept the audience in a state of continuous merriment. Masters W. Rose, A. Bell, M. Wilson, and J. T. Long then sang "Jolly hard lines" in such "taking" fashion as to completely captivate the audience, and necessitate an encore. A number of the boy scholars then gave an exhibition of free exercises to the tunes of "Bonny Dundee," "I'll stick to the ship boys," and other favourite tunes. This, though very pleasing, was not quite so efficiently rendered as the ensuing dumb-bell exercises. A musical recitation entitled "The singer" was next given by Miss S. E. Brown. The delivery was faultless, though the hall is rather too large to suit the compass of the reciters' voices. The chorus came in at the end of each verse, the children very pleasantly and appropriately singing "Oh, Paradise, Oh, Paradise." Bar-bell exercises by a number of girls was the next item on the programme, and we have pleasure in congratulating the performers on the excellent time and judgment they displayed. "Dorothy Dean" and other tunes were well rendered. Miss E. Ritson then sang "The Nipper's Lullaby." This young lady, who has previously been referred to in the *Chronicle*, possesses a very sweet voice, and ought to develope into a first-class singer. Her singing on this occasion was delightful. The Boys Brigade then gave an exhibition of dumb-bell exercises, under the personal superintendence of Mr Little. They appeared in the football costume of the famous Lilywhites, and thereby at once established themselves warm favourites. Such training is certain to exercise a most valuable effect in the production of muscle and stamina, and all parents ought to be grateful to Mr Little and Mr Leighton for the special attention they devote to this branch of educational work. "Jack in the Box" produced much merriment. Mr Little himself was engaged in keeping Jack in the box, and had to submit to much chaff from the willing captive.

The second part of the programme consisted of the cantata, "Britannia, Queen of the Ocean," in which the various countries were represented as follows:—Britannia, Miss D. M. Welsh; Erin, Miss E. Ritson; Scotia, Miss E. Routledge; Wales, Master T. J. Long; Australia, Messrs Rowe, Larkman, Smith, Hughes, Bates, Rowell, and J. J. Long; Cape Colony, Messrs Anderson, Bell, Peart, Armstrong, Castling, Todd, and Marriott; Indian Princess, Miss I. Hunter; attendants, W. Gibbon and W. Dobson; Isles of the Sea, Misses Oliver, Thynne, Allison, Hudspith, Boucher, Bates, Errington, Turnbull, S. E. Brown, Foster, Green, Purvis, and Cook; Canada, Messrs R. Green and T. G. Little; India, Messrs Pascoe and Anderson. The costumes were exceedingly well chosen, and the grouping was most perfectly arranged. Miss Dora May Welsh was quite at her best in the *role* of Britannia. Her songs included "Mother of a myriad race" and "The red, red rose," whilst she also joined in the trio, "The rose, thistle, and shamrock," her colleagues in this piece being Miss E. Ritson (Erin) and Miss E. Routledge (Scotia). Amongst the solos rendered were "I sing the thistle" (Scotia) and "The shamrock is Ireland's pride," both being acceptably rendered. The choruses included "hail, Britannia," "Advance, Australia," "Canada," "The Triple Throne," "Gallant little Wales," "Call to Remembrance," "Who comes here, Britannia?" "Now, O Queen, assembled here," "Federation," and others. Master Long (Wales) sang "There's a beautiful country" in good style, and the other musical items were all capably rendered. The sailors' song, with chorus, and sword drill, by the Stanley blue-jackets, had been looked forward to with very keen interest, and the performance itself was so good as to exceed all anticipations. Mr Little, Mr Leighton, and the other teachers connected with the School must have laboured both long and diligently to bring their scholars to such a condition of excellence. We congratulate them on the results of their labours, which, we feel sure, will be advantageous to the scholars themselves, and pleasing to the School Board and the parents. It ought to be mentioned that Miss A. Armstrong acted as accompanist on the piano. We may add that she performed the somewhat heavy duties of the position very capably.

LEADGATE COOKERY CLASS.

The members of this class, which is held in the Redwell Hills and Brooms' School on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings in each weak, entertained their friends to a social entertainment in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, on Monday evening last. The class has been one of the most successful of the kind in the country, and owing to the large number of girls attending, it was deemed advisable to divide the class into three sections. The idea of giving a social entertainment to the friends had long been thought of, but it was ultimately decided that it should take place last Monday evening. The refreshments were provided and made by the pupils themselves, under the able supervision of Miss M. McCurley. The tables were presided over by the girls, who assisted alternately in looking after the wants of the guests. The arrangements passed off without a hitch, and those responsible are to be congratulated upon the successful manner in which the entertainment had been set on foot, and carried out. Dancing was kept up until midnight to the strains of music supplied by Mr George Richardson, who was occasionally assisted on the piano by Miss M. A. McCurley. Several songs were sung, one by Mr F. Caffery being highly appreciated. The company, to the number of 150, spent a very enjoyable evening. The following were the guests:—Miss Todd, Miss McCurley, Miss Batey, Miss Steel, Miss Coulthard, Miss Devlin, Miss Rowland, Miss McVeigh, Miss J. Orchard, the Misses Campbell, Miss A. Hogan, Miss J. Hughes, Miss Tereasa Hughes, Miss Jane Toner, Miss Rose A. McGuire, Miss E. Dodd, Miss M. A. McDonald, Mrs Reed, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Proctor, Miss K. Donnelly, Miss Stobbs, Miss L. Loughran, Miss M. Loughran, Miss E. Marren, Miss M. Robson, Mrs K. Hogan, Miss S. A. Kane, Miss R. A. Daly, Miss E. Small, Mr J. Hill, Mr Curry, Miss E. Loughran, Miss Bowlen, Miss J. Matthews, Mr B. Rodgers, Mr M. Clare, Mr T. McGrachan, Mr J. Docherty, Miss W. Docherty, Mr N. Hill, Mr C. Todd, Mr R. Cranston, Stanley; Mr Lamb, Consett, Miss E. Caffery, Mr F. Caffery, Mr and Mrs J. Roberts, Miss Bradley, (Consett); Miss Devlin, Mr J. Devlin, Mr J. McQuillan, Mr Hugh McQuillan, Mr and Mrs Reed, Miss M. Quinn, Miss Mullen, Consett; Miss Pigg, Miss S. Devlin, Miss Harvey, Miss Ruddick, Miss Batey, Mr S. Thompson, Miss Tate, Mr W. Turnbull, Mr W. Graham, Mr Turner, Miss A. Clare, Mr R. Kelly, Mr and Mrs T. Reed, Miss McGuire, Miss Grant, Miss J. T. Turner, Miss K. Small, Miss S. McCurley, Miss L. McCurley, Miss M. A. McCurley, Mr F. McCurley, Mr Bowman, Miss M. A. Daly, Mr P. Matthews, Mr F. Hughes, Mr P. Daly, Mr P. Daly, Miss E. Dodds, Miss N. Cafferty, Mr G. Foreman, Misses Teasdale, Mr P. Hagan, Mr J. Monaghan, Miss J. Hughes, Mr G. Stoner, Mr S. Skelton, Mr F. Walker, Mr C. Browell, Mr J. Browell, Crookhall; Miss A. Quinn, Consett, Miss M. A. McClean, (Westwood); Mr P. Corr, Mr Tindall, Blackhill, Mr W. Smurthwaite, (Consett); Miss Smith, (Consett); Mr J. Hogan, Miss M. A. Small, Mr and Miss Stephenson, Mr and Miss Davies, Mr and Miss White, Mr and Misses Teasdale, Misses Temperley, Mr and Miss Foster, Mr and Miss Taylor, Mr Jones, Mr Laverick, Mr and Miss Jameson, Mr and Miss Charlton, Mr Davison, Mr Lee, Mr Foster and Miss Tate, Mr and Miss Wheatley, Mr and Miss Douglas, Mr and Miss Urwin, and others.

SOUTH MOOR.

Primitive Methodist Sunday School.—The annual tea and sports in connection with this Sunday school were arranged for Saturday, but, on account of the inclement weather, it was decided to postpone the sports. The tea was held in the chapel, and proved a huge success, about 200 scholars and friends being present. The ladies presiding at the tables were Misses Barnes, Savenick, Mason, Short, Bentley, and Wilkinson.

Sudden Death.—Some sensation was created in South Moor, on Thursday evening, by the announcement of a singularly sudden death which had occurred at Quaker Houses. The deceased, a man named John Dixon Bell, of Newcastle, was employed as a canvasser, for Mr Dixon, photographer, and on Wednesday night he stayed (as he had done on previous visits) one night with Mr Birkett, of 17, the Barracks. He went to bed apparently in his usual health, and about half-past eleven the following morning he was discovered dead in bed by Mr Birkett. Dr Johnson and Dr Ormonde were quickly in attendance, but of course they could do nothing, the man having evidently been dead for some hours at the time of their arrival. Deceased was about 41 years of age, and was not married. The inquest was held at the Stag Inn, South Moor, on Saturday afternoon, by Mr A. T. Sheppard, deputy coroner. The evidence shewed that deceased was a canvasser for Mr Dixon, photographer, Newcastle, and took lodgings at the Barracks, South Moor, on May 26th. He seemed all right when he went to bed at 10-30, but on the following morning, about 11 o'clock, he was found dead in bed by the landlord (James Birkett). Verdict: "Died from heart disease."

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MR. T. D. DRYDEN, honoured with instructions from R. Allen, Esq., Trustee, will SELL BY AUCTION, the whole of the STOCK and FIXTURES of Mr George Parsons, Draper, Consett, amounting to nearly £300, consisting of Gent's Ready-made Suits, Ladies' Jackets and Capes, Boys' Suits, Dress Serges, Ladies' Underclothing, Flannelettes, Calicoes, Shirtings, Linings, Trimmings, Ribbons, Shades, &c., with every article belonging to a General Drapery establishment; over 3,000 Lots.

The Auctioneer would call special attention to this Sale, as everything is practically new, and will be sold without reserve.

T. D. DRYDEN,
AUCTIONEER.
Offices:
65, Front Street, Consett.

QUARTERLY SALE of HORSES, TRAPS, &c., on WEDNESDAY FIRST, June 9th, 1897, at the Commercial Inn Stables, Stanley. 15 HORSES and PONIES, TRAPS, HARNESS, SUNDRIES, &c.—See Tuesday's *Daily Chronicle*. Sale at 1-30.

JOHN LOWES, AUCTIONEER.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.

THE NEXT SPECIAL SALE of GRAZING CATTLE and SHEEP, Young BULLS, &c., will be held on WEDNESDAY, June 9th, 1897.

Early Entries are respectfully invited.

JAMES TURNBULL, AUCTIONEER.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to Sell by Auction, at an early date, PROPERTY, at Shotley Bridge and Consett.

Five-Roomed DWELLING-HOUSE, No. 13, Ark Street, Consett.

Anyone wishing to dispose of Property or Shares can have them included.

Apply to the Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett.

BURNOPFIELD.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr Hull to Sell his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, at an early date.

[illegible]CHESTER STOCK MART COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.

[illegible]XT SALE, JUNE 14th, for DAIRY COWS, [illegible] FAT and STORE CATTLE, FAT and [illegible]ING SHEEP, and FAT LAMBS.
[illegible]ly Entries invited to
JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

[illegible]LSDON, instructed by Mr Wm. Smith, [illegible]ill Sell, in June, his HOUSE, situated [illegible] Street, Blackhill. Particulars in future [illegible]ments. N.B.—Property and Shares can [illegible] for this sale.

Sales by Auction.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.
MONDAY, June 7th, at HALF-PAST TEN o'clock.

10 to 15 FAT CATTLE.
60 FAT SHEEP.
20 FAT LAMBS.
VEAL and KEEPING CALVES.
DAIRY COWS and HEIFERS.
A Few STIRKS.
A PHÆTON, in good order.
10 STACK-YARD LADDERS.
4 STACK COVERS.
HAY RAKES, POULTRY, &c.
10 Bags POTATOES.

Sale at 10-30, on account of being Whit Monday.

J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.
MONDAY, June 7th, 1897.

35 to 55 DAIRY COWS and HEIFERS.
18 FAT CATTLE, including consignments of prime Heifers and Bullocks from Messrs. the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, Limited, and other feeders.
95 FAT SHEEP and HOGGS, among which is a Consignment of North-country Hoggs.
38 FAT LAMBS.
12 FINGER CALVES.

Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Public Announcements.

KYO FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

WANTED, TENDERS for General AMUSEMENTS, viz., Swings, Stalls, &c.; but no Gambling allowed. By order of the Committee.

Tenders to be sent to the Secretaries not later than June 9th, 1897.

GEO. BULLERWELL, } SECS.,
GEO. PACE, }
Annfield Plain, R.S.O.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

MONDAY.—Grand Cricket Match:
CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. ELSWICK WORKS.
Wickets pitched at 2 o'clock.

TUESDAY:
CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. ROCKCLIFFE.
Wickets Pitched at 2 o'clock.

TWO POPULAR CONCERTS EACH DAY, by the Prize Band of the CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S WORKMEN.

DANCING!!!
EACH DAY FROM 5-30 TO 8 P.M.

ADMISSION: Adults, 3d.; Children under 12, 1d.

Messrs. WILSON BROS.,
Lessees.

LOOK OUT FOR THE TANFIELD LEA BAND CONTEST, on JULY 31st, 1897,
WHEN ABOUT £30 IN PRIZES
WILL BE GIVEN.
QUOITING AND FOOTBALL.
Further particulars in future advertisements.

TENDERS for the supply of Tea and Refreshments.—Apply T. CURRY, Secretary, East Tanfield, R.S.O.

A MEETING of the Ratepayers and the Property Owners' Association of the Urban District of Leadgate will be held in the Infant School, Leadgate, on FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH, 1897, at EIGHT o'clock, for the Election of Officers, and other Business.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at Mr E. WYLAM'S (Free Masons' Arms), Consett, on THURSDAY, JUNE 10th, at FIVE o'clock p.m., to which the Farmers and Tradesmen of the District are invited, to take into consideration the desirability of commencing a FARMERS' AUCTION MART for Consett and District.

WINNING Number of J. Irving's Drawing is 28.

HAMSTERLY COLLIERY BRASS BAND CONTEST, and SPORTS, SATURDAY, JULY 10th, for Young Bands, that have not won Cash Prize exceeding £5. Footballing, Quoiting, &c.

JAS. COUSINS, SECRETARY,
Hamsterley Colliery, Ebchester.

CONSETT & DISTRICT 741ST STAR BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Subscription Meeting will not be held on Whit Monday.

C. W. ALMOND, CHAIRMAN.
ALEX. ROBSON, Secretary.

NOTICE.
ALTERATION OF DATE.

TOW LAW CATHOLIC JUBILEE SPORTS

WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH, 1897.

P. ROCK, Secretary.

BLACKHILL BRASS BAND CONTEST.
THE FIFTH ANNUAL

CONTEST & GALA

Will be held on
WHIT SATURDAY, JUNE 5th, 1897,

In the Consett and District Cricket Club Field, and the Fields adjoining, at Blackfine (five minutes' walk from Blackhill Station (generously lent by Richard Murray, Esq., Ford Hall, Sunderland.)

CASH PRIZES £52 CASH PRIZES

OPEN CONTEST—SELECTION OWN CHOICE.
Contest will commence at 2 p.m.

A GRAND CRICKET MATCH
In connection with Durham County Senior League Competition will also be played;
NORTH DURHAM v. CONSETT & DISTRICT.

Wickets pitched at 2 o'clock. For Cheap Excursion Trains, see North-Eastern Railway Bills, &c.

Refreshments on the Field at moderate charges.
ADMISSION SIXPENCE; Children under 12 Half-price.

JUNE 6th (WHIT SUNDAY),
TWO SACRED CONCERTS,
By the Famous

BLACK DYKE BAND.

Afternoon, 2-30; Evening, 7-30.
Admission - - SILVER COLLECTION.

For particulars apply to J. STEPHENSON, Hon. Sec., Prospect House, Leadgate.

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT!!

FOR the Grand Diamond Jubilee Representation of COLONIAL LIFE, in the Low BROOMS DENE, LEADGATE, on July 21st and 24th.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1897.

Morning, 10-30 } MR. J. CRAWFORD, Allendale.
Evening, 6-0 }

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT!!

ST. MARY'S (BLACKHILL) ANNUAL

WHIT MONDAY SPORTS,

JUNE 7TH, 1897.
In the Vicarage Field, Consett.

£10, 120 Yards Handicap. Entrance, 1s.; Close June 2nd.

12 Silver Medals, with Gold Centres, for Football Competition. Entrance, 2s. 6d.

Kicking at Goal, Tug of War, Children's Drill, and other Sports.

JOHN MOORE,
Secretary, Blackhill.

STAGSHAWBANK WHITSUN FAIR.

A BRAKE will leave Christopher's Livery Stables, Consett, for the above, by way of Manor House, leaving Consett at 6 a.m. prompt.

Public Announcements.

CONSETT, SATURDAY, JUNE 12th.

LORD JOHN SANGER AND SONS,
LIMITED.

LARGEST AND GRANDEST SHOW IN THE WORLD.

Specially Organised for the Celebration Year of

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

THE most stupendous, popular, elegant, and refined Equestrian, Athletic and Trained Animal Union in the Universe, and the most thrilling, novel, original, and splendid performance ever seen. Ten times more value for the one price of admission than any other Management could or would attempt to give. Employing over 250 HORSES & PONIES, over 300 MEN, WOMEN, and CHILDREN, with the enormous daily expense of over £200. In addition to Grand Star Company, Messrs Sanger have secured at a fabulous expense THE FAMOUS BUCK JUMPING ELEPHANT. The performing Lions, Acrobatic Apes, Monkey Jockey, Bengal Tigers, Giant Camels, Dromedaries, Game Roosters, and Sanger's Excelsior TROUPE OF PERFORMING ELEPHANTS will be introduced at each performance.

THE PROCESSION OF ALL PROCESSIONS will daily parade the principal streets of the Town, leaving the encampment ground at one o'clock. This will be found to eclipse all former productions of LORD JOHN SANGER & SONS. THIS GREAT FREE SIGHT, which has been specially organised for this year, and is respectfully dedicated to Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, will be found over two miles in length. Don't miss this GREAT HISTORICAL PROCESSION. It is well worth a journey of twenty miles to witness it. (See opinions of leading London and Provincial Papers).

TWO PERFORMANCES WILL BE GIVEN DAILY in each Town, at 2-30 and 7-30. (The morning performance is equal in every respect to that of the evening).

The Prices of Admission are:—First class (chairs), 3s. Second Class 2s. Third class, 1s. Gallery, 6d. Children under ten half-price to Chairs, Second class, and Third class only. Special arrangements made for Schools and Large Parties. All seats may be taken in advance on the Encampment Ground, where all information may be had.

Will visit Lanchester Friday, June 11th; Dipton, Monday, June 14th; West Stanley, Tuesday, June 15th.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING
Of this Association will be held
IN THE NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT,
On WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th, 1897.
Chair to be taken at FIVE o'clock p.m. prompt.

At SEVEN o'clock p.m., a great

PUBLIC MEETING
Will be held to be addressed by
COUNTESS ALICE KEARNEY
(LONDON), AND
DR. SPENCE WATSON,
President of the National Liberal Federation, supported by the leading Liberals of the Division.

CHAIRMAN: ALD. J. A. CURRY, ESQ., NEWCASTLE.

J. W. WINTER,
Liberal Agent.

WHIT MONDAY.

ATTEND Miss WILSON'S ANNUAL GALA DAY, at WEST STANLEY, and you will obtain both PLEASURE and PROFIT.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION, CONSETT.

TREAT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AND AGED POOR,

COMPRISING Tea to School Children, and Sports, with Prizes; Tea to Aged Poor, with Gratuities of Tea and Tobacco; Public Opening of New Recreation Grounds; Large Procession; Huge Bonfire.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST:	£	s.	d.
Consett Iron Company, Limited ...	10	0	0
And half cost of Tea to School Children.			
W. Aynsley, Esq., J.P.	1	1	0
W. Ainsworth, Esq., J.P.	1	1	0
Councillor J. Lowes	0	10	6

Contributions to Public Fund are earnestly solicited, and will be thankfully received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr T. L. GLEDSTONE, North-Eastern Bank, Consett; or by the Hon. Secs.,

C. WEAVER, 2, Palmerston Terrace.
T. FORKIN, Bertha Street.

LANCHESTER RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the Members of the above Association will be held on WEDNESDAY Next, 9th June, 1897, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the house of Mr John Snaith, Blue Bell Inn, Lanchester, to enroll members, to receive subscriptions, and to transact other business.

JOHN URWIN, President.
J. J. THOMPSON, Secretary.

KYO FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION will be held in a Field at Catchgate, belonging to G. R. Hobson, Esq., on SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1897.

LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!!

A GRAND CRICKET MATCH
Will be played on the Stanley Ground on
WHIT MONDAY.
STANLEY & DISTRICT *v.* WALLSEND

THERE WILL ALSO BE
DANCING ON THE GREEN,
From 2 o'clock to till 7 o'clock, for which an EFFICIENT STRING BAND has been engaged.
REFRESHMENTS ON THE GROUND.
ADMISSION 3D. MEMBERS PAY.

PARK HOTEL.
CONSETT.

THIS Well-known Establishment has been recently Purchased by

GEORGE McCANN,

AND WILL BE

OPENED ON SATURDAY,

JUNE 5th,

When the BEST ALES IN THE MARKET will be on sale, including

WILLIAM YOUNGER'S
90s. BRAND,
AND
BASS'S SPECIAL,
ALL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

WINES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION
OF THE FINEST QUALITY.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

CONDUCTOR - - - - G. P. STEPHENSON.
BAND CONDUCTOR - G. A. WILLIAMS.

BAND & CHORUS OF 300 PERFORMERS
IS NOW BEING FORMED.

Members can be enrolled, and any information tained, by application to the Joint Hon. Secs.,

MR. W. E. BROWN,
Wesley Terrace, Blackhill.
MR. T. HESLOP,
16, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

Public Announcements.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. HUGH ROBERTSON.
(Also of the Royalty Theatre and Opera House, Barrow-in-Furness, and Theatre Royal, Jarrow-on-Tyne.)
Resident Manager, Mr. LLOYD CLARANCE.

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY),
TICKET OF LEAVE MAN.

FRIDAY,
Grand Special Night for the Complimentary Benefit of Mrs. CHARLES MELVILLE, when, by particular desire, will be presented
SHAKESPEARE'S SUBLIME TRAGEDY
OTHELLO.

SATURDAY.
THE CRIMES OF PARIS.

MONDAY, JUNE 7TH,
Important Engagement of Messrs. Watson and Roxbury's Company, in the Sterling Drama,
THE TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

Popular Prices of Admission:—Private Boxes, £1 1s; Single Seats, 3s.; Dress Circle, 2s.; Side Circle, 1s.; Pit, 6d.; Gallery, 4d.

Early Doors Open at 6-45, Usual Doors at 7-15; Commence at 7-30. Plan of the Theatre may be seen, and seats booked, at A. Ramsden's Piano Warehouse, by letter or telegram.

BROOMS SPORTS. BROOMS SPORTS.

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2[illegible], 1897.

THE above SPORTS will be held in the Field adjoining the Brooms School, only three minutes' walk from Leadgate Station.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS:
120 Yards Foot Handicap. Entries close June 23rd.
Wrestling Competition for men, not to exceed 13 and 10½ stone; open.
Quoit Handicap, Three Jumps, High Leap, Sack Race, Boys' Race, and other Sports.

GRAND MUSICAL DRILL, by the Children of the Brooms School.

HAMSTERLEY PRIZE BAND
will be in attendance during the evening.
Entries for Handicap to P. SMALL, Leadgate.
Applications for Stands, Swings, &c., to be made to

J. E. KINLESIDE, } Secretaries,
J. COSTELLO, } Leadgate.

CONSETT GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SILVER MODEL BAND

IS OPEN for ENGAGEMENTS for QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE, GARDEN PARTIES, SCHOOL FIELD DAYS, and DEMONSTRATIONS.

Tenders.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE above Board are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the Pointing of the Boundary Walls at Benfieldside Board Schools.

Specifications and Conditions of Contract may be seen, and Forms of Tender may be obtained, at the Architect's Office, 121, Durham Road, Blackhill.

Tenders to be sent in to the above office, on or before TUESDAY, June 8th, 1897.

No pledge is given to accept the lowest or any Tender.

GEO. THOS. WILSON, Architect.
May 25th, 1897.

THE Benfieldside Urban District Council invite TENDERS for the Making of about 87 Yards of Kerb and Channel, at Shotley Bridge, and also for the Cementing of about 820 Yards of Footpath, at Blackfine and Shotley Bridge.

Specifications can be seen, and all information obtained, on application to the Surveyor, Mr JOHN DIXON, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill.

Tenders to be sent to me, the undersigned, on or before the 12th day of June, 1897.

J. B. LAZENBY,
Clerk to the Council.

TO CONTRACTORS.

TO LET, the Several WORKS required to be done in the Erection and Completion of Three Houses, &c., in Aynsley Terrace, Consett, for Mr John Murray.

Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen, and Forms of Tender may be obtained, at my Office, 121, Durham Road, Blackhill.

Tenders to be sent in on or before SATURDAY, June 12th, 1897.

No pledge is given to accept the lowest or any Tender.

GEO. THOS. WILSON,
June 2nd, 1897. ARCHITECT.

LEADGATE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE above Council are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the Conversion of Miners' Hall, Leadgate, into Council Chambers, Surveyor's Office, Clerk's Office, &c.

Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen, and Forms of Tender may be obtained, at the Architect's Office, 121, Durham Road, Blackhill.

Tenders to be sent in to above Office, on or before SATURDAY, June 12th, 1897.

No pledge is given to accept the lowest or any Tender.

GEO. THOS. WILSON,
June 2nd, 1897. ARCHITECT.

To Let.

TENTS TO LET, at Reasonable Charges; all Carting done if required. Particulars on application. All orders punctually attended to by G. HUNTER and SONS, Medomsley, R.S.O.

TO LET, HOUSE and SHOP in Front Street, Stanley; excellent business position.—Apply, Mr. ROBINSON, Front Street, Stanley.

TO LET.—HOUSE AND SHOP.—Apply to Mrs Burns, Scotch Arms, Blackhill.

TO LET, PASTURES at Iveston. — Apply THOMAS MOORE, New Inn, Iveston.

For Sale.

PRIZE POULTRY FOR SALE.—Two Black HAMBURG COCKERALS; prize strain; parents winners at Crystal Palace, Birmingham, and Local Shows.—WILLIAM WATSON, Tanfield Grange, Tantobie, R.S.O.

TRAP FOR SALE.—Apply M. RIDLEY, John Street, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie.

Wanted.

WANTED, 1,000 Butchers to use BAKER'S PRESERVATIVE, the King of Preservatives, price 10d. per lb.—BAKER, Wholesale Chemist, and Spice Merchant, High Street, and Half Moon Lane, Gateshead.

WANTED, a BRASS BAND to Play at the Leadgate Floral, and Industrial Society's Flower Show and Ball.—All Tenders to be in on or before June 8th, 1897, to the Secretary,

J. A. TURNBULL.
Pont Head House, Leadgate.

WANTED, a BRASS BAND to play at Lanchester, on June 22nd (Jubilee Day).—Apply to T. BOWES, School House, Lanchester.

WANTED, STRONG LAD, to go with Horse and Cart.—Apply WM. TAYLOR & SONS, Medomsley.

WANTED by the West Stanley Co-operative Society, Limited, an Active YOUNG WOMAN, not under 16 years of age, for Occasional Hand in Furnishing Department; wages, 1s. 8d. per day.—To apply to the Committee, on Tuesday Evening, June 8th, 1897, at 7 o'clock. Confined to members.—THOMAS W. W. RITSON, Secretary.

WANTED, a Good GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply, 63, Wesley Terrace, Blackhill.

WANTED, every Lady to write to the Bra[illegible] ford and Manchester Warehouse C[illegible] Halifax, Yorkshire, for Patterns of Spring a[illegible] Summer Dress Materials. Six Yards, dou[illegible] width, for 3s 11d. Ladies' complete Costum[illegible] 10s 6d.

Lost and Found.

LOST, on Monday, May 31st, 1897, bet[illegible] Parliament Street and the Railway H[illegible] Middle Street, Consett, a LADY'S SIL[illegible] WATCH; number known. Finder will b[illegible] warded.—Apply 4, Constance Street, Conse[illegible]

Excursions.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HANDEL FESTIVAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

ON THURSDAY, the 10th of June, an Excursion Train will leave NEWCASTLE at 12-5 a.m. (with bookings from Blackhill, Blaydon, &c.), for LONDON, for Seven Days; BRIGHTON, SALISBURY, PORTSMOUTH, SOUTHAMPTON, CANTERBURY, HASTINGS, MARGATE, and many other Stations in the South of England, for Five, Eight, Ten, or Fifteen Days. Passengers for London return from King's Cross Station at 11-0 p.m. on Thursday, June 17th.

LIFEBOAT SATURDAY DEMONSTRATION AT NEWCASTLE.

ON SATURDAY, the 12th day of June, an Excursion Train will leave BLACKHILL at 1-25 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green), for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH, returning from Tynemouth at 8.45, and Newcastle at 9-5 p.m. the same day.

For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.

GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, June, 1897. GENERAL MANAGER.

LEADGATE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

WILL Hold their FIFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, and Works of Industry, on SATURDAY, September 4th, 1897.

J. A. TURNBULL, SECRETARY.
Pont Head House, Leadgate.

Business Announcements.

Dales' GOLD MEDAL Dubbin

Makes Boots and Harness Waterproof as a Duck's Back and soft as velvet. Adds three times to the wear and allows polishing.

22 Exhibition Highest Awards.

Tins 2d, 6d, 1/-, & 2/6 of all Bootmakers Saddlers, &c.

PAINLESS DENTISTRY—Comfort and Fit Guaranteed — Prices Reasonable. Attendance every Saturday, 2 to 5-30. Mr. Townend, Dental Surgeon, at Cockburn's, Stationer, Front Street.

GLENDENNING'S BEEF AND MALT WINE.

3/9 per Bottle. 2/- per Half-Bottle.

Wm. Aynsley, Grocer & Wine Merchant, Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, and Stanley.
T. Milner, Chemist, Consett.
Jos. Murray, Grocer & Wine Merchant, Consett.
Geo. Patrick, Chemist, Consett.
Dryden & Co., Grocers & Wine Merchants, Consett.
N. Elsdon, Wine Merchant, Consett.
Richard Murray, Wine Merchant, Blackhill.
J. Snaith, Blue Bell Inn, Lanchester.
Mrs. Glendinning, King's Head Inn, Shotley Bridge.
Mrs. Temperley, Commercial Hotel, Leadgate.
Mrs. Cawthorne, Colliery Hotel, Hobson Colliery.
J. Irwin, Pack Horse, Tanfield.
T. Lumley, Railway Inn, Annfield Plain.
G. R. Hobson, Wine Merchant, Catchgate.
T. Armstrong, Wine Merchant, Blackhall Mill.
Turnbull Bros., Grocers, Burnopfield.
W. Wright, Burton House, Burnopfield.
T. Calvert, Grocer, Medomsley.
W. Dixon, Oak Inn, South Moor
J. Robinson, Chemist, Stanley & Annfield Plain.
R. Browell, Miner's Arms, Spen.
J. Moses, Post Office, Tow Law.
S. Leighton, Craghead Hotel, Craghead.
J. Whitfield, Forester's Arms, Frosterley.
W. Young, Red Lion Inn, Dipton.
J. Curry, Wine Merchant, Stanhope.
Dover & Co., Wine and Spirit Merchants, Belle Vue House, Dipton.
J. Gladders, Oak Tree Inn, Tantobie.
T. Gatiss, Earl Grey Inn, Kyo.
W. Oyston, Wine and Spirit Merchant, Esh.

THE
Consett Chronicle
FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE JUBILEE MEETING IN CONSETT.

The Jubilee meeting in Consett was anything but a success. The attendance was meagre and the proceedings were far from being business-like and attractive. The majority of the members of the sub-committee, appointed by the Council, were present, but not one of them appeared to have any special plan to propose or course of action to place before the meeting. The talking was of the undignified "conversational" type, and certainly did not add to the general interest of the proceedings. Messrs Weaver and Pattrick were the only speakers who suggested anything approaching a really definite scheme for celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne.

THE PROPOSED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' PARADE.

The idea of having a friendly societies' parade was a good one, and well worthy of consideration. In almost every town of importance in the United Kingdom, these important bodies will take a prominent part in the proceedings. At the meeting held on Monday, however, the suggestion met with anything but approbation. Encouragement should be given to all such organisations. They play a large part in the social and industrial life of to-day, and have grown to their present proportions during Her Majesty's beneficent reign. We trust that the suggestion will not be wholly abandoned.

THE JUBILEE PROCESSION.

We understand that the route outlined for the children's procession in Consett on the jubilee commemoration day is rather a long and tiresome one. The committee who have this branch of the festivities in hand will, we sincerely trust, act judiciously in this matter, and not allow the juveniles (many of whom are of tender years) to tramp a mile and a half of streets. To compel little boys and girls to march the streets for an hour and a half, or two hours, on what may possibly turn out to be a scorching hot day, underneath a blazing sun, with their mouths and nostrils choked with dust, and their throats like furnaces, would be one of the most piteous spectacles conceivable, and must prove wearisome to the utmost degree to the youngsters. It is hoped that the committee will plan a short route through two or three of the main thoroughfares, and then let the poor children enjoy to the full the feast that they are so eagerly anticipating. If the committee, however, insist upon trailing the children through interminable streets and making a sort of show of them, there are many parents in the town, who object to this sort of thing, and will undoubtedly prohibit their boys and girls taking part in the parade for the sake of getting a tea at 4d a head, or a tinsel toy. Above all things, it must not be overlooked that this is a day of national jubilation and rejoicing—an event to be indelibly impressed on the memories of the young for years to come, and not a time for tribulation and suffering. Some of the members of the committee could not walk the distance themselves.

INTO A POLICEMAN'S ARMS.

The experiences of one, John McKenna, by profession a vagrant, are peculiar and interesting. On Sunday evening in last week he entered upon his customary business, and obtained from the charitably-inclined quite a large quantity of broken, but none the less edible, victuals. Loaded with his spoil, he knocked at the back door of a certain house in Leadgate, only to be confronted by the well-known and much-dreaded form of Sergeant Nicholson. The consequence of this misadventure was an appearance at the Consett Police Court on the following Monday, and a subsequent involuntary journey to Durham. Had this misguided man only boldly called at the front doors, he might have detected the arms [illegible] County Constabulary over the ser[illegible]. As it is, John McKenna has [illegible] over his want of judgment [illegible]en long days.

[illegible]OHN COLLINSON.

[illegible]on, who has been appointed [illegible] Shotley Bridge branch of [illegible] Banking Company, in [illegible]te Mr Joshua Lax is well-[illegible]espected in the district. [illegible]otley Bridge for many [illegible] an appointment as [illegible]y Grove School for a [illegible] His appointment has [illegible]on.

STANLEY & DISTRICT GOSSIP.

[BY OUR OWN REPORTER.]

A POLICE COURT FOR STANLEY.

Over twelve months ago, I urged in these columns the claims of West Stanley to have a Petty Sessional Court established, and from present prospects, I expect that within six months a monthly court will have become an established fact. The matter came before a special sitting of the Lanchester division magistrates last Thursday, when it was unanimously agreed to support the proposition to hold a monthly court at Stanley. The matter will now have to come before a Joint Committee of the County Magistrates, and the Durham County Council, and it is to be hoped, in the interests of the people of Stanley, that the decision of this Committee will be favourable to the establishment of such a court. I believe that in the event of a court being established, the Church Institute room will be utilised as a court room until additional police premises have been erected. The Church Institute is admirably situated and adapted for the purpose.

WHITSUNTIDE ATTRACTIONS.

As usual, Stanley will be pretty busy at Whitsuntide, and all that we want to ensure a really good time is fine weather. The famous band contest will come off on Monday, and is likely to be as popular as ever, though the Saturday sports have been abandoned. The cricketers intend having a busy week end. On Saturday, they tackle the Medomsley team, and on Monday, Wallsend are their opponents. Dancing on the sward is to be indulged in on this day, and, doubtless, the treading of the light fantastic will meet with great favour. The Wesleyans also have a grand gala day on Monday, and, as a glance at our advertising space will reveal, "pleasure and profit alike" will be bestowed upon those who patronise the proceedings. Most of the local churches intend holding special services, and they have my best wishes for a happy Whitsuntide.

MR LINDON'S BENEFIT

obtained tremendous patronage, the Victoria being simply packed for the occasion. The various competitions were productive of plenty of fun, and general interest was taken in "Our Boys," particularly in the talent exhibited by our local artistes. Mr Wallace Davidson, of Bishop Auckland, gave an excellent representation of Sir Geoffrey Champneys, and Mr Mark Lindon himself was very humorous as Perkyn Middlewick. Mr W. H. Dyer showed himself to be possessed of great ability, though the *role* he adopted was scarcely suited to his talents. The local ladies—Mrs Lindon, Miss Larkman, Miss Orr, and Miss Kay—all appeared to advantage. It was evident that they had carefully studied their respective characters.

AN APPROPRIATE TITLE.

"Britannia, Queen of the Ocean" was the title of the cantata so ably rendered by the children of the West Stanley Board School, on Tuesday night. The cantata consisted largely of songs and choruses of a patriotic character, the concluding three being "Rule Britannia," "God bless our native land," and "God save the Queen." This is the Diamond Jubilee year, and it is right that the greatness of England's naval power should be proclaimed. True Britons could not fail to feel a thrill of pride when so many songs of patriotism and loyalty were given. The date of the entertainment was also a most happy one, the first of June being the anniversary of Lord Howe's ever-memorable naval triumph, which helped England and Britannia to maintain her glorious title of Queen of the Ocean "Mistress of the seas."

THE ENTERTAINMENT

itself was a magnificent success, the boys and girls alike performing in a most capable manner, a manner, too, reflecting the highest credit on Mr Little and his staff of assistants. They must, indeed, have laboured long and well, to have brought their pupils to such a high degree of efficiency. The scenery for the cantata was exceedingly beautiful, the "snow scene" being about the prettiest that I have ever seen. The public were quite delighted with the affair, and I have pleasure in announcing that there is every probability of the performance being repeated.

TENNIS IN DIPTON.

Tennis is now in full swing at Dipton, and Mr Tuson is quite proud of his team. A match was arranged for last Saturday, against Consett, but on account of the weather, the game had to be abandoned.

THANKS TO MR BULMER.

The Tanfield District Council, have erected a wicket gate at Tanfield Lea in lieu of the old-fashioned stone style. It is a great improvement. The footpath from Tanfield Lea School to Tantobie is almost completed, this being another reform largely due to the exertions of the indefatigable member for Tanfield Lea.

NOTES FROM LEADGATE.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

By the death of the Rev. Father Smith, of Croxdale, one of the oldest and most respected Catholic priests in the diocese, has been taken from us. It will perhaps be interesting to the Catholics of this district to know that it was a brother of the deceased gentleman who preceded the late rev. Canon Kearney at the Brooms.

The members of the Cookery Classes held a very successful social, in the the Co-operative Hall, on Monday evening last. Songs and dancing were indulged in, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Miss E. McCurley and Mr George Richardson supplied the music.

The Jarrow Hibs' could not possibly get to Leadgate on Saturday last, as they had to play a game for the benefit of the League, but they will come without fail on June 12th. The Broom's boys will be all the better for the extra fortnight's training, and may be expected to stir the Hibs' up.

The members of the Leadgate Co-operative Society have voted a very substantial sum towards treating the children and old people on Jubilee day. Let us hope that other stores will follow their example.

The cheap excursion was well patronised on Saturday last. So much so that many had to return, not being able to obtain tickets. It is to be hoped that the Railway Company officials will provide more train accommodation on the next occasion.

Mr Roger McCurley, who is an old Leadgate resident, but is now mine host of the Marquis of Blandford Hotel, Newcastle, was visited on Saturday last by many of his old friends from Leadgate and Consett. The Leadgate Cycling Club had arranged to put up there, but owing to the wet morning, they could not make the journey on their machines.

The death of Mr Parker is keenly regretted in the district. His familiar face and form will be greatly missed.

Pugilistic encounters are very common in the Leadgate district just now.

TOW LAW NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN REPORTER.]

THE JUBILEE AT TOW LAW.

The Jubilee is to be a great day at Tow Law. There is to be a procession of children and public organisations round the town, which is to be followed by a monstre public tea. The children are going to be specially catered for, and the committee are determined to make the celebration a never-to-be-forgotten day. The proceedings are to have a glorious termination by the erection of bonfires on the Thornley Pit House field.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

The members of the choir connected with the Tow Law Presbyterian Church held their anniversary services on Sunday last, under highly favourable circumstances. The service of song, given in the afternoon, was well attended, and proved both instructive and enjoyable. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the Sunday services was in the evening, when the Rev. G. Samuel, M.A., the popular pastor of the Church, preached upon

"THE HISTORY OF SONG IN THE CHURCH."

In the course of his remarks, the rev. gentleman said that praise to God was an indispensable part of their life. If they wished their worship to be enduring there must of necessity be praise. There was no better test of a man's religion than his tendency to praise God. If there was genuine religion in their hearts, it must find expression. It need not be strictly musical, nor among the finest canons of art. Their praise should always be prompted by a spirit of true thankfulness and sincerity.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

NORTH-EASTERN BANK.—The Directors of the North-Eastern Banking Company, Ltd., at their meeting on Friday last, appointed Mr John Collinson, head master of Shotley Grove School, as manager of their branch bank at Shotley Bridge, in succession to the late Mr Joshua Lax.

TOW LAW.

PARISH CHURCH.—On Sunday last, collections were taken at the Parish Church, in aid of the Diocesan Fund, which amounted to £2 6s 8d, against £1 7s last year.

HOMING SOCIETY.—The members of this Society flew their third old bird race from Burton, on Saturday afternoon last, a distance of some 133 miles. The following is the result:—A. Lambert, 1,342; R. Herron, 1,013; T. Pattison, 998; A. Tomkinson, 665.

POLICE NEWS.—A man, named James Brannen, was brought before Mr John Graham, on Friday, in last week, charged with sleeping in the coke ovens, at Tow Law.—Sergeant Taylor proved the case, which showed the defendant to be an habitual vagrant.—He was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

COUNCIL MEETING.—A special meeting of the Tow Law Urban District Council took place early on Thursday evening in last week, Mr John Graham presiding. There were also present—Messrs Brewer, Sproates, Robson, Hildreth, and the Clerk (Mr Milburn).—The Clerk read a communication from the Local Government Board, authorising the Council to meet any deficit on a tea to the old people and children by a special rate if necessary.—Mr Brewer moved that the order from the Local Government Board be accepted in case of deficit, and Mr Sproates seconded.—Mr Robson moved, and Mr Hildreth seconded, that if the scheme for treating the old folks and children involved the spending of a large amount of money, the planting of trees on Castle Bank should be abandoned.—Both propositions were carried.

THE JUBILEE.—On Thursday evening in last week, a committee meeting in connection with the Jubilee Celebration question took place in the Mechanics' Hall, under the presidency of Mr John Graham. It was decided to purchase 1,500 mugs for the children. The meeting was informed of a resolution passed by the Tow Law Council authorising them to make up any deficiency by a special rate if necessary. This step was taken by the Council owing to an order from the Local Government Board. Mr Emmerson asked for permission to discuss the legality of the Council's action in this matter, but was ruled out of order by the Chairman. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Council for their action in the matter.—It was decided to give a tea to all the old folks over 60 years of age. A committee was appointed to arrange for the procession which is to start from Reservoir Place to Thornley Pit House Field. It has been suggested that it should be representative of all the organisations in the town.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The choir anniversary services, in connection with the Presbyterian Church, were continued on Monday evening last, when a capital entertainment was given by the members to a fairly large gathering. Mr David Little presided in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. G. Samuel. The following was the evening's programme:—Chorus, "Primrose Garth," Choir; song, "Star of Bethlehem," Mr R. Wilson; reading, "A patent hair restorer," Mr Walliker; song, "Gates of the West," Miss D. Christison; dialogue, "The Pilgrims," the Misses Hildreth, Stankley, and Tait; duet, Miss D. Christison and Mr H. Welsh; solo, "Dark below: light above," Miss F. Christison; song, "Ring the bell, watchman," Choir; solo, "Heaven's Messenger, Miss Liddle; song, "The broken soliloquy," Mr H. Welsh and party; song, "The maid of the mill," Mr R. Wilson; encore, "The way of peace;" reading, "The washing day," Mr W. McIntyre; chorus, "The Bells," the Choir." A supper was provided at the close, when a large number of friends sat down to the tables presided over by the Misses Westgarth, Walliker, D. Christison, and Flossie Robinson, assisted by the Misses Valhass, Baxter, and M. Christison. The supper was provided by the ladies of the choir, and it is gratifying to know that the proceeds of the anniversary are largely in excess of previous years.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—On Sunday last, the members of the choir connected with this Church held their anniversary services, when two sermons were preached by the Pastor, the Rev. G. Samuel, M.A. In the afternoon, a capital service of song, entitled "Primrose Garth," was given by the choir, under the leadership of Mr H. Welch, Jun. The organist was Mr Lawson. At the evening service, the Rev. G. Samuel took as his subject, "The voice of song in the history of the Church." In the course of his sermon, Mr Samuel said that the first record they had of a hymn in Scripture was at the deliverance of the Children of Israel from Pharoah at the Red Sea. The rev. gentleman then went on to describe the history of song, alluding to the time of David, to whose book of Psalms, he said, they owed a lasting debt of gratitude. Passing on, the preacher referred to the time of St. Paul, and, coming to more modern times, made allusion to the hymns of Charles Wesley and Moody and Sankey. In the hymns of Moody and Sankey, they to-day saw the power of true praise. Those hymns had been wonderfully effective. Mr Samuel concluded a most interesting and able discourse by remarking that if there was genuine, true religion amongst them it must find expression. Their praise need not be confined to the finest canons of art; their praise should be of thankfulness, combined with true sincerity of heart. Collections were taken at all the services in aid of the choir trip fund. All the services were well attended.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC A.F.C.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above club was held in Mr Aitchison's Railway Hotel, on Wednesday evening, Mr Isaac Vickers presiding. Amongst those present were Messrs Moore, Parker, Forster, Herdman, Jos Bell, P Bell, R Bell, W Ellis, T Simpson, J Urwin, J McLatchie, L Coxon, T Martin, C Coyle, J W Robson, R Robson, F Armour, G Jopling, T Urwin, A Bell, Jno Bell, Jas Crompton, W Parker, S Forster, W Bell, and many others.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Secretary (Mr T Urwin) submitted his report which was as follows—income, £158 17s 4½d; expenditure, £153 11s 6d. Over £7 had already been spent on the new ground.—The report was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN, after touching on the financial statement, complimented the players on the high position they had attained in the football world. When they first entered the Tyneside League, they had many difficulties before them, the expenses of the places being very heavy. Besides this they had had to contend against Stanley, when there was an Alliance match in that town. The speaker concluded by expressing a wish that the Celts would be successful in obtaining admission into the Northern Alliance, and by moving a vote of thanks to the financial secretary.

Mr Bell seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr J. H. THOMPSON reported that the team had played 31 matches, 17 of which were won, 7 lost, and 7 drawn. In the Tyneside League, the club had played in 20 matches, and been successful on twelve occasions, losing two, and drawing six: their goal average being for, 48; goals against, 23. In cup-ties, they had won two, and lost two, scoring 8 goals against 10. In friendlies, the eleven had been successful three times, having lost thrice, and drawn once. The club's goal average for the past season was 72 goals, against, 44. The report was adopted.

THE NEW GROUND.

The CHAIRMAN said that, as it was rumoured that the club's new ground might be used for building purposes, he called personally on Mr Rutherford. That gentleman offered them the field at a nominal price of £1 a year, and he thought that they would adopt a very wise course in spending a few pounds on the field.

Mr COYLE: Did Mr Rutherford guarantee any length of time?

The CHAIRMAN: Until the colliery ceases to be worked. We have already spent £7 hard cash, besides free labour. I think we should get some timber, and have the place fenced in. If there is not sufficient money to buy timber, we could borrow £20. There are many gentlemen in Annfield Plain who hold us in high favour. (Applause).

Mr COYLE moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the terms on which he obtained the field on behalf of the Celts.

This was seconded, and carried by acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN thanked them for the kind manner in which they had accorded the vote. He always tried to do his best for the club, and for football in general, and, if it lay in his power, he would do as much for the team as last season. (Applause). They had applied for admission into the Northern Alliance, and if they were successful, he hoped that the new committee would back the club up. They knew that the people liked good players, and if successful in obtaining admission to the Alliance, he did not see anything to prevent them from carrying off the coveted trophy. (Laughter).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The CHAIRMAN thought that they should not limit the committee to those present at that meeting. There were two other different meetings in the town that evening, and if they knew of a good man who was not present, he would advise them to nominate him. He moved a motion to that effect.

Mr E. COYLE seconded, and the resolution was carried, as was also a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

The CHAIRMAN informed the meeting that the first officer to be elected was a secretary.

Mr HERDMAN moved that the retiring secretary be re appointed.

Mr J. BELL nominated Mr Herdman, but the latter refused to stand. Mr Robson was also nominated, but likewise declined the honour.

Mr COXON moved that Mr W. Starford be appointed secretary. That gentleman was accustomed to the work.

Mr HERDMAN asked if Mr Starford could attend their matches?

After further discussion, a vote was taken, the result being—Thompson 23, Starford 15. Mr Thompson was, therefore, re-elected.

The CHAIRMAN moved the re-election of the financial secretary (Mr T. Urwin). They had found out that gentleman's qualities, and he advised them to stick to a good man whilst they had one. (Applause).—Mr Urwin was unanimously re-appointed.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Mr COYLE moved that Mr W. Taylor be the president for the ensuing year, and Mr JOHN BELL seconded.

Mr JOSEPH BELL moved Mr Kerron, of Stanley, for the office.

Mr ELLIS seconded Mr Joseph Bell's motion.

On a vote being taken, Mr Kerron was elected by 24 votes to 17.

Mr HOLMES nominated Mr W. Taylor for the vice-presidency.

Mr COYLE seconded the motion, which was carried.

There were five nominations for the responsible position of treasurer, namely, Messrs Sterling, Herdman, Storey, Barrow and Graham. On a vote being taken, the last two were the highest, and it was decided to put these gentlemen's names before the meeting. The voting resulted as follows—Barrow, 25; Graham, 22. Mr Urwin acted as teller.

THE COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the next business was the election of a committee. It was a very important part of the proceedings, and he hoped they would choose the best man.

Mr JOS. BELL moved that the committee consist of fourteen.

The CHAIRMAN thought Mr Bell's idea was a good one. He did not think that they would do the club any harm by having a large number of committee men. If they limited the number to seven, four might not be able to attend, whilst the other three might not trouble themselves about the meeting. They would have to elect a match committee, and he thought it would be a good idea to elect a general committee of tradesmen.

Mr COXON: You will have to elect the whole of the tradesmen in the town.

Mr JOS. BELL said the committee had not always agreed amongst themselves.

The CHAIRMAN: When the committee differ, we shall get to know what has been done wrong. (Laughter).

Mr JNO. BELL moved, and Mr COYLE seconded, that only nine committee men be appointed.

Mr HOLMES thought that eleven gentlemen should form the general committee, and a match committee could be selected from that number.

Mr JOPLING asked if the nine committee men were exclusive of the two secretaries.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

It was ultimately decided that nine committee men should be elected. The following were appointed:—Messrs J W Robson, C Coyle, F Donald, I Vickers, I Graham, W Robinson, L Coxon, R Robson, and C Heslop.

Mr JOS. BELL stated that the voting was incorrect. There were 624 votes recorded, instead of 504.

Mr ARMOUR moved that the voting be allowed to stand.

Mr JOS. BELL moved that the votes be recounted.

The latter motion was defeated.

ELECTION OF TRAINERS.

There were seven aspirants for this office, the votes recorded in favour of each gentleman being as follows:—Callagate, 14; E. Thompson, 4; J. Urwin, 19; Jobling, 8; P. Bell, 25; Jno. Bell, 17. On another vote being taken, the brothers Bell were appointed trainers.

CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN.

Six were nominated for the position of captain, but Mr W. Ellis was ultimately re-elected, Mr T. Robson being chosen vice-captain.

TRAINING PRIZES.

Several of the second team players asked what was going to be done with the training prizes.

Mr JOBLING said that two first team and two second team players had made the same number of training attendances.

Mr JOS. BELL: There is a minute in the book relative to the training prize.

Mr ARMOUR: I think the man who proposed such a minute did not know what he was talking about. (Laughter).

Mr PARKER thought that the first team should get the best prizes.

Mr S. FORSTER: The first team should have done the best runs.

Mr HERDMAN asked for the definition of a first team player.

Mr SIMPSON then explained the reason why he gave the prizes.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that the old Committee should deal with the matter.

Mr COYLE moved a motion to that effect.—This was carried by 23 votes against 20.

Several members of the reserve team then left the room.

PRESENTATION TO A PLAYER.

On the motion of Mr C. COYLE, the presentation to Mr E. Lynap was left in the hands of the retiring Committee.

GROUNDSMAN.

Mr HOLMES nominated Mr J. W. Robson for the position.

Mr Joseph Bell was also nominated, but refused to stand, and Mr Robinson was elected.

PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

Mr JOS. BELL said that the retiring Committee had selected thirteen players for medals, and he hoped that there would be no dispute about the matter when the new Committee met.

The CHAIRMAN stated that, as the Tyneside League meeting was next Wednesday, the new Committee would be expected to be present on Tuesday evening.

Other minor questions having been discussed, the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

TOW LAW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Council was held in the Council's offices on Wednesday evening, Mr John Graham presiding. There were also present Messrs Robson, Blenkiron, Atkinson, Brewer, Oliver, Hall, Hildreth, and the Clerk (Mr Milburn).

THE STONE BREAKING QUESTION.

The Clerk read correspondence that had passed between him and the Weardale Company with reference to the charge of sweating by the Council. Several letters, he said, had passed between him and the Company. The last letter, which was a long one, and might be considered as final he had not brought with him. As previously stated at the special meeting of the Council last week, the enclosure on the question of sweating together with Mr Brewer's circular had not been received by the Company. It was decided to postpone the question and consider it at a special meeting.

ALLEGED ENCROACHMENT IN THE GRAVEYARD.

The Council discussed the question of the alleged encroachment by Mr Wilkinson or Mr Dickinson, in regard to their portions of the burial ground.

The Surveyor said that Mr Wilkinson had gone out too far with his stone.

The matter was referred back to the Cemetery Committee.

A BONUS TO THE WORKMEN.

It was unanimously decided to give a bonus of 15s each to the three men employed by the Council at the sewer against the railway crossing.

TREE PLANTING.

Mr ATKINSON said that there had been great dissatisfaction expressed at the abandonment of the tree planting on Castle Bank. To his mind they should not abandon the matter whether they had the funds or not.

Mr ROBSON said that his motion was to dispense with this idea, and give a tea to the old people.

Mr ATKINSON said that there were numerous complaints about the matter.

Mr ROBSON thought that it was a waste of money. There was no need to take anything out of the public funds for that purpose.

The matter then dropped.

MORE LIGHT.

It was decided on the proposition of Mr ROBSON seconded by Mr OLIVER, that three lamps be put in Prince's Row, and two in Smith's Street.

POSTAL FACILITIES.

Mr ROBSON drew attention to the fact of there being no night delivery at Inkerman, including North Cottages and Keepers' Row. There were 111 houses, all of which did not benefit by the night delivery. It would only mean some 15 or 20 minutes' extra.

It was decided to write to the Post-master General upon the subject, and that Elm Park Terrace should also be included.

The Council then rose.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS

THURSDAY, May 27th.—Before JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq., (Chairman), Judge F. G. GREENWELL, W. LOGAN, Esq., J. GREEN, Esq., H. C. WOOD, Esq., Rev. T. J. L. WARNEFORD, W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq., Dr. J. WILSON, J. ELTRINGHAM, Esq., and R. G. BARCLAY, Esq.

THE SALE OF STOUT WITHOUT LABELS.—HEAVY PENALTY.

George Henry Plumber, of Sacriston, was charged with selling bottles of stout without having the necessary labels attached thereto.—Mr G. C. Mesnard, of Sunderland, defended.—P.C. Ferguson deposed that he was on duty at Craghead, about 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 15th ult., when he saw the defendant in charge of a rolley laden with bottles of beer and stout. He saw him deliver a quantity of the latter at Mrs Shaw's house in Railway Street, and he thereupon went to the house, and asked her if the beer had been ordered before that day. She replied that she had ordered it on the previous Thursday. He asked if there was any label on the bottles to show that they were for her. She replied "No." He then charged the defendant with selling twelve half-pint bottles of stout. He pulled a label out, but the name of Mrs Dobson was not on it. He said "I am only a poor pitman, and have made a mistake this time. You might look over it." He subsequently called at Mrs Marriott's house, and enquired whether there was any label on the bottles defendant had left there. She replied that there was no label on.—Cross-examined by Mr Mesnard.—He went into Mrs Shaw's house first. The label which defendant then produced was made out to Mrs Dobson, Burnhope. Defendant said that he had made a mistake, and witness then asked him to produce his book. He then found that defendant had just written the name of Mrs Shaw over that of Mrs Dobson. The label was for twelve pints. Witness looked at the cart, but did not find a label with Mrs Shaw's name on. He went into Mrs Marriott's house, and asked the same question as at Mrs Shaw's. She distinctly said that there was no label on it. He asked her the question in the presence of defendant and P.C. Chrisp.—P.C. Chrisp corroborated the evidence of P.C. Ferguson. Defendant said that he had Mrs Marriott's label in his hand. He did not hear the defendant ask them to go to the cart and he would produce the label, but they went to the cart, and he saw a number of labels, but not the one for Mrs Davis. There were several labels for people at Burnhope. Mr Mesnard: It is not necessary for every bottle to be labelled.—Witness (continuing) said that Mrs Marriott did not tell him that there had been a label on the bottles which defendant had removed after bringing to the shop. He did not hear the defendant say that he was in the habit of removing the labels so that he could use them again. Defendant said that the labels for Mrs Shaw were left on the cart, but he failed to find them.—Mrs Shaw, 20 Railway Street, Craghead, said that she remembered the defendant bringing twelve half-pints of stout to her house on the day in question. Defendant told her that he had made a mistake, and had put Mrs Dobson's label on her bottled. He said that to her when he delivered the stout on to the floor.—Cross-examined, defendant told the police that there was a proper label on the cart outside. He gave her the impression that it was a genuine mistake. Replying to Mr Annandale.—She gave the order on the 13th inst., by word of mouth. The order was given to Mr Plumber in her own house. —Mrs Marriott said that defendant had a label in his hand. She was busy at the time that he called, and she believed that he took the label off the bottle. She received six half-pint bottles of stout. She gave the order for it on the 13th ult., in her own house.—Mr Mesnard said that he had hoped that there would be no dispute as to the facts in the evidence given. He believed that he had evidence which would convince the Bench that the goods were duly appropriated before they left the licensed premises. He admitted that before taking the goods to Mrs Shaw's house, the defendant had by some mistake put on them the label addressed to Mrs Dobson. Defendant on being called to give evidence, stated that he carried on the bottling business at Sacriston. He called on Thursday May 13th at Mrs Shaws and Mrs Marriott's to receive the orders. He duly entered the orders in the order book. He delivered the stout on Saturday, the 15th, by cart. He labelled each separate consignment to each separate purchaser. He called first at Mrs Marriott's, and left six pint bottles of stout. The label was on one of the bottles. When he entered the room, she was busy, and he took the labels off himself. He took the label off so that he could use it over again. Mrs Shaw's bottles were placed in a large box, along with a consignment belonging to another customer. He took her bottles out, and placed them in a smaller box, but on getting to the house, he found that he had accidentally placed Mrs Dobson's label on the bottle. Just as he was going out for the proper label "these two fellows"—(laughter)—meaning the two police officers, came in. He told them that Mrs Shaw's label was on the cart outside, and they went out to look for it, after they had about worried him. (Laughter). Whilst one of the policeman was looking about the cart, he got the label, and then threw it on the cover. He then asked witness where it was. Witness replied "You have thrown it on the cover." Cross-examined by P.C. Ferguson.—He never had the book out of his pocket at Mrs Shaw's house. Mr Shaw's name was not written *over* that of Mrs Dobson. He never admitted to P.C.'s Ferguson and Chrisp that he had written Mrs Shaw's name at the door.—James Kindrew, an employee of the defendant, said that he helped to put the orders on the cart. He could swear that each separate order for each separate customer was duly labelled before leaving the premises. He saw one of the police officers remove Mrs Shaw's label from the cart and throw it on the cover. Mr Mesnard said that the case resolved itself into a question as to whether the Bench believed his evidence, or that put forward by the police. The learned gentleman then cited the decision of Justice Willis in a recent case, in favour of an acquittal.—The Chairman said that the Bench were unanimously of the opinion that the defendant had broken the law, and he would be fined £5 and costs in the first case. In the second charge (that of supplying to Mrs Marriott) he would have to pay the costs.

A MINING OFFENCE.

James Roscamp was charged with committing a breach of the general rules of the Morison Pit, by unramming a shot, in contradiction to general rule 12, sub-section E.—Mr W. H. Oliver, Durham, who prosecuted on behalf of Messrs Hedley, said that the defendant charged a shot, and then went back into his working place for about twenty-five minutes. He then returned, and on finding that the shot had not gone off, he began to unram it. Whilst doing so, the powder became ignited, and the result was that the candles were knocked out, and the defendant himself was severely burnt about the face and the arms. That accident would convince the Bench of the necessity for a careful observation of the rule. Evidence corroborative of the solicitor's statement having been given, defendant was fined £2 and costs.

CHARGE OF PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS.

A CATCHGATE PUBLICAN CONVICTED.

William Stonehouse, landlord of the Crown and Thistle Inn, Catchgate, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on May 1st. Mr W. H. Oliver, of Durham, appeared to prosecute; Mr T. W. Welford, Consett, defended, and Mr J. G. Murray represented the owners of the house.

Mr Oliver stated that he was instructed by the police authorities to prosecute in this case, and wished to point out to the Bench that, under the section of the Act under which action was taken, it was not at all necessary to prove that there was any supply of liquor by the defendant, or any of those employed by him; it being quite sufficient to prove that there were certain men in the house—or one man for that matter—who were permitted to remain on the premises whilst in a state of intoxication. He would be able to prove to them that when P.C. Martin first went into the house at 7 o'clock at night, he saw a man named Donnelly, another named Millmore, and others named Henry, Carr, and Henderson who were under the influence of drink. They were also seen by Sergeant Vickers at that time. P.C. Martin called three hours later, and saw Carr, Henry, Millmore, and Henderson still in a state of intoxication. At 10-30 o'clock, P.C.'s Wall and Martin again called, and saw the men still there. They were turned out at closing time. The landlord was cautioned at 7 o'clock, but allowed the men to remain till 11 o'clock. That in itself was quite sufficient to prove the charge of permitting drunkenness.

P.C. Martin stated that on Saturday, May 1st, his attention was called to the Crown and Thistle Inn, Catchgate, through hearing a number of men shouting and swearing. He went into the house, and saw Henry Donnelly in the bar very drunk, and without any cap on his head. Several other men appeared more or less "lively." He saw Millmore and Henry standing in the bar, and both of them appeared to have had a good share of drink. He saw glasses containing drink standing in front of the men. The defendant was in the bar at the time. Witness went through to the backyard, and there saw George Henderson and Thomas Carr arguing with a number of men who were playing quoits. Both of them were under the influence of drink. He did not speak to the landlord, but met Sergeant Vickers about 100 yards from the house, and they both returned. The Sergeant went inside. Donnelly was then ejected from the bar, and was so drunk that he fell, and had to be assisted on to his feet. Witness returned to the house at about 10 o'clock, and found Thomas Carr and George Henderson in the front kitchen. They were both drunk, and were shouting and singing to music that was being played. He then saw Millmore and Henry, and had some difficulty in getting past Henry who at the time was engaged in animated discussion. Both Millmore and Henry were drunk. He failed to see the landlord, though it was his intention to complain to him.

Mr Welford: Do not mention your intentions. Let us know what you did.

Witness said that he came back half-an-hour later in company with P.C. Wall. They found Carr in the front parlour very drunk. There were other men in the room, and music was still being played. Millmore and Henry were arguing about a fight which had taken place that afternoon between Millmore and another man. He saw the landlord supply Henderson with drink though he appeared to be drunk. They warned the landlord, but witness and the other officer came to the conclusion that he was drunk himself. Witness had no hesitation in saying that the four men who were in at 7 o'clock, 10 o'clock, and 10-30 o'clock were under the influence of drink. He saw Carr and Henry turn out at closing time.

Mr Welford: You say that you came to the conclusion that the landlord was drunk, and not capable of conducting his business. Why did you not summons him like the rest of the men?

Witness: That was left to the Superintendent.

Mr Welford: Did you make a report?

Witness: Yes; in conjunction with Sergeant Vickers.

Mr Welford: You do not know why the landlord is not summoned?

Witness: He is summoned for permitting drunkenness.

In reply to further cross-examination, witness said that he did not tell the landlord that he ought to stop the quoiting in the yard. He would swear that he never said "Now, Stonehouse, you should not have quoit playing here on Saturday nights." He did not call the attention of the landlord to any man at that time. He saw Donnelly on his first visit, but could not say how long he had been on the premises. He saw the landlord put Donnelly out. Donnelly told him that he had had three halves of rum.

Mr Welford: We will see what Donnelly says about that.

Witness (continuing) said that he did not speak to Donnelly in the house, and did not call the landlord's attention to him. He saw both Millmore and Henry, and both seemed drunk, though not very much so at 7 o'clock. They were, however, very drunk when he visited the house later on. He thought that Henry went home by himself, but hardly thought that Millmore would be capable of doing so. He believed that he could perhaps walk home, but it would not be very straight. He could not say what drink they had had. He did not draw the landlord's attention to the condition of any of the men till 10-30. Stonehouse then said that the men were not drunk, but the fact was that he was "too far gone" himself, and they left him. Witness did not remember knocking the door against Henderson, but he might mention that Henderson nearly knocked him over in coming up the passage. Witness had the door open before Henderson got up to him. Henderson did not say that he would have been off home sooner if witness would have let him get out. These men were all considerably more under the influence of drink at 10 o'clock than at seven o'clock.

Sergeant Vickers said that, acting on information received from the previous witness, he himself went into the Crown and Thistle Inn on the night in question. Before he went in, he saw the landlord turn Donnelly out, and he was so drunk that he fell twice. Witness went into the bar, and saw Millmore resting against the mantelpiece, and Henry standing near the bar. Both of them were drunk. He passed thence into the backyard, where a number of men were playing quoits. Henderson and Carr were arguing with these men. Witness spoke to the landlord, and complained to him about the condition of the house. The landlord replied, "I hope you don't mean Donnelly; he has got no drink here." Witness replied that he referred to other men. He then spoke to Stonehouse about the quoit playing, his reason for so doing being that he thought it prevented the latter from attending to the business of the house at the week-ends as it ought to be attended to. He then left the house. He saw Henry and Carr turn out at 11 o'clock. They were both drunk, and were staggering about a great deal. Defendant called on witness the following morning, and asked him to look over the case. He told him that he could not do so; it would have to be reported to the Superintendent. Defendant came again on Monday morning when Mr Benzies was at witness's house.

Cross-examined: The whole of the men were very drunk. It was he who mentioned the quoiting to the landlord. He was about 50 yards off the house when Donnelly was put out. He was standing in front of the house at 11 o'clock. The men then walked out by themselves, it being closing time. There was a great deal of talking and shouting when the men came out, but they all got off home. They could walk, but not steadily. In his opinion, they staggered a great deal. The two he noticed particularly were Henry and Carr. They talked very loud.

Mr Welford: Pitmen generally do talk loud when they are in company, don't they?

Witness: They do. There were a lot of drunken people about, but I cannot mention all their names.

P.C. Wall, Oxhill, said that on the night in question, he was on duty at Catchgate, along with P.C. Martin. They visited the Crown and Thistle Inn at about 10.30 o'clock. Witness went into the parlour, and saw Thomas Carr drunk, with drink in front of him. They then went into the bar, and saw Millmore and Henry, both drunk, standing together, arguing about a fight. Millmore was shouting at the top of his voice, and was also warning his hands. Witness saw Henderson at the top end of the bar. He was drunk at the time, though the landlord was just supplying him with drink. Witness spoke to the landlord, who was himself drunk, and drew his attention to the condition of Henry, Millmore, and the house in general. He failed to catch the landlord's reply on account of the noise. He saw Millmore and Henry leave the house, and they could not walk steadily. On Tuesday night, the defendant came to him——

Mr Welford: I object to this. We are charged with an offence on a particular day. What occurred on a different day has nothing to do with the case.

The Bench decided to hear the statement.

Witness: He came to me as I was passing through Catchgate, and asked me to look over the offence.

Mr Welford: We are charged with permitting drunkenness, but I submit to your Worships' ruling.

Witness: I told him that the case was reported, and would have to take its course.

Cross-examined: The defendant had only been at the house a short time, but he believed that he had had seven years' experience of the licensing trade.

Mr Oliver: That is a fair answer.

Witness (continuing): Defendant had only been in the place for ten or eleven days. The whole of the men summoned to Court that day were drunk. The men could not walk steadily.

Mr Welford: Could they talk?

Witness: Some of them could talk too much. (Laughter). They could use their tongues pretty well. There were a lot more men in the bar, some of whom were "kind of jolly," and others of whom were sober. They were only taking action against the men who were fairly drunk.

Mr Oliver called on Miles Handy as a witness, but that person was not in Court.

Mr Welford said that he would try to prove to the satisfaction of the Bench that Millmore, Carr, Henry, and Henderson were not drunk on this particular occasion, though there was no doubt that they were in the house. He wanted to point out to the Bench that the police must establish to them as a fact than the persons supplying the drink knew that the customers were drunk.

Mr Oliver: That is not the case; they are charged with permitting drunkenness.

Mr Welford said that he could not help admitting that Donnelly was under the influence of drink, but he contended that as soon as ever he came into the house, he asked for a half of rum. The landlord was getting his supper at the time, and his daughter, who was serving, filled him the drink. She afterwards suspected that the man was drunk, and at once proceeded to tell her father, who straightway left his supper, took the rum from the man, and gave him his money back. He at once ejected him from the house.

Defendant said on the night in question, Sergeant Vickers came in about 7.30 o'clock, and complained about the quoit-playing. Witness immediately locked the quoits up. The sergeant did not complain about anybody being under the influence of drink. Between 9 and 10 o'clock, P.C's. Wall and Martin came in. Wall made a complaint to him about Millmore "noising on." Millmore got up, and walked straight out. That was the whole of the complaint which was made to him at that time. The police then came round to the back door, and sent for witness. One of them said, "I think you are drunk, too." He replied, "Me drunk, sir? you must be making a big mistake; there is nothing drunk about me. I am as sober as you are." He sent at once for Mr George Hobson, of Catchgate, to prove whether or not he was sober, but Mr Hobson had gone to bed. As the police were entering the place again, Henderson was going out, and P.C. Martin nearly "knocked his face off" with the door. Henderson never came into the house till 8 o'clock, and was sober all night. He was charged with being in the house at 7 o'clock. Millmore was quite sober, and only had one glass of beer. Carr was sober. Witness was in the kitchen getting his tea at the time that Donnelly came in. Witness's daughter filled him half a rum, but she then suspected that he had had plenty, and came and told witness. He at once took the rum off Donnelly, gave him his money back, and told him that he had to get out. James Henry helped Donnelly away. Donnelly had not tasted whilst in the house. Henry was quite sober, and, declared witness indignantly, "as sober as I am now."

Mr Oliver: Have you had any drink this morning?

Witness: Yes; I have had two halves of whisky. (Laughter).

Witness (continuing) said he took the half of rum from Donnelly before P.C. Martin ever came near the house. The police never saw Donnelly in the house, but were standing near Handy's when he was ejected. Henry entered the place at about 7-30 o'clock, and Carr at about 8 o'clock. Millmore came in at about 9 o'clock, and Henderson was in the yard playing quoits till the sergeant told witness to take the quoits up. It was perfectly untrue that Carr, Henderson, and Millmore were in the house at 7 o'clock. Millmore left the house about 10-30, and went to Handy's house. Witness did not know that Handy had refused to give him liquor because he was drunk. He remembered the police being in at about 10 o'clock, and again at 10-30. They said that it was time Henderson was out. He went straight out. Carr left at about a quarter to eleven o'clock. It was true that witness had subpœned a witness named French, but he was poorly. Millmore left his house to go to Handy's, and had one glass of ale at his house. That was the reason why Handy had not turned up that day.

John Hunt said that he saw Millmore, Henderson, Carr, and Henry at about ten o'clock on the night of May 1st. These four men were all sober, and knew perfectly well what they were doing. They could walk steadily, and talk properly. He had been in the house earlier in the day. He knew a man named Ferguson, who had been fighting on the public road with Millmore earlier in the day. He tried to separate the combatants. Millmore was "slightly touched" at the time of the fight. That would be about two o'clock, but Millmore subsequently went to bed. All the men in the room were perfectly sober. Witness left at closing time, and saw these men going out. He did not see them stagger. He had not been in any public-house previous to going into the Crown and Thistle, though he had been in a beerhouse. He had a sleep during the afternoon.

Mr Oliver: Why?

Witness: I thought it necessary for the good of my constitution. (Laughter).

Mr Oliver: I will not trouble you further.

Mr Welford: Were you sober?

Witness: Well, P.C. Wall saw me at the time, and spoke to me. He said, "You are a pretty smart sort of a fellow." (Laughter).

John Wm. Burton, miner, Catchgate, said that he saw John Millmore and James Henry shortly after ten o'clock on the night in question. They were both sober, and knew what they were doing. He heard no singing nor music in the bar.

Mr Oliver: Nor attempts at music? (Laughter).

Witness: No. Had he been the barman, he would, he declared, have served them with drink. He heard the policeman call Stonehouse's attention to the condition of Millmore. The landlord was quite sober. Witness first went into the house at about 10 o'clock. He had not been in any other public-house that day. The landlord said that Millmore was sober. P.C. Wall then said to defendant, "I think it is you, who is drunk." Millmore then walked out.

James Brown deposed that Millmore and Henry were sober when witness left the room about 10-30 o'clock.

James Henry said that he went into the Crown and Thistle at about a quarter-past six, and left at about ten minutes to 11 o'clock. He helped the landlord to put Donnelly out. He saw Henderson, Carr, and Millmore, who were, in witness's opinion, all sober. The landlord was "solid and sober." (Laughter).

William McGee said that in his opinion both Henry and Millmore were sober. Both of them spoke in a similar manner to that in which Mr Oliver was speaking that day. (Laughter). The bar was quiet, and, whilst he was in, there was no music.

John McDougal said that Millmore appeared sober when he left the house.

John Millmore said that he and another man, named Ferguson, had a few words, and "a bat at one another," between twelve and one o'clock on the day in question. After that, he went to bed, and stayed there till half-past six. He went down to the Crown and Thistle at about nine o'clock, and had one glass of bitter beer. That was all he had in the house. When the police charged him with being drunk, he denied the allegation. They asked him to go out, and he answered, "Yes; I can go out; but, remember, I am not drunk." He went across to Handy's, and had a glass of beer at that house.

Cross-examined: He was a little tired in the afternoon, and, like a previous witness, he went to bed "for the good of his constitution." (Laughter). He had had a good sup of drink in the morning, but only got one glass of beer at Stonehouse's. It was not a fact that Handy refused to supply him with drink, and the police were incorrect when they said that he was in the public-house at 7 o'clock.

Thomas Carr gave corroborative evidence, but in cross-examination he admitted that he had been convicted of drunkenness about a dozen times. He had not, however, had more than four gills for the past two months.

Mr Oliver: How much had you on this particular day?

Witness: Three or four gills.

Michael Slatery said that he had seen Henry drunk, but he was not drunk on the night in question.

Mr Oliver inquired if Henry was in the condition of the man who was so drunk that on falling to the ground, he spread his arms out to prevent himself from falling further. (Laughter).

Witness replied in the negative.

Sarah Ann Stonehouse gave evidence confirming what her father had said in regard to Donnelly.

In reply to the Bench, she said that she was fourteen years of age. She helped her father at the bar at the week-ends, when they were busy.

Mr Annandale: It seems an extraordinary and disgraceful thing.

Henry Donnelly said that he went into Stonehouse's late in the afternoon, being then "pretty groggy." He corroborated the statement of defendant. He lived at Hill Top, Dipton.

Supt. Benzies: There is an hotel there. (Laughter).

Mr Oliver: Did you go in before tea-time?

Mr Welford: Ask him if he ever gets a tea.

Mr Murray said that he would like to say a word on behalf of the owners of the property.

Mr Oliver: I submit, with all due deference, that Mr Murray has no right to appear. He does not represent either of the parties in the case.

Mr Murray: Mr Oliver can submit what he likes.

Judge Greenwell: What authority is there in the statute for you to address the Bench?

Mr Murray: It has been the practice of this Court.

Mr Oliver: You have neither the law nor the practice.

Mr Annandale: The custom of this Court in similar cases, so far as my memory goes, is that the magistrates first come to a decision, and afterwards listen to any person representing the owners.

Mr Murray thought that it had been the practice, both at Lanchester and Consett, for the Bench to hear what was to be said on behalf of the owners before coming to a decision.

Judge Greenwell: The owners can possibly have nothing to do with this case—absolutely nothing.

Mr Annandale: After we have made up our minds to convict, or not to convict, you may speak on behalf of the owners.

Mr Murray: If that is the case, I apologise for having interrupted the business of the Court.

After consideration, Mr Annandale announced that the Bench had decided to convict. Defendant would be fined £2 and costs. The license would not be endorsed.

The Court then adjourned, and, on resuming, the magistrates present were—Dr. Wilson (Chairman), the Rev. T. J. L. Warneford, and Messrs J. Green and J. Eltringham.

DRUNKENNESS ON LICENSED PREMISES—SEQUEL TO THE ABOVE CASE.

Thomas Carr, Hy. Donnelly, John Henry, Millmore, and G. Henderson—all mentioned in the previous case—were summoned for being drunk on licensed premises.

Mr Welford stated that he was instructed to appear for the whole of the defendants, but, after the decision in the previous case, he had advised the whole of the men to plead guilty.

Henry and Millmore refused to follow Mr Welford's advice, and called witnesses to prove that they were sober.

The Bench decided to convict, and imposed sentences of 5s each and costs, with the option of seven days' imprisonment.

Donnelly appealed to the Bench to grant him a fortnight in which to make the payment.

Dr. Wilson: Not a day.

BOXER OR BOOKMAKER.—STANLEY MEN CONVICTED FOR BETTING.

John Laybourne, Stanley, and George Chrisp, were summoned for making bets in a public street.—Mr Welford, who defended, pleaded guilty on behalf of Laybourne, but not guilty on behalf of Chrisp.—Sergeant Wood deposed that on Wednesday, April 28th, shortly after twelve o'clock, he saw Chrisp and Laybourne, the bookmaker. Chrisp had a book in which he was entering bets, whilst Laybourne took the money. Chrisp was a bookmaker, the same as the other man, and they had frequented the same place for twelve months.—Cross-examined by Mr Welford: He could not say that Chrisp was a professional boxer.—Mr Welford: Now, now.—Witness (continuing): He had heard that he was a boxer, and that he was now matched for a fight. Chrisp was kept by Laybourne, and was paid to act as his clerk. Witness knew that of his own knowledge.—Mr Welford: Where did you get that knowledge?—Witness: Laybourne said so himself.—Mr Welford: That he keeps him as a boxer.—Will you swear that he is kept as a clerk?—Witness: He was making entries in a book in Back Front Street, near to the Stanley Hotel. There was a colliery about a hundred yards away from the place where they were betting.—Mr Welford: What! You say that the colliery is one hundred yards away from the Stanley Hotel?—Witness: It is one hundred yards away from where they were betting. They were standing in the street. Do you know the place where they were betting?—Mr Welford: Yes; I was taken to it.—Mr Welford said that his instructions from Laybourne were, "I was betting. Chrisp was there, but was not betting. He was neither booking nor making bets. I keep him as a boxer, and have done so for a year or two." Only the week before, Chrisp was boxing at Blackburn, and, from that morning's paper, he (Mr Welford) observed that he was backed to make another fight in Newcastle. A conviction would go very hard against him.—Chrisp said that he never took money for bets in his life.—P.C. Robson said that he saw Chrisp entering the bets in the book, and he also saw him take hold of what appeared to be money, and hand it to Laybourne.—Mr Welford: Did you see any money pass?—Witness: I saw something pass, but could not swear that it was money.—Mr Welford: Did you see any bets entered?—Witness: I could not see into the book; there were two or three people standing about. It was a place where crowds of people gathered together.—Sergeant Wood (recalled) said that the place was known as Back Front Street. He inquired of the District Council before taking proceedings. James Bell was the first man who made a bet, and a man named Buglass also made one. Chrisp was the man who entered the name. The street was near to Douglass Street. He had no doubt that Chrisp was acting as clerk for Laybourne. He came every day to Stanley.—Defendant said that he had been training for six weeks that year. He had been away boxing at Blackburn for a fortnight. Mr Laybourne kept him entirely for boxing purposes, and had put a deposit down for him the previous night. He had never received a penny in his life for "clerking."—Dr. Wilson said that the Bench had taken a lenient view of the case, and Chrisp would simply have to pay the costs.—Laybourne would be fined £1 and costs.

CONVICTION OF A STANLEY PUBLICAN.

HEAVY PENALTY.

Mark Coates, landlord of the Commercial Hotel, West Stanley, appeared to answer a charge of permitting drunkenness on licensed premises, on the 1st ult. Mr Oliver appeared to prosecute, and Mr Welford defended.

Mr Oliver pointed out that, as in a previous case, the only thing for the police to prove was that men who were drunk, or the worse for liquor, were allowed to remain on the premises; and it was for the defendant to show that he was not aware that they were there. He thought that they would be able to produce evidence to show that not only was drunkenness going on, but that it was going on with the actual knowledge and practical connivance of the defendant. On Saturday, May 1st, the police made four visits to the house, the first being at 5.30, and the others at 7, 8, and a quarter-past 9 o'clock. On P.C. Robson's first visit, two men, named Tinian and McGraw, were observed to be drunk, and the landlord's attention was called to their condition. At the second and third visits, these men had still been allowed to remain on the premises. At the 7 o'clock visit, the police found several more men, Dodds, Heslop, Hagan, Connolly, and Watson, drunk; whilst Tinian and McGraw were still on the premises. This made seven men, and on the fourth visit, two more men were found to be the worse for drink. They had two men—Tinian and McGraw—who were drunk on the premises from 5.30 till 8 o'clock. He wished to call attention to what took place a fortnight ago at that Court. Tinian was then proceeded against for being drunk on these licensed premises, and he pleaded guilty. Three more of the defendants—Hagan, Bolam, and Hughes—did not appear on their cases being called. He thought that the Bench would see that from 5.30 to 9.15, drunkenness was going on in this house on the night in question.

P.C. A. Robson stated that at 5.30 on the night of May 1st, he visited the Commercial Hotel, West Stanley. He went into the smaller bar.

Mr Oliver here produced a plan of the hotel.

Mr Welford: I object to that plan.

Witness: It is commonly known as the "Rodney" end. He (continuing) said that he noticed two men, named James Tinian and McGraw, in particular. Both of them were drunk, and he spoke to the landlord about them, and then left the house. He went back again at 7 o'clock in company with P.C. Iceton, and again visited the "Rodney" end. Tinian and McGraw were still there. They were then worse than ever. He also noticed a man, named George Angus Dodds, and another, named Connolly, both of whom were drunk. He then went into the tap room, and noticed two men, named Hagan and Heslop, both drunk. P.C. Iceton told Heslop that he had better go home, as he had got too much drink. They sought for the landlord at 7 o'clock, but could find him nowhere. Witness returned at 8 o'clock in company with Sergeant Wood and P.C. Iceton. They again saw Tinian, Dodds, Connolly, and others in the "Rodney" bar, and they met McGraw in the passage, coming from the yard. He could not have got into the yard except from the house. McGraw was very drunk indeed. Then they went into the long bar, and saw two men, named Heslop and Watson, both of whom were drunk. Heslop had a glass of beer in his hand, and Watson had his hand on a glass on the counter. They went into the tap room, and saw Hagan again. He was sitting on a form, and was very drunk. They saw Mr Coates, and Sergeant Wood spoke to him. They went back again at a quarter-past nine, but he did not see any of the men whose names he had given, in the "Rodney" end. He saw a man, named Connolly, very drunk, and in the snug there was a man, named Bolam, who was beastly drunk.

Mr Oliver: Can you describe his state?

Witness: Yes, very well. He was sitting at a small oblong table, with his head bent down, and froth issuing from his mouth.

Cross-examined: Witness was quite sure that he and Iceton went through the bar at 7 o'clock. They left by the side door. He never saw Mr Coates that time. Mr Coates followed him out at his first visit, and witness drew his attention to the men in the "Rodney" end. Witness said, "There are two in particular, Tinian and McGraw." Mr Coates replied "I will see to it."

Mr Welford: Did you say, "Well, Mr Coates, how are you to-night?" and did he reply, "All right; how are you yourself?"

Witness: I believe those are something like the words.

Mr Welford: Did you say on leaving, "There are some of those Rodneys in there who have nearly had plenty?"

Witness: No.

Mr Welford: Be careful.

Witness: I am telling you what I said.

Mr Welford: What did Mr Coates say?

Witness: He replied, "I will see to them."

Mr Welford: Was not seven o'clock the first time that you saw Mr Coates that day?

Witness: It was not.

Mr Welford: The second time that you found Tinian on the premises, did you not follow him down the street, and go in immediately afterwards?

Witness: I did not. There is one little thing I can tell you here.

Mr Welford: Don't tell me till I ask you. You have given your evidence. Were you with the sergeants between eight and nine o'clock?

Witness: I was. Mr Coates was in the house at eight o'clock, and at 9-15 he was in the bar, but I did not speak to him. The sergeant told him that he had been cautioned about Tinian before. Mr Coates replied that Tinian had not been in the place five minutes. The sergeant drew his attention to the fact that Tinian had a glass of beer before him, and Mr Coates shouted out to the barman, "Who has filled Tinian this glass of beer?" The barmen would naturally deny it.

In reply to further questions, witness said that Mr Coates did not say that he had put Tinian out an hour and a half before. He simply said, "Tinian has just been in five minutes." Witness could not say what the barmen said when Mr Coates asked who had filled Tinian's beer.

Mr Welford: You said just now that the barmen denied it.

Mr Oliver: No, he did not; he said that they would naturally do so.

Mr Welford: Why should they deny what was true? Is it Mr Coates's custom at the week-ends not to serve any drink, but to walk about the premises to see all things are kept in order?

Witness: I cannot say. I have gone to the house on several week-ends, and have seen him in all parts of the house.

Mr Welford: He goes about the premises, and looks after the conducting of the house, instead of serving?

Witness: Yes, I think he does.

Mr Welford: I thank you for that. You are not sure that Tinian was put out?

Witness: No.

Mr Coates: He walked out.

Witness (continuing) said that Mr Coates was not in the house at seven o'clock.

Mr Welford: We will come to that man whom you described as having been sick. Did you see Mr Coates go to him?

Witness: I cannot say exactly what Mr Coates did to him. I did not stop to see him get up, or anything else.

Mr Welford: Just because you saw him sick, you come to the conclusion that he was in a state of beastly drunkenness?

Witness: Yes; I saw him afterwards outside. He was very drunk. Sergt Wood and P.C. Iceton did not waken him up.

Dr. Wilson: I think you said that the liquor was flowing out of his mouth?

Witness replied that he said that the froth was. Continuing, he said he spoke to McGraw, and said, "It is time that you were getting out, at any rate." McGraw said nothing. Tinian wanted to shake hands, but did not speak. The house was usually busy on a Saturday night, but it was very quiet that night. Mr Coates passed the remark at witness's first visit that business was quiet. The house was far from full at seven o'clock, eight o'clock, or at the last visit. There were only three men in the "Rodney" end, and about twelve men in the snug. There was no fighting going on; they were far too drunk to fight. He saw a man take Bolam away after 9-30 o'clock. After being in at half-past five, he stayed outside for ten minutes, but did not see Tinian put out. He looked [illegible] the window about an hour later, and [illegible] was still there.

P.C. Iceton said that at abo[illegible] night of May 1st, he visited [illegible] Hotel in company with P.C. [illegible] ing the "Rodney" bar, he sa[illegible] McGraw drunk, and with dr[illegible] He then went into the tap r[illegible] and Hagan both drunk. [illegible] off home, and he replied, [illegible] not see the landlord at [illegible] Witness generally corrob[illegible] P.C. Rooson. Foam w[illegible] mouth. Mr Coates wen[illegible] did so, witness left the [illegible]

Mr Welford: Did you [illegible] Tinian and McGraw?

Witness: Yes; I cautioned him about these men. Tinian began cursing and swearing because I would not shake hands with him.

Mr Warneford: He paid no attention to the warning?

Witness: No.

Sergeant Wood said that in company with the two previous witnesses, he visited the house about 8 o'clock on the night in question. They found several drunken men in the "Rodney" end. The barman was standing right opposite, and the landlord was just behind the barman, and could not possibly miss seeing the men. Witness called the landlord's attention, and said, "You have been cautioned about Tinian at 5-30 to-night." He replied, "He has only been in five minutes," and then shouted out, "Who served Tinian?" No reply came from the barmen at the time. Witness found Heslop and Watson in another portion of the house, both of them being very drunk. Heslop had a glass containing whisky, and Watson was drinking beer. One of the barmen was standing talking to him. Witness told the landlord that both men had had plenty. He saw James Hagan in the tap room very drunk, and met McGraw, who had previously been cautioned, coming in from the backyard. He drew Mr Coates's attention to him. He made no reply. Witness left the house, but went back again after 9 o'clock. He saw Watson still in the bar, found a man named Docherty very drunk, and Bolam in the snug also very drunk. P.C. Robson's description of Bolam's condition was correct. The landlord could see from the bar the position in which the man was sitting. There would not be over ninety people in the place altogether. He served the summons on Mr Coates, who said, "It's a pity, but I must admit that they were beerish; but Tinian had only been in five minutes."

Cross-examined: Witness said that Mr Coates did not say that they were drunk. The landlord went to all those people who were cautioned, but witness did not see him put any of them out. It was a busy house, but he had seen it much busier than on this occasion. He believed that it was Mr Coates's practice to go about at the week ends seeing that things were orderly instead of serving drink. It was, no doubt, difficult to keep men outside who were drunk, but it could have been better managed than it was. The landlord never said that Tinian had been put out. He said, "Tinian had only been in five minutes."

Mr Coates: I never said that he was put out. I said that he went out.

Mr Welford said that this case was somewhat similar to the one that had previously been decided. His instructions were that Mr Coates had given strict orders to his barmen, and all who assisted in serving not to serve any people when under the influence of drink. He, himself, did nothing else at the week ends but walk backward and forward to the different rooms in the house seeing that things were kept in order. He would call witnesses who would speak to the sobriety of the majority of the men whom the police alleged were so beastly drunk. It was becoming a very serious question if it was to be left entirely in the hands of the policemen to say whether a man was drunk or not. If a policeman said that a man was drunk, and another man said that he was not, it ought not to be taken for granted that the policeman was right. The only unfortunate man they had was Tinian, and his (Mr Welford's) instructions were that when the policeman first told Mr Coates about Tinian, the landlord at once told him to get out. He went out, and just came in again in front of the policeman. If it had to be the law that a man who had not been five minutes in the house——

Superintendent Benzies: It always has been the law.

Mr Welford: It will come to this, that if there are five or six entrances, the landlord will have to keep five or six men to watch them, and three or four other men to go about the house and order them out.

Mark Coates said that P.C. Robson first visited the house at about six o'clock, though Robson himself said that it was half-past five. Robson did not call his attention to anybody. He came into the bar, marched through, and after going outside, said to witness, "How are you, Mr Coates?" Just as he was leaving, he said "Look after those rodneys, some of them have about got plenty." Witness replied, "All right, I will look after them." He then turned all out who showed any signs of being drunk. He never touched a man with his hand; they went out when requested. The next time he saw the policemen was when Sergeant Wood and the two constables came in at about 8 o'clock. The Sergeant said, "You have Tinian here again, you have been warned about him before." He replied, "Tinian was put out an hour-and-a-half ago. He has not been in five minutes this time." He then turned to the barmen, and asked them if they had supplied Tinian. Both replied in the negative. Witness then told Tinian to go out. He turned to the men sitting near and said, "How long has Tinian been in?"

Mr Oliver: That is not evidence.

Witness said that he made enquiries and found that Tinian had just entered. The Sergeant never mentioned any other name than that of Tinian's. Heslop was not drunk, and nobody else than Tinian was drunk. He went into the snug, and spoke to Bolam who was sitting half asleep. Witness got hold of him and said, "Hallo, my lad, is thou asleep?" Bolam got up and walked out directly. The only drink he had in the house was a half of whiskey, and that he drank after being wakened.

Mr Oliver: Are you simply the manager of this hotel?

Witness: Yes.

Mr Welford: What has that got to do with this case?

Mr Oliver: A good deal.

Mr Welford: Nothing of the sort. He is summoned here for permitting drunkenness. Whether he is the manager or whatever he is does not affect the case.

Witness stated that Bolam had not been in the house more than five minutes.

Mr Oliver: And yet he had had time to go to sleep. What made him go to sleep?

Witness replied that he said that he had been playing cards all night. He was very little the worse for drink. He had a small whiskey, but did not touch it till after he was wakened by witness. McGraw was a little "touched," but not drunk. Witness very seldom served anything at the week ends.

Mr Oliver again produced the plan, and asked witness if he thought it a correct representation of the place.

Mr Welford: I object. Do not answer him. I object on principle to this thing.

Witness did not answer.

Mr Oliver: I ask for the witness to be committed for contempt of court.

Mr Welford: What for?

Mr Oliver: Is this plan a correct representation of the place?

Mr Welford: He is not an architect. How can he say?

Witness: I am not an architect. I cannot say. (Continuing) the second time, he saw Tinian, he was in the "Rodney" end. That was when the Sergeant and the two policemen came in. Tinian went straight out on being told to do so.

Mr Oliver: When Robson called your attention to Tinian first, what door did he go out of?

Witness: I cannot tell, but I think that he would go out by the side door.

Mr Oliver: But Robson stood watching for ten minutes, and never saw him put out. Do you say that what the police say is absolutely untrue?

Witness: Yes, as regards that point.

Sydney Callicott, barman, said that when P.C. Robson visited the house, he did not call his attention to Tinian, or to any person else. There were about fifteen or sixteen people in the little bar, and about forty or fifty in the other bar at the time. Robson looked into the two rooms, and then went into the passage, Mr Coates following him. Witness did not see any man drunk in these bars, though, had there been, he would have had him put out. Witness corroborated Mr Coates's statement as to the "Tinian incident." Tinian would not have been back more than a couple of minutes when the police came in the third time, and he had certainly not been supplied with any drink. Matty Watson walked straight out when requested. Mr Coates told Heslop to go out, who replied, "Well, Mark, I am not drunk." Mr Coates answered, "Never mind whether thou's drunk or not, get out." He went out at once. There was nobody drunk in the bar.

Cross-examined: It was about six o'clock when Robson first came in, and at that time, Tinian would have been in the house for an hour and a half, or an hour and three-quarters, when Robson came in. Robson was never in the house four times. Witness was never out of the bar after tea, which he had about four o'clock, and he was certain that Iceton and Robson were not in the house together at seven o'clock.

John Robertshaw, in reply to Mr Welford, said that he was present at the second visit of the police. The sergeant came in, and told Mr Coates that he had been cautioned about one of the men before. There was no drink, however, supplied to him after the second visit. He (witness) did not see Dodds.

In reply to Mr Welford, witness said that he did not know who was meant by the man, McGraw. He agreed with the last witness that it was possible for Bolam to have been in an hour-and-a-half.

Samuel Greenwell, barman, said that Bolam was not drunk. He had strict orders not to sell to anyone under the influence of drink.

By Mr Oliver: Bolam came in at 10 o'clock.

Robert Moffatt, coke drawer, Stanley, said that he saw Tinian come into the hotel between eight and nine o'clock. He saw the police; they followed him straight in. Tinian got nothing to drink. The sergeant followed Tinian within the space of five minutes. He (Tinian) had been in about three minutes when the sergeant came in. He went out when requested to do so.

Patrick McGuire, lodging-house keeper, Stan[illegible], said he remembered Connolly and Docherty [illegible]ing into his house. Connolly came in first, [illegible]ween a quarter-past nine and ten o'clock. [illegible]herty followed a few minutes later. The [illegible]-named was quite sober.

[illegible] Mr Oliver: Docherty had had some drink. [illegible] other man was sober. The men were all in [illegible] by 10.30.

Mr Oliver: I have heard of model lodging-houses. You must be a model lodging-house keeper. (Laughter).

Mr Welford: So he is.

Henry Heslop said he was in the middle house on the evening in question. He saw Watson. Mr Coates told him (witness) that he had had enough drink, and he went out. The sergeant said nothing to him, but he told Watson to go out, and was at once obeyed. He (witness) had four "halves" of rum.

John Pascoe, Stanley, said he was present on the day referred to. The defendant (Watson) was not drunk. He heard Mr Coates tell Heslop to go out. He (witness) did not know why these men were ordered out. They could both talk sensibly and walk steadily.

John Simpson, Stanley, said that he was in the Theatre at about 8.30 on the evening referred to. Heslop came up and sat beside witness. He (Heslop) was capable of going about. He had been summoned for being drunk, and had been dealt with at that Court that morning. He (witness) had only had three glasses of beer. His case had been dismissed.

Matthew Watson also stated that he was at the hotel on the 1st ult. He saw the sergeant, who spoke to him. He was not drunk.

Jonathan Hodgin, blacksmith, said that he was at the Middle House on the night in question. He went in close upon 10 o'clock. He saw Bolam go out, for he remembered distinctly seeing him get up on to his feet, and walk steadily out of the house.

This concluded the evidence, and the Magistrates retired for a few minutes. Upon returning into Court,

Dr. Wilson said: Well, Mark Coates, we consider that this is a serious charge, and, moreover, we consider it proved. We shall fine you £5 and costs, the license not to be endorsed.

A CASE WITHDRAWN.

The case in which Wm. Foster summoned Robt. Cooper for stealing fencing was, at the complainant's request, withdrawn.

MAINTENANCE CASES.

John Clarke was proceeded against by Superintendent Benzies for an order to contribute towards the support of his son, who is at an Industrial School. — Superintendent Benzies stated that he did not wish an order for a large amount to be made, for he found that small instalments were more regularly paid. The man had five in family.—An order for 1s 6d a week was made.—John Holliday was summoned by Superintendent Benzies for the non-payment of arrears for the support of his child in an Industrial School. The amount was £2 12s.—The defendant was ordered to pay the amount with the costs.

CHARGE OF DESERTION.

Robt. Windsor was charged, at the instance of Mr Moon, with deserting his wife and family.—The defendant stated that there were many reasons for his going away. He had been out of employment, and his wife did not "act up to the square." He was "fair sick of it, and that was the truth." He had been ill for about six weeks. —The case was dismissed upon the defendant making a promise to look after his family.

ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

John Plews was summoned for not sending his son Obadiah, aged 12¼ years, regularly to school.—Mr Gibson, attendance officer, stated that the boy was absent on May 10th. He had made five attendances out of a possible 43. He was only in Standard III. He had on the whole attended very badly.—Fined 5s.

SECOND COURT.

Before W. LOGAN, Esq., Dr. WILSON, Esq., C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq., and W. AYNSLEY, Esq.

CHARGE OF DRUNKENNESS.—CASE DISMISSED.

John Simpson, of Stanley, was charged for being drunk, on the 22nd ult. Mr Welford appeared for the defence.—P.C. Robson stated that he saw the defendant the worse for drink on the date referred to. The defendant was committing a nuisance when he (witness) saw him. He would not have taken action in the matter had not the defendant indecently exposed himself.—Mr Welford maintained that if such were the case, the charge of drunkenness must be dismissed.—P.C. Iceton stated that on the 22nd ult., he saw the defendant about half-past ten, near to Chaytor's backdoor. The defendant was drunk, and acted indecently. There was a young woman about at the time. He and the other constable told defendant that they would charge him with being drunk.—By Mr Welford: The defendant caused no disturbance.—Mr Welford stated that Simpson had lived in Stanley all his life, and had borne an exceptional character hitherto. He went into a public-house shortly after nine p.m., and had three glasses of beer. Now, if three glasses of beer would make a man drunk, he (Mr Welford) had something to learn. The policemen in their evidence did not find fault with the man for being drunk, but for committing a nuisance.—John Hutchinson, Stanley, said that he went into the public-house with Simpson, shortly after nine p.m. They came out about ten. They had three gills of beer each. He (witness) went one way and the defendant another.—The case was dismissed.

ABSENT DEFENDANTS.—A WARNING.

The Chairman, in dealing with several of the following cases of drunkenness, alluded to the fact that many of the defendants did not appear. He said that in future all the defendants would be compelled to be present. The cases would not be taken in their absence, and, if they failed to put in an appearance at the first summons, the case would be adjourned. Then they would be dealt with most severely. The practice of ignoring a summons for drunkenness must be stopped. This new rule would take effect at the next Court.

DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Turner, was summoned for being drunk at Shield Row, on the 15th May.—P.C. Johnson proved.—Fined 5s and costs.—George Grear, was also proceeded against by P.C. Johnson for a like offence at Shield Row.—The Chairman said that that made the 18th appearance for Grear. He would be fined 5s and costs, or 7 days. —John Bowes, Lanchester, was ordered to pay 2s 6d and costs.—Hugh McKenna, Lanchester, was fined 5s and costs for being drunk on the 21st of May.—Geo. Gray, Houghton-le-Spring, was proceeded against by Inspector Daly for being drunk on the 22nd ult. Defendant was very drunk, and made use of very bad language. He had 28 previous convictions against him.—Sent to prison for 14 days without the option of a fine. —Jos. Armstrong, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Lanchester, on the 13th ult.—P.C. Elliott proved the case.—Fined 7s 6d and costs.——Geo Jackson, Langley Park, was at the instance of P.C. Feasey, fined 5s and costs for a similar offence on the 14th ult.——Michael Kelly, Esh Winning, was fined 2s 6d and costs.—P.C. Robinson proved the case.——Thos. Hodgson, for being drunk and disorderly at Esh Colliery was fined 5s and costs.—Samuel Gair was fined 7s 6d for the same offence at the same time and place. ——Elizabeth Fairless, was fined 7s 6d and costs for being drunk at Stanley.——John Young, Beamish, was ordered to pay 10s and costs.—P.C. Robson proved.——Napier Robinson, Stanley, was fined 5s and costs.——John Stevenson, Burnhope, was proceeded against by P.C. Wall for being drunk on the 15th ult.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.——Robert Westgarth, Catchgate, was fined 2s 6d and costs.——Isaac Parker was similarly dealt with.——John Mumford, Catchgate, was fined 7s 6d and costs.——Wm. Gray, for being drunk and disorderly at Catchgate was ordered to pay 2s 6d and costs.—P.C. Ferguson proved.——Fenwick Bewick, was charged by P.C. Ferguson with being drunk on the 15th of May.—The officer stated that he was on duty at Craghead on the date in question, when he met the defendant about 10 p.m. The last defendant and this man were wanting to fight one another. —P. C. Chrisp corroborated.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.——John Foster was summoned for a similar offence on the same date.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.——George Souter, Craghead, was drunk on the 15th ult., and was ordered to pay 2s 6d and costs.——John Collins was summoned by Sergt. Vickers for being drunk at Annfield Plain, on the 23th of May.—The Sergeant said that he saw the defendant the worse for liquor early in the evening. He (witness) thought that he would go home quietly, and did not take action against him. However, about twenty minutes to eleven, he met him again, when he was helplessly drunk. He was obliged to lock him up.—Defendant said that he had been out in the Zulu Campaign, and the sun had affected him. If they discharged him he would get drunk no more.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

CHARGE OF GAMING.

Edward Banks, J. Thomas, Edward Williams, Thomas Humes, and Matthew Humes were charged with gaming at Craghead, on the 11th ult.—P.C. Chrisp stated that he saw them playing "nap." He and P.C. Ferguson were concealed. They saw them changing money one with another.—Thomas Humes said that he was not there. A mistake must have been made.—P.C. Chrisp said that he did not know the defendant, Thomas Humes, personally, but he certainly was one of the party who were playing. —The other defendants said that the police had got hold of the wrong man.—P.C. Chrisp said that it must have been his twin brother.—P.C. Ferguson said that when he went to Thomas Humes's house, the door was locked. (Laughter). —Fined 2s 6d each.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Leadbitter summoned Ann McAnaney for a breach of the peace on the 22nd ult., at Stanley; and Ann McAnaney proceeded against Stephen Leadbitter and Ann Leadbitter for a similar offence on the 22nd ult.—Evidence was tendered in each case that showed that the affair was a domestic quarrel.—The Magistrates, after giving ten minutes' hearing, bound the defendants over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months.

RIDING ON THE FOOTPATH.

Ralph Birtley, a boy of about 14 years of age, was summoned for riding a bicycle on the footpath between Oxhill and Annfield Plain, on the 21st May.—P.C. Haw proved.—Fined 1s and costs.

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LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS

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BREACH OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT.

William Lake was summoned by P.C. Ferguson for a breach of the Highways Act on the 16th ult. —P.C. Ferguson said that at about 3.44 p.m., on Sunday, the 16th ult., he was on duty at Holmside, when he saw some cows on the highway. The cows were unattended when he saw them. There were some boys, who were supposed to be in charge of them, some distance away.—Defendant: Did you give me any warning?—P.C. Ferguson said that he told defendant's mother.—Defendant: I took possession of those cows at 7 o'clock at night. I had to attend a wedding. My boys came straight from Sunday School to take the cows in charge.—P.C. Chrisp said that he saw four cows standing on the highway unattended. There were some boys in the distance flying pigeons. He could not say that defendant's boys were flying the pigeons, but they were in company with the others.—P.C. Hall corroborated.—The case was dismissed.

DOG WITHOUT LICENSE.

Thomas Bailey was summoned for keeping a dog without a license.—P.C. James stated that on Wednesday, the 12th of May, on visiting the defendant's house, he found that he had a dog in his possession, for which he could produce no license. He (witness) had told defendant about the dog in February, when it was between four and five months old.—Fined 7s 6d and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

William McKenzie, Joseph McKenzie, and Patrick Linskey were summoned for playing pitch and toss at Burnhope, on 16th May.—P.C. Wall stated that at about 4.20 p.m. on the date in question, he saw the defendants between Church Row and the Cottages. They were playing pitch and toss. Wm. and Joseph McKenzie were each ordered to pay 10s and costs, or 14 days. Linskey was fined 2s 6d or 7 days.——John Errington, Luke Bolam, William Fox, William Anderson, Thomas Welsh, and Matthew Palmer were charged with playing pitch and toss on the 16th of May. All the defendants pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Stubbs stated that on the date referred to—Sunday, the 16th—at about 3.30 p.m., he was concealed against West House. He saw Bolam and the other defendants throwing coins about. Eventually, the men got up and went away.—One of the defendants said that the officer should have charged them with the offence when he saw them, and not passed by them without remark.—The Chairman said that it was not the duty of the officer to charge them then.—Fox said that the policeman was charging six men with the offence, when there were 27 men present.—P.C. Stubbs: You are talking about a place a mile away.—The Chairman: He says that he saw you men there the first time.—P.C. Vitty said that on the 16th, he was with P.C. Stubbs. He saw the defendants passing money.—Fox said that there was some mistake. He had been at that Court twice before. He objected strongly to being charged with an offence when he was innocent.—The Chairman: I think that you have all been here before.—Some of the defendants then began to deny the charge.—The Chairman: All the officers swear that they saw you commit the offence. It is for you to bring evidence to disprove the officers' statements. They (the Magistrates) had heard enough. Palmer had 13 previous convictions against him. Fox would be fined 5s, Errington, Bolam, and Anderson, 7s 6d, and Palmer and Welsh, 10s, or 14 days.—Palmer: I'll go for 14 days, then.—The Chairman: It will do you good.——Bernard Mulligan, Patrick Joyce, and John Joyce were summoned for playing pitch and toss on the 16th May, at Stanley.—P.C. Iceton said that on the 16th ult., about 11 a.m., he saw the three defendants playing pitch and toss at Stanley. He got quite close up to them before he was discovered.—The Joyces were each fined 2s 6d and costs, and Mulligan 5s and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

George Barker was summoned for doing wilful damage to property belonging to Messrs Hedley Brothers, at Craghead, on the 13th ult.—P.C. Chrisp stated that he saw the defendant throwing new bricks on to the line. He (witness) nearly got hit on top of his head. There had been complaints from the colliery owners. The defendant was about 16 years of age.—Fined 1s and costs, with 3d damages.——Jas. Dolan and Jas. Turnbull were summoned for wilful damage to property belonging to Messrs Hedley Brothers.—P.C. Chrisp stated that on the 16th ult., at about 12 noon, he was in company with P.C. Ferguson, at the Bankfoot Collieries, Craghead. He saw defendants leave the highway, go over a fence, and then knock a portion of a wall down. The defendants did not attempt to put the stones back on to the wall which they had overturned.—The defendants affirmed that they did not go over the wall.—P.C. Ferguson corroborated the first officer's statement.—A fine of 1s with 1d damage was imposed.——George Hughes, a boy, was summoned for wilful damage to a clover field, the property of Mr Simpson, Stanley.—P.C. Iceton stated that on the 7th ult., at about 4 p.m., he saw the defendant coming across a clover field. He was the means of doing considerable damage to the crop. The boy would be about 16 years of age.—His mother, who appeared for him, said that they were only strangers in the place.—The officer said Mr Simpson had previously complained about the matter.—The Chairman said that the defendant had no right to go across the field in question. He was old enough to know better. A fine of 2s 6d and costs would be imposed, with 3d damage.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CASES.

Mr John Gibson, School Attendance Officer, proceeded against the following persons for not sending their children regularly to school:—John Greener, whose son, Daniel, Mr Gibson said, had attended 34 times out of a possible 42.—The defendant said that he was obliged to keep his son at home, for he had nine children, and had lost his wife.—The Chairman said that they thought that he was somewhat to blame for not sending his boy more regularly to school. They would be lenient, and he would be fined 1s.——John Plews was fined 5s for not sending his boy, Daniel, regularly to Tow Law School. The boy had put in 25 attendances out of a possible 46. He was eleven and a half years of age, and was only in standard II.——The case against Mr Morris was dismissed, upon a medical certificate being produced from Dr. Tiplady, of Tow Law. ——Edward Cooper's child, William, had attended the School, at Langley Park, 23 times out of a possible 34.—A fine of 1s and costs was imposed. ——James Welford was ordered to pay 5s. His son, Robert, had caused a good deal of trouble, according to Mr Gibson's statement. He was twelve and three-quarter years of age, and was in the VI. standard. He had, however, only attended 17 times out of a possible 40.——Robert Reed was fined a similar amount for the irregular attendance of his boy, Frederick.——George Robertshaw was summoned for not sending his daughter, Jane Ann, regularly to school.—In answer to the charge, defendant said that he thought that there was some liberty allowed when a child got into the higher standards.—The Chairman said that a labour certificate should have been obtained. From what Mr Gibson had said, the magistrates thought that he had acted rather high-handed in the matter.—A fine of 2s 6d was imposed.——Charles Stoddart's child, Isabella, had attended 20 times out of a possible 40.—As the defendant was over 13 years of age, the case was dismissed.

ASSAULT AT LANGLEY PARK.

George Jackson was summoned by Joseph Kunsey for assault, committed on the 14th of May.—Complainant stated that on the date in question, he came out of a public-house, at Langley Park, when the defendant, who was following him out of the house, struck him. They had a few words in the house, but complainant had not given any provocation. The defendant struck him several times.—John Reece said that he saw Jackson come out of the house and strike complainant several times. Kunsey was obliged to retaliate.—Defendant stated that he could not say anything, for he was drunk at the time, and did not know what he was doing.—Fined 5s and costs.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, May 31st, 1897.—Before J. Annandale, Esq., J. T. Potts, Esq., W. Aynsley, Esq., and G. Ainsworth, Esq.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

Mr J. G. Murray applied for permission to sell drink at the pit bar of the New Theatre, Consett. He stated that the magistrates would remember that on the 14th of December last, they granted a theatrical license to the New Theatre, but made a reservation regarding the pit bar, as they considered that the accommodation provided was unsuitable, and wished to limit the drinking facilities. They then intimated that if an amended plan, showing the necessary alterations, was placed before them, they would accede to the application for a license to the pit bar.—The Chairman: That was not the sole objection. The place was too small.—Mr Murray: I thought it was the object of the Bench to restrict the facilities for drinking.—The Chairman: We desire to prevent the occurrence of accidents. As it was, the original plan would have compelled people to converge towards one door—a very unsatisfactory arrangement.—The magistrates ultimately decided to defer their decision until they had officially inspected the place.

THE FORTHCOMING BAND CONTEST.

Mr J. G. Murray applied, on behalf of Mr Richard Murray, for an occasional license, in connection with the forthcoming band contest. A similar application, said Mr Murray, was granted last year.—Granted.

BETTING RAID AT DIPTON—A SUMMONS GRANTED.

Sergt. Lawson applied for a summons, under the Betting Houses Act, against John Turnbull, of Dipton, on a charge of frequenting a certain place at Dipton for betting purposes.—It will be remembered that Mr Turnbull was summoned at a former Court, when the charge against him was dismissed. Subsequently, on the 28th ult., at about 1-30 p.m., Sergt. Lawson, accompanied by P.C.'s Curtis and Dobinson, proceeded to Black Lane, Dipton, and arrested Turnbull. They at once conveyed him to the Police-station at Consett, where his books were seized. These Sergt. Lawson produced in Court.—The application was granted.

THE PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS.

John Saxty (15), Consett, was charged by P.C. Johnson with having on the 15th ult., committed an offence under the Wild Birds' Protection Act, of 1880.—The officer stated that on the date in question at about 3·50 in the afternoon he was on duty at Allansford Bridge, when he saw the defendant with a wild bird in his possession. He produced the bird, a young thrush, and said that his attention was first attracted by hearing the bird whistle faintly. The lad said that he picked the bird up, and was taking it home "to suckle." —Defendant's father said that his son was very delicate, and unable to appear.—The Chairman: We have the privilege of reprimanding him. If we reprimand you, will you reprimand him? (Laughter).—Saxty: Yes, but I may say that the boy picked the bird up with the idea of saving its life.—The Chairman: And did his best to smother it in a pocket handkerchief. As this is his first offence, we will not fine him, but order him to pay the costs.

ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

Michael McCluskey, Blackhill, was summoned by Mr A. McKean, school attendance officer, for not sending his son to school on the 21st ult.—The officer stated that the boy had been absent thirty-nine out of a possible fifty-five attendances. He was nine years of age and in Standard II.—Fined 5s, the usual order being made.——James Hall, Blackhill, was proceeded against by the same officer on a similar charge.—The child, in this case a girl, had been absent twenty out of forty-seven possible attendances.—Fined 5s.——George Renwick similarly charged, was ordered to send his child regularly to the Benfieldside School.

INSANITARY PROPERTY.—ACTION BY THE TANFIELD URBAN COUNCIL.

William Watson was proceeded against, under the Working Men's Houses Act, to show cause why a closing order should not be granted with reference to four rooms at Tanfield Hall.—Mr T. W. Welford appeared for the Council.—Mr Robt. Heslop, Inspector to the Tanfield Council, said that he knew the property referred to. He served the defendant with a copy of the notice (produced) dated 15th April, 1897. He had examined the property, and handed to the Bench certificates from Dr. Hill and Dr. Benson, which stated that it was totally unfit for habitation. He (witness) had counted as many as twelve tenants in the house, and on three or four occasions he had found three men and one woman in a single room. The ceiling, pillars, doors, and windows of the place were defective. There was positively no accommodation for cooking, which had to be done in an outhouse. The premises, generally, were in a highly insanitary condition. He visited them last on May 29th.—The Chairman: Has nothing been done to the property since the doctors' certificates were issued?—Witness: No, and I am of opinion that it cannot be made fit for human habitation.—Defendant: Did I not write to you about it?—Witness: Yes. —Defendant: Did you reply to my letter?—Witness: Yes.—Defendant: No you did not. Did I not spend £20 in repairs only a year ago?—Witness: You are making a mistake. You mean 20s. (Laughter).—Defendant: I beg your pardon; I wrote to you, and you would not answer.—Replying to the Chairman, the witness said that he met the defendant at Tanfield Hall a fortnight ago, but did not get any satisfactory information as to what he (the defendant) intended to do.—Defendant: Men clean the ashpits out regularly every week.—Witness: He did close the premises for about three months, but they are now occupied again.—The order asked for was granted. ——George Bolam was similarly summoned, respecting certain property at Burnopfield.—Mr Heslop stated that the house referred to was at present untenanted, as the occupants went out on Saturday week. The Council applied for a closing order to prevent it from again being occupied.—The order was granted.——Summonses had also been issued against G. T. Edmondson, Tanfield, and Robert Minto, Shotley Bridge, and a further summons against Wm. Watson, but the hearing of the cases were adjourned for two, one, and two months, respectively.

ASSAULT AT BLACKHALL MILL.

Margaret Ridley was summoned by Ann Parker for wilful damage to a dress and for an assault alleged to have been committed at Blackhall Mill on the 15th ult. Mr T. W. Welford defended.—The complainant, who gave her evidence very indistinctly, said that the defendant owed her some money for butter and eggs. She went for it, and defendant said, "You ——, go out; I have told you plainly that I am not going to give it to you; get out." She went out, and round to the front door, intending to inform defendant's husband. The defendant then threw some filthy water at her, exclaiming, "I'll learn you to pull me up to my husband."—Cross-examined: Witness did not say that she had nothing for her, and if she waited until dividend time, she would wipe most of it out; nor did she ask for a bill, containing a detailed statement of the amount owing. Defendant's husband did not say that he knew all about it, and could not help it. The water was not thrown by accident. Witness was sure that it was thrown wilfully. It was filthy water, and spoiled her dress, which she produced.—Mr Welford: How much is it worth?—Complainant: Fifteen shillings.—Mr Welford: What is the matter with it now?—Witness: It is spoiled by filthy water.—Mr Welford: It is the worse for wear?—Witness: Yes.—Mr Welford: It will all wash out.—The Chairman: Had you your back turned towards the defendant?—Witness: No; my side.—Mr Welford: Have you tried to brush the marks off?—Witness: No.—Mr Welford: Well, we say that it was an accident, and I don't think that the serge of which it is made would cost 9d per yard. (Laughter).—In reply to further questions, witness said that the water was not thrown out of the door as she was coming past. The defendant scooped it out of a bucket with her hands. The dress originally cost 21s, and had been worn only two months.—Margaret Scott said that she saw the disturbance, which occurred whilst she was washing her doorstep. The complainant asked Mrs Ridley for money, and the latter threw dirty water at her. Defendant's husband was present, and afterwards went into the house.—Cross-examined: Mrs Ridley called complainant a nasty beast, and complainant replied that the defendant must be a dirty thing. —John Armstrong (a boy) then gave evidence, and said that he saw Mrs Ridley throw the water. Witness was at the back door of the defendant's house, and could see right through to the front.—Cross-examined: It was an end house. He was sure that Mrs Ridley threw the water with her hands.—A man named Haughton was called for the defence, and stated that he remembered the day in question. He was then in the defendant's house, sitting near the bed head. Mrs Parker came to the door, and asked for money. Mrs Ridley replied that she was not then prepared to pay it, but if the complainant would wait until dividend day, she would give her "the thick end of it." Mrs Parker then used bad language, and there were high words used on both sides. Witness saw the water thrown, which was a pure accident. Mrs Ridley had been cooking dinner, and had been washing some leeks, radishes, or something of the kind. She threw the water out, not knowing that Mrs Parker had come round to the front door.—Cross-examined: Witness saw complainant come to both doors. Mrs Parker used bad language without receiving any provocation.—The Chairman said that the Bench considered an unprovoked assault had been committed. Had not the costs been very heavy, they would have dealt very severely with the defendant. As it was, she would have to pay 5s and costs for the assault, and 2s 6d damages for the dress—30s in all.—Defendant was allowed a fortnight in which to pay half, the remainder to be paid at the end of a month.

A DIPTON MAN ON THE WAR-PATH.

George Davison, Dipton, was summoned by Catherine McDonnough, of the same place, on a charge of wilful damage, alleged to have been committed on the 15th ult., and for an assault stated to have taken place on the same date.—Complainant stated that on the date referred to, defendant came into her house, and called her filthy names. Shortly afterwards, witness went to the tap for some water, when the defendant threw a half-brick (produced) at her. The damage was done to the window of her house, through which the defendant threw a stone. She claimed 2s damage for this.—In reply to the Chairman, witness denied that she had done anything to cause the defendant to commit either the assault or the damage. She had never said a wrong word to Davison, and did not know what had caused him to carry on in the manner he did.—William Smiles corroborated the complainant's story, and P.C. Curtis stated that, though he did not see the assault actually committed, he remembered the defendant coming to him and saying, "You had better come to the Besom; I shall do for those two —— to-night." Some time afterwards, complainant's husband came to him, and complained about the broken window.—Defendant said that, as sure as he was standing in that Court with God for his judge, he had not broken the window. There had been some difference between the women for a week or a fortnight, but he did not know what it was about.——A summons, in which Catherine McDonnough was proceeded against by Hannah Davison, for an alleged assault, on the same date, was then heard.—Complainant, the wife of the defendant in the preceding case, alleged that Mrs McDonnough pushed her down, and otherwise maltreated her.—The magistrates convicted Davison, and fined him 5s and costs, for the assault; 1s, and 1s damage on the second charge. —The case against Mrs McDonnough was dismissed.

ALLEGED BOOKMAKING AT BURNOPFIELD.

Amos Clark was charged by P.C. Pembert[illegible] under the County Bye-Laws Betting Act, [illegible] bookmaking at Burnopfield, on the 12th [illegible] —Mr Welford defended.—Mr J. Annandale [illegible] Mr G. Ainsworth did not adjudicate in this [illegible] —The officer stated that on the day in ques[illegible] he saw the defendant in Back Lane, Burnop[illegible] He was with two other men. Witness saw some men approach him, and give him something out of their pockets. Witness made a rush, and defendant made off through Burnopfield Wood, where he (witness) followed him. He saw him pass his books and papers to a man whom he could not identify.—Mr Welford: You have a very nice story. Can you identify the man who took the books and papers from the defendant?—Witness: I cannot particularise, but I believe that it was a man named Brown, who "touts" for him.—Replying to further questions, witness said that the first two men he saw were Brown and another man, whose name he did not know. He was about one hundred yards away.—A witness, named Foster, called by the police, said that he saw the defendant in the wood. He (defendant) was in company with another man, but witness could not say what they were doing. He saw two men run away, but, as he was sixty yards off, he could not say who they were, or what they were doing.—Mr Welford: And yet a man one hundred yards away swears that he saw money pass.—Mr Welford submitted that there was no case against his client. Neither books nor tickets had been found upon him.—P.C. Pemberton: I never searched for them.—Mr Welford: Yes, you did; you asked for his books.—The charge was dismissed.

THE CHARGE OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY AT CONSETT.

Nathaniel Houston, Ebchester, was charged by Mary Ann Allan with committing robbery with violence on the highway on the 16th ult.—Mr T. W. Welford, defended.—Complainant stated that she was the wife of Thomas Allan, and lived in John Street Square, Consett. On the date in question, she and her husband were coming home to Consett. It would be about 10·5 p.m., when they left Derwent Cottages. The robbery occurred at about 10·20. When they got to Telford's Farm, they met the prisoner and another man, whose name she did not know. The man with the prisoner, and witness's father had a few words, and the prisoner then came forward to strike her husband. She lifted her umbrella to defend her husband. He struck her on the face, blacked her eye, broke her brooch, and she lost her watch in the scuffle. Witness was knocked down, and became unconscious.—Cross-examined, witness had been at Derwent Cottages, and had had no drink except tea. She was only at two places that night. Witness did not ask a man if he had found her watch. John McEnaney was present when the row took place. Witness's husband had had some drink, but was not intoxicated. She did not say to her husband, "Somebody's been insulting us, go for him."—Lena Little, 19, Dene Bank, Allendale Cottages, said that on the 16th ult., she was going from Consett with her mother, Mary Ellen Little. When she got to Number One new houses she heard some people quarrelling. They were Mrs Allan, the prisoner, and others. Witness had known them before. Mrs Allan asked prisoner for his name, and he refused to give it, and struck her three times, knocking her down. She got up and followed him again and asked his name, and was again assaulted. Witness noticed that complainant's watch-guard was hanging loose. It was in her mother's house that complainant first missed her watch.—Cross-examined, complainant had had no drink, but was greatly excited. Witness heard her call for "Tommy," but thought she meant the big dog.—Mary Ellen Little, mother of the last witness, said that on the 16th ult., she was going home with her daughter from Consett. Near Number One new houses she heard some quarrelling. Mrs Allan was there, and asked prisoner's name after which she struck him with the umbrella, and he retaliated, knocking her down. Witness saw him take hold of complainant's breast, and strike her. She did not see him take anything from her. When she reached her home, she noticed that complainant's watch-chain was hanging loose. —P.C. Hadwin said that on the 16th ult., he apprehended prisoner on a warrant, and charged him with stealing a watch and using personal violence. On the road to the Station, he said "I did not steal the watch, but I admit pushing her." Witness searched the prisoner, and found no watch upon him.—Cross-examined, Houston had hitherto borne an excellent character.—Mr Welford contended that there was no case, and asked the magistrates to dismiss the charge.—This course was adopted, and the defendant was then charged with assaulting Mrs Allan.—The evidence was the same as in the preceding case. —Mr Welford then called John Henderson, W. Eltringham, and Thos. Seatrey, who alleged that the complainant was the aggressor. This charge was likewise dismissed.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

Ed. Parker, Consett, was proceeded against by P.C. Dodd, on the charge of being drunk on licensed premises on the 29th ult.—The officer stated that on the day in question, at about 10·45 p.m., he went to the Turf Hotel, Consett, and saw the defendant very drunk. A pint glass, three-quarters full, stood before him, and ninepence change.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.—Later on, Superintendent Benzies applied for a summons against the landlord of the Turf Hotel, on a charge of permitting drunkenness, and the application was granted.

VIOLENT ASSAULT IN A POLICE CELL.

James Cross, labourer, was charged with assaulting Edward Parker, the previous defendant, in the police cell, on the 29th ult.—Ed. Parker stated that the defendant struck him when in the cell on the day in question. Defendant was so violent as to necessitate his removal.—A fine of 10s and costs was imposed.

SECOND COURT.

Before George Ainsworth, Esq., and William Aynsley, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were proceeded against for the above offence, and were dealt with as stated, the fines in each case carrying costs:—Peter Matthews and Michael Hogan, Leadgate; Peter Clark and Patrick McEnaney, Blackhill; Wm. Soulsby, James Sullivan, and Wm. Kemp, Hamsterley Colliery, were each fined 5s.—Sergt. Nicholson, and P.C's. Grant, McGee, and Dixon proved the cases.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

The following persons were proceeded against for the above offences, and were dealt with as stated, the fines in these cases also carrying costs. —Michael Loughran, Alexander Roberts, Samuel Curley, James Cross, Thomas Cross, John Adams, Consett, were each fined 5s.—Sergts. Bellam and Dryden, and P.C's. Millions and Bradley proved the cases.——Catherine Soulsby, Eathlam Soulsby, Blackhill; Joseph Noble, Terence Donnelly, Thos. Walton, Robert Eccles, Ellen Mary Eccles, and Cornelius McAloon, of Leadgate, were each fined 5s.—P.C. Crabb proved.——A similar penalty was inflicted upon John Charlton, Burnopfield; Geo. Tate, Medomsley; Joseph Ball, Robert Read, James Hayes, and Joshua Edward Forster, of Annfield Plain.—P.C's. Dixon, Sinden, and Dobinson proved.——Henry Bolam, Burnopfield; and Bernard Meechan, White-le-Head, were each, at the instance of P.C's. Golightly and Tomlinson, fined 7s 6d.——A fine of 10s was imposed on John O'Neil, of Leadgate, P.C. Crabb prosecuting.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Wm. Brown and Richard Brown, of Consett, charged with doing wilful damage, on the 9th ult., were each ordered to pay 1d damage, and costs.—George Temple, Wm. Johns, Joseph Crowther, Wm. Crowther, Andrew Hall, Andrew Prince, Samuel Humble, and Archibald Turner, of Leadgate, were, at the instance of Wm. Brown, similarly dealt with.—Elijah Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Thomas Barker, Thomas Dodd, Charles Bradley, and John Richardson, charged with doing wilful damage to the property of Messrs Joicey & Co., were also ordered to pay the costs, and 1d. damage.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Thomas Hope, John Fenwick, Robert Rooney, John Thirlway, Wm. Jennings, Bernard Lundy, Wm. Walker, George Hall, Patrick Hughes, and James Kirsopp were proceeded against by P.C. Curtis on a charge of playing pitch and toss, at Dipton, on the 16th ult.—Mr J. Leadbitter defended.—The charge against Rooney was withdrawn, and that against Kirsopp was dismissed. —The other defendants were each fined 2s. 6d. and costs.——Benjamin Long, James Davidson, Patrick McKenna, and Thomas McKenna, Burnopfield, were, at the instance of P.C. Pemberton, each fined 1s. and costs for a similar offence. ——Robert Lamb, John Bushby, and Richard Davison, Medomsley, for a similar offence, were each fined 2s 6d and costs.—P.C. Sinden prosecuted.

BREACH OF THE GAME LAWS.

Joseph Collins, Robert Armstrong, Thomas Armstrong, and Robert Brown, were charged by P.C. Tomlinson with trespassing in pursuit of game, on the 21st ult., and were each fined 1s and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Charles McCue and Patrick McCluskey were charged by P.C. Pemberton with a breach of the peace, at Burnopfield, on the 22nd ult.—The case against McCue was adjourned, and McCluskey was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months.——Thomas Trotter and John Smales, similarly charged by P.C. Dixon, were also bound over.

WOLSINGHAM POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, June 1st, 1897.—Before S. J. Back-[illegible] Esq. (Chairman), Rev. T. E. Espin, and [illegible] Esq.

DRUNKS.

[illegible] was charged with being drunk, [illegible] the 15th ult.—P.C. Sutherland [illegible] defendant, who did not appear, [illegible] costs.——Frederick Watson [illegible] nst by P.C. Sutherland for [illegible] 15th of May. The constable [illegible] iant was unable to attend. [illegible] a doctor's certificate was [illegible] lant, was in High Street, [illegible] n, on the night referred [illegible] itness) a deal of trouble. [illegible] victed four times before. [illegible]—Robert Johnson was [illegible] and was fined 5s and costs.—P.C. Hildreth proved the case.——James Wilkinson, Wolsingham, was fined 15s and costs for being under the influence of alcohol, on the 10th ult.——Bridget Doran was fined 12s 6d and costs for being drunk, on the 5th ult. There were no less than twenty-one previous convictions against her.——John Robinson was summoned, at the instance of Sergeant Taylor, for being drunk and disorderly at Tow Law, on the 8th ult.—Fined 15s and costs.——Thomas Lambert was fined 7s 6d and costs.

AN UNLICENSED ST. BERNARD.

Thomas Guy was summoned by Sergeant Ryans for keeping a dog without a license.—Sergeant Ryans stated that, on the 8th of May, about 1·45 p.m., he went to Carr's Farm. He went into the yard, and saw the defendant's St. Bernard dog and a young pup. He asked the defendant's son how many dogs they had, and he replied that they had only got two. Witness then asked him regarding a third dog, to which the defendant's son replied that there was one—a stray dog, that had followed his sister from Wolsingham. Witness then searched the premises, and, upon opening the door of the house, he found the third dog. There was an attempt made to hide this dog. He asked the son concerning it, and he told witness that they had an exemption order for it. James Guy had told him that they had only a St. Bernard dog, and that they were only liable for three.—Defendant said that with regard to the keeping of this St. Bernard, they must understand that he was only quarter St. Bernard strain. He was useful for covering. Consequently, he thought that the dog should be exempted, as they used him for that purpose. They had two exemptions. They had two pups, one of which was born at Christmas, and the other, two months ago.—The Sergeant said that he had only summoned the defendant for the dog concealed in the kitchen. There were three dogs at the Farm, and two at the house. He ought properly to have been further summoned.—The Chairman said that defendant was in the wrong in the keeping of the St. Bernard. He must pay 3s and costs, and take a license out for it.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

PUBLIC MEETING IN CONSETT.

On Thursday evening in last week, a town's meeting, convened for the purpose of considering the best means of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Consett, was held in the large room of the New Town Hall. Mr W. Aynsley, as Chairman of the District Council, presided over a very small attendance, which included the Rev. C. S. Wilson, and Messrs N. Elsdon, J. Lowes, J. Kempson, T. Dunne, G. D. Powell, G. Ainsworth, H. Holliday, J. Daly, G. T. Hyden, Davies, T. L. Gledstone, J. W. Davison, T. Milner, J. Hardy, G. Pattrick, C. Weaver, E. J. Kirkhouse, J. Wildsmith, and others.

The Chairman, at the outset, briefly summarised the circumstances under which the meeting had been called. A sub-committee, he said, had been appointed to take into consideration the best means of commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. That sub-committee had met, and after discussing the question came to the conclusion that the best course to adopt would be to call a public meeting of the township. He was extremely sorry that the residents of the locality had not attended in larger numbers. (Hear, hear). He believed, however, that the people of Consett were as loyal as any in the country—(hear, hear) —and thought that when the twenty-second of June came round they would all rejoice over the fact that their beloved Queen had reigned over them for sixty years. They gathered from the newspapers that nearly every village, hamlet, and town in the country would on that eventful day voice their loyalty to their Sovereign, and he took it that Consett would not be backward in declaring itself. He would be pleased to hear any suggestion as to the way in which the Jubilee should be commemorated. At the Jubilee of ten years ago, he believed that a large procession was formed—headed by a brass band —in which the children attending the day schools and the members of the Local Board took part. This broke up after singing the National Anthem. The scholars then went to the various schools and had tea, after which an adjournment took place to the Vicarage Field. There, sports of every description were indulged in, and the night was finished up with a grand display of fireworks, and a huge bonfire. That was how the Jubilee of ten years ago was celebrated, and he would be glad to hear any suggestions for the forthcoming festival. (Applause).

Mr Davison, on the invitation of the Chairman, rose, and said that he thought that some members of the Council would be in a better position than he was to sketch out a scheme for the proper commemoration of Jubilee Day. He, himself, had no particular plan marked out. He supposed that it was the general intention to give a treat to the children, and was glad to notice from the papers that the authority had been given to the District Council to use a reasonable amount of money in connection with the public rejoicings. They had a large number of children attending their day schools, and in his opinion, money expended in giving them a treat would be well spent. He believed that by law children were compelled to attend day school at the age of five years and upwards, so that if they gave the tea to the scholars they would practically include all the children of the district. This would be convenient on account of the fact that the schoolmasters had the names of all their scholars inscribed on the registers. He thought that the tea might be preceded by a procession, which could be led by a band, and in which the District Council might take part. (Hear, hear).

The Chairman (to Mr Davison): Do you propose that the District Council should bear some of the expense?

Mr Davison: They are at liberty to do so, according to information I have received.

The Chairman: I think you are right.

Mr Davison: In that case I believe that it would be the wiser course for the Council to bear part, if not the whole, of the expense, as the ratepayers will then be contributing according to their rateable value.

Mr Holliday: I think that there is very little doubt that the Council have the power to contribute, but in that case people would be compelled to subscribe when they might not wish to do so. Whether that would be a course Her Majesty would like seems to me to be a little doubtful. Of course, if a resolution were passed at this meeting leaving it to the Council that body will know what to do.

Mr Ainsworth said that the issue of the circular, giving the Council power to contribute towards the expenditure of money in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, was something entirely new. Had they known of it earlier, they might have modified their proceedings accordingly. That was, so far as he knew, the first time that they had been allowed to utilise public money for anything of the kind. When the sub-committee discussed the question, they decided that as they had no power to bear any part of the cost, they had no right to arrogate to themselves the course the Jubilee proceedings should take.

Mr Weaver, invited to express his views, rose and said that, as all had benefitted under the Queen's reign, there was evidently a strong and universal desire to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. It would not be unreasonable, he thought, for the Council to vote a sum of money for the purpose. It ought not to be difficult, in a town like Consett, to have a really enjoyable and interesting festival. Consett was supported by the Works, which were again largely dependent upon the nation, for which ships of war were required. They ought not to be backward in displaying their loyalty. Personally, he had quite expected that the meeting would be a small one. He did not think that the Council had taken the proper course, and, unless they obtained the sympathy of the public, very little could be done. There could be no difficulty regarding ways and means. It would not be necessary to take very much from the rates. A wealthy combination like the Consett Iron Company would not, he felt sure, be backward in subscribing, and individual contributions would be certain to be forthcoming. He noticed that, at the suggestion of some butchers, the inhabitants of a certain town had decided to roast an ox on Jubilee Day.

Mr J. W. Leybourne said that before anything definite was settled, he would like to enquire if the workmen, employed by the Consett Iron Company, were to have a day's holiday given to them? They had a good procession ten years ago, and if it were possible it would be advisable that friendly societies should take part in it on the 22nd of June. This would be an impossibility unless the Works were to be closed for the day. He scarcely agreed with Mr Weaver's suggestion of roasting a bullock, as that would entail great expense and much waste.

The Chairman: Mr Weaver was not serious about that. I think it would be as well if all the money required were to be raised by private subscription.

Mr Weaver: Will not the Council take advantage of the privelege which has been granted to them?

The Chairman: We have the power, certainly.

Mr Kirkhouse: How was the money obtained at the last Jubilee?

Mr Ainsworth: By private subscriptions.

Mr Davison: If I am not mistaken the entire cost was defrayed by the Consett Iron Company.

Mr Holliday: I think that you are mistaken, sir.

Mr Davison: There might have been a few private subscriptions.

Mr Ainsworth said that if the money had to be provided out of the rates, the Consett Iron Company would have to pay about three-fifths of the amount. That would not give the people any opportunity of expressing their loyalty. He had no definite scheme to present, but he thought that the best plan would be for that meeting to form a committee of four or five, to act with the sub-committee already appointed by the Council. The combined committees could then open a subscription list, and the Council might also make a grant. Everybody would then have a chance of contributing, and the joint committee could be empowered to decide what form the rejoicings should take—which would largely depend upon the amount of money that was received. Judging by that meeting, he did not think that there was any very great desire for anything to be done in Consett. He would certainly have a tea for the children. No doubt the managers of the various schools would be glad to make the necessary arrangements, if the funds were forthcoming. That, at any rate, must be the primary consideration. The procession was a small matter, and could be decided by the joint committee at any time.

Mr Pattrick, in response to the Chairman, next spoke, and said that before they defined the ways and means, they should first know—though they were rather late in the day—what they were going to do. A sub-committee had already been appointed by the Consett Council, and he thought that the Secretary should write to all Friendly Societies and Athletic Clubs in the town, asking them to combine with the sub-committee. On the day, he himself was strongly of opinion that there should be a good procession, in which the Freemasons, Friendly Societies, and Athletic Clubs ought to take a prominent part. The children could afterwards have tea, and then adjourn to a field for games and athletic sports of every description. Consett was backward with reference to athletics, and this would be a splendid opportunity to introduce and get solid footing for them. He had no doubt but that the town would respond liberally to an appeal for funds. All, even the Socialists, had enjoyed the peace and prosperity which had followed Her Majesty's beneficent reign, and he believed that all the residents of the district desired to give expression to their loyalty. As he would like to see something done by the meeting, he would embody his suggestion regarding the co-operation of Friendly Societies in a resolution which he had the pleasure of moving.

The Chairman: Do you not think that your resolution would make the proceedings a rather gigantic thing?

Mr Pattrick: Probably, but as the day is so unusual, we ought to try to make it one that even the youngest child will ever remember.

The Chairman: We have not yet heard whether or not the Consett Iron Company were prepared to close their works on Jubilee Day. If they do not, the suggestion as to Friendly Societies taking part would be impracticable. The majority of the members would be at work.

Mr Ainsworth: Such a course has not been contemplated. To close the Works for one day would mean such a tremendous expense that the matter would require a very great deal of consideration. It is easy to shut up a shop for a few hours, but to close the Works would mean a much more serious matter.

Mr Weaver: Did they close the Works at Middlesbrough on the last Jubilee?

Mr Holliday: No.

Mr Ainsworth: I can tell you that the largest works at Middlesbrough will not be closed on the 22nd of June. It would cost some thousands of pounds.

Mr Weaver: Is it not possible to give some part of the day?

Mr Ainsworth: Not for the greater part of the workmen.

Mr Elsdon said that it would not be out of place to give an invitation to the friendly societies. He did not think that the money they required ought to be raised out of the rates. They were threatened with another big rate, and if public expenditure were increased, the rents would go up proportionately. He thought there were many influential gentlemen who would gladly subscribe. He seconded Mr Pattrick's motion.

Mr Ainsworth thought the suggestion was quite impracticable.

Mr Daly said that a committee should be appointed, and a subscription list opened.

Mr Hyden agreed with Mr Ainsworth in thinking that a big committee would be unwieldly. Speaking of friendly societies, he was reminded that Mr Davies had organised and brought them into touch with one another. He (Mr Davies) might possibly be induced to co-operate with the sub-committee.

Mr Dunne said that it would not be wise to ask the various societies to take part in the procession. There were some whose opinions were in conflict with others, so that they could not walk in company. There was no necessity for them to have discord on that day. He would suggest that a representative committee be formed to act in conjunction with the sub-committee already chosen.

After further discussion, which was largely of a conversational character, it was decided that the following twelve be appointed a committee to act with the sub-committee of the District Council to make arrangements for the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee:—Messrs W. S. Davies, G. Pattrick, H. Holliday, Dawson, C. Weaver, T. L. Gledstone, E. Lamb, J. Wildsmith, G. Lowes, Bailey, T. Forkin, and Hand.

The meeting then terminated.

THE COMMITTEE'S ARRANGEMENTS.

A meeting of the committee approved by the public meeting, held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on the preceding Thursday night, took place in the District Council Offices, Parliament Street, on Tuesday evening. Mr Wm. Aynsley (chairman of the Urban District Council) presided, and amongst those present were:—Messrs Geo. Ainsworth, J.P.; Henry Holliday, Geo. T. Hyden, T. Dunne, J. Kempson, T. Forkin, L. Dawson, B. Bailey, J. Lowes, W. S. Davies, T. L. Gledstone, E. Lamb, C. Weaver, Geo. Pattrick, and J. Wildsmith.

The Chairman explained that the time was fast approaching when the Jubilee would be celebrated, and if they were inclined to do anything in Consett, they would have to be pushing on with their arrangements. Having detailed what was done on the occasion of the Jubilee in 1887, Mr Aynsley added that Mr Dunne informed him that a knife-and-fork-tea was also provided in the New Town Hall for the old people, who were furthermore presented with a quantity of tea and tobacco. Of course, they could do nothing without funds, and their object was to agree upon the best means of raising the money.

Mr Holliday: Did I not understand you to say, at the public meeting, that the Guardians had resolved to give the poor people something extra during Jubilee week?

The Chairman: Yes; the Guardians have decided to double the allowance of all out-door paupers that week.

Mr Holliday: Don't you think that would be sufficient for the old people?

Mr Wildsmith enquired if there were not a lot of respectable poor people who never applied for parish relief?

The Chairman: I dare say there is.

Mr Ainsworth suggested that it would be better to determine how they would raise the ways and means first, and see how much more they could raise, before they fixed upon the nature of their jubilee celebrations.

The Chairman stated that the first business would be the election of a secretary. Mr Gledstone was appointed hon. treasurer at the jubilee meeting.

Eventually, Messrs C. Weaver and T. Forkin were chosen and consented to act as secretaries.

Mr Ainsworth said it was a *sine quo non* that the school children should be provided with a free tea and treat, and anything beyond that would depend upon the amount of money subscribed.

Mr J. Lowes enquired if it had been definitely fixed whether they should raise the money by public subscription, or get it out of the rates?

The Chairman: There has been nothing decided yet.

Mr Ainsworth: This committee cannot take money out of the rates.

The Chairman: Yes; it will be a matter for the Council to decide.

Mr Lamb: Is there any information as to how the funds were raised last time?

The Chairman understood that the Consett Iron Company bore the largest share of the burden.

Mr Holliday presumed that there would be a secretary at the last jubilee commemoration, and he would have some documents relating thereto.

The Chairman: I believe the late Mr Brodie acted both as secretary and treasurer to the fund.

Mr Dawson stated that a public subscription was then opened, and the Consett Iron Company supplemented this by a donation of their own.

Mr Ainsworth explained that 10 years ago the Consett Iron Company defrayed one-half the cost of the children's tea, providing that the amount did not exceed 4d per head. Of course, in the case of the British Schools, the Company bore the whole expense. He could not tell whether the other half was raised by public subscription, or was found by the managers of the different schools.

Mr Hyden believed that the funds were provided by the various bodies and school managers, as far as the scholars' treat was concerned. He had an idea that prizes were likewise presented to the school children.

Mr Dawson: Yes, the late Mr Jenkins gave some prizes for the children's sports.

The Chairman expressed an opinion that the repast for the old people was provided out of the surplus money left over from the soup kitchen fund—something like £7 or £8.

Mr Gledstone concurred with Mr Aynsley.

Mr Dawson moved that a general subscription list be opened at once.

Mr Pattrick submitted an amended proposition with reference to raising the funds, but his motion did not find a supporter.

Mr Dawson, in answer to interrogatories, said that there were 2200 children attending the different schools in Consett, and the cost of entertaining them to tea would be between £35 and £36.

The Chairman: If you have a procession, you will, of course, have to hire a band.

Mr Ainsworth announced that on the present occasion the Consett Iron Company was prepared to pay one-half of the cost of the children's tea; conditionally that the outlay did not exceed 4d a head, and, further, give a donation of £10 to a general fund that might be started.

The Chairman: Do you intend taking the children into the new Jubilee ground for the sports?

Mr Hyden: There is a nice level place which will do very well for the sports. Last time, the sports were held in the Vicarage field. There is no reason why the recreation ground should not be opened on Jubilee day.

The Chairman: I think the place will be ready. There is only the fence to put up.

Mr Hyden seconded Mr Dawson's proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Mr Dawson suggested that the tea and sports should be restricted absolutely to day scholars, as there were youths of 16 or 17 years attending the Sunday schools.

Ultimately, Messrs Hyden, Dawson, Bailey, and Forkin were appointed a committee to take charge of the children's sports and pastimes.

The subject of how the remaining 2d a head for the juveniles' tea should be realised, was debated at some length, Mr Ainsworth pointing out that there was no reservation touching the offer of the Consett Iron Company to bear half of the expense of the tea; the other part of the cost could either be realised by public subscription, or found by the respective school managers.

Mr Holliday then moved that the secretaries write to the school managers, informing them of the offer of the Consett Iron Company, and asking whether they preferred to subscribe to a general fund, or desired to provide the other half of the money for the children's treat at their own cost.

Mr Pattrick: Would the school managers be personally responsible?

The Chairman: Oh, no.

Mr Dunne stated that the school managers could appeal to their respective congregations, and there would be no difficulty in realising the amount they would require.

Mr Davies seconded, and the proposition was adopted.

As the managers of the several schools were present, they conferred together, and agreed to provide the remaining part of the funds necessary to provide the schools' tea.

Mr Hyden enquired if it would be desirable to arrange sports for the children?

Mr Ainsworth: If you get a lot of children together, you will have to provide some sort of amusement for them. The day is more a question of creating jollification for the children more than anything else.

Mr Pattrick made a motion that sports be arranged for the children and prizes awarded, a programme to be drawn up, and the games to be in charge of the committee already selected.

Mr Dunn seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

The subject of arranging for a display of fireworks was afterwards considered, Mr Ainsworth pointing out that it was exceedingly difficult to get fireworks for that particular day, and besides, money spent on fireworks was practically thrown away; so this idea was wholly abandoned.

Mr Dunne described the tour undertaken by the procession ten years ago, namely, from the Council offices, along Middle Street, Front Street, Sherburn Terrace, back *via* Medomsley Road, and Gibson Street to the Church.

Mr Ainsworth considered the *route* far too long and wearisome for the children.

Mr Holliday said it must have been a tremendously long procession to keep the children moving about a couple of hours. It was out of the question to keep young children moving about for two hours on a hot dusty afternoon.

It was agreed to engage a brass band for that day. The *route* of the procession, and the order of the schools to be determined later on.

A long discussion arose with reference to the site of a bonfire, the new recreation ground being considered dangerous by reason of the inflammable heaps in the immediate vicinity, and at length the matter was left in the hands of a sub-committee, comprising Messrs Kempson, Pattrick, Lamb, Davies, and J. Lowes.

The next proposition, made by Mr Dunne, was to the effect that a free tea be given to the aged poor of 60 years of age, resident in the district, and that they furthermore present a quarter of a pound of tea to the females, and two ounces of tobacco to the males.

Mr Kempson seconded, and the proposal was agreed to.

The Chairman, and Messrs Dunne and Wildsmith were deputed to superintend the arrangements.

Mr Weaver suggested that a meat tea be served in the New Town Hall, to which ladies should be invited, and that a number of toasts be duly honoured, but the idea was not entertained.

A recommendation was made that the town should be mapped into districts, and canvassers appointed, but it was agreed (for the time being) to advertise only in the local papers, and hold another meeting next Wednesday night, to see how the appeal was responded to.

At the close of the proceedings, Mr Lamb suggested the advisability of the Committee approaching the District Council with the object of asking them to defray the whole of the expense of the Jubilee celebrations, as they were placing a lot of work on the shoulders of the Committee.

Mr Ainsworth explained that in that case, the Consett Iron Company's offer of £10 would lapse, as there was no general fund in existence. Besides, they would be depriving many of the inhabitants of the town from displaying their loyalty to the Queen by subscribing a single halfpenny to the Jubilee Fund.

Mr Bailey: How much might the cost be?

The Chairman: We cannot tell.

Mr Dunne said that any ratepayer, or body of ratepayers, could attend the District Council on the following (Wednesday) night, and ask the Council to bear the whole cost of the Jubilee rejoicings.

The Chairman thought it expedient to allow the voluntary fund to remain open. They had got throught a good night's work, and matters seemed to be going on satisfactorily.

The meeting separated after a vote of thanks had been tendered to the Chairman.

POLICE COURT FOR STANLEY.

MAGISTRATES' DECISION.

There was a full attendance of magistrates at the Lanchester Petty Sessions on Thursday week to consider the question raised by the Stanley Urban District Council, relative to a proposal to establish a Petty Sessional Court at West Stanley. The County Council has already built a commodious Police Station with cells, officers' quarters, and residence for the Sergeant in charge. The premises occupy a commanding position in a leading thoroughfare, and almost face St. Andrew's Parish Church Institute. For some time past, the lock-up cases of simple drunkenness, vagrancy, &c., have been tried at the court-house either by Mr Geo. Ridley, or Mr Jonathan Green; but in the absence of any railway service to Lanchester, it has been felt a matter of extreme difficulty and hardship, especially in winter time, that all summoned cases, and serious charges should have to be dealt with at Lanchester. The Stanley Council took the question in hand, and made representations to the County Council at Durham. The Clerk to that body (Mr Ralph Simey) referred the memorialists back to the magistrates acting for the Division who were the proper authorities to take action in the first instance. As far as could be gathered from Mr Simey's letter, however, it appeared to be the impression of that gentleman that the proposal was to remove the venue of the Petty Sessions from Lanchester to West Stanley; but such an idea as this never for one moment entered the minds of the advocates of the establishment of a regular court at Stanley.

At the meeting of Justices at Lanchester, on Thursday last, Mr James Annandale (Chairman of the division) presided, and amongst those present were:—His Honour Judge Greenwell, the Rev. T. J. L. Warneford, Dr. J. Wilson, Messrs J. W. Walton-Wilson, W. B. Van Haansbergen, E. W. E. Balleny, W. Logan, R. G. Barclay, W. Aynsley, J. Green, and H. Curry Wood. The proceedings, which were strictly private, lasted about three-quarters of an hour. On the Court being opened, the subjoined official communication was handed to the press representatives:—It was proposed by Mr James Annandale, seconded by his Honour F. G. Greenwell, and unanimously carried by the justices acting for the West Division of Chester Ward of the county of Durham, "That a Petty Sessional Court be held at Stanley once a month, provided that the Petty Sessional Court at Lanchester be not interfered with, and that it remains the centre of the division."—It was further agreed that the court at Stanley should be held on the Wednesday following Monday's Petty Sessions at Consett. This decision will be presented to the Standing Joint Committee, it being moreover recommended that for the time being a suitable room should be rented in West Stanley, wherein the Petty Sessions could be held.

The foregoing document was signed by all the justices present except Mr Balleny.

EVICTION NEAR TOW LAW.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT A BAILIFF.

On Friday morning last, a rather sensational incident occurred at Wadsley Farm, Fir Trees—about 2½ miles from Tow Law—in the course of the eviction of Mr Wm. Brown. It appears that Mr Brown received notice to quit last November, but on the 13th inst., when the farmstead should have been vacant, he was still in possession and refused to leave. Consequently, an eviction took place. On Friday morning, the Sheriff's officer (Mr R. A. Meacock, Darlington), Mr Stevens (land agent to Mrs Duncombe, Shafto, the owner of the property), three policemen and the bailiffs proceeded to the farm. The tenant and his wife had gone to Witton-le-Wear. In their absence, the officers were met on the threshold by Mr Brown's son, a man about thirty years of age, who aimed a loaded gun at the leading bailiff. The second bailiff, with commendable presence of mind, sprang forward and struck the gun up. The shot was then fired off to avert any further danger by one of the bailiffs. The son was instantly seized by the officers and chained to a mangle in the wash-house. The man was kept in custody till late in the afternoon when he was conveyed to Durham. Considerable excitement was caused in the neighbourhood. The furniture was allowed to be taken away by the members of the family, but the farm stock, implements, &c., will be seized to pay the expenses, which, as is generally the case, are exceedingly heavy.

CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday evening last, the Chairman, Mr W. Aynsley, presiding. There were also present:—Messrs J. Lowes, H. Holliday, J. Kempson, T. Dunne, J. Daly, G. D. Powell, G. Ainsworth, J. Scott, G. T. Hyden, N. Elsdon, Dr. Macintyre, the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), the Deputy Clerk (Mr H. Foggan), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon).

THE RECREATION GROUND.

It having been reported that the new recreation ground was now the property of the Council,

Mr Elsdon enquired if it would not be as well that the public should know it belonged to them, so that they could use it if they desired.

Mr Aynsley: We wish to open it on Jubilee Day. (Hear, hear).

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee recommended that cheques, amounting to £463 12s, be ordered for signature. The Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Co.'s account, for gas supply, amounting to £299 12s 10d, was recommended to be returned for amendment, in accordance with the Company's letter of the 27th of February, 1897; and their account for repairs, amounting to £4 5s 8d, to be held over for the Surveyor to enquire into. The Clerk having read the correspondence between Messrs Baker, Lees and Postlethwaite, and himself, as to the liability of the frontages in Tinmill Road, Blackhill, to kerb, channel, and cement the footpath on which their premises abut, also a case from the "Justice of the Peace," bearing on the matter in hand, the Committee recommended that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans, sections, and estimates for the carrying out of this work. The Committee recommended that Messrs W. & J. R. Walker's tender (£854 7s 10d) be accepted for the making of certain streets.

The report was adopted.

THE CEMENTING OF TIN MILL PLACE.

Dr Macintyre, with reference to the above, said that the Clerk had obtained counsel's opinion as to the liability of the owners of the abutting property to make a footpath in Tin Mill Place. That opinion had been received, and was to the effect that the Council could compel the owners to bear the whole cost. At the last meeting of the Finance Committee, the Surveyor was instructed to prepare a plan, which was now before the Council.

Replying to the Surveyor, Mr Ainsworth said that from the bridge to the Rose and Crown, the road had not been taken over by the Council.

Mr Hyden then moved that the Finance Committee's report be passed, except one item of £15 which was recommended to be paid to Mr Simon Rowe, on the condition of his giving up the land to be used for the Recreation Ground, without the proper notice. There were, he said, a number of piggeries on the land, and he understood that some of the owners declined to give up possession.

Mr Daly seconded.

Considerable discussion took place, and it was eventually resolved that the report be adopted, the Recreation Ground Committee to hand over the cheque to Mr Rowe, and see that the tenancy is formally given up.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The above Committee reported that Mr Scott had inspected Mr Allison's property, and the Committee recommended that the owner be written to, to the effect that if he could come to some arrangement with Mr Doherty to give the necessary width of eighteen feet for the street, and that on receiving a letter from each of them assenting to this, and a block plan from Mr Doherty showing the same, they recommended that the Council go no further in the matter, but otherwise, they would be compelled to take proceedings.

The report was adopted.

THE ALLEGED ENCROACHMENT IN JAMIESON STREET.

A letter was read from Mr John Allison, stating that he had made the required arrangement with Mr Doherty, which it was decided to accept.

GARDENS FOR WORKINGMEN.

Mr Dunne said that as the Recreation Ground was shortly to be opened, that would, he thought, be a good time to consider the advisability of purchasing, or leasing, a few acres of land in accordance with the Allotments Act, to meet the requirements of the workingmen. There was a nice place in proximity to the new Recreation Ground, which was no use for grazing purposes, but would be very suitable for the making of gardens. If workingmen could get ground on reasonable terms, they would be able to have either gardens or piggeries. This would have the effect of removing piggeries from proximity to dwelling-houses. The adoption of his resolution would make for the advantage of the workingmen, and assist in beautifying the town.

Dr. Macintyre seconded.

A committee, consisting of Dr. Macintyre and Messrs Elsdon and Kempson, was then chosen to consider the matter, and report to the Council.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that the Council had the power to contribute towards the local festivities in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Chairman said that according to the circular they had heard read, the Council had the power to use money from the rates if they desired to do so, in connection with the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Mr Holliday: I propose that the Council give a contribution of £10 to the Jubilee Fund.

Mr Daly: I second that.

Mr Elsdon enquired how they intended to raise the necessary money? If by private subscription, he thought that it was unfair to take money out of the rates, and then ask ratepayers to subscribe a second time. Those who did so would be paying twice over.

Mr Ainsworth said that was one reason why he was in favour of keeping to a moderate amount. £10 was not out of the way.

Mr Elsdon: I do not object to that.

The resolution was then agreed to.

A CHANGE OF NAME.

Mr Hyden moved that the minute relating to the naming of Weatherall Terrace be rescinded, and that it be called, as requested by the residents, Belle-Vue Terrace.

Mr Lowes seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE SEWAGE FARM.—MR. ELSDON TO THE FORE.

Mr Elsdon, in accordance with notice of motion, rose to propose that the Sewage Farm be let, instead of as at present being worked by the Council, under the superintendence of a manager. He did so, he explained, in the interests of the ratepayers. He believed that the proposed change would benefit the town financially, and effect a saving of something like three or four hundred pounds every year.

The Chairman: Rather a wide margin to allow, Mr Elsdon.

Mr Elsdon said that he was open to contradiction, but he was speaking from the information he had in his possession. The balance sheet showed a profit of £9 10s 11d, but that was not a fair statement, as there was the interest on the cost of the Farm (about £60,000) still to account for. Taking that into consideration, there could not possibly be a profit on the year's working. Then, he noticed that only ten per cent. was allowed for depreciation in value of tools, &c. Did they consider that to be sufficient? He was not an agriculturalist, but in his opinion, their value must have depreciated more than ten per cent.

Mr Ainsworth: But we have not taken into account the improvements to the land, which are considerable.

Mr Elsdon (continuing) said that that did not affect his position. He contended that ten per cent. was not sufficient to allow. Then they paid £222 7s 7d in wages. He supposed that the Farm would let for about £120, so that by letting the Farm, they would save over £312. He would deduct £52, which would be paid to a man, who should devote the whole of his time to the sewage, and they would then find a saving of something like £260. He thought the matter should be thoroughly thrashed out. If there was an opportunity of saving the ratepayers' money, they certainly ought not to let it go by.

Mr Ainsworth pointed out that in the event of their letting the Farm, they would not obtain the income from the produce.

Mr Holliday: Is it a fact that we could let the Farm for £120?

Mr Elsdon: I am informed that there is not the slightest doubt about it.

The Chairman: Do you think that one man could manage the whole of the Farm?

Mr Elsdon: Yes, sir.

The Chairman asked if it would be right, seeing that they had gone to great expense, to allow the land to go out of their possession? He did not believe that any man would attend to the sewage for £1 a week. They now employed three men, and he thought that two of them were chiefly engaged in looking after the drainage. They could not compare the work on their Farm with that associated with the ordinary work of agriculture.

Mr Holliday said that if Mr Elsdon could show that the change would be beneficial, and could convince the Council of the fact, they would doubless agree to his proposal. He thought the members would prefer the opinion of the Chairman, who also presided over the Farm Committee.

Mr Elsdon: Every member has a right to his own opinion.

Mr Holliday: I think that although you are opposed to the Chairman's opinion, the majority of the members would agree with him.

Mr Elsdon: If you are biased, I am not; nor do I intend to take any opinion that does not accord with my own judgment.

Mr Ainsworth said that the question of the advisability of letting the Farm was considered when the scheme was first inaugurated by the Local Board, under the presidency of the late Mr Jenkins. It was then thought that it would not be well for the disposal of the sewage to pass out of the hands of the local authority.

Mr Elsdon: I am not biased. If the Council think differently to myself, there is an end of the whole matter. I have been requested by the ratepayers to bring the matter forward, and have done my duty.

Mr Ainsworth: It is a matter that ought to be thoroughly ventilated. I believe that Mr Daly once proposed a resolution similar to the one now moved by Mr Elsdon. He then became a member of the Farm Committee, and was induced to change his opinion.

Mr Daly: I obtained some valuable information.

Mr Powell said that they paid their workmen 30s a week. How then could Mr Elsdon expect to get a man to attend to the sewage at £1 a week?

Mr Elsdon replied that he was allowing for the fact that the work would not be so arduous as that of the Council's roadmen.

Mr Elsdon said that he had brought the matter forward, and as the other members did not agree with him, he would have to drop it for the time being.—The discussion then terminated.

A COMPLAINT FROM GIBSON STREET.

Mr Hyden said that he had received complaints of unpleasant odours, probably arising from certain ash middens in Gibson Street. He wished to know from the Surveyor if the middens had been regularly cleansed?

The Surveyor replied that special attenion had been given to the street referred to.

Mr Powell emphasised Mr Hyden's statement, and said that he himself had received complaints.

The matter was eventually left in the hands of the Surveyor.

THE COUNCIL'S PRINTING.

Mr Dunne drew attention to the fact that the books, announcing the dates of meetings, were printed in Durham. He thought they should have been given to local firms.

The Clerk said that the fact of the printing being done at Durham was due to the Council.

Mr Dunne: I am not blaming you (the Clerk). The books were perhaps ordered before I became a member. I am not aware that the question came before the Council for an expression of opinion.

Mr Ainsworth said that he thought the books were printed at the same place as the Guardians'; the idea being that, as the type was up, some expense might be saved.

Mr Dunne inquired how much the books cost?

The Clerk: I believe between £2 and £3 for the twenty.

The matter then dropped, and the Council rose, after a protracted sitting.

TANFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday evening, Mr H. C. Wood presiding. There were also present—Messrs T. H. Archdall, W. Holmes, E. Wigham, W. Bulmer, W. G. Turnbull, J. Rodham, T. Pringle, J. Warwick, W. Davies, J. W. Anderson, R. Heslop (Surveyor), and Thos. Armstrong (Clerk).

MEDICAL REPORT.

Dr. Benson reported that during the month the district had been free from notifiable disease. Proceedings were taken against the owners of insanitary dwellings at Tanfield, Burnopfield, and Hill Top, closing orders being obtained for a portion of the premises, and orders for the remainder to be satisfactorily repaired. The water supply at Crook Gate Pit was not only at times insufficient, but was also frequently fouled. Analysis showed that it was totally unfit for domestic use. The water from the wells supplying ten dwelling-houses at Causey Red Row, and other four almost adjoining, was not sufficient for ordinary domestic purposes. A better supply was much needed.

The report was adopted.

THE TANFIELD ASHPITS AND PIGSTIES.

The Sewage Committee recommended that Dr. Hill's report regarding the ashpits at Tanfield Village be sent to Mr Asquith.

Mr Archdall said that he felt strongly on this point. He had lived in the village twenty years, and suffered through it. The old Council began to deal with the matter shortly after coming into existence, and the present Council had been troubled about it for a considerable time. He had been trying to get it remedied for twenty years, and felt so strongly on it that he thought it to be his duty to take a vote of the Council on it. These pigsties were not only disagreeable, but, according to the bye-laws, they came under the heading of a nuisance. He also wanted to draw attention to the privies. People could not walk past on a windy day without having ashes blown into their faces, and seeing the filthy matter and water oozing out on to the footpath. He therefore moved, though he was sorry to go against the Committee, but he felt it to be his duty to propose, that the owners of the property be requested to remove the pigsties, to raise the walls of the privies, to cement the floors and side next to the road, so as to prevent further nuisance.

Mr Rodham: Has Dr. Hill's report gone to Mr Asquith?

The Chairman: No, I think not.

Mr Holmes: Does it go as a recommendation from this Council?

The Chairman: It simply means that the recommendation of the Committee be altered, and Mr Archdall's motion put into its place.

Mr Archdall said that he was willing to add to his motion "That Dr. Hill's report be sent to Mr Asquith."

The Chairman: In the one place, we simply send the report, in the other, we practically specify what we want doing.

Mr Archdall: We do not ask him to do it in the first place; we simply send him the report.

Mr Holmes: I moved the resolution in the Committee; and it was my intention that the matter should have his prompt attention.

Mr Heslop read Dr. Hill's report, which referred to the serious nuisance caused by the pigsties near the roadside. It also referred to a nuisance near the Peacock Inn.

The Chairman: Mr Asquith, in his letter to the Council, said that if there was any further ground for complaint, he would order the pigsties to be removed.

Mr Archdall said that to raise the wall a few feet would probably not cost more than £1.

The Chairman said that it was the intention of every member of the Council to have the thing dealt with. If they put the matter mildly, they none the less meant that it should receive attention.

Mr Turnbull: But Mr Asquith has written to say that he will order the pig-sties to be removed. Is that not enough?

The Chairman: He said that he would order them to be removed in the event of further complaints. Of course we have a further complaint in the shape of Dr Hill's report.

Mr Warwick: Dr Hill mentions outhouses as well as pig-sties. We are specifying the pig-sties.

The Chairman: The whole report would be sent to Mr Asquith.

Mr Archdall: Don't you think that the privies ought to be mentioned as well as the pigsties. If they were raised a little, they would not be so objectionable.

The Chairman: If they alter them at all, they will have to alter them to the satisfaction of our Inspector.

Mr Warwick: He describes them as a nuisance on account of being placed near the roadside.

The Chairman: I daresay that that is the main ground of inconvenience.

Mr Archdall: If they were differently constructed, it would not be such a nuisance. If they were made sufficiently high to hide the contents and prevent the ashes from blowing in one's face, it would be much better. Of course we don't want to be unreasonably hard on old property.

The Chairman: We are all agreed that the matter should have attention, and immediate attention.

Mr Wigham: Do you mean to do away with the pigsties altogether?

The Chairman: On the roadside?

Mr Wigham: Yes.

The Chairman thought that that would be the result, according to Mr Asquith's letter.

Mr Wigham: Have you ever heard of either pig manure or cow manure causing any fever?

The Chairman: I don't know that I have.

Mr Wigham: I certainly think that they would improve health. (Laughter). All the country people who got the facing of that manure would improve in health. If the poor man had to be deprived of his pig-sty, it was time that he was out of existence.

Mr Warwick asked whether, if the pig-sties were re-built, they would have to be built elsewhere?

The Chairman: The bye-laws specify that they have to be at least 30 feet from the house. The pig-sties near to the road-side are certainly offensive.

Mr Wigham: It is not offensive when you get it on the table.

Mr Rodham: You don't want a pig-sty on the table. (Laughter).

The Chairman said that without going into matters of sentiment, pig-sties by the road-side, where the filth was coming through to the road, ought not further to be allowed. If they were going to bring in matters as to who were the champions of the poorer classes, they opened out a large field for discussion. They had to look after the health of the district, and would have to see that things were kept right. If the sties were away from the public road, they would not be a nuisance.

Mr Holmes said that he was willing to add to his motion, passed by the Committee, "that Mr Asquith have his immediate attention directed to the matter."

Mr Archdall seconded, and, with the addition, the Committee's report was adopted.

JUBILEE HOLIDAY.

On the proposition of Mr Archdall, seconded by Mr Turnbull, it was agreed to give the whole of the Council's officials and workmen a holiday on Jubilee day.

The Council then rose.

TANFIELD LEA.

Colliery Trip.—The workmen of the Tanfield Lea, East Tanfield, and Tanfield Moor collieries intend holding their annual trip on July 3rd, when a visit will be paid to Scarborough, the Queen of watering places.

DEATH OF MR C. W. SCOTT, OF STANLEY.

It is with profound regret that we have to announce the death of Mr Charles William Scott, second son of Mr Charles Scott, back-overman at West Shield Row Station, which occurred shortly after eight o'clock on Sunday evening. Mr Scott, who was in the prime of opening manhood, being 24 years of age, was widely known and esteemed for his kind and genial manner, and the news of his death, though not unexpected, caused a feeling of deep sorrow and sympathy amongst his many friends. He had been ill and confined to the house for six months almost to a day, but he was not forgotten by his numerous friends, and they visited him frequently, and always found him genial and hopeful. Upright and manly in all things, his death will cause a vacancy in the home which will never be filled. The sorrowing father and mother and the brothers of "Charlie," as he was generally called, must be well-nigh heartbroken, though the knowledge that in their bereavement they have the sympathy of all who knew him will tend to sooth their sorrow. Mr Scott was employed at the West Shield Row Colliery prior to his illness, and was studying hard towards obtaining a first-class mining certificate. He was a member of St. Andrew's Choir for six or seven years, and some long time ago, he took an active part in the promotion of dramatic performances for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of St. George's Church Institute. During his illness, he was most assiduously attended by Dr. Benson and Dr. Anderson.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, at St. Andrew's Churchyard, the underbearers being Messrs Alfred Simpson, Thomas Shield, and Joseph Bell, all friends of deceased. The bidders were Messrs J. G. Grundy and Wm. Simpson. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. D. W. James, and a very large company of relatives and mourners then proceeded to the Church. On their arrival at the Church gates they were met by the choir, who chanted the responses from thence to the sacred edifice. The service inside the Church was conducted by the Rev. D. W. James, and the manner in which the rev. gentleman read the lesson from St. Paul's Epistle was most solemnly impressive. The choir sang Psalm 39, and the hymn, "A few more years shall roll," Mr R. D. Grundy conducting, and Mr Connah accompanying on the organ. The Church was completely filled. Proceeding to the grave-side, the service there was conducted by the Rev. D. W. James, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Fleetwood. The service was fully choral, the choir singing the responses, and at the conclusion, the hymn, "On the Resurrection morning, soul and body meet again," was rendered. The coffin was quite covered with wreaths, the senders including Miss Muncaster, Lanchester; the Vicar of Stanley and the Choir of St. Andrew's; Mr and Mrs Hunter, West Stanley; Mr and Mrs Simpson, Shield Row; Mr and Mrs Jos. Forster, Mrs Simpson, Stanley; Miss Dixon and Mr M. Thompson, Tanfield Lea; Mrs Masterman, Stanley; Miss Gibson, Miss Walker, Stanley; Mr and Mrs T. Parker, Mr and Mrs Tarn, Miss Hawke, Mr and Mrs J. W. Wood, and Mr and Mrs H. Scott, the latter bearing the inscription, "From Charlie's loving uncle and aunt. Amongst the mourners and friends present at the graveside were Mr Charles Scott (father), Mr Robt. and Mr Harry Scott (brothers), Mr and Mrs H. Scott, Tantobie (uncle and aunt); Mr Wilson, Newcastle (cousin); the Misses Cross (cousins), Mr Charles Scott (cousin), Mr John Scott, Tantobie; Mr Robert Anderson, Felling; Messrs Robert and J. Burrell, Windy Nook; Mr Thos. Young, Causey; Mr T. Ridley (uncle), Mr and Mrs Tarn, Mrs Benson, Miss Pearson, Mrs James, Rev. J. Crennell and Mrs Crennell, Byers Green; Rev. T. H. Archdall and Mrs Archdall, Tanfield; Mr William Rutherford, Catchgate; Mr W. Rutherford, jun., Mr and Mrs Smith, Mary Street; Mr and Mrs Brown, Mary Street; Mr B. Johnson, Mr T. W. W. Ritson, Mr Jos. Ritson, Mr Robert Walker, Mrs Walker, and Miss Walker, Mrs J. Chaytor, Mr Wm. Simpson and Mrs Simpson, Mr J. A. Jones, Mr Tarn, Miss Hope, Mr and Mrs T. Parker, Mr and Mrs Lumley, Mr and Mrs Masterman, Mr James Masterman, Mr M. Masterman, jun., Mr and Mrs T. C. Frater, Mr William Robson, Towneley Street; Mr Robert Pearson, Mr Joseph Robson, Mr Wilson, South Moor; Mr Connah, Mr R. D. Grundy, Mr Darney, sen., Mr Lamb, Whitley; Miss Simpson, Mr A. Routledge and Miss Routledge, Mr Joseph Welsh, Mr Glendinning, Mr John Reed, Mr W. Nevans, Mr W. Turner, Mr Woodley, Mr Stewart, Mr James Hunter, Mr and Mrs H. Armstrong, Mr Armstrong, jun., Mr Draper, Mr J. Bennett, Mr Thomas Ramshaw, Mr J. Ramshaw, Consett; Mr Bell, Mr Cunningham, Mr M. Simpson, Oakey's Houses; Mr William Gibson, sen., Mr R. Gibson, Mr Dixon, Mr W. Gibson, jun., Mr William Berkeley, East Stanley; Mr M. H. Lindon, Mr Luke Reay, Mr Joseph Watson, Mr George Sanderson, Mr Jas. Stephenson, Mr John Rose, Mr T. Harris, Mr Thompson, Annfield Plain; and others.

CYCLING NOTES.

[By "Spoke."]

Light up Saturday, June 5th, at 9·36 p.m.

WHITSUNTIDE.

Whitsuntide is upon us, and at the time of writing the weather is not very promising, Jupiter Pluvius is at work with his watering-pot, but I trust that by Saturday the weather may be fine, and that those who intend having a holiday awheel may have a "right royal time," full of pleasure, and free from accident. Personally, I am in a terrible fix. Having disposed of my machine, I now find that the machine I am having built may not be finished, which will be a great disappointment. However—

Here's a health to the lads who are riding awheel,
To the lasses who grace the brigade;
May they drink of health's pleasures, and constantly feel
The charms which the pastime pervade.
By mountains and moors, by meadows and leas,
They speed on the wings of the wind;
They quaff the fresh ozone from billowy seas,
And everywhere ecstacies find.

May their pleasures be many, their troubles be few,
Their fun and contentment galore;
May happiness reign with the fine buoyant crew,
As they pedal by streamlet and shore.

Then a health to the lads and the lasses so rare,
Who are wheeling along through the land;
For they ride away trouble, stern sorrow, and care—
Then hurrah for the touring band!

I have just received the volumes of the C.T.C. Road Book, which cover the whole of England and Wales, and the Isles of Man and Wight. The books are well worth the money, and at some future time a short account of them will appear in these notes.

IVESTON.

Diamond Jubilee.—At a meeting of the inhabitants of this village, held on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr Joseph Cheeseman, it was unanimously decided to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee by giving a tea, not only to the school children, but to all the people of the village.

TANFIELD LEA.

Sunday School Anniversary.—The Sunday School anniversary services were continued at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Sunday, under the conductorship of Mr B. Burridge, of West Pelton. The services were again very largely attended.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Primitive Methodism.—The Rev. A. T. Guttery, the well-known Primitive Minister, visited Annfield Plain, on Saturday afternoon, and preached to a fair congregation. In the evening, the rev. gentleman lectured on "Heroes and heroism." The Rev. W. Gelley, of Stanley, preached twice on Sunday.

Sunday School Anniversary. — Anniversary services were held at the Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, when the Rev. J. Bacon preached twice to large congregations. An afternoon service was held at which the children gave readings and recitations, and the choir rendered a number of appropriate hymns. Mr John Russell, junr., presided at the organ, and Mr Lumley acted as conductor.

BLACKHILL.

Wedding.—On Tuesday morning last, in the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Church, the marriage took place of Miss Rachel Hannah Williams, second daughter of Mr D. Williams, of Consett, to Mr John Barrow, son of the late Mr Barrow, of Consett. The Rev. W. Raistrick was the officiating minister. The bridesmaids were the sisters of the bride, Miss Williams and Miss Maggie Williams. The bride, who looked charming, was attired in grey, trimmed with cream silk, chiffon, and passamentrie trimming. She wore a cream hat, trimmed with chiffon, cream tips, and orange blossom. Miss Williams wore a grey dress, with cream trimmings, and a cream hat, and Miss Maggie Williams wore a cream dress, and hat trimmed with lilies of the valley. The bride and bridesmaids each carried a choice bouquet, composed of white flowers, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Thos. Williams (brother of the bride) was the best man, and Mr Edward Evans (Blackhill) was the groomsman. The bride was given away by her father. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where a capital luncheon had been prepared. The happy pair subsequently took the afternoon train to Edinburgh, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The presents were numerous and costly.

CONSETT.

Tradesmen's Association. — We are pleased to learn that Mr Charles Weaver, of Consett, has been appointed secretary of the Consett and District Tradesmen's Association.

The Proposed Pupil Teachers' Centre.—The committee appointed to consider the proposal for the establishment of a pupil teachers' centre at Consett met on Monday evening last, in the National Schools. There were about fifteen members present, over whom the Rev F. Steggall presided. It was ultimately resolved that, in view of the fact that the Government were making proposals to reduce the number of pupil teachers, the committee should adjourn *sine die*.

The Wesleyans and the Queen's Jubilee.—A meeting was held on Monday evening in the new Wesleyan Church Hall, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Bacon, to consider the best means of celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. Considerable discussion took place, and it was eventually decided, in view of the festivities which are likely to take place, that it would be wise to adjourn the consideration of the matter until a later date.

North-West Durham Liberal Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held on Wednesday first when the principal speakers will be Countess Alice Kearney, of London, and Dr Spence Watson. The Countess is a fluent and effective speaker, and Dr Spence Watson is too well-known to require any recommendation to the liberals of North-West Durham. It is anticipated that the meeting, which will take place in the New Town Hall, Consett, will be largely attended.

Smashing a Police Cell Window.—At the Consett Police Court on Wednesday morning, before Mr J. T. Potts, Thomas Wilson, an old offender, who passes under several *aliases*, was charged by P.C. Waites with being drunk and disorderley at Consett on Tuesday afternoon, and further with breaking two panes of glass in the windows of the police cell wherein he was incarcerated, the property of the Durham County Council, the damage amounting to 2s. For being disorderly, defendant was fined 5s and costs, and 2s damages, the alternative being 7 days for each offence.

Wedding.—On Monday afternoon in last week, a wedding was performed in the Wesleyan Church, the Rev. J. Bacon being the officiating clergyman. The contracting parties were Mrs Isabella Wailes, of Consett, and Mr William Ornston, stationmaster, of Sawdon. The bride was attired in a steel-grey dress, trimmed with shot silk, and steel passementrie, and wore a bonnet of navy blue, trimmed with cream lace and steel ornaments. The bridesmaids, Miss I. Ornston, and Miss I. Wailes, wore dresses of electric blue, and white picture hats. Mr Richard Ornston, of Newcastle, was the best man, and Mr Thomas Magson, of Sunderland, was the groomsman. After the ceremony, a number of guests were entertained to luncheon by the father of the bride, Mr Brand, and subsequently the happy pair journeyed to Danby Wick, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

New Theatre.—Lovers of sensationalism will find an extremely attractive drama in the "Crimes of Paris," which is this week being produced at this Theatre by Mrs Chas. Melville's talented company. The piece, which is the joint work of Messrs Paul Merrett, and George Conquest, is well written, and abounds in the stirring and emotional incident that always commands a large audience. Mr E. Bretton, as Pepin Cardell, the hero of the piece, is vigorous in his acting, and Mr Harold B. Lewis acquits himself admirably as Yules Martel. Mr Glenney, as Devesnes, invests his part with an amount of energy that certainly commands success. Messrs Will Hook, E. C. Clarke, and G. Appleby, a trio of thieves, combine their efforts to bring about a very clever representation, which greatly enhanced the many stirring incidents in the plot. Mr Frank De Morgan, as Alphonso, the French waiter, caused roars of laughter with his funny sayings. Mrs Charles Melville gave a forcible rendering of Angele Martel, the misguided heroine, and she was ably seconded by Miss Cissy Bellamy, who took the part of La Belle Helene, and Miss Nell Gilmore was very successful as Widow Nichole. In fact, the whole company acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner. "Ticket of Leave Man" was billed for Wednesday and Thursday. Needless to say, this company has performed before Royalty on several occasions, and crowded houses can be expected nightly.

Death of Mr. James Christie.—We are sorry to have to chronicle the death of Mr James Christie, of Consett, which took place at his residence in Delves Lane on Sunday morning. The deceased gentleman had been in ill-health for some time, and his decease was not wholly unexpected. He is survived by a widow, but no children. The deceased, who was 58 years of age, came to Consett when a boy, and entered the employment of the Consett Iron Company. For over twenty years he has been the overman at the Delves Pit. He was an active member of the Primitive Methodist Church, in connection with which body he had been a local preacher for about thirty years. He was universally respected, and his decease is generally regretted. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon in the Medomsley Churchyard, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. S. Wilson, of Consett. The bidders were Messrs Robert Stephenson and Wm. Skelton. The under-bearers were Messrs R. Boustead, J. Wharton, H. Watson, R. Stephenson (Leadgate), Wm. Rogerson, and J. Cain. The mourners ware Miss and Mr Wm. Ridley (Halston), Mr J. Christie (Gateshead), Mr and Mrs Ridley (Derwent Cottages), and Mr J. Ridley (Consett). There were also present—Messrs N. Elsdon, G. Lowes, Chaytor, Wilson, W. Brown, A. Stockton, T. S. Longstaff, R. Brown, C. F. Scott, E. Todd, Wass, R. Hogg, T. Hogg, T. L. Gledstone, J. Routledge, T. Spedding, J. Little, J. W. Davison, and Mrs Hogg. The mourning coaches were supplied by Mrs Christopher and Mr T. C. Rawes.

DIPTON.

A Remarkable Egg.—A large Minorca pullet, belonging to P.C. Curtis, has laid an egg weighing 4½ ounces. It measured 6½ inches in circumference, and 8½ inches in diameter.

Jubilee Celebrations.—The people of Dipton are entering heartily into the preparations for the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; and the public tea and sports are intended to be so joyful as to mark a red-letter day in the lives of the inhabitants of the village. It is expected that the bonfire on Pontop Pike will be seen far out at sea.

LEADGATE.

Anniversary Services. — The anniversary services at the Wesleyan Church were continuedlast Sunday. Mr Smith officiating.

Co-operative Society.—A special meeting of the members of this Society was held in the Co-operative Hall, under the presidency of Mr Jos. Skelton, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best means of celebrating the Jubilee. It was ultimately decided that a sum of £15 be contributed to the Leadgate district, and £5 to the Medomsley committee, on the condition that a tea be given to the old people and the deserving poor, as well as the children.

CATCHGATE.

Free Methodist Activity.—Mr Finney, of Elswick, preached twice in the Methodist Free Church on Sunday, and in the afternoon the choir gave a sacred concert which proved extremely popular. During an interval in the concert, Sister Florence, of London, who is to conduct a three months' mission in the Catchgate district, delivered an address. At the evening service, the choir rendered the anthem, "Babylon," in pleasing style, Mr Jos. Dixon officiating as conductor, and Mr Samuel Armstrong as organist, with their accustomed efficiency.

GREENCROFT.

Sudden Death.—Mr J. McD [illegible] the oldest residents of this [illegible] rather suddenly on Wednesda [illegible]

Anniversary Services. [illegible] services in connection with [illegible] Primitive Methodist Sunda [illegible] held on Saturday and Sun [illegible] tended tea was held on Sat [illegible] and on Sunday services w [illegible] Mr W. Kelly, of East St [illegible] burn's plantation. Recit [illegible] were given by the scho [illegible] rendered capable assista [illegible]

STANLEY.

Illness of Sergeant Wood.—Sergeant Joseph Wood has been suffering during the week from a somewhat severe attack of influenza, but we are pleased to say that he is now progressing favourably.

Council Meeting.—A special meeting of the District Council was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr J. Green, when it was decided that the bonfire on Jubilee Day should be held on the Kettledrum Pit heap, this being about the highest point in the parish.

Police News. — On Monday morning, Peter McKenna was fined 2s 6d and costs for being drunk on Saturday; and William Macintosh, an old offender, who was intoxicated on the Sabbath day, had to pay 5s and costs, or undergo fourteen days' imprisonment.—P.C. Robson prosecuted in both cases, and Mr George Ridley was the presiding magistrate.

Wesleyan Church. — Special services were held in this place of worship on Sunday, when sermons were delivered by the Rev. F. R. Smith, of St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. On Monday evening, the rev. gentleman delivered his popular lecture, "The Clog-shop Chronicles," to a large and appreciative audience. Mr T. J. Muse, of Castleside, presided. The offertories were in aid of the new Sunday School fund.

Volunteer News.—The local Volunteer corps are due at Seaton Carew on Saturday, by train leaving Shield Row Station at four o.clock p.m. The men will meet at the armoury at half-past three o'clock, and march to the station under the command of Captain T. E. Crossling. Three battalions are due to spend Whit-week at Seaton Carew, namely, the 1st and 4th Durham, and the 1st Northumberland V.B.L.I.

Correction.—In our report of a recent meeting of the Stanley District Council, Mr M. G. Armstrong is reported to have suggested that a vote of censure should be passed on Mr John Lowes regarding the cementing of a certain footpath. It was the Lighting Committee which Mr Armstrong suggested ought to be censured, and the proposition was only intended as a joke, Mr Armstrong himself being a member of the Committee.

Anniversary Services. — Anniversary services, in connection with the Primitive Methodist Sunday School, were held on Sunday. Three services were held, at each of which recitations and Scriptural readings were given by the children, and selected hymns by the choir, under the leadership of Mr R. W. Pearson. Mr F. Bloomfield acted as organist in his usual capable manner, and the conductors of the three services were Mr A. Pearson (morning), Mr Eli Hawes (afternoon), and Mr Joseph Clough (evening). At the evening service, the choir sang three anthems, "Be glad in the Lord," "Sing and rejoice," and "We worship the Lord." All were very efficiently rendered.

Cricket.—Stanley oppose Medomsley, on Saturday, at home, and will rely on the following team—G. Stewart (Captain), M. Smith, J. Shield, R. Knox, J. Dixon, T. Jewitt, W. T. Brown, W. Rutherford, R. Gibson, J. Bennett, and S. Wood; reserve, J. Robinson. On Monday, the Club oppose Wallsend, at Stanley, when the team will be the same as above, save that Robinson will displace Shield. On Saturday, the second team will oppose Medomsley II., in a cup tie, at Medomsley, and will be represented by J. H. Benfold (Captain), R. Noble, R. Summerbell, T. Shield, G. Shield, H. Curry, P. Harkness, J. Mason, J. Henderson, R. Henderson, and J. Robinson; reserves, J. Stewart and L. Errington.

Stanley Athletic Football Club.—The annual meeting of the above Club was held at the Commercial Hotel, on Tuesday evening, Mr Anderson presiding. The reports were presented, and adopted, the financial statement showing a balance of above £1 10s in hand. The election of officers for next season resulted as follows—Captain, Mr John Handy; Vice-Captain, Mr Miles Smith; Secretary, Mr E. J. Chrisp Havannah; Treasurer, Mr T. Wheatley; representatives to the Derwent Valley League, Messrs Handy and Wheatley. It was unanimously decided to enter for the Durham Amateur Cup Competition, but a proposal to also enter for the Senior Cup Competition was defeated by a large majority. It was agreed that steps should be taken to secure the old field, adjoining the Stanley Gasworks. Messrs P. McDine and G. Luke were appointed trainers for next season. The Secretary stated that the prospects of the Club for the ensuing season were exceedingly bright, several good players having proffered their services to the Club.

Mr Lindon's Benefit.—On Monday evening, the annual complimentary benefit to Mr M. H. Lindon was given in the Victoria Theatre, the building being crowded for the occasion. The first part of the programme consisted of Byron's famous comedy, "Our Boys." The whole of the artistes appeared very proficient in their *roles*, and the piece passed off in an entirely successful manner. The artistes, together with their characters, were as appended:—Sir Geoffery Champneys, a county magistrate, Mr Wallace Davison; Talbot Champneys, his son, Mr W. H. Dwyer; Perkyn Middlewick, a retired butterman, Mr Mark H. Lindon; Charles Middlewick, his son, Mr Charles Benson; Kempster, Sir Godfrey's servant, Mr J. Gates; Poodles, Muggleswick's butler, Mr J. Rodgers; Violet Melrose, an heiress, Miss Lilian Rosebery; May Melrose, her poor cousin, Mrs Lindon; Clarissa Champneys, Sir Godfrey's sister, Miss Ord; Belinda, a lodging-house slave, Miss S. Kay. During the evening, Mr Frank Carlyon, Chester-le-Street, sang several comic songs in "taking" fashion. Several amusing competitions took place during the evening. Mr Ivy won a fine young pig for the best song given whilst carrying a pig. Mr J. A. Jones carried off the prize for a sentimental song against numerous competitors, and Master Carlyle, of South Moor, outdistanced all competitors in the clog-dancing. Mr Clark carried off first prize for comic singing. The theatre will be closed during the summer months for alterations.

CASTLESIDE.

Funeral of the Late Mrs Thompson.—On Saturday afternoon the funeral took place of the late Mrs John Thompson, of Healeyfield House, Castleside. She was the youngest daughter of Mr Elliott Leybourne, of Castleside, and sister of Mr S. J. Leybourne, of Saltwell View, Gateshead. Mrs Thompson, who leaves a sorrowing husband and daughter, father, brother, and two sisters, as well as a very wide circle of relatives and friends, died very suddenly on Wednesday evening in last week. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. E. W. Jenkins. The cortege then wended its way to the Primitive Methodist Church (kindly granted for the occasion), where a service was conducted by Mr Jenkins and the Rev. A. Bosher. On leaving, the "Dead March" was played by the organist. The remains were then taken to the family burying-ground in the Castleside Cemetery. The funeral was an unusually large one, and genuine sorrow was manifested throughout the neighbourhood. The deceased will be greatly missed from the district and from Rowley Baptist Church, of which she was a most useful member.

Parish Council. — The usual monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Board Schools, Mr Johnson (chairman) presiding. There were also present Messrs Golightly, Elliott, Ripley, Raine, and Scott (clerk).—After the minutes had been signed, the Clerk read a letter from the Telegraph Authorities, acknowledging the Council's letter, and stating that it would receive their consideration.—The Clerk stated that he went to the first meeting of the Charity Commissioners. A sum of £75 was to be divided between the poor people, and a paper would be sent out in due course. Whether the people who are to participate in the Charity, were to receive so much per head, was not definitely settled. Each of the representatives would lay the applications from their separate districts before the next meeting of the Commissioners. The sum he got to be divided in Castleside would be distributed on Jubilee morning. The Clerk said that he had attended the audit on behalf of the Council, and everything passed off satisfactorily. Mr Oliver, the auditor, how- [illegible] r, did not think it advisable to put any [illegible] ertisements in the papers. His (Mr [illegible] tt's) reply was that the people might say [illegible] it would be a hole and corner meeting [illegible] were not advertised. The auditor [illegible] ght that posters would do.—The Chair- [illegible]: If the parish councillors are of the [illegible] on that advertisements ought to be [illegible] ed in the papers, I do not think that [illegible] ditor should overrule us. I know of [illegible] relating to this. The Clerk said that [illegible] eting of the Jubilee Committee was a [illegible] uccessful one. Subscriptions were [illegible] in splendidly, and he thought the [illegible] would nearly reach £30.

LANCHESTER.

Lanchester Stock Mart Co., Limited.—On Monday, May 31st, Mr Jackson Green had forward 2 fat cattle, 30 fat sheep, and 30 fat lambs. With a small company of buyers, trade was rather slow at the following prices:—Heifers, from Maiden Hall, from £14 12s 6d to £15; fat sheep, from 37s 6d to 38s 9d; fat lambs to 28s 6d—top, Mr Whitfield, Dyke Nook; 14 blacck-faced ewes and lambs to 24s 6d—top, Mr Wm. Gardner, Broadwood.

TANFIELD.

Cricket Protest.—The Protest Committee of the Durham Cricket Association has awarded the abandoned game between Tanfield and Burnopfield 2nd to Tanfield.

The Band Contest.—We would remind our readers of the Band Contest which is to take place on Saturday first. As stated in last week's issue, many well-known bands will compete, and an important cricket match will be played during the afternoon.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Smoking Concert.—A well-attended smoking concert was held on Saturday night, at the Bird Inn, when the proceedings were of a highly enjoyable character. The proceedings included songs by Mr John Day, Leadgate; Mr Thos. Sanderland, Dipton; Mr N. Christopher, Dipton; and Mr W. Smurthwaite, Tantobie. Messrs T. Clark, Stanley, and T. Spring, White-le-Head, each gave recitations, and a violin solo was capably rendered by Mr Wood, of Tanfield Lea.

BURNHOPE.

Sunday School Anniversary. — The great event of the year, in connection with this place, seems to be the Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary. This year's services were conducted by Mr T. Cowery, of Annfield Plain, and Mr J. Humble. There were crowded congregations. The recitations and dialogues plainly indicated the ardous training which the children must have undergone. The singing was excellent and too much credit cannot be gived to Mr A. Gowman, who conducted, for the untiring energy he has exhibited.

The Newcastle Infirmary Scheme.—On Monday evening last, Mr Riley-Lord, of Newcastle, visited Burnhope Colliery and addressed a meeting of the colliery workmen and officials. In a very able manner, he gave a *resumé* of the manifold improvements, especially in medical science, which had been made during the long reign of Queen Victoria. After giving an account of the origin and progress of the New Infirmary Scheme, Mr Lord appealed to those present to give their sympathy and use every effort to help on the noble work. Though he hoped they might never need the infirmary; yet, whenever they passed it or had a mate in it they might feel proud of having taken a part in erecting the building, or doing something to give comfort and help to their comrades who might be within.—A motion was moved and seconded by Messrs A. Hartley and H. Wigham that the meeting expressed its full sympathy with the cause, and promised to use every effort to support the fund. The motion was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Lord in a very enthusiastic manner. In returning thanks, he said that it was his earnest hope that every colliery would do the same as the Burnhope men. If the same spirit were shewn at every colliery in Northumberland and Durham the hospital would not be hampered financially as it had been in the past.—Mr Lord then proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to their Chairman (Mr J. R. Ritson) for the able manner in which he had presided. The motion was carried with enthusiasm. The meeting then terminated. There has existed at Burnhope since 1888 a Medical Charities Fund to which the workmen subscribe one halfpenny per week. From its commencement the scheme has resulted as follows:—For the nine years the total amount paid to the Medical Charities is £421 13s 8d; an average of £46 17s 1d.

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Births.

At Lauriston, Blackhill, on the 29th ult., the wife of Robert Park of a son.

Marriages.

SCOTT and TITTERTON.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 29th ult., William Scott to Sarah Titterton, both of Leadgate.

WARD and STUBBS.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 29th ult., Samuel Ward, of Allendale Cottages, to Hannah Stubbs, of Medomsley.

STEPHENSON and PORTER.—At the Register office, Lanchester, on the 29th ult., Joseph Stephenson to Jane Porter, both of Cornsay Colliery.

OAKLEY and ELTRINGHAM.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 29th ult., Jabez Henry Oakley to Ann Eltringham, both of Quebec.

NATTRASS and HULL.—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Shotley Bridge, on the 29th ult., John William Nattrass, of South Moor, to Hannah Hull, of Shotley Bridge.

IVESTON and TURNER.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 18th ult., James Iveston, of Langley Park, to Mary Turner, of Blackburn.

CADE and McNAMEE.—At the Brooms Church, on the 24th ult., John Cade to Sarah Ann McNamee, both of Crookhall.

MADDISON and KIRTLEY.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 1st inst., Joseph Maddison, to Mary Ann Kirtley, both of Cornsay.

CAIRNS and MOSGROVE.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 1st inst., John Cairns, to Jane Mosgrove, both of Westwood.

BARROW and WILLIAMS.—At the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. W. Raistrick, John Barrow, of Consett, to Rachel Hannah Williams, of Blackhill.

TOMLINSON and MASON.—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. W. Gelley, Jacob Tomlinson to Sarah Mason, both of South Moor.

Deaths.

At West Hartlepool, on the 27th inst., aged 30 years, John Hood, son of the late George Hood, M.D., of Tow Law.

At Flass Hall, on the 2nd inst., aged 49 years, Alice, wife of E. Leadbitter-Smith.

At Chester-le-Street, on the 1st inst., aged 72 years, Robert Lambert.

At Leadgate, on the 1st inst., aged 63 years, John Parker.

At Craghead, on the 26th ult., aged 58 years, Margaret, wife of William Henderson.

At South Moor, on the 27th ult., aged 41 years, John Dixon Bell.

At Leazes, on the 1st inst., aged 9 years, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Parker.

At Lucy Street, Stanley, on the 2nd inst., aged 3 months, Thomas Hedley, son of John Lumley.

At West Kyo, on the 30th ult., aged 39 years, Richard Mitchell.

At Causey, on the 31st ult., aged 8 months, Henry Thwaites, son of John Irving.

At Oakey's Pit, Stanley, on the 30th ult., aged 24 years, William, son of Charles and Isabella Scott.

At Tanfield, on the 29th ult., aged 10 years, William, son of John Keasey.

At Hamsterley Colliery, on the 26th ult., Samuel, infant son of George Wilson.

At Castleside, on the 26th ult., aged 39 years, Jessie Hannah, wife of John Thompson.

At Ritson's Cottages, Broomhill, Ebchester, on the 28th ult., Alfred, infant son of William Charlton.

At 5, Boyd Street, Consett, on the 28th ult., aged 70 years, Mary Ann, widow of Robert Elliott.

At Derwent Cote, on the 30th ult., Robert George, infant son of George Humble.

At 1, Forster Street, Consett, on the 29th ult., aged 58 years, James Christie.

At Castleside, on the 30th ult., aged 71 years, John Bewick.

At 76, Allendale Cottages, on the 31st ult., aged 54 years, John Fawcett.

Mr and Mrs Charles Scott, of West Shield Row Colliery, desire to thank sincerely the numerous friends, who visited their son, the late Mr Charles William Scott, during his long illness.

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